at the former Northwest School, the Crookston Central High School and many other buildings in Crookston.

Mrs. Gustafson, who died in 1966, was the last charter member of the Swedish Covenant church.

They had two daughters, Ethel, now Mrs. Oscar Brustad of Crookston, and Edna Mae, Mrs. J. H. Viker, of Little Falls, Minnesota.

OSCAR LARS HAMERY

Oscar Lars Hamery was born at Hamre of Sogn, Norway on November 1850. He came to America with his parents at the age of nine years.

On September 12, 1875 he married Johanne Karene Lensegrav, one of the thirteen children of Tomas Johnson Lensegrav and his wife Siri Vrlast Lensegrav. Oscar and Johanne lived near Fairbault, Minnesota until her parents moved north to Garfield township. Then they also moved there with their first child, Mary Mathilda, born April 10, 1877. Here both families homesteaded just outside the present town of Fertile, Minnesota. Tomas gave the land to the town for its first cemetery, which is still used.

On April 6, 1881, while O. L. Hamery was out surveying; his wife gave birth to their son, George Thomas, while waiting for her mother to arrive to assist with the birth. This baby was the first white child born at Garfield township.

Later Oscar moved his family to Crookston, where he became the civil engineer for that city, and retained this position for many years. Three more children were born to them after this move. They were Stella Miranda, who was born March 23, 1887; Elmer Lawrence, born October 8, 1889; and Mathilda Dorothea, born March 12, 1894. She was named for Mary Mathilda, who died at age twelve. This last baby died at the age of two years.

In his early manhood George, with his brother Elmer, assisted their father in surveying the area around Warroad, Stephen, Crookston, and later Gonvick. George met Adelia Clara Stockland at Stephen, where her father Charles K. and mother Ingaborg Vraa lived. The couple were married here on December 25, 1901: they lived at Stephen until after the birth of their first daughter, Dorothy Amy Honora, March 6, 1903. They moved to Crookston, where George had a photograph gallery. Later he, his father, brother, a cousin, Henry Rovang of Erskine, and Haaken Hall of Gonvick started a land company at Gonvick. Later C. A. Boalt of Minneapolis started the first bank, The Farmers-State Bank, of Gonvick, where George Hamery began as vice-president, and later was president of same bank. He remained here until after the death of his father, O. L., in 1925, and his mother in 1926, when he again moved to Crookston to help his sister, for his brother, Elmer had died in October, 1913.

George and Adelia had two more daughters after their move to Gonvick. They were Virginia Mary Thelma, born March 10, 1908, and Lucille Gladys Viola, born September 4, 1911.

After the family moved to Crookston Dorothy married John Edward Benson, a photographer there. They had no children.

Virginia married Gilmer H. Olson, of Bagley, Minnesota. He worked in the grocery store of his father, Gilbert, and later bought it and remained there until his retirement in the early 1970's. This couple had one child, Joanna Karene, named in honor of her great-grandmother. She married John McCrary, who was killed in action in the Vietnam War, in May. Their daughter was born the following August 27, 1967.

Lucille attended Moorhead Teachers College and taught school at Bagley, Minnesota five years prior to her marriage to Harvey George Courtney, who worked in the First National Bank, where his father, George Bray Courtney, was cashier. After his death, Harvey became cashier until the early 1970's, when he became senior vice-president. To this couple were born two children, Marilyn Lucille and George Hamery, who was named in honor of both grandparents' names — first and surnames. Marilyn married Patrick Philip Lyons of California. She had been a legal secretary there for several years. George is not married at this writing. He works in St. Paul, Minnesota.


CARL HANSON

Carl Hanson and Mary Kuhn met one evening playing the game of “wink.” Carl was born in Crookston January 20, 1907. Mary was born in Pennsylvania August 31, 1911 and came to Euclid, Minnesota with her parents when she was a small child. Carl was the youngest son of Charles and Olena Hanson. They came to this country from Stavanger, Norway with their parents. They settled in Minnesota during the time of the Indians. They had no trouble with the Indians as they would give food to them when they asked for it, and the Indians would help again.

Charles Hanson was born April 1, 1855, and Olena Olson was born December 6, 1864. They were united in marriage in Douglas county, Minnesota, February 28, 1884. Charles was a blacksmith by trade, which was good during the horse and buggy times but as horse and buggy were replaced by the automobile, there was no more use for a blacksmith. They moved into Crookston, where he worked with the logging industry. Then they moved to Middle River, Minnesota, where they farmed and cut logs for fuel and lumber. They stayed there until 1928, when they moved back to Crookston to make their home until Charles' death in September 1936. Olena stayed on in Crookston after his death. She passed away in April, 1959, at the Bethesda Nursing home.

Charles and Olena had ten children. Two passed away in infancy. The other eight were: Clara, Inga, Palmer, Bennie, Rose, Olaf, Clifford and Carl. Clare is still living in Fosston, Minnesota. They were married, Carl died in January 1973. They have celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary in July, 1972. Rose is living with her husband at Stephen, Minnesota. Clifford, the only living son, is in Seattle, Washington, where four of his children live. His wife Helen died December, 1970. About two years later Carl and Mary were united in marriage. To them four children were born. Leona, the first daughter, was born January 20, 1930, on her dad's birthday. Virginia was born two years later, March 14, 1932. Then eleven years later, Shirley was born, May 16, 1943. Another eight years later, the only son, Dale, was born, February 12, 1951.

All four children went through grade school and graduated from Central High in Crookston. Leona and Virginia worked for the telephone company after graduation.

Leona married Alfred Bakken, Jr., whom she had known during their high school days. They live in East Grand Forks, where Alfred works for the Burlington Northern Railroad. To them six children were born. Virginia married Conrad Zakh and they live on a farm near Angus, Minnesota, and they have two boys.

Shirley, after graduation, worked in Minneapolis, Minnesota, Brackton, Massachusetts, and then came back to Crookston and worked for the Polk County Welfare Service. She married Edward Strander and they live in Bloomington, Minnesota where he is aeronautic controller. They have two children.

Dale, after his graduation from high school, attended Uni-