ley Township near Warren, where they have lived since their marriage in April of 1942. They are engaged in farming with their nephew. They raise grain and sugar beets.

Ernest and Mildred are members of the Lutheran Church of Tabor, Minnesota. Ernie is on the church council and Mildred is a L.C.W. member. They are very active in these areas.

**GEORGE FERENCJK, JR.**

George Ferencik, Jr. was born to George and Mary Ferencik in Farley Township, Polk County, November 5, 1904. He attended Northland School in Polk County and was engaged in farming his entire life. He married Hulda Kleven, daughter of Louis and Mary Kleven of Alvarado, Minnesota on December 12, 1940 in East Grand Forks, Minnesota. They are members of the Lutheran Church of Tabor where George served on the Church council. They also were charter members of March Farming Union Local. They have two sons, LeRoy; and Kenneth and wife, Rosie, who live in Bettendorf, Iowa. Kenneth is employed as a Certified Prosthetist.

They have one granddaughter, Tara. One great highlight of their lives was when rural electricity came through their area in 1948. George Ferencik, Jr. passed away February 23, 1970.

**OSCAR AND EMMA JOHNSON**

Oscar Johnson was born in Austre Jutland, Sweden on March 4, 1860. He came to the United States after his father and three brothers drowned in a fishing boat accident. The only ones left of his family were his mother, his sister and himself. He was 21 years of age when he came to the United States with his sister. She found work in the East while he worked for the railroad in Chicago. He was foreman of the crew repairing railroad beds. He sent for his mother to come to Chicago. Her name was Caroline. When she died she was buried in Braceville, Illinois.

Oscar Johnson married Emma Dahlberg on March 25, 1882 at Gardner, Illinois. Emma was born about 1863 in Smaland, Sweden. She came to the United States when she was about three years old. They first settled in New York and then moved on to Chicago. Emma died on January 27, 1925 in Farley Township. She was buried in the Warren, Minnesota Cemetery.

They had rented a farm for about nine years in Grundy County, Illinois. The family moved to Farley Township in March 1913. It was the time of one of the worst blizzards of the year when they had taken a train from Chicago to Warren. They had a boxcar full of belongings which took days to haul to their new farm home by sleigh and team. This farm was located seven miles west and two miles south of the Art Olson farm where their daughter later lived. They farmed here until 1937 when hard times struck and they lost it. They rented the Otto Olson farm in Helgeland Township where Oscar later died from a stroke in 1938. He is buried in the Warren Cemetery. Elma Johnson Olson recalls, “Over the years there were good times and bad times. We never had many toys, but how thrilled we kids were when we saw our dad come with a homemade sled he had made for us. We used to cut big chunks of snow and frost them with mud.”

Children of Oscar and Emma Johnson are: Frank Oscar, born November 11, 1886; died in infancy in 1889 in Braceville, Illinois; Herbert, born September 18, 1886, married Grace Rud February 28, 1931, died May 30, 1962 and was buried in Mountain View Cemetery, Tacoma, Washington. Vernie, born September 27, 1888 was killed in a car accident on October 21, 1918. He is buried in the Warren Cemetery. Florence was born October 10, 1891 and died in infancy in Braceville, Illinois in 1895; Lena was born on December 18, 1893. She taught school for about 25 years in Polk County. She died on November 24, 1964 and is buried in the Warren Cemetery. Ethel, born January 20, 1899, married Wilmer Laidley and resides in Thief River Falls, Minnesota, Medora, born February 6, 1896, married John Pletsch on February 23, 1921. She died October 25, 1962 and is also buried in the Warren Cemetery. Elma, born July 3, 1903, married Art Olson on April 17, 1927. Katherine, born August 9, 1906, presently resides in Crookston, Minnesota.

**WILLIAM MISCHEL**

William Mischel is a son of a pioneer family from Adams County near Hayes, North Dakota. His parents, Joe Mischel and Rosa Wanner, were born in the 1870's in Schweigehofen, Rheinpfalz, Germany. At the turn of the century, they left their homeland with their parents and moved to Landau, south of Russia. Czar Alexander invited the German people to settle the Turkish land located above the Black Sea, Landau, Russia. His offer included a lot in the colony, 160 acres, and a promise that the German sons would not have to serve in the Russian army.

When rumors spread through Russia of a possible war with Japan, Rosa and Joe's families left Russia and moved to the United States. They arrived in Dickinson, North Dakota, by railroad. After their marriage in 1902, Joe and Rosa Mischel settled in Hayes, North Dakota and started a cattle ranch. He also operated an underground lignite coal field, and later raised some grain. Joe and Rosa had three daughters and five sons. Their first home was a sod house, next a stone house and buildings, with walls eighteen inches thick. These buildings are still lived in today.Shortly after the house was erected, railroad tracks were laid very close to the farmstead. Many transients and Indians would stop at the farm for meals. Some paid for the food by working for Rosa. One night in 1910, Joe was roused from a sound sleep. He had a strange feeling something had happened to his family in Richardson, North Dakota, eighty miles to the north. He immediately got dressed, saddled his horse and left for Richardson. He was met halfway by a relative who told him his sister had died.

The dust-bowl days of the thirties struck with years of drought, excessive heat, and plagues of grasshoppers. In 1935, Joe's sons, William and two older brothers, left for the state of Washington in a Model-T Ford. They settled in the Palouse Valley, where they worked for $4.50 a day, plus board and room. They spent money home to help their family out. In 1937 the family moved to Crookston, Minnesota.

After their marriage in 1943, William and Margaret (Miska) Mischel moved to a farm in Farley Township, Polk County, Section 23. They raised grain and cattle. When the well went dry, they had to sell the cattle; and like many farmers, they had their water brought in by truck from Warren, Minnesota. In 1946, they contracted with American Crystal and raised sugar beets for twenty-seven years. Since 1971 they have raised small grain. In 1957 they heard about electric heat for homes. They decided to retire from farming, the P.K.M. manager and he offered to install electric heat in their home on a trial basis. They have heated their home with electric heat since and have enjoyed every minute of it. William and Margaret Mischel have three sons: Roger, Robert, and Dennis, and one daughter, Mary Jean.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Mischel were married on July 15, 1972. Mrs. Mischel, the former Roberta Hanson, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph C. Hanson of Alvarado, Minnesota. Roger and Roberta own and farm Section 1 of Tabor Township. Roger and Bobbi have one son, Jason, born November 6, 1973.

Robert Mischel, born in 1947, attended Warren High School and North Dakota State University. He lives in Plano, Texas and is Senior Designing Electrical Engineer for Texas Instruments.

Dennis Mischel, born in 1951, attended Warren High School and North Dakota State University. He married the former Gayle Hanson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray L. Hanson of Fort Ransom, North Dakota, on April 20, 1974. They lived in Billings, Montana, before moving to Warren, Minnesota, where Dennis is farming.

Mary Jean, born in 1958, is a junior at Warren High School.

**ANDREW STINAR, SR.**

Andrew Stinar was born in Prahu, Czechoslovakia, on Sep-