success and later he sent back the $75 with a lovely ladies’ gold watch which Celestia treasured the rest of her life. She was a governess for one of the Goodyear daughters in Chicago and later studied voice and violin at Valparaiso University in Indiana. In 1900 she graduated from the Good Samaritan Hospital in Portland, Oregon as a registered nurse. In Helgeland and nearby communities she delivered many babies and helped in many emergencies. When her husband became ill she learned to farm and in 1915 she surveyed land in Aitkin county for the government. It was Indian territory then and an old Indian chief named Bug Nageezik taught her to converse in Indian.

About 1925 the Nelson family moved to Crookston, where Celestia worked as a nurse at St. Vincent’s Hospital. She also worked as a private nurse. While she was a nurse she went to Hughes Business College and graduated in 1928 with three of her children. In 1930 she took a post-graduate course in Mental Health in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. From 1931 to 1933 she was bedridden most of the time from heart disease. She died in 1933.

Frank, Georgia, Julius, Vivienne and Bob Nelson.

WILFRED NELSON
In October 1940 R. Wilfred Nelson and Flora Lamberson, daughter of G. E. Lamberson of Warren, Minnesota, were married at Warren and moved to Helgeland township, Polk county, to live.

Wilfred was the oldest son of George and Ida Nelson who lived on NW ¼ of section 25 in Helgeland, having moved there a few years earlier from Viking, Minnesota. In May 1941 they bought SE ¼ of section 25, which was all virgin land with no fields, fences, buildings or anything but brush thickets and prairie grass.

In February, 1942 they moved a one-room shack into a clearing cut out of the largest grove near county road 23 and moved onto their own land. They also moved a small barn and had a few head of cattle. In the following years they cleared land, which was all done by hand with an ax and was hard work; and they plowed fields. By the time their first child was born in 1943 they had built a small house and drilled a well, having rented the well-drilling rig from Otto Olson, also a Helgeland resident. The farm was all fenced and cattle and sheep were raised until the Nelsons had over a hundred head of livestock.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson built a complete set of modern farm buildings and are the parents of six children, two girls, Inez and Lola, and four boys, Wesley, twins Bruce and Brian, and Lyle. Mr. Nelson died in June 1973 of cancer, but Mrs. Nelson and the youngest son, Lyle, are still on the farm. Mr. Nelson also did carpentry work for others.

ANNA OLSON
Anna Olson, daughter of Elling and Jakobie Olson, was born May 3, 1900 and grew to womanhood in the Helgeland community living with her folks until she married Frank Hamrick. She attended country school at “Four Corners” and graduated from the eighth grade. She took music lessons and started playing the organ in Melo church in 1919 and continued as organist for about fifty years. She also played for school and other community gatherings.

Frank Hamrick was born at Woodstock, Virginia to Warren G. and Viola Lindamood Hamrick on March 28, 1900 and lived in Virginia until he was about two years old, when they moved to DeKalb, Illinois. When he was fourteen years old he moved up to Angus, Minnesota with his folks and farmed with his dad until he was married. Frank and his dad ran a threshing machine and threshed several years west of Warren and also for the neighbors in Helgeland area. After his dad died in 1934, Frank continued to thresh until the combines took over.

Frank graduated from the eighth grade at Four Corners and attended North Star College and graduated in 1918. He was in the Home Guard until World War I ended, November 11, 1918.

Frank Hamrick and Anna Olson were married on December 17, 1923. They farmed in the Helgeland community for many years, living at the same place over thirty years. Four children were born to the Hamricks; namely: Darrell, who married Viola Pearson; June, who married Ray Edgar; Warren, who married Dorothy Flaten; and Lowell, who married Shirley Mykkleby.

Frank served as president of the Melo church for twenty years, and was township clerk about that many years. He also took part in other activities in the community. He helped get a farm program started for the Melo church. At first some of the neighbors donated land as well as seed and all the neighborhood helped get the ground ready and seeded. Later on they bought eighty acres just across the road and a little north of where the church stands. The church still owns it and it is farmed every year with the members as well as others in the neighborhood donating their work. Some of the ladies usually provide the meals. This farming has been a Godsend in many ways and really has kept the church going.

Frank had a couple of narrow escapes in storms. The first one was in July 1929 when a tornado came through and took the barn. Frank ran from the barn into the silo thinking it would be safe in the concrete silo, but the barn and silo all went down. How he got out of that silo is a miracle, as his milk pail was found the next day in the silo and there was just a space of about three feet high. He had some stitches taken on top of his head and had several cuts and bruises but got over it all right.

Then on March 15, 1941, he and Louis Diedrick and Omer Thomas from Warren had been to an A.S.C. meeting in Moorhead and on their way home, about eight o’clock in the eve-