sang in the choir all the years of his life. Shortly after the Northwest Singers were organized, my father sang with them under the leadership of his good friend, T. W. Thorson. He was a member until his death. In 1922 Dad became president of the First National Bank, a position he held until his retirement on December 31, 1954. He had been associated with the bank for 51 years.

Three children were born to my mother and father — Elizabeth (myself), Albert, and Alice. I was graduated from the University of Minnesota and now reside in the family home on Summit Avenue. I have participated in cultural and church activities in Crookston since 1949. Albert married Beth Balfour of Crookston. They have two sons, Albert earned his B.S. and M.S. degrees from the University of Minnesota and a Ph.D. at Oregon State University. He is now a soils and irrigation specialist at the University of California at Riverside, and is consulted on these problems in many parts of the world. Alice earned a degree from the University of North Dakota. She married Dr. Howard R. Ware, who is an osteopathic physician. They live in Lafayette, Indiana, and have two daughters.

FRANK C. MILLER

When Frank and Mattie Miller arrived in Polk County in 1909, one of their most vivid impressions of the area was the richness of the deep black soil. The couple had come from Afton, Wisconsin, where Mr. Miller was born in 1883 and Mrs. Miller in 1884. His father, William Jay Miller, had left Wisconsin several years earlier and had encouraged his son to join him in the Red River Valley. The younger couple settled five miles south of Crookston where they farmed for nine years.

During that nine year period they formed many close ties with members of the Fairfax-Andover Club, a close-knit group of area farmers. Club meetings were held during the day in members' homes. The highlight of the event, in this writer's recollection, was the sumptuous noon meal which very often featured mouth-watering creamed chicken on biscuits or mashed potatoes.

Baby sitters were unheard of in 1918, so children routinely accompanied their parents to the gatherings. One incident involving the Millers and one of their children was told and retold many times, probably with embellishments in the retelling. The child involved was going through that period of development now known as "toilet training." The child had been taught to bring her "potty" to her mother as the need arose. At one club meeting, much to Mrs. Miller's embarrassment, the need arose immediately after the noon meal. So the well-trained child, with potty in hand, approached her helpless mother who sat in the midst of what must have seemed to be the entire township population. To the amusement of all, Mr. John Perry was heard to announce, "Here comes the finger bowl". Mrs. Miller's face was said to have turned as red as her hair.

In 1918 the family moved into the city where Mr. Miller was employed briefly by Slocum-Francis grocery store where bottling milk was one of his duties.

He then moved to Peterson-Biddick Company and "Poultry, Eggs, Feeds and Seeds" became his livelihood. At that time refrigerated railroad cars were not yet in existence, so Mr. Miller accompanied carloads of live chickens to their destination in Chicago or New York. His brother, Dale Miller, was later involved in these eventful trips to the big city. This meant feeding and watering the birds and living in close quarters with them twenty-four hours of the day. He returned from these trips smelling much like his fellow travelers!

Mr. Miller remained with Peterson-Biddick Co. as manager until his retirement in 1940 and continued his association with the company on a "semi-retired" basis until his death in 1964 at the age of 81.

The Millers were parents of three children, all born in Crookston, and grandparents of seven grandchildren. Their children are Mrs. O. J. Rodseth (Lois) and William A. Miller, owner of Bill Miller TV and Appliance of Crookston, and Mrs. D. W. McNaughton (Harriet) of Flushing, Michigan. There are also four great-grandchildren.

The Millers were members of the Methodist Church and Mr. Miller's activities included membership in the Masonic Lodge, AF and AM; Rotary Club which he served as secretary, president and treasurer; Chamber of Commerce; Crookston Garden Club; director of Crookston Savings and Loan Association; director of the First National Bank. Both Mr. and Mrs. Miller shared an interest in flowers and gardening and had won numerous prizes for their roses and peonies.

Mrs. Miller died in 1969 at the age of 85.

ROSELLA RASMUSSEN MILLER

Rosella Rasmussen was a graduate of Crookston High School and later Bemidji Teacher's College. She taught school for five years in North Dakota and Minnesota. On June 18, 1927, she and Dale Miller were married. In August of the same year they established their home at 910 Stearns St., Crookston, Minnesota, where Rosella still resides.

Dale was an employee of Peterson Biddick Company for a period of forty years. In the early years he made numerous trips to New York and Chicago, via railway with car loads of live poultry. He became very interested in trains, so much so that he built a miniature train, which their children: Dorothy Ann and James Dale, enjoyed riding on in their back yard. W. Dale Miller died May 28, 1967.

Dorothy Ann and James Dale both graduated from Crookston High School. Dorothy Ann attended Hamline University, St. Paul, and graduated from Miss Wood's Kindergarten and Primary Training school at Macalester College. She was a kindergarten teacher at Detroit Lakes, Minnesota, for one year, and after marriage taught in public schools of California.

On June 27, 1951, Dorothy Ann and James H. Woodstrom were married at the Methodist church, Crookston. They now live at Carmichael, California, where James is a senior materials and research engineer with the State of California in the Division of Highways at Sacramento, California.

They have three children: Sarah Jane, attending college; Eric James and Catherine Jean (Caty) both in high school.

James Dale Miller graduated from Hamline University in 1953, then as a graduate student joined the United States Department of Agriculture and obtained his Ph.D. in plant pathology.

In 1954, James Dale Miller and Norma Enge were married at the Trinity Lutheran church in Crookston. They then went to St. Paul to live, where their two children were born: Kari Lee and Lori.

A number of years later, James was sent by the United States Department of Agriculture to Puerto Rico; he was stationed at the Federal Agriculture Station at Mayaguez, Puerto Rico for three years. Then he was transferred back to the United States and now is stationed as plant pathologist at the United States Department of Agriculture at the North Dakota State University at Fargo, North Dakota.

Kari Miller is a senior and Lori is a junior in high school.

Mrs. James Miller at present is a secretary for the Civic Auditorium in Fargo, North Dakota.

James D. Miller and Dorothy Ann Miller, children of Dale and Rosella Miller.