Irving, who married Medora Draxten of Fergus Falls, in 1956, and they have one son, Lyle. Irving was born, raised, and still lives on the farm where his dad and grandfather lived. He was in the United States Army about one and a quarter years, during World War II, spending a part of that time in Korea. He farmed until 1966 when he began custodial work — first at United Lutheran Church in Grand Forks and since at the Oslo Public School, where he is still employed. He rents his farm to Donald and Ralph Solem. His son, Lyle, is enrolled at Moorhead AVTI where he is studying electronics.

Esther, their daughter, married Myron Heggestuen. Their children were LeRoy, Shirley, Merrill, Lloyd and Gerald. Myron died in 1944. Alma married Leonard Modin in 1953. They are both deceased.

Esther’s sister Dagmar married Harry Burwell and had two girls, Daphine and Merrilyn. Dagmar died when the girls were little.

Esther’s sister Mabel never married. She kept house for her dad until his death in 1940. She built a new house in 1947. Donald farmed for her. William Solem died in May, 1951. Mabel then lived with Esther until her death on December 25, 1973. Esther passed away March 24, 1975. James, son of Donald, is purchasing his grandfather’s home.

MR. AND MRS. INER QUERN

Iner Quern was born July 21, 1912, in Higdem township on the farm where he and his wife, Inez reside. He is the son of Carlot and Ellen “Syrstad” Quern.

Carlot Quern was born July 2, 1871, in Renville County, Minnesota. He was the son of Christian Christianson Quern and Ola Maagrud Quern, who immigrated from Minnesota to Solor, Norway. Christian Quern was born April 28, 1831, in Bygd Kvern, Solar, Norway, the son of Kristian Kvern and Marit Stretkvern. Ola Maagrud was born September 28, 1843, in Hammar, Solar, Norway.

Inez Nelson Quern was born March 31, 1916, in Oak Park township, Marshall county, Minnesota, the daughter of Henry Nelson and Sigrid Bratvold Nelson. Henry Nelson, the son of Ole K. Nelson and Augusta Haakenson Nelson, was born August 6, 1882, in Oak Park township. Sigrid Bratvold Nelson was born on February 28, 1878, in Skravtuvold, Valdres, Norway, the daughter of Ole Bratvold and Karen Strand Bratvold. Iner and Inez were married February 7, 1935, and are parents of eight children: Dennis was born August 31, 1936. He married Judy Kain of Neche, North Dakota. They have three sons, Mark, Brian, and Darrin. Dennis was killed in a car accident September 23, 1969. He was an electrical engineer and was employed by American Telephone and Telegraph. His family resides in Grand Forks, North Dakota.

William and Esther Solem

Mrs. Esther Olson Solem’s father, Peter Olson, was born in Norway October 22, 1860, the son of Ole and Ella Midtmoen. Peter later changed his name to Olson. They came to this country in 1872. They first settled in Wisconsin. In 1878 the family moved to Polk county and Peter located on eighty acres of railroad land two miles north of East Grand Forks. Later he changed this land for a homestead in Grand Forks township. During his first winter in this country he had only two pounds of butter and ten bushels of potatoes from October 21 till spring, and would walk three miles through the snow to cut cord wood at 50 cents a cord and live on frozen pork and bread. His father died in 1893. Peter improved his homestead and sold it. In 1898 he bought a farm in Higdem township in section 32 bordering the Red River: 242 acres, eighty acres of timber and the rest was prairie. Lars Erickson was the original homesteader on this land, but he returned to Sweden. Peter paid $6,100 for it, including the live stock and machinery on it. In 1896 he was married to Anna Anderson of Grand Forks, North Dakota. She was born in Sweden. She died in 1906, leaving four small children to the care of her husband. They were Esther, Alma, Dagmar and Mabel.

Esther married William Solem, son of Ole and Bertha Solem of Overly, North Dakota. William bought twenty acres of land from Peter Olson, located one-fourth mile south of Peter’s home. Esther inherited eighty acres. They had grain and cattle. In 1947 they built a new house. Their children were Donald, Elton, Ralph, Ila and Gaylord.

Donald married Aileen Nelson, daughter of Sig and Ada Nelson of rural Oslo in 1951. They are presently living on the Peter Olson farm, which they purchased from Mabel Olson after their marriage. They have cattle, chickens, grain, potatoes and sugar beets. Their children are: Karen married to Henry Duray, Jr, in 1973, who are employed at Lake Sakakawea State Park in North Dakota; James, who is farming with his dad; LouAnn, Bonnie, and twins, Peter and Paul, and a granddaughter, Stacy Ann.

Elton married Irene Gonsorowski, and they are living in East Grand Forks. He is employed with Kay Farms. Their children are Elita, Kevin, Clark, Robin and Tracy.

Ralph married Darlene Bjorgaard of rural Argyle. They live in Oslo and he farms grain, potatoes and sugar beets. Their children are Kristi, Randy, and adopted children Joseph and Margaret.

Ila married Almore Lind, son of Ole and Anne Lind of rural Oslo. They farm grain and sugar beets. Their children are Julie, Arlyn, Alan, Joni and Arden.

Gaylord married Patricia Michalski, daughter of Thomas and Effie Michalski of Oslo. They live in Oslo and he is a car salesman at Dahlstrom Motors in Oslo. Their children are Anthony, William, Kathy, Sally and Larry.

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Mavis was born July 6, 1938. She married Laurie Soli and they have three children, Lisa, Wendy, and Steven. Mavis and children live in Grand Forks. Bonita was born May 30, 1940. She married Gordon Parr. They have three children, Karla, Dawn, and Heather. They live in East Grand Forks, Minnesota. Miles was born August 13, 1942. He majored in diesel engineering and worked in St. Paul as a diesel mechanic for six years. At present he is engaged in farming with his parents. He