very active for many years, but around 1961 quite a few members left and joined the New Zion Church at Oslo. Our Savior’s Church has been vacant for several years, but is really a landmark. I believe it is the oldest original church building North of East Grand Forks along the Red River up to the Western Stephenson, Minnesota area. On August 4, 1972, Our Savior's Granville Lutheran Cemetery Association was formed. The Officers as of our last annual meeting held July 11, 1975, are Earl Mallinger — President, Wayne Lindroth — Vice-President, Mrs. Julia Erickson — Secretary Treasurer, Carl Nelson and Iner Quern — Directors.

BIRCHOLZ STORE

The Bircholz Store came into existence around 1898 when Marie Rose Nortrup had a small store in her farm home, one mile west of Kongsvinger Church. Bircholz was designated as a post office in 1899.

Marie Nortrup was designated postmaster on August 20, 1900, and held that position until Magnus O. Kleven became postmaster in 1902 (December 17). He held that position until Adolph N. Anderson became postmaster on January 3, 1905. Mr. Anderson had worked for Mr. Kleven and in 1904 he bought the Bircholz Store for $1,500. The store burned down on January 1, 1915, but Mr. Anderson rebuilt and continued in business until 1926. The owners of the Northland Store bought Bircholz and sold out the stock. Then they dismantled the store building and removed it.

The home built by Mr. Anderson stood on the site until 1948 when Glen Dahlen bought the land. The house was moved to Oslo and the tree grove was grubbed away.

ADOLPH NICOLAS ANDERSON

Mr. Adolph N. Anderson came to the Granville, Minnesota, area in 1894 to visit his stepmother’s family. His father, Jens Anderson, lived at Elk Mound, Wisconsin, but passed away in 1877 from ill health (lung trouble) contracted in the Civil War. Mr. Anderson then returned to work in the logging camps of Northern Minnesota and Wisconsin. He was at Hinckley during the Great Fire of 1897 and helped to evacuate the townspeople by train to Stump Lake. After that, he returned to Granville, Minnesota, in 1898. Then on June 17, 1899, he married Anne Dortha Nelson, daughter of Erick Nelson in the area and Mr. Anderson bought the Bircholz Store in 1904. They continued in the store until 1926.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson had ten children. However, four died at birth. The children: John, Oscar, Doris, Mae, Floyd and Viola spent their early years at Bircholz. Mr. Anderson also worked on the steam threshing crews in the fall as separator man. He was also the town clerk of Higdem Township.

The store burned in 1915, and was rebuilt at an additional cost of $2,000 above the insurance. However, in 1926, because of adverse economic conditions, the store was sold at auction. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson moved to Grand Forks, North Dakota and in 1931, Mr. Anderson became custodian at the city hall. Adolph passed away in 1941, and Mrs. Anderson in 1969. John passed away in 1973. Oscar and Doris live in Long Beach, California. Mae and Viola live in Grand Forks. Floyd passed away in 1966.

LESTER ANVINSON

Lester Anvinson, Agnes and their oldest daughter, Angela, moved to their farm in Higdem township (located just north of the big ditch and a quarter of a mile west of Highway 220) in 1940. Lester passed away in 1972. The farm is operated by his son, Timothy and Jack Martin. Lester farmed with the exception of two years (because of ill health) when he was employed by the Cities Service Oil Company of Oslo. The last two years, he was a small motor repair man for Lyons at Grand Forks. To supplement the income in the first years of marriage, he worked at the sugar beet factory and worked with his dad (Sievert) the rest of the season.

Sievert, son of Bertha and Andrew Anvinson, lived on their farm south of Oslo. He spent his early boyhood on a farm at Morris, Illinois. Before moving to Oslo, Sievert, Winnifred, Lester and Ardath lived in Foretown and north of Oslo. Lester learned his hunting skills on the farm “ups east” and was very disappointed if he missed a hunting trip in the fall. His Dad, Under Albert, and Henry, Mons Jelle and in later years his son Timmy, Jack Martin, Leeard Lothus and others usually brought home plenty of venison for the long winters.

Lester’s mother, Winnifred Hyatt, came by boat from England in 1898. She was seven years old. She and her mother, Elizabeth Hyatt, were met by Joseph Shaw (who became her stepfather); they lived on a farm in the Northland community. The first news they heard was about the sinking of the Battleship, Maine.

Agnes, the daughter of John Martin and Laura Iverson, was one of fourteen children. John came from Formosa, Ontario, Canada. His parents were German. He attended school in Formosa and went through the eighth grade. When he was twenty years old, he came to the United States by train. He worked in the woods at Colchester, Michigan. He got his citizenship papers, then joined the United States Army in 1885. The first three months he spent at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri. He was then sent to Assiniboine, Montana. Their duty was to be on guard for Indian uprisings. The great Northern Railroad was then being built. In 1891, he was discharged from the army and after spending some time in Montana and Langdon, North Dakota, he migrated to Minnesota. After living for a time in Oak Park and southeast of Oslo he bought ten acres of land on which he did truck farming. He bought thirty more acres of land and on forty acres raised a family of fourteen children. Five of the girls were rural school teachers. Four taught at the “Ash Lee School,” which is located on the Bill Duffy — formerly the Ole Bang farm.

The Granville Community was close knit and boasted both

Lester and Angela Anvinson.

Michael Farder and Jeff Anvinson
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