his home and expended his labors, improving it with good buildings and bringing the greater part of it to advanced productiveness, and occupying it until the spring of 1915, when he gave up all active work and moved to Fertile. His land is all in Rice township, and, during the years of his activity, he carried on a general farming enterprise with vigor, progressiveness and success, making his farm one of the best in the township in fruitfulness and an attractive one in appearance.

On July 15, 1891, Mr. Gamme was married to Mrs. Baroline Shefloe, the widow of Isaac Shefloe. She, also, was born in Norway, her life beginning on June 23, 1856, and was thirteen years old when she came to the United States. In 1882 she became a resident of Polk county, and here her first husband died, passing away at Beltrami when he was at the age of fifty-two. By her first marriage she had three children, Mortimer, Amelia and Florence. She and her present husband are the parents of four children, Elmer and Joseph, twins, and Jessie and Orlie. The father and mother are zealous members of the Lutheran church and devoted to the welfare of the congregation they are in.

KNUTE NELSON.

When Knute Nelson, the present capable and obliging postmaster at Fertile, this county, was appointed to that office by President Wilson on August 25, 1914, he was well prepared for the duties he had been selected to perform, for he had already performed similar duties in other places at different times, had served as assistant postmaster at Fertile, and had rendered the public good service in other positions of trust and responsibility. Moreover, he is a man of extensive general intelligence, good judgment and a resourcefulness that makes him equal to any requirement.

Mr. Nelson was born in Norway February 28, 1857, the son of Nels A. Nelson, who died in that country May 16, 1915, at the age of eighty-nine years. His son Knute was the fourth of his eight children in the order of birth. He remained in his native land until he reached the age of sixteen, then came to the United States, arriving in 1873. In June of that year he located in Dodge county, Minnesota, and for two years thereafter he devoted himself wholly to hard labor as a farm hand. During the next two years he worked on a farm and attended school, and in 1877 and 1878 he was clerk in a general store in Vernon Dodge county, in which the postoffice was kept, and he also acted as assistant postmaster in that town while clerking in the store.

On May 1, 1879, he started driving a “prairie schooner” across the state to the Red river valley and reached Crookston on May 15. He at once took up a homestead in Garfield township, this county, on which he filed on May 19, and at that time he, his brother Ener and his uncle, Lars Bolstad, were the only white settlers in that township. During the summer and spring of 1879 he worked on his homestead, and in the winter of 1880 began clerking in a store in Crookston, and after doing that for about five months he returned to his claim and went on improving it and making it productive.

By this time Mr. Nelson’s ability had become known to his neighbors, and they looked upon him as one of the men among them best fitted for public office. In June of that year he was appointed assessor for the townships of Garfield, Gordon, Bear Park and Sundahl, and in the fall he became assistant grain buyer at Edna station, a position which he filled for two months, after which he again turned his attention to clerking in a store and looked after the Edna postoffice until April, 1881.

Soon afterward he opened a store at a small place named Aldal, and there he was appointed postmaster during President Garfield’s administration and served until the office was discontinued in August, 1887. He was also in the lumber business at Fosston and in