House District 77. Later when District 77 was discontinued, children were bussed to Fisher Sunday School then held in Tin School House District 280. After a number of years, with more cars, Sunday School was discontinued as members attended local churches.

Now a Fanny Home Study Club was organized with Mrs. Rasmussen as a Charter member. This Club is still active.

The Rasmussens were members of the Scandinavian Methodist Church in Crookston, but later joined the First Methodist Church of Crookston.

The family also shared their home with Claude and Lois Rasmussen, children of a nephew of Mr. Rasmussen. In 1932, Betty Nielsen lived there also.

Louise M. Rasmussen started work at Northwestern Clinic in 1925 and retired in 1961.

Stella C. Rasmussen and Charles C. Veit were married 1932, and had a home on Gill Lake near Itasca Park. After Charles C. Veit died April 3, 1964, Stella spent summers at the lake home and also with Charles E. Confars at Angus, Minnesota. In September, 1975, Stella sold the lake home and now has an apartment with her sister, Louise, in Crookston.

**WILBERT B. RASMUSSEN**

Wilbert B. Rasmussen was born at a farm home near Northwood, Iowa, February 9, 1898, to Mr. and Mrs. Jens Rasmussen. The Rasmussen family moved to Crookston, Minnesota, in 1904, having bought the east half of Section 30 in Fanny Township, Polk County. The children attended country school, District #77 and learned to help with farm work. Charlotte L. Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Davis of Minneapolis, Minnesota, graduated from the University of Minnesota, as a Medical Technician, with a B.S. Degree, and came to Crookston to work at the Northwestern Clinic in 1932. Charlotte Davis met Wilbert B. Rasmussen and married him October 23, 1937, at the Little Brown Church In The Vale, Nashua, Iowa, with her parents and sister, Marion, attending.

Wilbert had farmed with his father and his brother, but now Wilbert and Charlotte bought the north half of Section 29 in Fanny Township, and Wilbert continued to exchange work with his father and brother.

Charlotte continued to work at the Northwestern Clinic until June, 1944, when she became a fullfledged homemaker and gardener. Their son, Bruce Dean Rasmussen, was born August 16, 1949.

Wilbert had a heart condition and died suddenly on May 8, 1961. Mrs. Rasmussen and Bruce continued to live on the farm, renting out the farm land. Charlotte is interested in community affairs and is a member of the Fanny Home Study Club and the Wesley United Methodist Church in Crookston. Bruce graduated from Fisher High School in 1967, attended two years at Hamline University in St. Paul, Minnesota and entered Moorhead State College, graduating in 1972 with a B.S. Degree.

He returned to Moorhead State College for two years to specialize in computer programming. Bruce is now employed by the Menard Company of Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

**CLARENCE AND DORIS REITMEIER**

Clarence and Doris Reitmeier live in Fanny Township. Doris is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ross of Fisher. Clarence has lived on the same place owned by his parents Mr. and Mrs. Fred Reitmeier all of his life. They have four girls and one boy. Jeanette is married to Dick Hanson and lives in Cape Gerardeau, Missouri. Jeanette is going back to school, and will graduate with a Home Economics Major next spring. Dick has an insurance business in Cape Gerardeau. They have three children: Lori, Lisa, Bryan. Elaine is married to Ken Dickel and lives in Bozeman, Montana. Elaine is teaching first grade at Irving School in Bozeman. Ken will graduate as an electrical engineer next spring. Carol lives in Bozeman, Montana. She is teaching the educable, handicapped children at Wilson school in Bozeman. Connie is attending Montana State University. She will graduate as a Legal Secretary. Jimmy is in the fourth grade at Washington School in Crookston.

**WILLIAM RUTHERFORD**

A visit with Mr. and Mrs. William E. Rutherford of rural Euclid, Minnesota, who are among the few pioneer couples still living in Polk County, can bring back many memories of the early 1900's. Both are lifelong residents of that community.

Mrs. Rutherford (Mae) growing up in Keystone Township and William in Fanny Township. Mrs. Rutherford graduated from the Agricultural College at Crookston in 1913 and then returned home to take over the household duties and the care of the younger children. In 1917 she completed the teacher's training course in East Grand Forks. She taught for a while in a rural Polk County school. She married William Rutherford in 1920. Their wedding took place in the afternoon of December 15, 1920, at the farm home of her father, William J. Gunness, on a beautiful winter day when guests could visit outdoors in shirtsleeves; but, as they recall, the beautiful day turned into a cold, stormy, wintry evening as is typical of our northern Minnesota.

Mr. Rutherford took his bride to his farm which had been homesteaded by his father, Thomas Rutherford in 1879. William now operated the farm with his younger brother, Robert. The following year twin sons, Ronald and Donald, were born. In 1923, Edmun was born and a year later Marian (Mrs. Ervin Gunstinson) joined the household. The arrival of Herbert in 1931 completed their family. In 1921, Robert married, and the two families lived in the same home until 1927, when William and Mae built a new home on Section 5 where they are still living. They have fifteen grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. They enjoy visiting with their children who live in the area, and with their friends who stop to see them to discuss

![Clarence and Doris Reitmeier and Family.](image)

![Mrs. W. B. Rasmussen and son Bruce.](image)