although they had milked 18 to 20 cows some years. Mrs. Conneran churned the butter at home, and it was taken to Crookston, where it sold mostly to private customers.

Mr. Conneran served in several township offices, especially those having to do with road work. His railroad section supervision had been of great help, and, as a result, Roome Township had good roads. He also had a great deal of land drained, and worked hard to get the establishment of a general system of ditches. All the best ditches in and near his locality were provided largely through his strenuous efforts.

Mr. and Mrs. John Conneran, Sr., were the parents of nine children: John Jr. (1873-1925) who never married. He farmed in Fisher township until his death at 52 years of age. Mary (1875-1935), wife of James Powers of Bygland township, was the mother of eight children: Teresa, James Jr., Rose, Margaret, Gertrude, William, Madonna and Raymond. Katherine (Kate) Crookston, the mother of eight children: Thomas, Jay, Mary, Lillian, Estelle, Leo, Fern and Marcella. James (1880-1957), farmed near Fisher, married Helen Gavin in 1910 and had four children: Haltrudus, Mildred, Lloyd, and Howard. His first wife died in 1922. He was re-married in 1929 to Cora Normand of Red Lake Falls, Minnesota, and they had one son, James, Jr. Anna (1882-1949), wife of Albany (Ben) Capistran, Sr., who farmed in Lowell Township near Crookston. She was the mother of five children: Ella, Albany, Jr., Alice, Aurora and Virgil. Delia (1885-1949) who never married. She had a dress-making establishment in Grand Forks in the early years. She clerked in several millinery and dry good stores. She cared for her parents in their declining years. Ella (1887-1947), wife of A. P. Roberts of Crookston, was a rural school teacher in Polk County for 20 years. They had a daughter, Evelyn. After having been widowed for several years, Ella married Willian Handry of Crookston, in 1943. William (1891-1966) farmed his father's home farm near Fisher. He married Margaret Majeres of Red Lake Falls in 1915. They had nine children: Lester, Bernice, Margaret, Jeanne, Eraine, Francis, Michael, Joan, and William, Jr. Jennie (1893-1956) was married in 1917 to Peter Sullivan, who farmed in Nisbit township. They had five children: Ralph, Peter, Jr., Joseph, Patricia, and Dennis. Mr. Sullivan passed away in 1928. In 1949 she married Louis Cournoia, Sr., of Crookston.

Mr. and Mrs. Conneran lived on their farm home near Fisher until 1918. They then moved into a house at 520 North Main Street in Crookston, which they purchased.

Mr. John Conneran, Sr., died at home on January 20, 1925, at the age of 80 years, after having been an invalid for about two years. Mrs. Ann Conneran also died at her home in Crookston on November 6, 1935, at the age of 81 years. She, too, had been an invalid for nearly four years before her death. Both Mr. and Mrs. Conneran were laid to rest in the Greenwood Cemetery in Fisher, Minnesota. They will be remembered as another courageous couple who ventured West and helped to make Polk County a better place in which to live.

ANDREW A. DRAGSETH

Andrew A. Dragseth was born on his father's farm in Inni-vik, Nordjord, Norway, November 28, 1873, the third of seven children. As was the custom at that time, the oldest son inherited all the property. Feeling he had no future there, Andrew decided to come to the United States, leaving home at the age of 15. He came to the Eldreda area as he had a cousin, Andrew Roseth, living there.

He worked for area farmers for several years before buying a farm in 1893 of 160 acres for $1,900, from Ole Rosenwater, who had homesteaded it in 1872.

Sarah Locken, born in Gjora, Sundal, Norway, on June 7, 1867, was the first child of her father's second marriage. She was followed by eleven brothers and sisters, six of whom came to the Crookston area. Sarah was requested to come to the United States by Mr. Jacob Eide, a former neighbor in Norway, to care for his wife who had become ill shortly after their arriving here. Sarah came to this country in 1892. She was also employed by the Fred Davis family. While there she met Andrew Dragseth, and they were married in December 1894 at the Peter Berg farm.

Andrew and Sarah were the parents of eight children: Mary (Mrs. John Jossund), deceased, parent of two children, Arnold and Clarice; Julia, deceased; Emma (Mrs. Earl Secord), who had one child, Arvid; Andy, deceased had three children: Allan, Judith, and Jane; Anne (Mrs. Richard Schmidt), two children. James and Sarah; Clifford, deceased; had three children: Ethel, Curtis, and Donald; Randolph, deceased. Alfred, who died in infancy.

All the children of Andrew and Sarah were born in the original house, which still stands on the farm. They were delivered by a midwife. Sarah also served as a midwife. In 1914 a new house was built. In 1915 carbide lights were installed and were in use until electricity became available in 1941.

Andrew was actively engaged in farming, growing small grains, and certified seed potatoes. He was one of the early growers of sugar beets in 1925, and has continued to grow them on his farm since that time.

In 1905 he was appointed rural mail carrier, a service he continued for 30 years, retiring in June 1935. His son, Andy, was the substitute carrier. In one of the early winters of mail delivery, he was caught in a blizzard. He was unable to see, so he let the horses have free rein, and they brought him safely home.

In 1936 he retired and turned the farming operation over to his son, Randolph. Randolph and Clifford, who had land in Vineland Township, worked together in operation of both farms until Randolph passed away in 1963.

The farm was bought by Curtis L. Dragseth from the estate in 1963. The family of Curtis Dragseth consists of his mother; his sister Ethel, who is presently teaching school at International Falls, Minnesota; a brother, Donald, and his wife, the former Dana Eiseart, and sons Steven and Scott. He is the man-

Andrew Dragseth Family.

Andrew Dragseth Home.