Women.

Both were active in Farm Bureau work. Those were the days of the cozy meetings in the homes.

Herman Skyberg was a life time potato farmer in Byeland Township, Polk County. He died at his home in Sept. of 1968. Herman and Ruth Skyberg had four children.

Herman, Jr. born in 1929, graduated from Concordia College, farms the family farmstead. He married Rose Wagner of Fisher, Minnesota. Some activities he has been involved in are: president of West Polk County Farm Bureau, Byeland Township Supervisor for nine years, member of Board of Managers for Red River Valley Shows, Director of Red River Valley Potato Growers Association and a member of the Red River Valley Beet Growers Association.

Deane Allison was born in 1930. He graduated from Concordia College and the University of Minnesota Dental School. He practiced dentistry in East Grand Forks until his death in 1972. His children are David, Julie and Kevin, all of East Grand Forks. Dr. Skyberg was active in both church and city organizations.

Vernon Roger was born in 1934. He graduated from Concordia College and was a student at the University of Minnesota Medical School for the fall of 1958. He was active in church and community affairs until his death in June, 1958.

Alice Jean Gwenuela was born in 1939. She attended Concordia College and graduated from the University of Minnesota, taught school in Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minnesota and the Boston, Massachusetts area. Married Thomas A. Rand of East Grand Forks where they now live with their three children; Douglas Keenan, 12; Ho Steven 9; and Kathryn Ruth, 7.

REVEREND HANS P. SOLSTAD

Until the year 1876 the Byeland Lutheran Church Congregation was part of a mission field, taken care of by the general church body. From that year on the responsibility for maintaining the church was the task of the local members. Rev. Hans P. Solstad was the pastor who first came to take charge of this new parish. "In 1879 the pastor's salary was set for the first time. He was to have $8.20 a year in cash and one bushel of wheat and one bushel of oats from each man that raised those grains, and each man that had only wood should give the minister a load."

Pastor Solstad served four congregations in this area, did missionary work in settlements, and organized five congregations. He served the congregation for six years and remained a part of the community until his death in 1924. Pastor and Mrs. Solstad were the parents of five sons: Ted, of Byeland; Martin, of Canada; Peter, of Duluth; Joseph, of Grand Forks; and Alfred, of Byeland, who served as a Minnesota State Senator for many years.

HAAVOR THORSON

Haavor Thorson was born in Norway, Sept. 6, 1862 to parents Gyro and Tor Langheid. His mother passed away when he was a small boy. He had a brother, Knut, who passed away in the 1960's in Arendal, Norway. There were three sisters: Anlaug, who became Mrs. Halvor Sigurdson, whose children were called Halvorson. One of them, Ole Halvorson is, at the time of writing, a resident of the Good Samaritan Home at East Grand Forks; Gyro, who married Knut Rystad and Sigrid who married Gunder Hegland. These two lived near Fosston in Sletteb Township until their death.

Haavor came to America in 1884. He married Bergi Aasteaas. Their oldest child, Thor, died at the age of one year as did another son, Aslag. Two more children were born to this union — Thor who married Jennie Rystad and Gertie who married Jennie's brother Ole. Thor passed away in 1962 and Jennie in 1972. They had four children; a son who died in infancy, Harold who married Adeline Torgerson and farms in Byeland Township, Osmund who married Winnifred Deitzler and also farms in Byeland Township. They have two sons — Paul who is married and lives in Moorhead and John who attends the University of Minnesota at Crookston. Thor's fourth child Bergit married the Rev. Harold McCullough. They have served parishes at Staples, Duluth and Stephen in Minnesota and at Knoxville, Tennessee at the present time.

Gertie and Ole Rystad had six children. A son died in infancy. Their oldest daughter Alice, who now resides in East Grand Forks, married Kenneth Anderson. He passed away in January 1942. They had a son, Orville, who is a computer programmer at Mankato where he lives with his wife Karen and two children, Debbie and Brian.

Bergit married Arnold Moe who farms in Byeland Township. He entered military service in 1941 and retired with the rank of Colonel in 1971 after 30 years of active and reserve duty. They have one son, Arnold Jr. who lives with his wife, Linnea, at Bloomington, Minnesota where he is a computer technician.

Thelma married Harold Sorenson, a farmer in Tynsid Township. They have five children — Peggy, who married Rev. Mark Harstad and teaches at Madison, Wisconsin where Mark has a parish. Carol is doing graduate work at Mankato State College. Julie attends Bethany College at Mankato and Paul and Jodi live at home.

Margaret married Eldon Kratzke who is employed at Ottertail Power Co. in Fergus Falls, Mn. Margaret is a business education instructor at Business College in Fergus Falls. They have one son, Mark, who lives at home.

Helmer farms the family farm.

Gertie passed away in 1963, Ole in 1945. Haavor's wife became ill and died in 1893. It was then his job to care for two little ones and make a living. He used to tell how he would chop a cord of wood a day and haul it to Grand Forks, North Dakota, 10 miles away and receive $1.00 for it. What a far cry it is for his great grandchildren who spend a dollar for pop and candy and not give it a second thought.

DALE A. SORENSON

Dale Alden Sorenson was born May 21, 1941 to Soren and Josepshine Sorenson of Fisher, Minnesota. His grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ole and Ingaborg Sorenson of Oklee, Minnesota, and Edward and Bergit Salseron of Fisher, Minnesota.

Dale's brothers and sisters are: Oliver, born 1926; Ordean, 1928; Roger, 1931; Sylvia, 1932; Wayne, 1934; and Clark, 1942.

Janet Faye Thune Sorenson was born October 30, 1947, to Alton and Norma Thune of Climax, Minnesota. Her grandparents are Helmer and Annie Thune of Climax, Minnesota and John J. and Emma Meling of Climax, Minnesota.

Janet's brothers and sisters are: Annette, born 1938; Dennis, 1944; Una Rae, 1950; and Barry, 1955.

Dale A. Sorenson and Janet F. Thune were married on August 20, 1966. They have two children: Aaron Bentley Sorenson born on December 3, 1968; and Eric Alton Sorenson, born on November 19, 1971.

The Sorensons live and farm two and three quarters miles east of the Byeland Church in Fisher, Minnesota.