ning, the storm hit. They were south of Euclid a few miles, about half way between Euclid and Shirley. Their car stopped and no way could they get it going as it blew full of snow under the hood. So they sat in the car — no blanket and not dressed too warmly, as it was a real nice day. If I remember right, I think there were about seventy-five lives lost in that storm between East Grand Forks and Crookston. Those three men sat in the car from eight o'clock that evening until nine-thirty the next morning, when they started walking south and had over two miles to walk to get to a farm house. There they got warmed up and had something to eat. None of us knew where they were until about four o'clock that afternoon.

Frank and Anna's children all graduated from the eighth grade at Four Corners and through the years at least a dozen teachers stayed at their place, until they started bussing the children to Warren.

In October 1961, they left the farm, and Warren and Doro- thy took over the farm. Then Anna and Frank moved to War- ren where they made their home several years. Frank passed away in February 1968 when he was almost sixty-eight years old. Anna lives at the Landmark Center, Senior Citizens building, and takes part in the activities there.

ELLING OLAI OLSEN

Elling Olai Olsen was born April 27, 1860, son of Ole and Edrika Olsen of Kilvik, Meloy, Norway. His wife was Jakobie Nickoline Olsdatter, born June 8, 1864, daughter of Ole and Anne Christianson of Meloy, Norway. Elling was a fisherman and made several trips to Lofoten where he did a lot of fishing. Jakobie lived at home with her folks and helped with the work. Elling and Jakobie were married in a double wedding with her brother, Johan Olson to Regine Moritzdatter at the Meloy Church in Norway. Two weeks after they were married the four of them together with several other relatives, came to America and landed at the port of Chicago in July 1886. They came to Crookston and for five years they lived southeast of Crookston and worked for some French people. One wonders how they ever understood each other — must have used sign language.

In June 1891, the Elling Olsen's and their three children, together with the Johan Olssons and their three children came up to Angus where they had homesteaded — the Elling Olsen's in Sections 32, Southwest quarter in Helgeland Township and the Johan Olssons in Rislet Township. They helped organize the township and the church. So many of those who moved up there were from the same place in Norway that they decided that the township should be named after the place in Norway, so that is how Helgeland Township got its name. The same way with the church when it was organized in 1892. It was named after the Meloy Church in Norway.

Elling and Jakobie raised their family of seven children who are as follows: Emma married Charles Haverlandt and in a second marriage, Alfred Eric Riedl; Alfred married Ruthe Eckleberry; Simon married Alice Johnson and in a second marriage, Mabel Beilsy. Oscar married Nora Sandbo, and Ellis, single, lived on the farm with his folks and farmed together with his father, taking over the farm when his dad died. Anna married Frank Hamrick and Ruth married Ralph Hamrick. Elling and Jakobie lived on the farm where they homesteaded all their lives and had a busy life taking part in all the activities of church, school and community. At one time Elling served as mailman at the post office. Noble part

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OTTO ANDREW OLSON FAMILY

Otto Olson was born on a homestead southeast of Crook- ston in Onstad township near the town of Melvin to Johan and Regine Olson. He came to Helgeland Township at two years of age, and attended school to about the fifth grade. School was only two or three months of the year. He and his brother had to do the farm work at home while their father worked out. The boys would take turns plowing. One held the plow in the ground while the other led the horse. Otto was interested in mechanical things and read manuals on the steam engine. It is thought he owned the first car in the community. For a while he worked in the lumber mills near Bagley, Minnesota. He served in World War I and was awarded the Victory Medal.

After the war, Otto worked in the mines at Bovy, Minnesota where he was hit by a big iron scoop and left for dead. His sister found him and brought him to a hospital where he lay in a coma for months. He suffered a blind eye, a deaf ear and had a silver plate installed in his skull; but his glass eye and the skull plate were never obvious to anyone. Nor did he permit them to bother him.

Otto married Pearl Drake of Bagley, Minnesota in 1925. They lived in Helgeland township. Otto was a good well driller and traveled miles in this profession. Many farms today are still using "Otto's Well". He also was a salesman for Singer Sewing Machines and Story and Clark pianos. Two children were born to his marriage, Doris (now married and living in California) and Ernest (married and teaching in Ukiah, California). Otto and Pearl were divorced about 1931.

In 1937 Otto married Claire Nelson in Crookston. She is the daughter of Francis and Celeste Nelson. Claire was born in 1902 near Kinbrae, Minnesota and attended rural school dis- trict #279 in Helgeland township, graduated from the North- west School of Agriculture in 1929 and from Hughes Business College in Crookston in 1928. During the depression times she worked at an overall factory in Illinois.

Most of their married life, Otto and Claire lived on their farm in Helgeland township. They had three children; Edna (a graduate of St. Olaf College and teacher of private piano and voice — married to Howard Laymon of Radium — three children — living in Bloomington, Minnesota. Frank (married to Marlene Kleven of Alvarado — three children), John is Lutheran pastor in Fredonia, North Dakota, married Alvina Pederson — two children.

Otto died in 1958. Claire died in 1972. They are buried at Melo Lutheran Church cemetery.