sent Mother fare for the trip to America. She arrived with her mother, three brothers and one sister. She worked for a time in the hotel in Beltrami and a short time as a nurse's aid in Bethesda Hospital in Crookston, Minnesota. She was married to Ole G. Olson in Beltrami. October 15, 1905. There they raised four children: Harold, who farms the old farm one mile west of Beltrami; Alvina (Mrs. Arthur M. Underdahl), who farms south of Fosston, Minnesota; Henry, who lives in Idaho Springs, Colorado and Elna (Mrs. Eddie Vavrina) of Pico Riv-
era, California. Two sons died in infancy.

Ole, who farmed, also served on the townboard and cream-
ery board and worked as a road maintainer for a number of years. Ole and Mary loved to travel a lot, and in their later years both traveled quite a lot. One such trip was the chance
for the two of them to fly on an airplane to Washington, D.C.

after World War II in order to be present when their son. Henry, was honored for his services in the Army Air Corps.
They leave behind them seven grandchildren and one great
grandchild.

CHRIS STAUNING

Chris Stauning, at the age of three, was the youngest child in
the family of Peter and Anna Stauning in the year 1888 — the
year the decision was made to gather up their family and
earthly belongings, leave their home in Jylland, Denmark —
destination America. Besides Chris' parents, the family that
boarded the ship for this venture were his five brothers and sis-
ters: Mary (who later became Mrs. Hans Hanson), Hans, Andrew, Mariane (Mrs. Pete Hustad) and Carl. Coming to the
United States by way of the Hudson Bay and Winnipeg, Mani-
toba, the family settled in Crookston, Minnesota where they
remained for almost ten years. Two more children joined the
family, namely, Annie (Mrs. Charles Sinclair) and Emma
(Mrs. Harrington). In 1898 they took a homestead in Reis
Township on section six and later the family engaged in run-
ning the North Star Hotel in Beltrami, Minnesota for several
years.

In 1911 Chris married Jessie Halvorson of Fertile, Minne-
sota, who passed away following the birth of a son, Jesse. By
the year 1909, Chris purchased and operated his own hay
press, powered by a large International one-cylinder gas
engine mounted on a wagon and moved from stack to stack
with four horses. In 1915 he also bought a C.O.D. Tractor,
which he used until 1918, when he invested in a 14-28 Avery
Tractor and a 26-38 Minneapolis Separator. He continued to
operate this rig until the separator burned while threshing
wheat on the Andrew Stauning farm in 1930.

In the meantime, Chris once again married. The bride this
time was Matilda Jerde of Fertile, Minnesota. Matilda had
been living with her parents, Andrew and Sina Jerde, on their
Liberty Township farm. She was an accomplished dressmaker,
pursuing this work as an occupation for several years prior to
her marriage. She also organized the Varnes Luther League,
serving as its first president. The newly-weds became associ-
atied with Trinity Church in Beltrami, Minnesota, in which
each of the children in turn was baptized and confirmed and
was involved in Sunday School and Luther League. Chris and
Matilda Stauning lived on and farmed Dr. Searles' farm for
seven years, being the first occupants of the new buildings.
Three sons, Maurice, Fred and Wallace were born to the cou-
ple while they were on this farm.

In 1925, the family moved from the Searles' farm to the farm
the Stauning Brothers own and operate today. At the time of
the move, which was accomplished by horses and wagon:
Maurice was six, Fred, four and Wallace just two. One more
child, their only daughter, Frances, joined the family after they
settled on the new farm.

Chris bought his first car, a 1916 Ford, in that year. He was
a charter member of the Beltrami Farmers Union Oil Com-
pany as well as the Beltrami Elevator.

In the year 1944 Matilda Stauning passed away, and in 1946
Chris likewise departed from this life.

The three Stauning Brothers purchased the farm in 1946 and
have since that date continuously farmed it specializing in
Purebred Polled Hereford cattle and small grains. Maurice
served in the army for four years during World War II. Fred
spent one season playing baseball with the Grand Forks Chiefs
and the Minneapolis Millers. For sixty years now the Stauning
family has resided in Scandia Township.

In 1961 Maurice married LaVine Skog of Cannon Falls,
who, along with Wallace, resides on the farm. Fred married
Deloris Monson Mjelde in 1966, and they presently reside in
Beltrami. Francis married Cyril Carpenier of Sauk Centre in
1958. Beside raising an adopted daughter and son, they have
daughter of their own, Kris, a namesake of her grandfa-
ther. They are residents of Bloomington, where Cy is affiliated
with the Minnesota Farmers Union.

JOHN R. WALLACE

In 1920, John R. Wallace, a farmer living southwest of Wil-
liamsburg, Iowa, bought eight hundred acres of Minnesota
land, practically sight unseen: all of section 35 and the south-
est quarter of Section 34, Reis Township, on the south line of
Polk county, two miles south and two miles east of Beltrami.
Originally, this land was certified by the federal government
to the State of Minnesota on March 20, 1878, and sold the same
day to the St. Paul and Pacific Railway Company. Several
owners later. Johanna and David Roth, bought the land in
1914: William Wallace acquired title from them in 1917 as
payment for legal services.

1944—Lunch break in harvest field. John and Mary Ellen Wallace
beside International Harvester tractor.

In March 1920, John moved his wife (the former Ora
Stover), their four small children (Treva, Donald, Virginia, and
Ellen), and mother's helper, Mary Ellen Bucher, by train to
Beltrami, Minnesota, arriving in 30° below zero weather. The
only house on his property, located on the quarter section 34,
was occupied at the time. John installed his family in a small
house south of Beltrami, rented for the period which a three-
story house with modern facilities was built, and a well was
drilled, in the center of section 35.

The snow that melted was heavy that spring, the dam at