Mr. and Mrs. Orris Hegge.

for his room and board.

Mr. Hegge was educated in the Eldred School. He attended the Sand Hill Lutheran church, where he was confirmed. When it was organized, the family joined the First English Lutheran church in Eldred.

In 1930 Mr. Hegge was married to Alice Thompson, the daughter of Arthur and Emma Thompson of Climax. The young couple set up housekeeping on a farm one-half mile from his parents' farm. Mr. Hegge had purchased a quarter section of land which he rented out on shares. He worked at odd jobs for about $45 a month. With this money he made payments on his land, paid his taxes, made payments on his car, his life insurance, plus other living expenses.

In 1942 bad luck struck. Their house burned, and the Hegges lost their home and all their possessions. Mrs. Hegge was able to get the two children out, but three-month old Dennis was hospitalized for three weeks for treatment of burns. Good friends and neighbors showered the Hegges with money, clothing, and furniture to help replace what they lost.

They farmed in the area until 1946 when they purchased a farm at Oklee, Minnesota. But in 1951 they sold this farm and moved back to Eldred. They purchased the home farm, and with the help of Mrs. Hegge's father, a carpenter by trade, they built a three-bedroom house. They still reside in this home.

Mr. and Mrs. Hegge are members of the First Lutheran church at Eldred, where their six children were baptized and confirmed. The children attended school at Eldred. Kenneth and Dennis graduated from the Crookston High School. Shortly thereafter the Eldred school closed, and the district was re-organized. The family joined the Climax school district, where Donald, Carol, and Elizabeth graduated. David is an eighth grade student there.

Kenneth received a Master's degree from Portland State University, and is presently a chemist at the American Crystal Sugar Beet Company at East Grand Forks. Dennis attended Wahpeton State College, and is living in Grand Forks, where he is employed. Carol is now Mrs. Roger Beiswenger, and is living on a farm near Fisher. She graduated from the Thief River Falls Area Vocational School as an L.P.N. Elizabeth is now Mrs. Larry Overgaard. She graduated from Aaker's Business College in Grand Forks. She is employed by the Tweten and German Law Firm in East Grand Forks, where she resides. Donald drowned the day after he graduated from high school.

Mr. and Mrs. Hegge have been active in church and community affairs. Mrs. Hegge is president of the Eldred unit of the hospital auxiliary, as well as the Sunday School superintendent, and teacher in the Sunday School. Mr. Hegge has served as clerk of the school district, treasurer of Roome township, justice of the peace, deacon of the church, and is on the A.S.C.S. Board, and cemetery board. Mrs. Hegge's grandparents, Hans Berg and Per Thompson, were among the early pioneers who settled in Vineland township, arriving in 1773.

MR. AND MRS. JOHN HOLM

John Holm settled in Roome township, Polk county, Minnesota, in 1912 and farmed until retirement in 1947. He was born August 4, 1884 on an island in Lake Svalan near Tynset in the Osterdalen valley in Norway. He had three sisters and eight brothers. In 1904 he immigrated to America, to the Red River Valley, where he worked as a farmhand and later in lumbering in Wisconsin. Later he went to Duluth, Minnesota where he was a street-car conductor.

In 1910 John returned to the Red River Valley and married Christine Thoreson, daughter of Helge Thoreson, a valley homesteader. Mr. and Mrs. Holm moved to Crookston, Minnesota where he worked for the T. T. Morken Grocery and the Ole Norseth painting business. Mr. Holm also attended the Crookston Business College. In 1912 they returned to Roome township and rented a farm two miles west of Eldred. In 1915 they purchased the farm known as the Saugstad homestead, five miles northwest of Eldred, where they farmed until retiring in 1947.

John and Christine Holm had nine children — five died in infancy. The four living children are as follows: Mrs. Earnest Eissner (Alice) of West Fargo, North Dakota; Mrs. Homer Collison (Belva) of Modesto, California; Hillard (married to Grace Roberts of Mentor, Minnesota) — Grace passed away and Hillard now resides in Tulsa, Oklahoma; and Walter (married Lorraine Uphoff of Crookston, Minnesota. John Holm passed away June 16, 1952 and is buried at the Sand Hill cemetery north of Climax, Minnesota. Mrs. Holm moved to Crookston, Minnesota the fall of 1952 and she lived there until fall of 1968, when she moved to the Bethany Nursing Home in Fargo, North Dakota. Besides her four children, she has thirteen grandchildren and sixteen great-grandchildren.

GEORGE IRWIN

William Irwin, the father of George Irwin, had pioneered in Dakota Territory, coming from Ontario, Canada, with his older brother in 1880 when he was 15 years old. He worked at many jobs until he was old enough to file on land. As a boy he drove a stagecoach from Pembina to Walhalla, North Dakota. The country was then full of Indians. In 1892 he married Sarah Hodgson, who had come with her parents as a girl from Ontario, Canada, in 1882. To this marriage seven children were born: six girls and one boy, George.

The George Irwin Family.

About 1950.

George Irwin married Johanna Johnson in 1936. Her folks had come from Iceland in the late 1880's, and settled in Gardner, North Dakota. George and Johanna had four children, one girl and three boys. The George Irwins moved to Greenview, Minnesota in 1943. In 1946 they moved to Eldred, Minnesota. George was manager of the Farmers Union G.T.A. Elevator there until his retirement in 1969.

Janice Irwin is married to Delano Thoreson, who farms near Climax, Minnesota. They raise mainly grain and sugar beets. Jon married Margaret Kolta of Grand Forks, North Dakota, and they now live in Concord, California. They have two girls. Jon is an accountant and head coordinator for the Simpson Lee Paper Company, of San Francisco, California. They also