HULDA AND ANTON ODLAUG

Hulda was the second child born to Erik and Johanna Erikson in Sweden, baptized in 1875. She immigrated to America in 1880 with her parents and sisters, Hannah and Agnette. She attended country school held in the “front room” of the Erikson log house and later in the school built on the corner of her father’s homestead.

She was confirmed by Rev. Lunde in Rindal in 1892. When they moved to Fertile, Sand Hill Farm, she finished her schooling under R. G. Spence, superintendent in Fertile. She worked several years for editor L. E. George of the Fertile Journal in 1898 and ‘99. She spent two years in Rockford, Illinois with her mother’s relatives. On her return she married Anton Odlaug August 19, 1903, a clerk in Holten and Carlson Store.

They moved to Rindal, where Anton became co-partner in the store. Their son Alvin was born there. They moved to Fertile in 1905. Anton had been a carpenter in Norway and in spare time built and sold four homes when working for Holten and Carlson.

With the extra money earned, Anton bought a men’s clothing store and it flourished until the Depression years came and it was forced to sell out.

He started running a berry and vegetable farm. Hulda was an excellent partner in this venture, as she loved gardening and outdoor life. After several years, Anton’s health began to fail and he passed on at age 87 on October 23, 1957. Hulda remained active for a few more years, even going by plane alone to live with her son Alvin and wife in Everett, Washington. In 1967, she returned to Fertile to enter the newly-built Fair Meadow Home. She was their first resident. At 92 years of age she passed on January 14, 1970.

Hulda was very active in church work; as Ladies Aid treasurer, three years; and as secretary for five years.

FRANK REBER

Frank H. Reber was born on January 11, 1850, in Jo Davies County, Illinois. In 1871, he married Mary L. White, who was born on August 22, 1852, in Ward’s Grove, Illinois. In 1903, they moved to Minnesota on a farm near Burnam Creek. Four of their grown children came with them; Mabel, Bert, William and Elmina. Several children died in infancy in Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Reber moved to Crookston in 1920. When Mr. Reber died in 1927, their son William came to Crookston to be with his mother. He bought their home and seven acres of land at 735 Washington Avenue. He raised fruits and vegetables for sale and also worked for the city of Crookston for many years.

William Reber married Gladys Reinschmidt on September 15, 1935. His mother lived with them until her death in March of 1937. They have two children, Gloria Majoy of Finley, North Dakota. She has five children. Eugene Reber lives in Bismarck, North Dakota and has one little girl.

William Reber died in 1968. Mrs. Gladys Reber is living in Crookston and has worked at the city Rest Room for quite a few years.

MR. AND MRS. GARFIELD REICHERT

The Reicherts, Garfield and Joanne, have lived in Crookston for twenty-one years and have three children, Bruce, Joan and Brent. They were united in marriage on June 25, 1950.

Garfield is the vocal music instructor at Central High School. Prior to this he taught in McIntosh, Minnesota, and Minto and Aneta, North Dakota. He was born at Hamilton, North Dakota on April 7, 1927, son of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Reichert. He graduated from Mayville State College, and received his master’s degree from the University of North Dakota. He has been active in community activities, directed church choirs at the Methodist Church, Our Savior’s Lutheran and now directs the Trinity Lutheran Church Cathedral Choir, is past director and soloist in the Civic Music League Easter presentation, and has also directed the male Choraliers of Crookston and was part of the Crookston Community Theatre.

Juanne was born at Portland, North Dakota, February 1, 1929, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Eide. She received her elementary standard from Mayville State College and taught at Northwood and Minto, North Dakota and was employed till recently by the Department of Labor. She has been active in Women’s clubs (Mathein Club) and she is now the treasurer in the 9th district Federation of Women’s Clubs, is president of the Trinity A.L.C.A. and a member of Trinity church council.

Bruce was born April 14, 1951 at Grafton, North Dakota. He attended school at Crookston and was a member of the choir, band and played football, hockey, and tennis. He graduated from the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks with a major in industrial arts. He was a Sioux Letterman, playing tennis for the University of North Dakota. He taught at Roseau, Minnesota and is now employed by the West Bend, Wisconsin school district. He played Independent hockey with the Senior Pirates and the Roseau Leafs.

Joan was born November 28, 1953 at Fosston, Minnesota, she attended school at Crookston, was an active member in choir, band, debate, and speech. She graduated from North Dakota State University at Fargo with a degree in home economics. She is now teaching at Grafton, North Dakota. She was employed for many summers by the Crookston Park and Recreation Department.

Brent was born December 17, 1956 at Crookston, Minnesota. He attended school at Crookston and won many regional and state awards in choir, band, speech, tennis, basketball and football. He was valedictorian of his class, selected as the outstanding local athlete, received the music and citizenship awards, the State and National Elk Scholarship, Who’s Who, High School All American, and Eagle Scout. He was selected as Minnesota Outstanding Young Man and is the official Mr. Minnesota Teen for the coming year. He is now attending Concordia College at Moorhead, Minnesota.

ERWIN N. REIERSGORD

Erwin N. Reiersong and Bertha Reiersong, his wife, moved to Crookston in 1944 when Mr. Reiersong was appointed Registrar of the Northwest School of Agriculture at Crookston. Mr. Reiersong continued as a registrar and as principal of the Northwest School until his retirement in 1968. The family lived on the campus until 1958, when they moved into the city. Mr. Reiersong died in 1973. Both Mr. and Mrs. Reiersong are descendants of early settlers in the Red River Valley in Clay county. Mr. Reiersong was the oldest son of