They are parents of two daughters, Joy Kristine, born July 9, 1963, and Mary Kay, born June 30, 1965. The girls attend the Fisher Public School and are active in school activities such as FHA, Camp Fire, band, and piano; 4-H Club, and attend Bible Camp, Norwegian Camp, and Camp Fire Camp in the summer months.

**MR. AND MRS. T. HENRY KNUTSON**

T. Henry Knutson was born in Huntsville Township, Section 29, the sixth child in a family of ten children born to Osmund and Bergit (Hegland) Knutson, May 26, 1900. He died at his home in Polk County, Bygland Township, Section 11, February 15, 1975, where he had lived and farmed small grains and potatoes and livestock in earlier years, since 1921. He also had land in Fisher Township. He was baptized Tharoald Henry Knutson and was confirmed in 1915 in the Bygland Lutheran Church of which he was a lifetime member. He served on the church council, was a schoolboard member of District 222, and Bygland Township officer. He was a very friendly and jovial man who enjoyed teasing and a good laugh. He attended school in District 93, walking being the common mode of transportation to school. There were from twenty to thirty students in a small one-room school with one teacher. Double desks were used, often with three pupils sharing the same desk. Boys and girls did not mingle like now or they would be teased.

He was married in 1920, December 8, at Fisher by Pastor O. M. Siensgaard, to Julia Salveson, the daughter of Amund (Ed) and Bergit (Stallmo) Salveson. They celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary at the Bygland Church in 1970. Julia Knutson was born in Bygland Township, Section 1, June 30, 1902 and attended school at District 222. She was the third of five living children. Always there were hired men and much cooking and baking to be done at home. She became very efficient and could be called a perfectionist in her endeavors. She is a life-time member of the Bygland Lutheran Church where she was baptized, and confirmed in 1917. She is a member of the Bybland Church Women, she was on the Altar Committee about fifteen years. She is still living on the farm which they owned and moved to shortly after their marriage.

Three children were born to Henry and Julia Knutson, O. Boyd, married to Edna Koppany, lives in Bygland Township; Blanch, married to Ernest Egeland, lives in Bygland Township. A footnote to history might be noted in the custom of naming children after their grandparents, which was the practice of many Norwegians. The first child was named after the paternal grandparents and the second after the maternal grandparents.

Many changes have taken place in Bygland in the last fifty years. The roads that were but trails through dust and mud changed to graded, graveled, and now to cement or tar. The means of transportation from horse drawn buggy to small motored four wheel open cars to high-powered streamlined automobiles. Farming done by small horse drawn machines replaced by gas and diesel tractors, and often self-propelled machines. In 1975 there are very few, if any, yards not covered with gravel; not so true even thirty years ago. And the homes are surrounded by beautiful well kept lawns.

Homes were heated mostly by wood or coal parlor-stoves and cooking was done on the kitchen range, such good smells came from the oven. There was always nice warm water in the reservoir on the range. Now warm water runs out of the tap, this change brought about by the rural electricity coming to Bygland in 1940. This also put an end to kerosene, Aladdin, and gas mantel lamps, with their chore of washing chimneys to keep them shining to give full benefit of their light. Oil furnaces or electric heat to keep the whole house cozy at all times, quite a change from waking up winter mornings when there was ice on the water pail.

Also, every farm had stock to be taken care of, watered and fed in early morning by light of kerosene lanterns and again in the evening. Chores kept the men busy and of course, milking was done by hand. Many farms had windmills, which pumped water for the stock, and all needs for the home.

**MANVEL R. KROSTUE**

Manvel R. Krostue was born to Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Krostue at Bygland on March 25, 1920. He attended school in Polk County. He married the former Jean Sorenson of Grand Forks, North Dakota. She was born in Grand Forks on August 25, 1923. She attended schools in Grand Forks and was a student at the University of North Dakota at the time of their marriage. They have four children and four grandchildren.

Rogers was born December 6, 1942. He attended the University of Minnesota and Moorhead State College. He served as a computer operator at 4th Army Headquarters at San Antonio, Texas, and at Bangkok, Thailand, from 1967-1969. After his Army discharge, he started farming with his father.

Karen was born July 10, 1944. She attended the University of North Dakota prior to her marriage. She now lives in Grand Forks and is the mother of three children: Lynda, Kathy and Michael.

Nancy was born May 21, 1953. She attended Ray Vogue Fashion Institute in Chicago and was employed in Chicago until her marriage. She is the mother of one child, Kristen.

Cheryl, the youngest daughter, was born October 9, 1958. She lives at home and is a Senior at East Grand Forks, Senior High School.

Manvel started farming in 1939 and has lived his entire life on the family farm, which he purchased after the death of his mother.

Manvel has been a town Board member for 21 years and served on the School District 92 School Board for 12 years before its dissolution upon joining the East Grand Forks School District 595.

He and his family are members of the Bygland Lutheran Church, except Karen, who lives in Grand Forks and transferred to the United Lutheran Church. Jean is a member of the Bygland A.L.C.W. and the South Bygland Homemakers Club. Manvel and Jean are advisors for the Bygland Senior Luther League, of which their daughter, Cheryl, is a member.