The oldest was Ellen Hoverson, born May 3, 1890, whose mother died when she was a week old. She was the daughter of Anlaug and Tellef Hoverson. She grew up in a Christian atmosphere. Mrs. Isaacson’s mother, Kari, and her sister, Margit, also lived here. On November 2, 1910, Ellen married Bjorn Benson. They, too, lived with the Isaacsons several years.

In November, 1912, Esther Bergstrand came to live with them. Osmund passed away August 20, 1928, and Berthe February 7, 1941. Due to failing health and the weight of hard work, these pioneers sold the farm in the fall of 1926 to Rolf and Gunnuf Moe who lived a mile south of the Isaacson place. The Isaacson’s were sincere Christians and active members of the Bygland Church.

**CLARENCE DAY KNOX**

Ethan Allen has a long line of descendants living in the Fisher, Minnesota area. They are the relatives of the Clarence Day Knox family.

In the year 1912 Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Day Knox and children Rita, Leone, Margaret, William, and Andrew left their home in Morrison, Ill. to make a new home for themselves in the Bygland area.

They farmed here for about ten years and then moved to Thief River Falls, Minnesota where they started farming.

Rita married Mark McFarland and they lived at Thief River Falls, where he had a Ford dealership, and owned a resort at Cass Lake, Minn. They had three boys John, Robert, Donald. Rita died in 1947.

Leone taught school in Fisher then continued her teaching career in St. Paul. She retired and moved back to Crookston where she resides at St. Francis Residence.

Margaret entered the Benedictine Order of Sisters in 1919 and received the name Sister M. Timothy. She spent her years in the religious life as a teacher of piano and violin. She died in 1965.

Andrew, the youngest of the family became a lieutenant cadet at West Point, and was killed in 1929 while testing an airplane for the military.

William, the fourth born was married to Mary Ann Votava in 1928 at Thief Falls, Minnesota. They lived in Washington, D.C. for three years. While living there, Patricia and William

Day were born. In 1931 they moved back to Bygland and moved into the same house that had been occupied before by the elder Knox family. Jane and James were born in that same house where their mother Mrs. Mary Ann Knox still resides. Her husband William died in 1950.

The children all married. Patricia married Dewey Bushaw of Grand Forks, North Dakota. He is a senior geologist for the Exxon Co. in Houston, Texas. They have four children.

William Day Knox married the former Elizabeth Langenberg of Crookston. They have five children one of whom is deceased. William farms north of Fisher and is an aerial pilot.

Jane married Richard Stainbrook of Crookston. He is vice-president of the foods division in the Borden Co. at Columbus, Ohio. They have four boys.

James married the former Claudia LeBlanc of the Crookston-Gentilly area. They have five children, Mark, Monique, Kelly, Scott, and Stephen. They are the present occupants of the home place.

**MR. AND MRS. BOYD KNUTSON**

Boyd Knutson was born in Bygland Township, September 8, 1921. the first of three children born to T. Henry and Julia (Salverson) Knutson. He was baptized Orville Boyd Knutson and was confirmed in 1935, in the Bygland Lutheran Church. He attended grade school in District 222 and high school at the Northwest School of Agriculture in Crookston, graduating in 1940. He began raising potatoes in 1940 and has raised grain and potatoes, specializing in Certified Seed Potatoes, ever since. He married Edna Margaret Koppang, September 6, 1945, at the Sand Hill Lutheran Church near Climax, Minnesota, by Rev. Louis Olson. Following their marriage, they moved to their present home in Section 12, in Bygland Township. They are landowners in Bygland and Fisher Townships.

Edna Koppang Knutson was born in Tynsid Township, September 15, 1924, the third of seven children born to John and Tina (Hanson) Koppang. She was baptized, and confirmed in 1937, in the Sand Hill Lutheran Church. She attended grade school in District 226 and attended the special eighth grade graduation that used to be held in Crookston. She started high school in Climax the fall of 1937. This was the first year Climax began to transport students to high school by school bus, enabling all country students in the area to attend high school more conveniently. She graduated from the Climax High School in 1941 and attended Aakers Business College in Grand Forks, North Dakota, that fall. She was a bookkeeper at the Border Chevrolet Company at Grand Forks (there is a parking lot at the location now) until her marriage. They are members of the Bygland Lutheran Church and have been active in community affairs, serving on committees and holding offices in Church, Potato Board, Elevator, Family Fellowship, Euterpe Music Club, Homemakers Club, Choir, Choir School, and Sunday School.