building a new dairy barn in the summer of 1951, after which they sold grade A milk, for bottling purposes, for a number of years.

In 1952, their 4-H Club years began with Joe joining the North Star 4-H Club. One project he carried throughout all his 4-H years was the lamb project, with which he won four trips to the junior livestock show. He won trips to the Minnesota State Fair. In April of 1955, a daughter Bonnie was born.

Alice Ann also joined the North Star 4-H Club when she became nine years old. Her main projects were foods, clothing, junior leadership and lamb. She got a trip to the Minnesota State Fair on dress review and one on a demonstration. Another trip she won as a result of her 4-H records was to be one of eight Minnesota 4-H'ers to represent the State at the American Institute of Cooperatives at Lansing, Michigan. Joe and Alice Ann both received the 4-H Key Awards. Bonnie died from cancer at the age of twelve years after a six-month illness. She also joined the North Star 4-H Club when she became nine years old and carried on in foods and clothing projects. The children all attended the Cathedral grade school. Joe graduated from Cathedral high school and received the citizenship award. Alice Ann graduated from Mount St. Benedict high school, then went to North Dakota State University in Fargo, North Dakota, graduating with a bachelor of science degree in home economics in 1969.

In April of 1963, Joe married Mary Beth Martin of Oslo, Minnesota. At this time, Leo and Anna rented the farm to him and purchased a house in Crookston. Leo worked for two years at the Northwest School of Agriculture in the dairy barn and field labor. He then began to work at Mount St. Benedict, where he is still employed on ground maintenance. In 1965, Anna started to work in the hot lunch program at St. Joseph's Academy, then transferred to the Catholic Elementary school in 1972. In 1974, she became cook-manager.

In 1967, Joe and family moved to Montevideo, Minnesota, where he works for the Soil Conservation Service. Mary Beth works as a teacher's aide. Leo and Anna then sold the farm yard and buildings and rented out the farm land. Alice Ann married Arnold Sadowsky in June, 1969. They reside in Columbia Heights, Minnesota. Alice Ann is a dietitian at Anoka State Hospital and Arnold works for Control Data Corporation. There are four grandchildren: Joe has three: Jacalyn, 1964; John, 1965; and Jason, 1968. Alice Ann has one: Debra, 1973. Leo and Anna have both been active in the Crookston Garden Club since 1969.

EDDY F. KINNAN

Eddy Foster Kinnan and Laura Marlow Kinnan brought their family to the Red River Valley at a relatively late date. It was with high hopes that they migrated from Iowa in 1914 and settled on a farm west of the present University.

"Are you a Norwegian or a Swede?" was the first greeting given to Velura Kinnan when she entered the Crookston High School. A negative answer brought the second question, "Then what are you?" Having come from a small community in Iowa, where American Melting Pot was emphasized over the preservation of national origins, she was uncertain and the unstable interest in national origins had been awakened.

Trying to untangle the long confused frustrating lines of ancestral roots has led back to England, Ireland and Scotland. Scotland seems to have been our strongest tie and the search has revealed half forgotten names of Cary, McCracken and Sanders. The earliest Kinnan to arrive was Peter, who came to the young colonies in 1682. Two Kinnans served in the Revolutionary War. Old letters tell of the families' progress westward making their way on flat boats on the Ohio River to Cincinnati. From there the families have scattered and 1914 found our branch of the family located on a beautiful fertile farm in the Red River Valley. However, those War I-years were hard for farmers. Harvest help was difficult. Even businessmen in Crookston helped to shock wheat after closing hours.

Eventually, for lack of help, the farm was given up and for a few years Mr. Kinnan operated what was then called the Grand Central Hotel. That was a good move at the wrong time. The day of motor travel and motels had come. The building was sold to the present Crookston Times and my father retired.

The Kinnan family consisted of three daughters: Vera, married Joseph Brule. She worked at the Crookston Post Office, Eagle Drug Company and later at the office of the Polk County Treasurer. Hazel — is married to George Erickson and lives with her family in Seattle. Velura, unmarried, served with the Lutheran Mission in Tanzania, Africa for 24 years.

JOHN LAUGHLIN SR.

John Laughlin was born June 24, 1865 at Correan, Ireland. He came to America in 1877, and resided for a year in Philadelphia. He came to Minnesota in 1879, and settled in Melrose, where he worked for the St. Paul, Minnesota and Manistota Railway, predecessors of the Great Northern. Starting out as a section laborer, he worked up to the position of section foreman and in 1891 was appointed to the office of assistant roadmaster with headquarters at Crookston. In 1905, he became division roadmaster of the railroad's Northern Division with headquarters at Crookston. In 1922, when the headquarters for the division was moved to Grand Forks, Mr. Laughlin went there to take charge of the office but he still maintained his home in Crookston. In 1931, he retired after 51 years of continuous service with the railroad. While living in Crookston, he was a life member of the Knights of Columbus, and a member of the Catholic Order of Foresters.

He was married to Mary Feeney of St. Paul, Minnesota, in 1889. Their home was at 723 North Main Street. They had three sons, John Joseph of Crookston, a conductor of the Great Northern Railway who put in almost fifty years of service, and passed away February 2, 1961. William Laughlin who passed away in 1916, and the other son was Thomas Laughlin, a clerk in the Great Northern office for many years at Grand Forks. He passed away. Mayme Laughlin, their only daughter, was married to William McCabe, who passed away April 18, 1953. Mayme is the only living Laughlin and now lives at Warrenton, Virginia. Mary Feeney Laughlin passed away November 14, 1941.

John Laughlin, Sr. passed away May 17, 1944, at age 78 years.

DOUGLAS AND BETTE LAURENT

The early years of our marriage, when our children were small, we lived at several Air Force Base locations, during Doug's service with the armed forces.

Doug was born in Crookston, April 6, 1919, and as a child lived in the Stathre Flats (Crookston College), corner of South Ash Street and Robert Street across from the Red Owl, where he was born. He was the son of Harry and Anne Lau-