

They live at 408 Kent Street in Wausau, Wisconsin. Chuck is at home and works at a Paper Products Plant in Wausau.

Erwin attended some grade schools in Fargo and finished grades and high-school at Bohnsack Consolidated. He helped Dad farm after I got married and through some church related meeting that he had attended he met Lucille Augustine of St. Thomas, North Dakota and they were married. This was about the time Dad died. Erwin took over on the farm. Erwin and Lucille had ten children. One child, Lynn, died at the age of three years from Leukemia. One harvest season Lucille died quite suddenly from a brain blood clot or a hemorrhage. The children had grown up or had left home by that time. Some had married and there were about four boys at home when this happened. Erwin, who had never been too enthused about farming, put the farm into the "Soil Bank" for 10 years. The boys at home were still in high-school at Hillsboro or working off the farm at any job they could get. Most of the jobs were for the neighbors and connected with farm work. After a couple of years Erwin decided to go to the seminary at Milwaukee, Wisconsin to become a Lay Preacher. He would have given this up but here he met Theresa Stoehrs who encouraged him to finish which he did and later on married Theresa. She was a widow and had gone to school to get some training to be able to do some church work. She had a grown family, most of them being in South Dakota. Erwin got a job as Lay Preacher in Harrold, South Dakota and served there for a period of three years. Then he developed a health problem, diagnosed as Vitamin B12 deficiency and he retired in 1977. He and Theresa now lived in Hillsboro, North Dakota. She is known as "Tracy" a shortened name for Theresa. Stoehrs was her name before (surname). When he left the farm to go to school there were four boys at home. Roger and Charlie were still in school. Neal took off for Texas and Arizona and here Phillip helped him get through college. After this he became a teacher in high-school at Williams, Arizona. He is married and they have two children. His wife does nursing work at a hospital in Williams, Arizona. Brian worked for the "Drees's" of Reynolds and gained a working habit while with them. These people worked practically day and night and I think it was here that Brian got the work habit. The Drees's worked beyond reason and Roberta who had married a Walter Drees became a widow. This because Walter went to sleep, from long work hours, while sitting in a truck with it running in a closed shed. At any rate Brian turned out to be a good, hard working citizen capable of running the farm. He now has the home-place of the Bohnsack's and does a good job. Brian was a little older than Roger or Charlie and may have been influenced to some extent by Lucille before she died. Roger and Charlie were on their own after Erwin left for school and they stayed on the farm. Roger went to school and Charlie worked wherever he could. Roger got through high-school and then started to work around town at a couple of places. He was frequently in trouble with the law for minor things. He could have gone on to college on athletic scholarships but he resented discipline and would not have any of it. He never took advantage of these opportunities. He later joined the Navy but had some trouble there too. Roger is now in Fargo. Charlie was a little more of a wild character, not in trouble with the law so much, but doing all kinds of silly things to draw attention to himself. It was said at one time that they could have paved the farmstead with beer cans. Charlie later had a pickup and would^{go} south to work in the winter season. At one time he was to marry a Hillsboro girl but she was not old enough to get a license so that was off. He sent her home from Wyoming where they were at the time. His travels have taken him to all parts of the United States and the last I heard of him was that he was in Arizona harvesting cotton.

Erwin and Lucille's children were: Phillip, Roberta, Neal, Lynn, Carol, Bonnie, Roger, Brian, Charlie and Dave. Phillip is in California and doing very well after putting himself through college. Neal did the same and is getting along right well. Roberta had married Walter Drees and after his death, married again and lives near Arvilla, North Dakota. Carol is married to Kent Keller and lives in Minneapolis. Bonnie is married to Les Rotvold and they live at Hillsboro.

Lynn died very young. Dave is in business at Reyno. th Dakota and does quite well. Our boy Bruce and his wife Esther live on our in or what was our farm. It is theirs now. It is the original quarter William Bohnsack claimed under the Homestead Act of 1862. They had four children, Beth Ann, Becky, Bruce, Jr. and Bonnie. Bonnie is a senior at Hillsboro High School this year of 1978. Becky is a senior at NDU this year and is to marry Dwight Kreuger, a senior at NDSU from Niagara, North Dakota this summer. Bruce, Jr. is married to Kathy Anderson of Hillsboro and they live in Cottage Grove, Minnesota, near St. Paul, where Bruce, Jr. works for "3M" Company. Kathy works for a fabric and textile firm in St. Paul. They both graduated from UND in 1976. Beth Ann taught in Bowbells, North Dakota for two years and married Herman Auforth of Bowbells in 1976. They have one child, Brian. Herman is County Auditor of Burke County, at Bowbells and he also has some land near that town. Their Brian is our Great Grandson. They are to build a house in 1978.

We have retired for the third time. First from farming in 1952, then from the SCS of the USDA in 1973 and now from the North Dakota Land Improvement Contractors as Executive Secretary in 1978. So we feel quite retired. We farmed the quarter I got from Dad from 1930 to 1952 and later bought another quarter from Erwin. Alice had inherited 80 acres from her folks but we later sold that. After Bruce was established on our place we deeded the farm to them. My farming years were not too successful but we managed to exist and did not lose the farm, although for a couple of years we could not pay the taxes. We lived through the depression of 1929 and the drought years of the thirties - 1933-1934-1935. The rust years of 1935 and 1936 will always be remembered. Also the low prices of the depression years. Also there were the "War" years of the second World War and other kinds of years. While we were farming we went through a kind of agricultural transition period. We started with horses for power and gradually changed to tractors. Our first horses were raw Broncos off the Montana Range bought from a Cliff Hanley - five for \$250.00. The machinery I bought cost \$200.00 and I was set to farm. Later on I trade the horses for a John Deere Model "D". It was hard to steer and just about wore a man out to steer it. We did milk cows for a spell but later on the returns were so poor we gave up on that. We kept sheep for awhile out of economic necessity. We had various experiences living at different places when we were married. We stayed one year with Alice's folks, then at Dad's place while we built a basement to live in, where we did live for two years. We finally built a house and it is the house Bruce has now. He has remodeled it some but it is basically the same but they have improved it a lot. Bruce rents some other land also to give him a more economic unit to farm. After they came to the farm we moved into Hillsboro to work for the USDA. After a couple of years of that it was apparent that if I could get a degree in agriculture I could advance on my job and command a better salary. I was getting \$2950.00 a year at the time. This seemed quite adequate but we felt like we would need more. So I took educational leave of my job to finish college. I already had three years but it took the better part of two years to get a degree. College was not difficult and some fun. Alice did go to Business College while I was in school since we had a very acute reminder of what happened to George's wife when he died. We had the intent to get Alice a skill in case I should suddenly die. So she had two years of Business School and it did help her. I sang in the choir at college and enjoyed that. Alice did get some work at the Seed Laboratory at school. I was 54 at the time. Some of the students called me "Grandpa" which I was! After finishing school it was to the job and I was assigned to Cooperstown. We stayed at Cooperstown for a little over four years and I was then transferred to Napoleon, North Dakota. In Cooperstown we lived in an apartment but in Napoleon we bought a trailer home and have lived in one ever since. I was told that the people in the Napoleon area would be hard to work with but we did not find it so. Maybe my German background helped me since they were German-Russians. I could not "dig" the language they would use, or understand it, but my "high German" was enough to let them know I might be able to and that was all that was necessary. I must have impressed them as a "Kraut" right, at any rate they did "Cotton" to me. Alice got along real well wherever she went, but she had one problem in those days - Migraine Headaches. They were real bad and she never could control them until a few years went by.