living. I might be tired or have a headache, but after I get together with band members and play awhile, I feel refreshed. Music is another way of expressing a desire to excell. I think everyone should play an instrument, or at least try it out."

Hersch is active in community activities. He's a member of the Lions and Masons, and has sung in the church choir for 50 years. He taught Sunday school for some 25 years, and was baseball commissioner for city teams in the northern third of Minnesota for many years. For 20 years, he was a Red Cross Water Safety Instructor, passing some 300 instructors. He was a Boy Scout Master for several years, and managed the Scout Camp at Waubaunaqut for two summers. As a charter member of the Crookston Junior Chamber of Commerce, he won the first Outstanding Jaycee award given. On the political side, he's a staunch Republican, serving as Polk County Chairman for the party.

The Lysakers have three sons: John, David and Pepper. John and David are in business in the Seattle area. Pepper has followed in his father's footsteps and is the football coach at Mesabi State Community College in Virginia, Minnesota.

Hersch and Esther own a cottage at Union Lake that they plan to enjoy with more regularity, and they've bought a travel trailer. "We're going south next winter when it's cold. Crookston will continue to be our home, though.

When he retires from UMC, Hersch has a position with USDA awaiting. He has no doubt that he'll miss the students, however. "The most rewarding part is the friendships I've built up with hundreds of kids over the years. That's the real joy of teaching, what people outside the teaching profession don't understand. You see the kids you may have helped out, and you see how they've turned out in later life. I go to a Shriners meeting and there might be ten people who played on a team I coached. We lived right on campus, we saw the students every day for four years. You couldn't help but get close to them.''

ALEX MacGregor

Alexander MacGregor had decided, by 1879, that the days of the water-driven flour mills were over, and a year later, in 1880, he brought his family to Carman, Minnesota, where he had accepted a position as a grain agent for J. J. Hill, the business partner of E. D. Childs of Carman. In fact, he had left Burlington, Vermont a year earlier to build a house for his wife and two young sons. The next year he returned to Vermont to bring back by boat the Great Lakes and by rail from Milwaukee to their new home.

Cornelia Lawrence MacGregor must have found it difficult to leave Burlington, where her great grandfather had been the first white settler, before the Revolution, on the site where the city of Burlington was finally established. But she had left two small daughters in a Vermont cemetery and her letters and diaries tell of her need to leave a place that had become so sorrowful. Virgil and Frederick MacGregor were the small boys who came to Carman with the family, and they both lived out their long lives in Crookston.

Virgil Lawrence MacGregor, the elder, became a prominent and greatly respected businessman in Crookston as a banker, founder of the Crookston Savings and Loan Association, and as an originator of the McNary-Haagen Bill, which advocated the control of farm surpluses to make them available during periods of drought. Virgil was commissioned to Washington to confer with agricultural experts during the 1920s, and there is not doubt that his advocacy of such legislation has influenced subsequent farm legislation in the United States.

Virgil married Alma Follansbee, a graduate of Oberlin, who had come to Crookston to teach at Crookston High School. Mrs. MacGregor later became a member of the Crookston Library Board and was a very active member of the Congregational church and — after it closed — of the First Methodist church. Their children, Donald, Janet and Alan, all graduated from the local high school. Donald became a science teacher and chairman of the science department at Victorville Senior High School, Victorville, California; Dr. Janet MacGregor is practicing as an osteopathic physician in Crookston; and Alan, a graduate of Hamline University, is employed by American Can Company in Neenah, Wisconsin.

Frederick Ernest MacGregor, the younger son, brought his bride, Ouida Winslow, to Crookston in 1914. She was the only daughter of an early state banker, Lester W. Winslow, founder of, among other banks, Winslow's State Bank in Battle Lake, Minnesota. After their marriage, they settled in Crookston, where Mr. MacGregor was employed in banks and for a time worked as a bank examiner for the state banking department. This occupation required the family to move several times, although they always retained a Crookston home and eventually moved back to Crookston.

The Frederick MacGregors also had three children. The oldest, Cornelia, married a Crookston native, Leonard Nachbar. She has two children, Ouida Margaret, who is an architect in Albuquerque, and Lawrence Charles who lives in Duluth. Cornelia is presently teaching school in Bloomington, Minnesota. She has written a set of six English text books published by McGraw-Hill in 1974. Lester, too, married a local girl, Edith O'Boyle, whose family have been in Crookston since 1870. The third child, Vivian deEtte, married James Terry and lives in Hialeah, Florida. They have three children, Joseph, Martha and Nola. DeEtte has worked several years as a surveyor, since her children have been grown.

Early family memories for the children of both the MacGregor sons include summers at the Maple Lake cottage which had been built about 1900, and which the families shared for many years. The hazards and inconveniences of Maple Lake life during the early years of the century involved outdoor plumbing, obtaining water in great jugs from a farmhouse caty-corner from the old hotel, sleeping on a screened porch to the rich lullaby of the loons, and knowing how to avoid or at least how to treat annual outbreaks of poison ivy.

LESTER MACGREGOR

Lester Winslow MacGregor, the only son of Frederick and Ouida MacGregor, married Edith O'Boyle, a lifetime resident of Crookston, in 1938. Lester graduated from the Northwest School of Agriculture in 1936, where he played basketball and football. His baseball career at the "A.C." was rather short. He pitched one game which was called after one inning when the opposing team surged ahead 25-0! During World War II Lester worked on the Al-Can Highway and various defense projects including the Hanford Project, where some of the first atomic bombs were produced. He then served in the Seabees and was stationed in California until after the war was over. After the war he rejoined his growing family in Crookston and spent the following year and a-half building a house for them. In 1948 he rejoined the post office where he had worked before the war. He spent two years as a letter carrier in Crookston and since then has been a rural route carrier. He has been delivering mail in rural Crookston for over twenty-five years. Lester has been a member of the American Legion since 1946. He