Ditches were for drainage of water off the streets. How well we as children remember the ice man and the delivery boys with horse carts bringing ice, groceries and meat to the homes.

To this union nine children were born, namely: John of St. Paul, deceased; Rudolph of Spokane, Washington, deceased; William of Grygla; Joseph of Watertown, South Dakota, deceased; Mamie Hulderle of Warren; Tillie Morben of Thief River Falls; Alice Kebetsky of East Grand Forks, Minnesota; and James of Thief River Falls, Minnesota, deceased. A twin, William, was born in Tabor and died in infancy.

Mother died in 1931 and Father in 1936.

THE KERESTES FARM AND GENEALOGY

Thomas Kerestes (1849-1904) one of the very early settlers in the Tabor area came to this country in 1877 and worked and saved to pay for passage for a childhood sweetheart in Slovakia. He married Anna Stinar (1855-1922) on October 11, 1880 in a Lutheran parsonage in Minneapolis shortly after her arrival. They worked and saved to be able to buy the things necessary to start farming. In the spring of 1884 they traveled by railroad from Minneapolis to the Angus siding and thence on to friends in the Tabor area. The railroad car they traveled in was called an "immigrant car" it was quite large and partitioned. In the larger part Tom had the lumber to help build the house and barn, also packed in were the wagons and plow and other implements for farming as well as one team of horses, one cow, two pigs and chickens. In the smaller section was all the household goods. They lived in this part for three days of traveling from Minneapolis to Angus. Thomas Kerestes became an American citizen by taking out the required papers. Active in church he was president of the Slovak Evangelical Lutheran Church which was started on the Andro Palya Farm.

From this union between Thomas Kerestes and Anna Stinar were born three girls: Anna (1888-1947) who married Rev. Andrew Olsavski, a Missouri Synod Lutheran Pastor, children: Ludmilla and Edward. Mary (1866-1918) married Michael Mako, no children; Dorothy (1901) married George Patrick (1898), no children; and one son George (1889-1956) married Mary Palya (1893) of this union three girls were: Margaret Ann (1915) who married Edward Pakan (1913). Their children: Dorothy (1934), George (1936) and Dora (1940); Mary Ann (1939) and Dora (1941); Mary (1941) and Judy (1944) married George Palya (1945); and Mary (1947) and Dorothy (1949). Their children: Dora (1945) and Lucy (1947) and George (1948) married Elizabeth (1949); and George (1950) and Paul (1951) and Mary (1952).

The Kerestes Farm was still in the family and at present is owned by Mrs. George (Mary) Kerestes.

GERALD MARUSKA

Gerald Maruska is the third generation family to live on this farm in Tabor township. Gerald's grandfather, William Maruska, was born near Alexandria, Minnesota, and came to Tabor township in his boyhood days. He married Mary Kuncel in 1906. She came from Prague, Czechoslovakia at the age of sixteen, worked in New York for a while and then came to Tabor township. They were the parents of Hedvicka (Vickie) and Ervin. They moved to this farm of Radman, Minnesota in 1912. He bought the house and farm buildings and planted the first grove of trees. William, Bill as many knew him, always liked to go fishing. They lived in Warren after Ervin got married.

Ervin married the former Ella Ross of Fisher in 1938, and they farmed until 1965. They had two children, Judy and Gerald. Judy is now Mrs. Tom Yutzenka. They live by Viking, Minnesota, and have five children. Since 1965, Gerald, who is married to the former Sandra Maerz, has been farming the land. They have three boys: Alan, Todd, and Dean. Hopefully one of these boys will farm to make it the fourth generation. They are members of the Warren school district, have children in 4-H, and attend Zion Lutheran Church.

Gerald Maruska
Farm Home in the 1900s.

Gerald Maruska
House and Yard 1970s.