the navy and stationed in Florida. Cathy was active in an organization called the “Amigos” during her last year in high school and first year at Concordia College, going to Guatemala and Colombia, administering shots to babies and small children and assisting in health care programs.

David and Doris Muir moved to Polk County in September of 1963, and although they are certainly not pioneers, they feel much a part of the community. They purchased three acres of land from E. J. Anderson, in Section 7 of Fairfax township.

The first few months were spent tearing down the house that stood there. Stories were told to them about how Jesse James had stopped and eaten meals in that house in years gone by. Since they didn’t have the necessary cash to rebuild, and didn’t care to go into debt, with the old pioneer spirit, they decided to do everything themselves on a pay-as-you-go plan. With the help of their good neighbors, Ed and Everett Anderson and their ‘cat’, they dug the hole for the basement, then finished it for temporary living quarters. “Temporary” turned out to be nine years of spending their weekends and two-week vacations building their home. But in the fall of 1973, with a sigh of relief they moved into the finished home. They are sure even our pioneers didn’t work that long on a house. They did manage to put up a three-stall garage in that time also.

Members of the Presbyterian Church. Dave presently is active on the Board of Deacons, and Doris is employed as secretary. Both are active in the Crookston Square Dance club.

Dave worked for the Chevrolet dealers until June of 1972, when he began working for the Vocational Center of Central High, helping to organize the new auto body class offered to junior and senior high students, one of the first of its kind in Minnesota. Not having a teaching degree, Dave spent the next three years, evenings and summers, attending classes at Thief River Falls, Red Lake Falls, Crookston, and Bemidji State College, graduating in 1975. Magna Cum Laude, with a Bachelor of Science degree.

SMITH — MUSSLelman

Among immigrants coming from England in the early 1700’s were the ancestors of Robert E. Smith. He was born in Massachusetts. At age twenty, he went to work for a cousin in Ohio and a couple of years later he boarded a train in Chicago for Crookston. Friends, Fiske by name, lived on section 14 in Andover township, and he worked there that summer. In the fall he went to work for E. D. Childs in Carmen.

A house-maid at the Childs’ home was Lizzie Roese, who had recently come from Wisconsin with the Dave McCleary family. She was of German descent, her father was a Baptist colporteur. He was born in Wohra and had fought in the Crimean War.

Robert Smith and Lizzie Roese were married in 1883. Robert bought a quarter of land in section 19 in Fairfax township and they built a house. Their three children were Louise, Roy and G. Raymond. Roy was accidentally killed when he was two. The Great Northern Railway tracks passed through the farm, not far from the home. Many hoboes stopped by for hand-outs. Louise and Roy saw one coming as they played in a buggy. Louise ran to warn her mother, but Roy’s foot slipped and his neck was broken as he fell between the spokes. For over twenty years, the grief-stricken hobo stopped by at the Smith home as he tramped the tracks.

Willie Lemen, a twelve year old orphan boy came to live with the Smiths in 1893, where he grew to manhood. He became a railroad conductor.

The children went to school in District 123, which was organized in 1887. Robert Smith hauled lumber from Maple Bay to build it. He served on the school board many years, as well as the town board. Raymond became a manual training teacher; he served in the armed forces in World War I in France. He was principal of Glen Lake Farm School for Boys in Hopkins, Minnesota for 27 years. After retirement he lived in Seattle, Washington until his death in 1960, and there he is buried. Louise married Charles F. Musselman.

Lizzie Smith died in 1934, Robert in 1948; both are buried in Oakdale Cemetery in Crookston.

The ancestors of Charles Musselman came to Pennsylvania in the early 1700’s. They were Mennonites and settled in Lancaster County with five hundred other families. Some served in the Colonial Wars, though they were mostly pacifists, giving aid in other ways. John and Anna moved to Iowa, where Charles and Frank were born. In 1903 the family came to Crookston and farmed on section 26 in Andover. Charles married Louise Smith in 1907, and later the elder Musselmans moved to Wyoming.

Charles and Louise lived in Crookston, where he worked in the Slocum Grocery Store. Mariam was born at Crookston. About 1910 they moved to the Smith farm and he became partner with Robert E. Smith. Louise’s father. Other children were: J. Robert, Donald and Eugene.

They raised swine, dairy cattle and sheep. Small grains, corn and alfalfa were the principal crops. A large chicken house was built in 1916. An Allwork Tractor was the first evidence of mechanized farming. They owned a Model T Ford. They did their own blacksmithing and fence-making. Their house was one of the first with indoor plumbing.

The families attended the Baptist Church until it burned and the congregation disbanded. They later joined the Presbyterian Church. Both women were charter members of the Fair- fax-Andover Social Club and were active members all their lives. Charles was a member of the school board of District 123 until it was consolidated into the Crookston district in 1953. He served on the town board and was township assessor. For about twelve years they lived on Mr. Smith’s farm in section 30; then they moved back with the Smiths, until retirement.

Robert Musselman married Alice Byrne and in 1941 they and their two sons moved to Los Angeles, California where he found work in a defense plant. Later, he became a plumber and in 1947 Eugene and his wife, Evelyn (Ellinger), joined him. Mariam became a teacher and taught the Burnham Creek school west of Crookston where she met and married Ralph Fennemore.

Charles and Louise Musselman passed away in 1960 and 1961 respectively. They are buried in Oakdale Cemetery with their son, Donald, who died in 1923.

NEWHOUSE (NYHUS) BROTHERS

Elling T. (Nyhus) Newhouse from Houston County, Spring Grove, Minnesota bought land from his father near Newhouse, Minnesota, a village named in honor of his grandfather. Tollef O. Nyhus, where he was a successful farmer.

He believed that his sons could make a better living at farming, so decided to look for more land. After his sons had attended Breckenridge College of Decorah, Iowa; he journeyed to Crookston in search of farm land. He was satisfied with the Crookston area, so he purchased a section of land in Fairfax Township for three of his sons. He shipped machinery, horses, cattle, feed, etc., by freight directly to Polk County from Newhouse, Minnesota. This section of land was farmed by the three brothers, Theodore, Willie and Edwin for about ten years; after that they divided the land equally. Each one later built his own home, married and raised a family.

Theodore Martinus Newhouse (Nyhus) was born September 16, 1879 at Spring Grove, Minnesota. He married Helen Jelle March 20, 1905. Helen was born July 7, 1882 at Faribault, Minnesota. She was a dressmaker in Crookston. After a few