to continue on in North Dakota so they had to cross the river in a boat. In the winter when the river was frozen, it was rather easy to cross. However, in the spring it was a different matter, some remember of crossing on ice floes, jumping from one floe to the other. This was a dangerous thing to do, but luckily no accidents happened.

Lars and Karen were members of the Sand Hill Lutheran church.

INGMAN THORESON, JR.
Ingman, Jr., is the oldest child of Ingman and Emma Thore-

Vineland Township

Vineland Township, the largest township in Polk County, was organized July 24, 1876.

A complete list of board members is not on record but the first clerk is listed as Frank Hanson.

The first road was laid out on May 18, 1878. This road began at the northwest corner of Section 6, Township 148, Range 48. It ran south on the range line to Section 18, then angled off in a southeasterly direction towards Climax and then south where Highway 75 is now located.

It was interesting to see in one of the records the proposition of the Rainy Lake, Crookston, and Pacific Railroad Company for municipal aid. They were desirous of securing aid from the town of Vineland in the construction of its road from Crookston to a point in the town of Shelly. They asked for the amount of $3,650 Dollars. This was in the year 1878.

Officers on record who have served more than twenty years are: John Thompson, clerk, 22 years; Olof Rensland, clerk, 14 years and treasurer 18 years; Simon Nelson, treasurer, 31 years; Alton Thune, clerk, 23 years. The schoolhouse for the former School District 6 is now used as a township hall.

The present officers are: Loran Stortroen, supervisor; Howard Hanson, supervisor; Glenn Evenson, supervisor; Oscar P. Vraa, treasurer; Paul Ramsey, clerk.

SAND HILL CHURCH

The early immigrants who settled in this valley along the Red River of the North were to a large extent Scandinavians who had lived for a longer or shorter period of time in Illinois, Iowa, or other parts of Minnesota. Most of them had therefore some acquaintance or affiliation with one or the other of the two existing Norwegian Lutheran Church denominations: the Norwegian Synod and the Norwegian Alanish Evangelical Conference. These churches through their home missions sought to reach out to all the new settlements with the word of God. Wherever men settled there came also the men of God to minister unto their spiritual need. The first ones of these to enter this settlement was Reverend Bernt Hagebo. This pioneer pastor came to this settlement from Audubon, Becker County, Minnesota.

While sleeping out on the open prairie one night the pastor had a wonderful dream. He saw a nail-pierced hagd of Christ pointing westward and he heard a voice saying, "Go, and I will be with you. Organize a great vineyard for me in this new country." Reverend Hagebo became the great organizer of