National Labor Advisory Committee on Farm Labor. He made several trips to St. Paul as an advisory member of this board until 1962.

Rosaire is also known as an avid sportsman and enjoys hunting and fishing of all kinds. He has gone on several hunting trips to Montana, Wyoming, Idaho and Canada for antelope, elk and moose, etc. His biggest thrill of all was when he shot an elk with a seven-point rack near St. Regis, Montana in October of 1964. Mr. Boucher is a member of both the 3rd and 4th Degree Knights of Columbus and Eagles Lodge. His wife, the former Alice Capistran, was a rural school teacher in Polk County for ten years and could give you many interesting accounts of her teaching days. She still believes the one-room school had many advantages over our centralized systems of today in building strong-minded boys and girls.

Mr. and Mrs. Boucher were both former 4-H members and later were adult 4-H leaders. All five of their children were in 4-H and all received the Key Award for achievement, and Gayle also received the God-Home-Country Award in 1958 for outstanding work in church, school and community. The Bouchers took an active part in assisting other youth programs such as Campfire, Boy Scouts, CYO and Farmers Union Youth Programs. They are members of the St. Anne’s Catholic Church in Crookston where Mrs. Boucher is president of St. Anne’s Guild. She is also serving as president of West Polk County Homemakers Council at the present time.

The Rosaire Boucher farm was just a little different than most farms in the area as it was criss-crossed by two railroad lines. The Great Northern Railway built its tracks across this farm first in about 1879. Then the Northern Pacific Railroad organized to construct a railroad from Fertile through Crookston to East Grand Forks and its tracks had to cross the Great Northern which were already laid. Rosaire’s grandmother told of the fight the two opposing companies had with shovels and pick axes, but the N.P. succeeded in getting their locomotive engine across the others tracks. Both lines operated successfully for many years until the N.P. disbanded its services and later the rails were torn out in 1974. The Great Northern still operates under the name of the Burlington Northern.

In early days it was a common sight to see “bums” walking the railroad tracks with a pack on their back. Often you would see where they had slept on the hay in your barn. Some would even come to the house for “a hand-out.” But that too is something of the past. In fact, about 1940 was the last that anyone remembers seeing any so-called “bums” walking the tracks.

**ARTHUR BRUNELLE**

Arthur Brunelle was born September 2, 1862, in Gentilly, Province of Quebec, Canada. He came to the U.S. with his parents in 1880, settled in Minnesota along the Red Lake River. Many of the pioneers who settled near Gentilly, Minnesota originated from Gentilly, Canada, so this is how Gentilly got its name.

In 1886, my father homesteaded 160 acres along the river. My father made a trip to Gentilly, Canada on April 2, 1894 to marry a girl he had known for many years. They made their home in a log house in the homestead. They had three children: Wm. Brunelle, who resides in Yakima, Wash.; Joseph Brunelle of Crookston, Minnesota and Odella (Mrs. Harry Patnode) now deceased. They built a modern frame home in 1898, the year Joseph was born. Joseph attended grade school at a little country school house, and in 1917, he attended the Northwest School of Agriculture graduating in 1920. He married Milvina Brule on June 2, 1926 and farmed the homestead till his retirement. They have three children; Elaine (Mrs. Lyle DeRosier) of Bemidji, Minnesota; Willard, who now farms the homestead; Leona (Mrs. R. G. Gary) of Bemidji, Minnesota.

Joseph Brunelle served on many boards. In 1946, he was elected to the Board of Directors for the Red Lake Electric Cooperative where he served faithfully on for 28 years. In 1948, he was elected director for the Farmers Union Oil Company of Crookston and served 15 years. In 1949, he was elected to the auditing Committee for the Red Lake Federal Co-operative Credit Union of Red Lake Falls and still serves in this capacity. In 1936, he was elected a director for the Gentilly Dairy Association till 1960. In 1942, he was elected community committee man for Crookston township for S.S.C.S. till 1965. He was elected clerk for Crookston Township in 1944, and still serves. In 1968, he was elected to the board of Polk Co. Association of Township officers and still serves. The family are members of St. Peter’s Catholic Church of Gentilly, Minnesota.

**WILLARD BRUNELLE**

I, Willard Brunelle, only son of Joseph and Melvina Brunelle was born December 19, 1930, on the place I now reside. I attended the same country school my father attended for eight years. I attended the Northwest School of Agriculture and graduated in 1948. In 1952, I married Joann St. Marie, on April 8, I