At Christmas, 1914, he was appointed postmaster of Climax, and this office he has held ever since. He has also been president of the village and a justice of the peace for a year. In these positions of trust and responsibility he has been able to put into practical operation the deep and intelligent interest in the welfare of the community which he has always felt and shown by active participation in every undertaking for the good of the people. He was married in Crookston in 1904 to Miss Emma Oieren, who is a native of Minnesota but of Norwegian parentage. They have two children, their daughters Myrtle and Evelyn. In addition to his business and other holdings in Climax Mr. Soes owns 160 acres of land near the village of Erskine.

GUNNER HUSBY.

Gunner Husby, a retired farmer and well known citizen of King township, now residing at McIntosh, was born in Norway, April 13, 1852. He remained in his native land until thirty-one years of age, when he came to the United States and in the spring of 1882 took a homestead claim on section eight of King township in Polk county. He immediately engaged in the development of his land and devoted the efforts and interests of his successful farming career to this farm, building up one of the most prosperous properties of the section. In 1914, after many years of business activity, he sold the homestead and has since made his home at McIntosh. As one of the early settlers of the township he has been prominently identified with public affairs and has taken an active interest in the promotion of the general welfare. He has capably discharged the duties of various local offices to which he has been elected and has served as a member of the school board and township board. Mr. Husby is a member of the St. Johns Lutheran church. He was married in Norway, to Marit Haavcn and they have seven children, Magnhild, Louis, Peter, John, Ingvar, Gertrude and Gottfried.

ODD EIDE.

During the last fourteen years this prominent and enterprising young business man of Polk county has been a resident of Fertile and actively engaged in helping to build up and improve the village and minister to the enduring welfare and comfort of its inhabitants. He is now only thirty-two years old, but he has already established himself in the confidence and regard of the community around him as a good business man and a progressive, enterprising and public-spirited citizen with the welfare of the town always foremost in his mind.

Mr. Eide is a native of Norway, where his life began Feb. 16, 1883, and where he lived until 1899, when he came to the United States. In 1901 he located at Fertile and began his business career as a clerk for his uncle, Andrew Opheim, with whom he remained until death ended the uncle’s labors on April 5, 1915. Mr. Opheim was one of Fertile’s honored pioneers. He was born and reared in Norway and became a resident of the United States in 1871. In 1882 he located in Polk county and opened a drug store one mile east of Fertile, where he remained until 1887, then moved his store to Fertile, forming a partnership in the drug trade and general merchandising with Dr. Arne Nelson, which lasted from 1882 until 1893. When he died Mr. Opheim owned 600 acres of land in Polk county, and throughout his residence here he took an earnest interest and an active part in pushing forward the growth and improvement of the county.

Mr. Eide was appointed administrator of his uncle’s estate and succeeded him in the management of the