school. Some Crookston residents who taught there later are Gladys Knutson Erickson, Marian Monson Christopherson, Elorna Erickson Kleven, Alma Vigen Meng, Iona Mossefin Evenson, Inez Boelter and Thelma Ness Strommen. Others in the community are Marie Hage Rutkowski of Climax, Mary McMullen Stortroen, Olga Danielson Birkeland of Fisher, Wilma Strande Tinkham of Fisher, Cora Monson Evenson of Climax, and Penelope Van Pelt Evenson, deceased, of Crookston and Climax.

A piano was purchased for $100 in 1927 and most of the money was raised from a school basket social. This added much to a music loving community.

In 1927 through 1929, swings and slides greatly added to the playground enjoyment of the youngsters.

Ole Stortroen, now ninety years of age, is the oldest living pupil who attended District No. 6 school. He now resides at St. Francis residence in Crookston. Olive Jevning Neil, also a pupil, resides at St. Anne's Guest Home in Grand Forks, North Dakota and is 87 years of age in 1976.

Many District No. 6 pupils have gone on to high school and college and have been brilliant scholars. Edith Ruthenberg Englestad now residing in the Nielsville area represented Polk County in the State Declamatory contest in St. Paul. The old readin' and writin' 'rithmetic and spellin' was really taught in these three schools and was a great foundation for later education.

District No. 6 pupils were finally transported to the Climax High School in 1939 and joined the Climax District after the school fire there.

Memories and interesting happenings in the old log school, frame one-room school, and two-room school would fill several volumes of books. Remember when the teachers got locked in the school? When the teachers had fly papers stuck to their back? When sandwiches were made of lard and molasses? When shoe laces always broke? When the ink spilled? When someone chewed snuff in school? Oh yes, those were the Good Old School Days!!

![Sandhill or Neby Church.](image)

**VINELAND-TYNSID BRIDGE**

This bridge was known as the Neby Bridge. It was located less than a quarter of a mile east of the Sand Hill Church on the road now known as 220.

The lower bridge was built in 1911. It did not prove satisfactory for winter use so a second bridge constructed of wood was built on top. It served until 1924 when it was removed and a concrete and steel bridge replaced it. This one served until mid-50's when 220 was graded and paved.

**KNUT AKER**

Knut S. Aker was born in Norway, September 19, 1853, and came to this country in 1860 with his parents, Sander and Ingebor Aker. They located in Winneshick County, Iowa.

On June 12, 1878, Knute Aker came to Polk County and bought 160 acres of railroad land which is still part of his home farm.

In the fall of 1910, he was elected to the Minnesota House of Representatives and served in the regular session of 1911 and the special session of 1912. Mr. Aker was married in Bygland Township, Polk County on June 3, 1880 to Miss Alice Thompson, who was born in Cresco, Iowa, March 4, 1862. Nine children were born to this union. Ingebor, and Sander who died in infancy; then Ole; Mrs. John Tofslay (Ingebor or Bella); Mrs. Ole Bramseth (Guri); Sander; Carl; Mrs. Harry Larson (Ann); and Mrs. Emil Vigness (Mabel). All the children were baptized and confirmed in the Norwegian language.

Mrs. Aker had two brothers, Halvor and Ole Thompson, who lived in Montana. Halvor was married and had one daughter, Ella, but Ole never married. She had more in her family but no record of them.

**ANANIAS AND KARI BRAMSETH**

Ananias Bramseth (also known as Andrew and Annas) was one of the early settlers of Polk County, coming to America in 1866 from Trondhjem, Norway with his parents, three brothers and one sister. His oldest brother, Arndt remained in Norway where some of his family still resides. The family came to Vineeland township and homesteaded in 1871 where Mrs. Carl Hanson now resides.

In 1881, Ananias was united in marriage to Kari Nireson from Telemarken, Norway. They had a family of nine children, seven sons: John; Ole, still living; Henry, Julian, and Carl; and two daughters, Bessie and Anna, still living. Two children died in infancy. The Bramseths were charter members of the Sand Hill Lutheran church.

Ole married Guri Aker and they had three daughters. Cora (Mrs. Palmer Johnson), Hazel (Mrs. Herman Sondreal) and Opal (Mrs. Oliver Wright). Bessie married Alfred Simon and they had two daughters. Phyllis (Mrs. Claus Hanson) and Lucille (Mrs. Harold Sydenstricker). Henry married Minnie Vraa. They had no children. John, Julian, Carl and Anna were single. Ananias died at the age of 47 and his wife, Kari, lived to be 84.

**OLE BRAMSETH**

Ole Bramseth was born September 4, 1886 to Ananias and Kari Bramseth in Vineeland Township. He was a farmer all his life till retirement; also worked on the section crew for the railroad at the time and was a neighbor of Joe That were available. Ole Aker was born November 19, 1889 to Knut and Alice Aker in Hubbard Township. Guri attended North Dakota Business College for a short time but became a housewife later on. Ole and Guri were married December 27, 1909 at St. Petri Lutheran Church, Nielsville, Minnesota. It was a double church wedding with her brother Ole getting married the same time to Hilma Vigtast. It was very cold, over 30° below; and 50 years later it rained so we barely made it to church! In the evening it changed to sleet. They also celebrated their 60th Anniversary at their daughter’s place in Climax, Herman Sondreals.

Close relatives and friends attended. Three daughters were born to this union. Mrs. Palmer Johnson, Cora; Mrs. Herman Sondreal, Hazel and Mrs. Oliver Wright, Opal. They have six grandchildren and one great-grandson. My grandparents and folks saw many hardships but also many memorable occasions too. They saw days of depression, drought, floods, grasshopper infestations, etc! Roads were very poor and hard to get any place except to your neighbor which was not always easy either. They used to take a sack of wheat to the mill to exchange for a sack of flour and that was usually in the fall. There always was a supply of meat, eggs, milk, cream, butter, vegetables and fruit. People had to supply themselves as one didn’t get to town for quite some time, especially in the winter.

Ole Bramseths were charter members of the Skatvold Congregation which transferred to the Climax Lutheran Church. Mother passed away December 7, 1970 and Dad is now residing at the Fair Meadow Nursing Home, Fertile, Minnesota. Guri is buried in the Skatvold Cemetery. Cora married Palmer Johnson August 25, 1942. He was a farmer but retired this year. They have no children. Hazel married Herman Sondreal September 29, 1940. He is a farmer. They have two children: Gail, a teacher; and Wayne, a partner in farming with his dad. Opal married Oliver Wright April 6, 1946. He was a farmer but went into construction. They have four children: Connie who is stenographer bookkeeper at Fargo; Keith who is in Littleton, Colorado working at a clothing store; Steve who is a manager for Red Owl at Minneapolis, Minnesota; and Janet who is in Tucson, Arizona doing secretarial work. Michael Lunde is