Bill was married to Lillian Bredlie on December 15, 1932 at Eldred. Lillian has the distinction of being the first high school graduate from the Eldred Consolidated School. Those were the days when credits were earned by passing State Board examinations. She graduated from Moorhead State Teachers' College, and taught school in Albert Lea, Breckenridge, and Eldred.

Bill and Lillian had two daughters: Bethel Joan, born April 5, 1934; and Marilyn G., born June 24, 1939. Bethel graduated from the Climax High School, and attended the University of North Dakota, and an airline school in Kansas City. She was employed by the North Central Airlines in Milwaukee, where she met James Kriegl, also an employee. They were married at Eldred on March 24, 1956.

Following their marriage they were stationed at Duluth, and as he received promotions, they moved to Thief River Falls; Minot, North Dakota; Cleveland, Ohio; and Bloomington, Minnesota. They have four children: Lisa, Kelly, Jim and John. Mr. Kriegl worked 23 years for the North Central Airlines, until his untimely death on August 27, 1975.

Marilyn graduated from the Crookston High School and the University of North Dakota with a Bachelor of Science in nursing. Shortly after graduation she married Stuart Lundberg, of Grafton, also a graduate of the University of North Dakota. They live in Grand Forks, where Mr. Lundberg is associate professor at the University of North Dakota. They have three children: Scott, William, and Mark.

**THOR K. GROVE**

Thor K. Grove was born in Treungen Telemarken, Norway, to Mr. and Mrs. Kjostav Groven. His parents owned a small farm that belonged to his grandparents, Eiven Groven. Thor’s father died in 1886 in Norway, leaving his mother alone with seven children and very little money. The eldest son, Eiven, had left Norway as a young man and had come to America, where he found work and saved enough money to buy three tickets plus twenty-five dollars, enough to bring his mother, three brothers and three sisters to America. They arrived in America on July 1st, 1887 but they had to come in two different ships, one docked in New York, and the other in Montreal, Canada.

They arrived in Grand Forks, North Dakota by train, but their tickets read Reynolds, North Dakota. The conductor was to have left them off at Reynolds, and he forgot; they could not speak any English, so it was very hard to communicate with them. The depot agent knew a Mr. Knutson who owned a hotel nearby, so they took them in and gave them supper and breakfast. The next morning they put them on a train to Reynolds, North Dakota. How frightening it must have been to arrive in a new country and not know anyone, nor how to speak the language!

The mother died in 1911 and is buried at the Sand Hill Cemetery near Climax, Minnesota. Thor Grove grew up in the Climax area, where he married Clara Berg. In 1909 they moved to Roosevelt, Minnesota in the Lake of the Woods county. They homesteaded the W¼ of SW¼ of section 27 and the N¼ of NE¼ of section 34. This was 160 acres. In earlier days the county seat was located in Bemidji, Minnesota, so the people from the Lake of the Woods would have to travel by train to Winnepeg, Manitoba, and then to Crookston and over to Bemidji, Minnesota to file a claim, a three-day trip in all. Later the Groves sold their homestead and moved to Crookston, Minnesota, where they rented a farm in Lowell township, section 30. Sometime later they moved to Fisher township, where they farmed in section 25. In 1918 they moved to Climax, Minnesota and rented a farm in section 2. In 1921 they bought a farm in Roome township, section 30. Thor’s son Telbert now lives there. His wife died on July 13, 1962; he died December 28, 1970. They both are buried in Sandhill Cemetery, near Climax, Minnesota. They are survived by five daughters and two sons. They are Mrs. Alvin (Bernice) Wanberg of Minneapolis, Minnesota; Mrs. Paul (Adeline) Capps of Stanton, California; Mrs. Lutvere Wachman of St. Paul, Minnesota; Raymond Grove of Crookston, Minnesota; Mrs. Archie (Verna) Hanna of Fallbrook, California; Harriet Grove of Denver, Colorado and Telbert Grove of Climax, Minnesota. There are also 13 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

**THE GUDVANGEN HOMESTEAD**

The Gudvangen saga originated in Gudvangen, Norway, in 1875; Johannes M. Gudvangen with his wife Berte and two small children. John Martin, age four, and Britha, age two, left Norway for America. In Norway people could never hope to own farms as they could in America, offered free for homesteading on 160 acres, farming and declaring to become citizens. After five years they would own it.

Arriving in America they migrated to Decorah, Iowa, a Norwegian settlement, and farmed there three years. They heard about the treeless, lush fertile grasslands in the Red River Valley of the North, and having the pioneering spirit they family boarded a train for Northwestern Minnesota in the spring of 1878 and traveled to what was then called Fisher’s Landing. Supplies were brought here by boat and train. The town later was named Fisher.

Grandfather staked a claim of 160 acres seven miles southwest from Fisher, which is still in the family. The prairie was sparsely settled, but smoke could be seen rising against the horizon from settlements here and there. There were no roads, only oxcart trails in the tall buffalo grass. During rains, travel was almost impossible because the wheels would sink in the mud and get stuck. Oxcarts were constructed entirely of wood, wheels had no lubrication and as they moved along there were loud, creaking, grinding noises.

Getting started on the homestead meant many hours of strenuous labor from daylight to dusk, breaking the grassland with a walking plow pulled by a team of oxen, preparing the virgin soil for seeding, building shelter for family and animals. They bought a cow for milk, cream and butter for family use; later butter was used in barter for groceries. Their first home