Armased Forces, lived all of his life in the Eldred area. During
his years of service in World War II he saw service in the Euro-
pean theater of operation.
Since his return from the service in 1945 Hillard has been
employed by the Farmers Elevator of Eldred, Minnesota, as
manager of that company from 1949 to the present time.
In 1943 he was married to Katherine Sullivan of Fisher,
Minnesota. They have four children: James of Leadville, Colo-
rado; Joyce of Chicago, Illinois; Gary and Leslie both at
home. They also have one grandson.

During these years, Hillard has been active in many commu-
nity and county organizations. He has served six years on the
Eldred school board; thirteen years as clerk of Roome town-
ship; and twelve years as county commissioner of Polk
County, with two years as chairman of that board. He has also
been on the Polk county welfare board for twelve years, serv-
ing three years as chairman. He is at present a member of the
Polk County Fair Board, a member of the Northwest Minne-
sota Housing Authority and a member of the Tri-Valley
Opportunity Council. He has served as chairman for six years
on the Tri-Valley Opportunity Council.
The Mykleby family have a cottage at Rocky Point off Lake
of the Woods and hope to spend more time at this retreat upon
Hillard’s retirement. Hillard enjoys boating, fishing, photograp-
hy and travel, so he will have no trouble keeping busy.

Minnie Mykleby
Minnie Mykleby, 85 years old this bicentennial year, has
been a part of the Polk county community from the time she
was born on the family homestead three miles west of Eldred,
Minnesota. Minnie, born December 25, 1890, was the young-
est of seven children born to Peder Boukind and Maria (Glase-
rud) Boukind, two of the pioneer settlers of Roome township.
Peder Boukind was a member of the first board of supervisors
of Roome township when it was organized March 30, 1880.
At the age of five, she, along with her parents, migrated to
Bella Coola, British Columbia. They and a number of Norwe-
gian settlers were a part of a migration that homesteaded this
land of promise. After seven years of struggle and hardship in
this wild frontier, the Boukinds were glad to return to the flat,
ferile prairie land of the Red River Valley. Minnie, during this
period, suffered homesickness, an encounter with a bear, and
remembers especially the formidable mountains that separated
her from home and brothers and sisters. After five years, Min-
nie’s brother, Halbert Boukind, traveled to Bella Coola to
bring her back to Polk county for treatment for an eye condi-
tion.
The years after her return to Polk county were spent on the
parents’ homestead where she continued her grade school edu-
cation. Her mother passed away in 1913 after a few months’
ilness.
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HILLARD MYKLEBY
Hillard Mykleby, born in 1916 to Olaf and Minnie Mykleby,
has, with the exception of four years in the United States

Morris Haugen, of Crookston. They are now residents of East
Grand Forks, where he works for the Ryan Potato Company,
and she is employed by Sears. They have two sons, Mylan and
Larry.

Hillard Larum was born in Eldred, Minnesota, on June 25,
1908. He was married to Myrtle Aarnes, of Crookston on
November 11, 1939. They now live at 334 Spendley Street,
Crookston. They have two children, Nancy and Curtis.

Nancy was born on November 12, 1940 during a three-day
blizzard. She finished the Crookston schools, and graduated
from Concordia College, Moorhead, in 1962. She married a
Texan, Donald Tumey, and they are parents of five children:
Christina, Michael, Maren, Matthew, and Lauren. They live in
Orange, Virginia. Curtis was born November 24, 1942. He fin-
ished the Crookston schools, then attended junior college,
Fullerton, California, and the University of North Dakota, at
Grand Forks. He married Janice Orr of Oklahoma City. They
have three sons: Eric, Christopher, and Kyle. They live in
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

During his youth, Harold tells of being called at night to
hitch up his horse, “Patty” on emergency calls for his mother
to serve as midwife, and welcome a newcomer into the world.

In 1973 Harold Lerum retired from the Crookston Volun-
unteer Fire Department, having been a member since 1940. Since
that time he has enjoyed gardening as a hobby. He also earned
the name of “Mr. Fixit” when called upon by his wife and
neighbors and friends. Before coming a fireman, Harold
worked with Mr. H. N. Freeberg, as an interior decorator.

As a Crookston fireman for 33 years, he had the chore (or
should he call it “the pleasure”) of helping burn down the
Eldred school, his old alma mater, on December 3, 1968.

Wedding of Hans and Anna Larum June 25, 1904 at Eldred, Minn.
Seated: Peter and Christina Halstensen, Parents of the bride.

Anna Larum.

Clifford, Mayme
and Harold Larum.

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