is not married. Diane was born June 26, 1944. She married Paul Eggebøranen of Fisher, where they are engaged in farming. They have two children, Denise and Dean. David was born August 13, 1947. He married Patricia Strese of Rosemount, Minnesota. He is a career man in the United States Army. He and his wife were stationed in Germany for three years and are now stationed in Key West, Florida. Jay was born February 9, 1951. He is a graduate of Moorhead State College, majoring in journalism. At present he is helping on his parents' farm. Karen was born May 27, 1953. She married Royal Rivald of Argyle, Minnesota, where they are engaged in farming.

Iner and Inez own and operate the farm that was purchased by Iner's grandfather, Christian Quern, in 1895. In 1936 Iner and his brother, Oscar, took over the farming operations from their father, Carlot Quern. They farmed in partnership until Oscar retired in 1975. Oscar turned over his operations to his son Reed.

Iner has six other brothers and sisters: Kenneth and Vernon, who are engaged in farming with him, and C. Arthur, who lives in Vancouver, Washington; Mrs. Juel (Eveline) Smelback, and Mrs. Mildred Betts of Vancouver, Washington, and Mrs. Thomas (Clara) Botko of Warren, Minnesota.

Inez has two brothers, Arthur Nelson of Grand Forks, North Dakota, and Harold of Los Angeles, California; one sister, Mrs. Harry (Bernice) Gerszewski of Grand Forks, North Dakota.

Hubbard Township

The first settlers came to what is now known as Hubbard Township in 1871 and settled in the northwest corner of the township. Another group of settlers arrived in this same general area prior to 1879 and claimed land a little farther south than those arriving in 1871. It is interesting to note that they founded their homes near the Red River, perhaps as a source of fuel, logs for building and nearness to water for home and livestock.

Early records show that Hubbard Township in the early days was part of Vineland Township. These records show that the early roads were laid out by the supervisors of Vineland Township. Hubbard Township became an independent township in 1883. The first supervisors elected were Nels O. Paulsrud, Ole Gilbertson and Halvor G. Dale. The supervisors were responsible for laying out roads. This was of great concern to the settlers. The settlers drew up a petition for a road they needed. This was presented to the supervisors and upon their approval, a survey was made according to the report and plat. Most roads were four rods wide. The roads were built by the settlers living within a mile of the road. The roads were built with scrapers drawn by two horses. This was a very slow and tedious task.

Simon J. Bakke

Simon Bakke was born May 13, 1870 in Aurdal, Norway. He came to the United States in 1893, stayed for a short time at Fosston, Minnesota and then went to the Hayes Farm at Nielsville, where he was employed until 1902. He homesteaded at Grygla, Minnesota. In 1902, he married Annie Fosso. Annie was born at Fertile, Minnesota on November 28, 1883. Her parents, Helge and Bergit Fosso were born in Tinn, Telemarken, Norway and came to Herman, Minnesota in 1881. In 1882 they joined a covered wagon caravan and settled at Fertile, Minnesota. They had eight children: Nels and Gullick were born in Norway; Annie, Guilder, Agnes, Sven, Helge and Ole at Fertile, Minnesota.

After their marriage, Simon and Annie moved to their homestead at Grygla, Minnesota, where they lived until 1905, when they purchased a farm three miles east and one mile north of Nielsville. In 1918 they purchased another farm one and one-half miles east of Nielsville and moved there. Simon Bakke was a director and vice-president of the Farm Loan Association. He was active in his church throughout the years, holding various offices. He was also active on the school board and Hubbard township holding offices in both groups. Children born to the Bakkes were Sigrid, John, Helmer, Bella, Clifford, George, Sherman, James, Imagene and Elaine. The Bakkes were members of the St. Petri Lutheran Church. Annie passed away in 1929 and Simon in 1955. They are buried at the St. Petri Cemetery.

Sigrid Bakke Olson attended high school in Nielsville and Moorhead State College. Mrs. Olson taught school for a number of years. From 1942 to 1947 she was postmaster at Nielsville. She was married to Leonard Olson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Olson of Nielsville, Minnesota. Leonard passed away in 1950. John Bakke attended school in Nielsville. He served in the United States Marines for four years. He owned and operated an oil station at Nielsville which he sold to his brothers George and Sherman when he became manager of Ireland Lumber Company in Climax. He later became general manager of Ireland Lumber Company in Grand Forks. He married Inez and Inez have been active in church and community affairs. Inez served on committees in the local Lutheran Church Women, P.T.A., and Homemakers. They are both voting delegates on the Valley Memorial Home Board of Grand Forks from Zion Lutheran Church.

Inez has held offices in the Oslo community club, Our Savior's and Zion Lutheran Churches, the Higdem Township, the Polk County Township Officers Association, the Middle River-Snake River Watershed District Board of Managers, the Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts, Inc., the Polk County Crop Improvement Association. He was also on the rural school board 13 years and 16 years on the Oslo school board, also the Oslo Credit Union, the VM 1000 Club board, and a member of the Red Lake Basin Planning Commission. In 1970 Mr. and Mrs. Quern received the West Polk County Conservation Award, and in 1972 the Polk County Valley Farmer and Homemaker Award. He is a member of the Minnesota Farmers' Union, Democratic Farmers Labor Party, and the National Farmers' Organization.

Their farming operations involve growing registered and certified seed grains, and sugar beets. He is also a contract seed grower for the University of Minnesota. At the present time he is involved in a community effort to build levees along the Red River for flood control.