All this is a far cry from the old frame house, papered with newspapers, applied with flour paste, with the children's sections at the bottom of each wall as Operation Headstart. All of us still remember learning to read on Reddy Fox Barks At The Moon.

Marguerite and Charles had dreams: of good, productive land (how he loved soil! We still hold memories of his licking it up in his hand caressing it as he examined it) of a lasting home — of a family that would stand together as solidly as the house they built — of children that would use their gifts to the utmost. Somehow, by their combined influence and prayers, these dreams have come true, helping to build up the spot in Polk County where they took root and carried out their lives. Dreams so all pervading that they are still building on through their children and descendants.

JAMES DRISCOLL

James Driscoll, a farmer of Huntsville Township, was born in County Lanark, Ontario, on May 1, 1860. He was the son of James and Johanna A'Hearn Driscoll, natives of County Cork and County Kerry, Ireland, respectively.

At 19 years of age, in 1879, young James and his brothers, Jerry and Thomas, accompanied their parents to Polk County, Minnesota from Ontario, Canada. They traveled by railroad to Fisher's Landing. There they bought a wagon, which they had to assemble before loading on it their household goods. They resumed their trip by horses and wagon to East Grand Forks. Here they were reunited with James' two older brothers, Michael and John, who had arrived here the preceding year. They lived with relatives until they completed the building of their new home.

James' father purchased railroad land in Sullivan Township four and one-half miles from East Grand Forks on the Grand Marais. He farmed 480 acres of land until he died on March 9, 1884, at an advanced age. The mother died in 1912.

James was associated with his brothers in the operation of the home farm for a number of years. In 1891, he purchased the south half of section nine of Huntsville Township and entered upon his independent career. This tract was the home place and he extended its boundaries to include 580 acres. He also owned a quarter section on the Grand Marais. The home farm is located four miles southeast of East Grand Forks, and it includes the land formerly owned by Z. M. Hunt, in whose honor the Township was named.

Mrs. James Driscoll Sr. and five sons: James, Jerry, Tom, Michael and John.

In November of 1891, James Driscoll and Anna Jane Sullivan were married. Anna Jane was a native of County Lanark, Ontario, and daughter of Maurice and Anna Cunningham Sullivan, of East Grand Forks. Maurice Sullivan had come to Minnesota when his daughter, Anna Jane, was seven years old.

James and Anna Jane Driscoll had ten children: James, Lillian Bushaw, Alda Mongoven, Edna Harvey, Louise Stowe, Mary King, Frances Weber, Leonard (deceased), Charles (deceased) and John E. (present Polk County Commissioner).

Mr. and Mrs. Driscoll celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on November 23, 1941, with all of their children and grandchildren present.

In 1942, at the Winter Shows, Mr. and Mrs. Driscoll were presented with the Farmer and Homemaker Award.

Mr. Driscoll was appointed County Commissioner in 1907, upon the death of his older brother, John, who had previously held that position. James Driscoll served as commissioner for forty years, from 1907-1947, the time of his death. During his terms in office many changes took place and he was instrumental in the development of Polk County's resources through drainage systems and good roads. He was on the committees for building the Point Bridge (1937), the Sorlie Bridge, and the United States Post Office building in East Grand Forks in 1938. He was a life-long member of Sacred Heart Church.

Mrs. Driscoll died in 1962.

JOHN E. DRISCOLL

My wife, Verda, and I have four children.

Judith is a registered nurse, and at this time both she and her husband, Dale Neppel, are teaching at the Area Vocational Technical Institute here in East Grand Forks. They have one daughter, Mellissa, who is six years old.

Paul and his wife, Barbara, live in East Grand Forks and he farms with me. They have two children, Matt, 7, and Shelly, 5.

Douglas and his wife, Cathy, live in St. Peter, Minnesota, where he is manager of the Erickson Valu Drug and Cathy teaches school.

Daniel is farming with us and lives at home.

We farm the home farm of James Driscoll, Sr., some of which we own, and some of which we rent from other members of the family. We also own some other land and rent some, too. We grow potatoes, sugar beets, and grain.

In November 1972, I was elected Polk County Commis-