uating in 1970 and Reed in 1971. Both attended Moorhead State College and North Dakota State University at Fargo. Brian is farming with his father and Reed, who graduated in May, 1975, was married in July, 1975 to Sheryl Christianson, and is employed by the North Dakota Extension Department in sugar-beet research. They live in Moorhead.

In 1956, Arthur and Wilma moved to the Strande farm in Section 34 of Nesbit Township which they purchased from Wilma's father, Oscar Strande. They have lived there since, so four generations of Strandes have lived on that farm. The Tinkhams have continued to farm the Brevik land as well.

Arthur has twice served as president of Fisher Lutheran Church Council, served twelve years on the board of education of Fisher School, is presently treasurer of Nesbit Township and is secretary-treasurer of the Farmers Cooperative Elevator Company in Fisher.

His wife has held a number of offices in her church, as well as serving as assistant organist and director of both junior and senior choirs. For six years she served on the board of directors of the Crookston Civic Music League. She was also president of the Polk County Homemakers Council.

**HARVEY C. WAGNER**

My wife, Evelyn, and I live on a farm in Nesbit Township. Although we are just second generation owners of this farm, it covers eighty years of time. My father was born in Manitowoc County, Wisconsin. His father and mother came to this country from Germany as small children. My father, left home at the age of 18 and came to Minnesota in 1886. He came to Julius Wagner's farm, his uncle, and he worked there for six years. It became a second home for him. He worked in this area for a number of years doing farm work in the summer and cutting wood in the winter. He bought a quarter section from the St. Paul, Minneapolis and Manitoba Railway Company in 1895. The papers, however, were not finalized until March, 1897. This land had been given to the Railroad Company in order to encourage them to build a line through the area. The cost of the land per acre was $8 but a man's wages at that time were only $15 to $18 per month in the summer months. During the winter, a man worked for his board and room.

My mother came to Minnesota at the age of three with her parents, who homesteaded a quarter section of land, and planted a tree claim on an adjoining quarter.

My father and mother worked hard all their lives. Seven children were born at this farm house. The first boy died at the age of one and a-half years. Another brother passed away in 1921 at the age of seventeen, leaving my two brothers and two sisters, who are Harry and Howard, both of the Fisher area and Mrs. Ernest Radi (Carrie), also of Fisher, and (Edna) Mrs. Walter Wieland of the Red Lake Falls area. We all had to work hard here on the farm, each always having his or her share to do, with milking cows, taking care of cattle, pigs, chickens, and draft horses and helping with the field work.

The only schooling each got was an eighth grade country-school education, walking or driving a horse and buggy or a cutter in the winter one and a-half miles to school. I tried to get additional schooling by attending the Fisher High School two winters, staying with my cousins, Lawrence and Lily Wagner. I was to earn my board and room by helping with the chores. I don't know if I ever did earn that, but it was a second home for me.

I remember the fall of 1933, I shoveled beets with Harold Ross for his father, August, on their first truck for $2 per day plus room and board. I was glad to get a job, as I wanted to earn some money to buy fuel for a tractor. I had borrowed this tractor from my brother-in-law, Ernest Radi, to plow a quarter section of land which I rented that fall. I rented that land for 41 years from the same owners. In 1937, our father passed away.

In 1938, we bought our second tractor. We three boys farmed with our mother, each renting some land of his own. In 1942, Howard married and that left Harry and me at home. In 1948, a dream of many years of our mother came true. We built a new house on the farm, which she enjoyed for four years. She passed away in 1952. This left the home farm to us five survivors. The next year Harry and I bought out the other three, and farmed it together.

In 1954, I married Evelyn Weiss, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Weiss of the Red Lake Falls area. Her father passed away in 1948. Her mother is living in an apartment at one of her daughters in Red Lake Falls.

In 1955, we bought out Harry's interest in the home farm. After a couple of years Harry moved to Fisher. Evelyn and I have had a good life together on this farm. We've had good crops, fair and poor crops; but thanks to a merciful God, we have never had a failure! We work together, helping each other where possible, always farming what we could handle ourselves, except during harvesting. I think working together this way makes the results more appreciated and life more enjoyable. I know I have complained of too much rain, mud, dust, drought and what not, but if I lived it all over again, I am quite sure here is where I would be! A few more years and I, too, must quit and the home farm will pass on to another generation, hopefully in my immediate relationship. When we retire, we hope to travel, as we both enjoy that. Neither of us are interested in sports. So if we do some sight seeing, and help in the work of the community and the church, then I say, Life on this farm has been great!

Northland Township

Some of the early settlers in the western part of Northland Township were: Anfin Dahl who came from Norway in 1879 and settled on Southeast Quarter of Section 18; Jens Dahl came with his parents from Norway when he was four years old in 1879; John Johnson, father of Andrew and Julius came in 1880; Erick Engstrom came in 1880 and settled on Northwest Quarter Section 19. John Erickson came from Sweden in 1880 and settled on Northwest Quarter Section 14, his son Ole was then four years old; daughter, Mary 1882-1973 was married to Charley Johnson. Besset Stordahl came about 1879 and settled on Northeast Quarter Section 22 where he lived out his life. Dan Johnson settled on Northeast Quarter Section 8 in 1887. A Mr. Molstad lived on Section 4. Mr. Marager lived on Section 22. He served on the town board for many years.

The west part of Northland was settled by people of Czech-Slovakian origin. Joseph Hudeler was one of the earliest arrivals in 1878. He came by way of Wisconsin and McLeod County, Minnesota. He settled on Southwest Quarter of Section 12 and also had a tree claim on Southeast Quarter of Section 10. He passed away in 1942. George Kugel settled on Northeast Quarter Section 1. He arrived about 1879. James Kepecky arrived here 1889 by way of McLeod County and Todd County, he settled on Northeast Quarter of Section 2 in 1887. James Duchek, after several years in New York City where he worked as bartender and baker, arrived in Northland Township in 1887 and settled on Southeast Quarter of Section 13. John Myerchin with his parents and brothers, George, Joseph and Paul, arrived 1890 and settled on Southwest Quarter of Section 1. John, Jacob and James Gust arrived 1881 from St. Paul, Minnesota. John settled on Southeast Quarter of Section 14; Jacob on Southwest Quarter Section 26; James worked on Railroad out of East Grand Forks. Karl Vaneck settled on Southeast Quarter Section 15 in 1881.

Joseph Vorlicky settled on Northeast Quarter Section 11, but later moved to Thief River Falls. Anton Kotrina settled on Southeast Quarter Section 26, with three children: Wenceslav, Mary Frances, and Ignac.

John Honke Senior settled on Northeast Quarter Section 14,