George Brolsma Jr. Family: Seated, left to right: Mrs. George Brolsma, Jodi Gawrylow, Scott Sanders and George Brolsma. Standing, left to right: David and Janet Gawrylow, Cindy Brolsma and Carol and Don Sanders holding baby Susan Sanders.

high evergreens planted that we had purchased from Herschel Lysaker for $2. a tree and dig them your self. Every one grew!

By this time the lot next to us had been purchased by Don and Marie Anderson, and they started to build. Later across the road Elroy and Shirley Orstad built on the end hillside lot, now owned by Bud and Terry Salem. Also building were David and Gloria Wadholm, Dan and Margaret Novacek, and Elmer and Vid Durdahl. Now all the lots were taken.

We just had a dirt road in that first year, but the neighborhood didn’t wait for the street department, they got together and had gravel hauled in and worked it out together until our street, called Russell Street, was put in the following year.

Since that time, George has built 28 new homes, 12 in Crookston and 16 in the rural areas, and several commercial buildings, including Midland Cooperative, Senske Transfer, Viking Bar and Lounge, Northwest Lumber and Dahlgren Office Building.

Our two married daughters live in Crookston. David and Janet Gawrylow have a daughter, Jodi, who is eleven years old. Donald (Sandy) and Carol Sanders have three children, Scott six, Susan five, and Steven four. David is working with George in the building business. Sandy is employed at the Minnesota Technical College as a plumber.

Cindy, our youngest, graduated from the University of Minnesota, Duluth in 1974, and is employed with the Arrowhead Regional Development Commission at Duluth, Minnesota. She was Crookston Central’s 1969 foreign exchange student to New Guinea, attending school at Port Morseby, New Guinea. Her AFS experience was rich and rewarding and we are still grateful to the community for the opportunity.

EDWARD WALTER BROUILLET

Edward Walter Brouillet was born on April 3, 1868 to Anselm and Marie Consineau Brouillet in Quebec, Canada. Some years later on October 15, 1880, Delia O’Clair was born to Charles and Marie Biron O’Clair in Ontario, Canada. Both families found their way to the United States. Edward and Delia were married in Red Lake Falls, Minnesota on August 17, 1902.

Their first son, Fred, was born on November 9, 1903. Their daughter Marie was born June 5, 1906 in Red Lake Falls. Until he was 39 years old, Edward was still a citizen of Canada, or Great Britain and Ireland, as stated on his certificate of naturalization dated January 7, 1908. The certificate describes him as 6 feet 1½ inches tall, dark complexion, gray eyes and black hair. He had a scar on his right temple and was missing his little finger on his left hand.

Edward was working at the Red Lake Falls flour mill. When the mill was destroyed by fire the company transferred him to Crookston where the Crookston Milling Company was established. Edward was a grain buyer and made foreman of all outside activities of the mill and the warehouse. He was known as a man of great strength who could heave 100-pound sacks of flour with ease.

The Brouillots’ second son, Leo, was born April 21, 1910 in Crookston, but died of pneumonia on March 8, 1912. Soon after, on May 1, 1912, the third child, Remi, died.

The family belonged to St. Anne’s Church in Crookston. Edward was not a Catholic until two years before his death, but followed all the rules of the Catholic Church with his family so faithfully that the pastor was unaware for quite a few years that he was not a member.

The children grew up and began to leave the family home. Remi married Blanche Fortier. Their daughter, Betty Jane, was born July 21, 1938, was the only grandchild Edward was to know. Edward died on February 15, 1939.

Marie married Elmer (Dick) Richardson and settled near Fisher, where Dick worked on the Northern Pacific Railroad. They had no children. Fred married Rose Harten and settled in East Grand Forks. Fred managed grocery stores most of his life. Their son, Bill, lives with his family in Grand Forks, North Dakota.

Clifford joined the Marines and later married Hazel Hogenson. Clifford worked at the Crookston Mill, but later moved West finally settling in northern California. They have three sons, Edward, James and Mark.

Lorena joined the Service becoming one of the first WACs. She married Francis Johnson in California. They had two daughters, Danielle and Yvonne.

Remi worked as a civilian defense worker during the war. His family followed when they could. At the end of the war, they decided to settle in Denver, Colorado. A daughter, Carol, was born there before they moved back to Crookston.

Remi died April 16, 1948. His Mother, Delia, died on February 26, 1949. Marie died on December 17, 1953; Fred died on December 23, 1956 and Lorena died May 25, 1975.

There is only one Brouillet now living in Polk county. Betty Brouillet remains in Crookston, where she works at the First National Bank.

JOHN AND MARY BYWATER

We have only been residents of Polk County for three years, but actually Polk County has meant much more. Mary was brought into the world by Dr. Mercil at the old Bethesda Hospital in Crookston, the daughter of G. Orvis and Valda (Duckstad) Hanson, who lived in Fertile. Orvis was the son of Norman Hanson, the first President of the State Bank of Fertile, and he worked there until late in the year of 1938 when they moved to Grand Forks, North Dakota. The fraternal grandparents were Julia Christiansen Hanson and the maternal grandparents were Nels and Bertha (Urdahl) Duckstad. They were all immigrants from Norway to the Fertile and Twin Valley area.