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they were married at Boise, Idaho, December 24, 1968. Although retired, both lead a very active life. Elmer helps out on the farm during the busy season and Clara is a licensed real estate salesperson and also works part time for the Valley Journal at Halstad. They are members of Ringsaker Lutheran Church.

Elmer purchased their present home in Climax in 1962 when he retired from active farming.

BERNARD AND ESTER QUIRK

Bernard C. Quirk was born to Edward F. and Emma Quirk in Lynsid township in 1909. He worked as a young man with his father and brothers in raising horses and cattle, cultivating crops and operating the threshing machine during harvest seasons. He began roadwork with horses, then was a Polk County Highway Department employee for 23 years. He worked on the first snowplow operated by the Polk County Highway Department in 1932. In 1936, with the temperature at 51 degrees below zero, the snowplow and crew left to clear blocked roads all over the county. At times the men worked double shifts to meet the relief crew. A tunnel for single car passage through a 14-foot drift was common. Rescuing motorists, opening roads for all human emergencies and keeping service roads open for schools, mail, and farm folk were all in the winter’s work. He worked day and night during flood periods trying to save roads and bridges. Blading farm-to-market roads during the summer and fall filled the busy years — 180 miles of roads were involved. He left county employment and operated his own business out of Climax, caring for the needs of six townships and many farmers concerning roads and drainage. After 20 years he retired in 1975. The southwest corner of Polk County has been his concern for his entire life. The business is still active under new management.

Bernard and Esther Ahlgren were married at Fisher in 1938 and made their home in Climax from 1940 to the present time. She taught rural schools in Polk county for four years, after training at East Grand Forks. Her parents were Victor Ahlgren and Mabel Faggart. Paternal grandparents were John Ahlgren and Sophie Peterson. They were Swedish immigrants who homesteaded in Roseau County. Her maternal grandparents were John Davidson and Eve Christensen. Great grandparents Davidson were Scotch immigrants in Big Stone County, Minnesota. Neighbors of the Faggarts were the group of Indians who moved to South Dakota after the New Ulm uprising. One story tells of President Lincoln’s orders to hang the 39 Indians and he pardoned the 40th, a very young man who later made his home in LaBelle Township next to the Thomas and Barbara Taggart homestead along the military highway from Aberdeen to Sigfrid, South Dakota.

Three daughters were born to Bernard and Esther Quirk: Nancy married Herlin Sondrol in 1960 and they have four sons, Richard, Ronald, Randy and Ryan. They farm in Traill County, North Dakota. Beverly married Don Wallace in 1966 and they have two sons, Jay and Brian, and one daughter, Jill. They make their home in Seattle. Joyce married Clayton Nerby in 1961. They have three sons, Mark, Timothy and Brent, and make their home in Seattle, Washington.

Sure and this Minnesota homestead has been a good life!