ever having known or heard of these persons other than that
their names are in the plat book of the original townsite of
Euclid. The following year the alley running north and south
through blocks 2-3, 4-5 was named Perkins Street. In the Pres-
byterian church records the name Perkins is listed as one of the
first officers. Again in the records there is a reference to a
"Mrs. Perkins, a well-known widow lady". These records lead
one to believe there was a Mr. W. A. Perkins in the early days
of the town; and in all probability he was the owner of the first
store in the town of Euclid. Mr. Boutain said there was no
town or settlement between Red Lakes and Euclid, Min-
nesota, at that time.

There is a lack of existing records of the proceedings of the
new township from its organization until a new book of town-
ship records started in March 1911. This book shows: Mr.
C. DeWitt as town clerk; the next entry records Harry Chapin
as town clerk but no mention is made as to when he was
appointed or elected to office. Records are fairly complete
from that date to the present time. It is agreed that the early-
day, original records may have been lost in a fire that
destroyed the H. C. Misner store on lots 1 and 2 of the original
townsite in the early spring of 1921. The town treasurer's
records were also lost at that time.

The completion of the railroad in 1878, the construction of
the bonanza farms, Buffinton and Keystone operations, the
construction of a hotel, livery barns, blacksmith shop, grain
storage and buying facilities helped to bring new settlers to
the new township at a rapid pace. During the period of 1879
to 1900, many of the well-known families of the area
moved to Euclid township. Many came from Lake City and
Red Wing in southern Minnesota. These included the Carsten
Stuhrs, in 1880, who resided on south ½, section 4; and Dr.
and Mrs. J. S. Chapin, a well known doctor, who arrived from
Michigan in 1882 and continued to live in town until his death
in 1924. Mrs. Chapin resided in the area and in Crookston
until her death at the ripe old age of 100 years.

Others coming from Lake City and Red Wing area were:
Casper Tiedeman in 1884, who settled on section 19; the John
Goosens in 1885, on section 5; Fred Rieman about 1895; the
Otto Schulz, Sr., father of Werner Schulz, who emigrated from
Germany in 1889 and first lived in a home on section 20; the
Paul Nelsons, father and mother of the late Henry Nelson, on
north ½, section 20 in 1888.

The Canadian families who came from Ontario, Canada at
approximately the same time were: the Robert Casmeys,
homesteading on northeast ¼, section 29 in 1886; the Charles
Teals who settled on east ¼, section 28. They built the first
known brick home here on that location. The Richard
Casmeys, homesteading on northeast ¼, section 35 in 1888 and
Robert Casmeys' parents took up a homestead on northwestern
¼, section 26. Mrs. Etta Teal, a daughter of the Richard
Casmeys', has been a continuous resident of Euclid township
for nearly 87 years. She recalls that when she was a small girl,
bands of Sioux and Chippewa Indians would stop at her par-
ents' homestead in the summer months on their annual trips
from Dacotah territory to the Red Lakes on fishing and berry-
ning expeditions. She remembers other early residents of the
area: the Robert Fairwethers on section 21; the Loseys; the
Putkins at a Mr. Eastby; the Chase Misnrs; the Coleman Kee-
lys; the John Teids; the Ed Munneys, one of Euclid's first
known blacksmiths; also J. P. Schell, early missionary; and
Mr. L. S. Hancock, a Civil War Captain, who came here in
1885 and lived on southeast ¼, section 10. He was one of the
first persons buried in the new Euclid cemetery across the road
from his farm.

In the passing years many changes have taken place for the
homesteaders from their hardships on the treeless prairies and
their sod houses, to the present day modern farms with sci-
tific techniques and power machinery; the improved farm-to-
market roads and means of transportation. The most far-
sighted pioneers in their wildest imaginations could never have
envisioned today's farm with its modern machinery; crops of
wheat of 50 or more bushels per acre; barley of 80 bushels per
acre; and oats in excess of 100 bushels per acre; and the mod-
ern livestock farm with its automated care of large numbers of
beef and dairy cattle.

Some of the most startling changes have been in the field of
transportation: from the 1878 small-steamer operated railroads
to today's modern diesel trains pulling 100 or more cars, carry-
ing four times the capacity loads of the former years; today's
large trucks operating over hard surfaced highways, taking the
products of the farm to today's markets and terminals. The
greatest impact on the area may have been the energizing of
the first electric power lines in Euclid township in September,
1945, by the newly organized P.K.M. Electric Co-op Associa-
tion of Warren, Minnesota. The lines were constructed in
Euclid after a short but furious contest between Ottertail
Power Company and Minnokta Electric Co-op to see who
could provide electric power in the shortest possible time.
Minnokta Co-op, with the assistance from P.K.M., Red Lake,
and other crews, won the battle. The summer of 1946 and 1947
saw the lines extended to nearly every farm and home in
Euclid Township and the surrounding area. This would not
have been possible except for the work and foresight of the
local business men and farmers of the area. These included
the late Henry Zammert, Joe Garry, Claus Fiemann, Ed Hoeft
and many others. The local government affairs of Euclid town-
ship have been carried on from its organization in 1879
through many stormy issues and trying times by the many
dedicated and hard working residents. These services were
rendered for an inadequate remuneration and with little or
no thanks. The work of the present township board bears little
or no resemblance to that of the original board. Present day
necessity of modern roads, bridges and administration of an
increasing number of rules and regulations of the local, state,
and federal government make the task more complicated as the
years go by.

Today's officials of the township bring with them a long his-
tory of residence in the township and in several instances two
and three generations of services on the board. The present
board is composed of: Kenneth Wallace, chairman of the
supervisors, and on the board since 1972, whose father and
grandfather were both Euclid residents, supervisors; Leo
Tucker, appointed in 1973, his father Ben Tucker having
served on the board for 25 years; and Melberho Hoeft, since
1964, whose father, Ed Hoeft, was town clerk for the term
prior to 1945; present treasurer, Robert Tucker, elected in
1955; and town clerk, Loren Parkin, appointed in July, 1945,
who has served 31 years in that capacity. His father, Walter
Parkin, served for 24 years as town treasurer prior to 1952. The
present town clerk also serves as director and secretary and
treasurer of the Polk County Association of township officers,
a nine man board.

The farms of this township, as all others in our country
today, have undergone drastic changes since their beginnings.
They have decreased in marked numbers during the past 30
years; but increased several times in size to keep pace with the
changing world. We have every cause to look forward to con-
tinued changes in unknown ways as time marches on.