sian and Austrian armies in 1805. This was one of history's bloodiest battles!

GEORGE KUGEL
Both George and Anna (Zejdlik) Kugel were born in Czechoslovakia. They came to America and lived in McLeod County. Later they settled on Section 1 in Northland Township. They farmed here the rest of their life. They had nine children: William, Frank, Mary, Anna, George, John, Tillie, Charley and Frances.

William died at age 18. Frank lives at Mallory, Minnesota. Mary was married to William Huderle who is deceased. Anna married Mike Pribula who died. She now lives in Ohio. George died at the age of 13. John, served in Army during World War II. He too is dead. Tillie was married to Steve Palchak. She died in 1971. Charley is married to Ella Kopecky. Frances is married to James Vonaszk and lives in St. Paul, Minnesota.

JOSEPH J. MYERCHIN
Joseph J. Myerchin was born in 1879 in the country of Slovakia which was then part of the Austria Hungary Empire. His family, composed of parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Myerchin; brothers John, George, Michael and Paul; and two sisters, Anna and Mary, immigrated to the United States in 1889. The family first settled in Shamokin, Pennsylvania where the male members of the family were employed in the coal mines. The desire for owning their own land led the family to migrate to Minnesota. In 1891 John Myerchin, Sr. obtained a homestead in Section 1 of Northland Township, Polk County, Minnesota. In subsequent years the family members purchased adjacent land to the homestead.

Joseph J. Myerchin married Tillie Huderle in 1908 and farmed in Northland Township until his death in 1959. Six children were born to this union: Raymond and Margaret (both deceased); Mrs. William (Clara) Kresl, Mrs. Ralph (Mil- dred) Novak and Mrs. Joseph (Adelaide) Kresl and Gene Myerchin. Mrs. Joseph Myerchin is celebrating her 90th birthday this year. Mr. John Myerchin, Jr. married Dorothy Vanyo. They had four boys and six girls: John, Joseph, George and Walter; Dorothy, Marie, Julia, Emily, Lillian and Agnes.

Mr. Paul Myerchin married Helen Vanyo, they have five children: Daniel, Vincent, David and Sylvester and a daughter, Blanche. The two other brothers never married.

JACOB NOVAK
The memory of those now living goes back only to the time of the arrival of Jacob Novak and his wife at Green Bay, Wisconsin, where they lived for a few years. They also lived in LaCrosse, Wisconsin. About 1888 they settled on a farm in Tabor Township, where they lived out their lives.

Four sons were born to this couple: Matt, the second child, was born on ship crossing the Atlantic Ocean; Leopold, an adopted son, was born in Czechoslovakia; sons Jacob, Joseph, and Frank were born in LaCrosse, Wisconsin.

Leopold farmed near Greenbush, Minnesota and Jacob farmed near Lankin, North Dakota. Joseph married Emma Kopecky in Tabor, about 1905 and also farmed near Greenbush, Minnesota. Later he operated a grocery store at Tabor and then returned to farming in Northland Township where he passed away about 1922. Matt married Mary Krava in LaCrosse. He also moved to Tabor and later farmed three miles east of Tabor until he passed away about 1937. Frank, the youngest farmed in Northland Township until he passed away about 1957. In his earlier years, he operated the well known Novak dance hall in Tabor which was built 1903. Matt and his wife, Mary, were the parents of Matt Jr. born in LaCrosse and George. Albin and Edward. Joseph and his wife, Emma, had four sons: Joseph, William, Anton, and Edwin and two daughters: Emily and Helen. Frank was married to Mary Honkey and they had five sons: Frank, Jr., Emil, Robert, Ralph and Walter.

JOHN Pribula
My father, John Pribula and my mother, Mary, came to the United States from Vechets, Czechoslovakia, in 1885.

On their arrival they settled in Pennsylvania, and there my father worked in the coal mines. Not liking that kind of work, they decided to go West and settled in Northland Township, Polk County, in the year 1891. During the years in Pennsylvania, my father made three trips to Europe to visit his parents. A son, Paul, was born to them in Czechoslovakia. Before Paul was born, they had three children, two boys and one girl, who died.

My parents farmed many years in Northland Township and during that time six children were born to them: Joe, John, Mary, George, Mike and Julia.

JOHN THUREEN
John Thureen came to Polk County from Sweden in 1880 to work on the construction of the Great Northern Railroad in East Grand Forks. A friend of his, Ole Miller, had come from Sweden earlier and had settled north of East Grand Forks. In 1883, John began farming nearby at what is now the Ted Thureen farm in Northland Township. Anna Lagrahn, whom he married also came from Sweden and at this time she worked for the Carl Lindgren family.

Some years later, John's brothers, Pete, Ole, and Thure, also came to America and settled in this community. Pete farmed at what is now the home of Mrs. Amanda Thureen; Ole settled at what is now the Orville Thureen farm; and Thure was a tailor in Grand Forks. He later moved to Wisconsin.

John was an apprentice carpenter while in Sweden and used.