ents. John and Ann Coneran, who had moved into Crookston from Fisher five years previous. 520 North Main Street became the home of Jennie and her family. (This house was moved from Main Street when Standard Oil constructed their station on the corner of 6th Street and Main).

Jennie and Pete Sullivan had five children: Ralph, presently at Veterans' Hospital in St. Cloud; Pete, married to Violet Raanen and parent of five sons, now living in Thief River Falls; Joe, killed in an auto accident in 1942; Patricia, married to Bill Nimens and parents of five children; and Dennis (Spanky), married to Mona Ellingson and parents of seven children, living in Crookston. Pete and Spanky are co-owners of Grain Belt Distributing Company.

Patricia graduated from Cathedral High School (the school was torn down in 1972) and St. Michael's School of Nursing at Grand Forks, North Dakota. Following her graduation, Pat practiced her nursing profession in California. Upon her return to Crookston, she married Bill, who had moved from Minneapolis to Crookston in 1946. He is presently President of Associated Heating Engineers, has done land development and construction business, Bill, who is a member of the Methodist Church, served as Department Commander of DAV, was Mayor of Crookston and is a member of various service organizations and lodges. He was vice-chairman of the Housing Redevelopment Authority during the time of the construction of Oak Court and the South Main Street development. He served as chairman of HRA when the beginning of the downtown urban renewal started in 1974. Bill developed the Nimens subdivision (southeast Crookston) and constructed 56 houses.

He named Twin Drive after his twin sons, Jon and Jay.

Pat, who is a member of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, sings in the church choir, is a member of various civic and auxiliary organizations of the city, is presently employed part-time at the Polk County Nursing Service.

Bill and Pat's family consist of Julianne, Tom, Mary Jane, Jon A. and Jay B. Their first-born son, Billie Pat, drowned in the Red River in 1952 at the age of two years. Julianne, who has her B.S. in nursing, was married in 1975 to Timothy Rubley. They reside in Rock Island, Illinois. Mary Jane is employed in Boulder, Colorado, having received a degree in fashion merchandising. Tom, Jon and Jay are employed at Associated Heating and Nimens Construction. The family resides at 914 Thorndale Avenue in a home they built in 1956.

MICHAEL J. O'BOYLE

Michael John O'Boyle resided in Crookston for almost sixty years. He was born in Orangeville, Ontario in 1868 the son of Michael O'Boyle, who was born in County Mayo, Ireland and Catherine Curry O'Boyle a native of Boston. At the age of two his parents moved to Kendall, Wisconsin. His mother died soon after and he and his brother Patrick and sister Mary were raised by their grandmother, Bridg Quinn O'Boyle.

He came to Crookston in 1895. After several years' employment with the Nash-Finch Wholesale House, he was employed as a "setter" in the Crookston Saw Mill, a post he held until the mill closed in 1914. For three ensuing years he held similar positions in Ada, St. Hilaire, Bemidji, and International Falls. In 1917 he was appointed in charge of the Crookston parks serving in that capacity until his retirement in 1946. He was remembered by the residents as a man who was always willing to lend a helping hand and by the children of that era who used the warming house he maintained for skating in Central Park.

In 1903 Michael married Maude Kelley, the daughter of the Andrew Kelleys, pioneer Crookston settlers. The couple observed their golden anniversary in 1953, prior to his death in 1954. Mrs. O'Boyle died in August 1968.

They were parents of six sons and two daughters. Two sons, Herbert and Fayette, died in infancy, Robert married Eva Ditty in 1932. They are parents of Michael and John. Robert was traffic manager for the Crookston Milling Company for a number of years. He has resided in Milwaukee since 1954. His son Michael, an army career man, with the Air Force is presently serving in Okinawa. They have three sons, Patrick, Michael and Peter, and a daughter Janet. John is living in Milwaukee. Kenneth (Bud) married Gladys Benson. In 1945 they opened the Irishman's Shanty in Crookston. He died in 1958 and Gladys is still owner and operator. Their daughter Patricia (Mrs. Melvin Larson) resides in Crookston, and Mary (Mrs. Allen Amiot) lives in Bloomington. The Larsons have two sons, Kevin and Michael, and two daughters, Colleen and Heather.

The Amiots have a son Anthony and a daughter Nicole. William married Mildred Smith. She died in 1945 while he was in service in World War II. He served three years with the Air Force in North Africa and Italy. Following the war he was employed by Lockheed Aircraft of California and Boeing Aircraft of Seattle. He is now retired and living in Milwaukee.

The youngest son Milton was with the United States 9th Army in Europe in World War II. He was with the infantry with a machine gun company and was killed in the Battle of the Bulge on January 30, 1945 at the age of 21. His body was later returned to Crookston for burial in Oakdale Cemetery. Gwen, the older daughter, was married to George Richard. He was with the COD Clothing Company of Crookston for many years and was later owner. After selling out, he was with McDonald Clothing of Grand Forks. He died in August 1971. Edith married Lester MacGregor. They are parents of two sons and two daughters. Lester is a rural carrier for the Crookston Post Office. Their son Frederick and wife Lois are parents of a daughter, Amy. Lester Winslow and wife Sachi have four daughters, Mayumi, Catherine and Sandra (twins) and Michi. Bonny and husband William Crow are parents of April Beth. All reside in Grand Forks. Daughter Robin is married to John Ferret. They live in Barnsville with their daughter, Erica.

MATT AND AMELIA ODEGAARD

Matt Odegaard was born on November 13, 1886, in Norway on a farm north of Oslo. When he was seventeen years old, he came to the United States with a man from South Dakota who was visiting Matt's parents at that time. After a ten-day journey on ship, they landed at Ellis Island, which was the clearing point for United States immigrants. From there they took a train to Chicago. He recalls that the train was so crowded he sat on his suitcase all the way. From Chicago they went to