paid $400 for. One mare raised eight colts. The Lanagers remained on the farm and prospered. When their youngest daughter, Julia, got married to Andrew Gullingsrud they lived with the Lanagers for a few years. When they moved away, Bjorn Lanager bought a house in town and lived there until Ronoag had a stroke and became an invalid. They then went to the home for the aged and lived out their lives in Glenwood, Minnesota where they are buried.

The Lanagers had four children. Elling, the oldest, was born June 3, 1863 and died March 15, 1956 in Plummer, Minnesota, where he had been in the hardware business 43 years. When Elling Lanager came to Plummer in 1904, there was no hardware store and very little others. The streets were rutted with deep mud holes and high tree stumps. The creamery was actively operating and on cream days farmers drove ox teams to town carrying their produce. He was married to Mary Torena Thompson. February 16, 1890. They had three daughters: Irene, Ida and Laura.

Bjorn Lanager's second son, Halvor, was born in Halingdal, Norway on December 29, 1868 and died March 16, 1907. He traveled for the Avery Threshing Machine Co. and was killed near Larimore, North Dakota in a train wreck. They had lived ten years at Climax, Minnesota and at the time of his death, he and his family lived in Crookston, Minnesota. He was married to Regina Garden in 1899 and they had two daughters, Palma and Myrtle.

Jessie Lanager was born April 1, 1866 in Halingdal, Norway. She married Christ Espe in 1889. In 1901 they made their home in Shotley, Minnesota and lived out their lives there. She died April 19, 1955. They had six children: Ben, Ray, Art, Ovidia, Bertha, and Cora.

Julia Lanager was born July 29, 1873 in Springgrove, Minnesota. She went to Crookston and learned dressmaking and millinery. On July 6, 1899 she married Andrew Gullingsrud. They lived for a while in Gary and farmed. In 1908 they homesteaded at Goodridge, Minnesota. They lived there until 1926 when they moved to Nielsville where they farmed until they retired. They had six children: Obert, Russell, Carl, Helen, Berniece, and Rana.

Bjorn Lanager died in March 1921 and Ronoag died in August 1926.

**CARL M. PAULSON**

Carl Martin Paulson was born at Nielsville, Minnesota, in 1882. He was the son of Otto and Mina (Aamold) Paulson, who came to America in 1873 and 1879 from Oslo and Namnestad, Norway. He had one brother, Peter, and a sister, Clara (Mrs. Math Hanson).

Carl’s parents were members of the St. Petri Lutheran Church and were the first couple married there when the church was in old Nielsville. Carl’s mother, Mina, was widely known and well liked for her generosity and hospitality.

Carl married Otilie (Tillie) Melsness of Erskine, Minnesota, in 1907. She was born in Northfield, Minnesota, and moved with her parents to Erskine. She came to Nielsville to work on the Hayes Bros. farms and at that time met Carl.

Carl and Tillie were in the hardware store business and restaurant business before settling down on a farm on the east outskirts of Nielsville.

They were parents of two children born to them: Myrtle (Mrs. Arthur Stenberg of Thief River Falls), and Clarence, who resides in Nielsville. They also took into their home a foster son, Garfield Arneson, when his parents died. Garfield lives in Grand Rapids with his wife, Ellen.

Carl and Tillie continued the hospitality of his mother and their home was always filled with relatives and friends who were warmly welcomed.

Tillie passed away in 1958 at age 79. Five years later in 1963, Carl died at the age of 80 years.

Their daughter Myrtle has three children namely: Beverly (Stenberg) Holm of Thief River, Joan (Stenberg) Salveson, whose husband is a pastor at Kindred, North Dakota, and Arthur Jr. Stenberg, a hardware dealer at Buffalo, Minnesota.

Their son Clarence has one child, a son, Dr. Paulson of Grand Forks.

Their foster son Garfield has three offspring: Shirley Arneson Holm, Grand Rapids, Minnesota, Peggy (Arneson) Nyhre of Ellsworth, Wisconsin, and David Arneson at Grand Rapids, Minnesota.

**CLARENCE AND PHYLLIS PAULSON**

Clarence was born in Nielsville, the son of Carl M. and Tillie Paulson. He has a sister, Myrtle (Mrs. Arthur Stenberg) of Thief River Falls, Minnesota, and a foster brother, Garfield Arneson, of Grand Rapids, Minnesota. He attended the Nielsville public school and then went into farming with his father. He still continues to farm the family farms.

In 1939, Clarence was married to Phyllis Simon, the daughter of Alfred and Bessie Simon. They were married in a traditional church wedding at the St. Petri Church with Pastor Jacob Dordal officiating. Phyllis also attended the Nielsville school and went on to Pauls Academy in Minneapolis after graduation. She later worked at Stephen, Minnesota.

Throughout his youth Clarence was involved in sports, playing basketball on the high school team and also with the Independent village teams. He also played baseball with the Nielsville “Spuds” baseball team.

Phyllis with her sister, Lucille, did a lot of singing in the area in duets and also as a soloist at weddings, funerals and programs. Both Phyllis and Clarence belonged to the church choir and cantatas and Clarence also sang with a men’s octette. At one time they were both members of the Northwest Singers Association at Crookston.

In 1943, a son, Michael Dana, was born to them. Michael attended school at Nielsville and graduated from Halstad High School. He received his bachelor of science degree from Moorhead State and majored in psychology and mathematics.