there, they moved to Houston County in 1870. They later came to the Red River Valley locating in several places; Grafton, Park River, Grand Forks, and Hoople, North Dakota; also at Sandhill in Polk City, Minnesota.

Born to this union were eight children: Ellen married Ole Gunderson. They had a son, Andrew and two daughters, Annie and Rena who lived at Park River, North Dakota, but moved to Highland Prairie, Minnesota. Andrew never married but traveled in Bygdland many years ago. Tom, a bachelor, staked out a homestead at Butte, Alberta, Canada, and passed away there. Jorgen married Thorbjørn and lived at Hoople, North Dakota, their children were: John who lives on the home farm and is married; Charlie who lived at Minneapolis but moved to California; Arthur, who lives at Minneapolis; Alma lived at Greenhush, Minnesota, and passed away in 1972; Julia married Ole Dufwa, lives at Greenhush, Minnesota. Theresa Roholt who is retired and lives in Fargo. Hans Roholt lived at Langdon, North Dakota, and was married to Gunvar Knutson. They had two sons: Lewis and Clarence. Anlaug who married Thor A. Berland and had six children. Dagne who married Christian Berg and lived at Park River and had three children. Anne who married Ivan Hegland and lived at Grafton. Their children were: John, Peter, Claes, Levi, Emma, Carrie, Julia and Betsy. The girls in this family spent some time at the Berland home when they were young, and Leif J. Roholt was their brother, who died at 21 from Red Fever.

AMUND (ED) SALVЕRSON

Amund (Ed) Salveson was born in Norway, January 2, 1842, and died at his home in Polk County, February 15, 1912. He was brought to the United States by his parents, Salve and Ingebjorg (Olsdte) Gunderson, when four years of age and was educated in Waupaca County, Wisconsin. He had two older brothers and a younger sister: Ole, Gunder and Gyro. He owned a small farm and ran a large garage there.

In the late 1880's, he came to Minnesota and for over twenty years his activities were confined to Polk County and he was one of the leading farmers of Bygdland Township where he owned and operated farms. His home was located in Section 1 on the south bank of the Red Lake River. He was the owner of one of the first automobiles in the area. In 1891, he gave 42 square rods situated in the corner of southwest quarter of northwest quarter of section 12 to the school district.

Salveson was married three times. His first wife was Anna Olson (sister of Asbjorn Olson). To this union two children grew to adulthood: Oscar and Thea Caroline who married Elias Erickson. His second marriage was with Joran Kroste, a niece of Gunner Kroste. A son, Sherman, survived the death of the mother. On March 15, 1896, Mr. Salveson married Bergit Stalmo.

Bergit Stalmo Salveson was born in Satesdel, Norway, May 28, 1870, the daughter of Nels and Guro Johnson (Lee) Stalmo and was brought at an early age to Wisconsin. The family remained there until 1879 when Nels Stalmo moved to Polk County and took a homestead five miles west of Fisher, in Bygdland Township.

Amund and Bergit Salveson had seven children: (two died in infancy), Annie, Gertie, Julia, Josephine and Norman. They also took in their home, in their infancy, a little girl, Alice.

Amund Salveson's life was devoted to farming interest, and the years of industry attended by marked business ability brought the noteworthy success attested to in the large and prosperous estate which he built up.

THE REVEREND HANS SKYBERG

The Rev. Hans Skyberg was born in Gudbrandsdalen, Norway, in 1851. He received part of his education there and came to the United States as a young man. He stated in his Declaration of Intention to the United States: "I arrived at the port of Quebec, Canada, and went by lake steamer to the port of Milwaukee in the state of Wisconsin on or about the 5th day of July, 1872. I immigrated to the United States from the port of Christiania, Norway on the vessel 'Nymphen,' a Norwegian sailing vessel."

Here he enrolled at Luther College. He was graduated in 1879, entered the seminary at Madison, Wisconsin, and was ordained in 1882. Pastor Skyberg served congregations in Iowa for ten years before coming to Bygdland Township in Polk County. While in Iowa he married Gurine Helvig in 1885. Rev. and Mrs. Skyberg had four children:

Adolph (1888-1974), who married Gertie Grundysen and farmed in the Bygdland area all of his adult life. As a young boy he attended the Model High School in Grand Forks. He also had the experience of staking his own claim and living on the land. As an adult Adolph was active in community and church activities. He served as president of the Farmer's Elevator in Fisher and held various offices within the church. Adolph was also a Polk County Commissioner for many years. He held this position with authority and dignity and served our county well. Adolph and Gertie's son, Hans and his wife Sarah farm in Bygdland and his granddaughter, Ardis and her husband, Dan Maney, now live on Adolph's farmstead.

Alma (1890), married Ted Solstad and they also farmed in Bygdland. Both were active in community and church activities. Their daughter, Eleanor, lives in Hinckley, Minnesota, with her husband, Harry Nelson, and their five children: Alan, Deane, Craig, Joel, and Janice. Alma is now residing in a rest home in Pine City, near her daughter's home. The homestead in Bygdland remains in the family.

Herman (1896-1968), the youngest of the four children, was born in the parsonage in Fisher.

Ola (1887-1941), who married Henry Thompson and lived and farmed in the Climax, Minnesota, area. They had two children: Gladys, who lives with her husband, Don Rizzi, and daughter, Jayne, in Alameda, California: and Harlow, who lives in St. Paul with his wife, Donna, and their son Scott.

Shortly after Rev. Skyberg accepted his call to Bygdland the great panic or depression of the 1890's struck the country. It struck Bygdland with terrific force. According to one who experienced it, "We (Bygdland) were still an 'all-eggs-in-one-basket' community. Wheat was still the almost only source of cash. Money was pretty rare unknown for several years." The minister's salary was set but rarely met during these difficult times.

Perhaps to compensate, members of the congregation gave the ministers hay, barley, wheat, and potatoes.

Pastor Skyberg resigned in 1904 because of ill health. He spent his remaining years on his farm in Bygdland where he died on October 8, 1927.

HERMAN F. SKYBERG

Herman Fridtjof Skyberg was born at the Fisher parsonage on December 20, 1896. He was the youngest child of Rev. and Mrs. Hans Skyberg. When Rev. Skyberg retired, the family moved to their homestead in Bygdland. This was to be Herman's home all of his life.

He graduated from the Agricultural College at Crookston in 1916. David Berland and Ole Flaat, also area farmers, were in the same class. They usually walked from Mallory to Bygdland when they came home for a visit.

He was active in farm organizations, director of Farmers Marketing Association for 42 years and served as president for over 30 years. He was director and president for the Minnesota Crop Improvement Association for many years, resident of Minnesota State Potato Development Commission and president for Minnesota State Potato Certification Board.

In 1949 he was appointed regent of the University of Minnesota. He served in that capacity till his death in 1968.

He was active in the Bygdland Lutheran Church, organizing the present Sunday School in 1934, and served as superintendent for nine years. He also served on the church council, president of congregation, served on the Building Committee and in various other capacities.

Herman Skyberg and Ruth Gronvold were united in marriage on December 21, 1925 at Rugby, North Dakota.

Ruth Skyberg graduated from the University of North Dakota with a teachers certificate. She served as a Sunday School teacher, president of the Ladies Aid and Executive Board. She remains active in the American Lutheran Church.