Peter J. Hedlund Family about 1898: Standing, L. to R.: Peter; John; Johannes; Emil. Seated, L. to R.: Annie, Mary, Peter; William; Mary.

In 1932, Johannes, the only son to marry, wed Amy Johnson of Wannaska, Minnesota. They also lived on the home farm until 1952, when they moved to another farm in Sandsville township, Polk county. The Johannes Hedlunds had five children: four daughters, Marion, Joyce, Shirley, and Rose; and one son to carry the family name, Marvin. Johannes passed away in 1958 at the age of 75. That same year, at the age of 81, John Hedlund died. All the brothers remained active in farming until their deaths, Peter in 1961 at 88 years, Emil in 1966 at 81 years, and William in 1974, also at age 81.

Annie Hedlund Strong died in 1951 and is presently survived by one son, Edwin. Mary Hedlund Kleven passed away in 1971 and at this time she has nine living offspring, Arvid, William, Miles, Earnest, Earl, David, Fern (Mrs. Rudy Kopecki), Hulda (Mrs. Hulda Ferencik), and Mae (Mrs. Don Newell).

At the present time the Hedlund farm in Higdem Township has been purchased by Marvin Hedlund, grandson of Peter. He continues to farm his grandfather's and father's farms raising small grains and sugar beets. He and his family are living in the home built in 1915, which they have refurbished to today's modern standards. Since the land has been in the Hedlund name from the time of the purchase from the railroad, it is hoped it will remain so in the future.

Mrs. Johannes Hedlund still resides on the farm in Sandsville township. Her children are Marion (Mrs. Art Yanish), Joyce, Shirley (Mrs. Gordon Fillipi), Rose (Mrs. Bruce Duray), and Marvin.

**ANDREW HEIERSTAD**

Andrew Heierstad was born in Norway in 1843. He came to the United States in 1869, to Winneshiek County, Iowa. He worked as a farm laborer at $16.00 a month. He stayed there nine years; then he came to Polk County in Minnesota in 1878. The railroad came as far as Fisher. It was called Fisher's Landing. Grand Forks and East Grand Forks did not have many inhabitants as yet. Anders planted 15 acres of trees — ash, box elder and cottonwood — planted by hand, not by machinery, as now in 1976. At times the seasons were wet, other times the weather was dry, but the trees survived and grew into a grove.

Andrew married Marit Sletten, February 22, 1891. She was also born in Norway and emigrated to the United States. To this union five children were born: three daughters: Marie (Mrs. H. Hanson), Rangina and Hilda; two infant sons, Olaf and Ole who died in infancy. Marie, Mrs. Hanson, lived in Canada and passed away there. Rangina also passed away.

Hilda, Mrs. Bernard Egge, and husband are living on the homestead where she and Bernard are farming the land. His first house was a log house, then a two-room lumber house, the second one. Later he built an addition to that one and yet later modernized it and built another addition to it. In 1965, Hilda and Bernard built a new one-story home. Lightning struck in the barn one spring and killed three horses and two cows. Father and mother and sister Marie were doing the evening milking, and had just come into the house when the lightning struck. So I am thankful to Providence, who saved them. Otherwise sister Rangina and I would have been orphans. Later an

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**IRVIN IVERSON**

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Iversen, Oslo, Minnesota, live in Higdem township in the northwestern part of Polk county on a farm which her grandfather, Arnt Olson, homesteaded.

Mr. Olson came from Norway to the United States around 1863 and worked in lumber camps in Wisconsin for about six years. He returned to his native land where he remained for a short time. He then returned with his bride to Wisconsin. He came to the Red River Valley in 1877 looking for a place to settle. Again he returned to Wisconsin.

In 1878 he came back to the Red River Valley with a wagon, oxen and a plow and homesteaded on the present farm. He hauled logs from the river to make a small one-room home. Some time later he built a larger log house with a floor in it. In