1901, when he changed his residence to Climax, where he passed the remainder of his days. He was always public-spirited and progressive in the affairs of the locality of his home, wherever it was, and among the public positions he held was the office of sheriff of Polk county, which he filled with great acceptability for two years. His untimely death at the early age of fifty-three, when he was at the height of his vigor and the full measure of his usefulness, was universally lamented.

On October 10, 1881, Mr. Steenerson was united in marriage with Miss Bertha Flang, who was born in Norway and came with her parents to the United States when she was about twelve years of age. The family located in Ottertail county, Minnesota, and there Mrs. Steenerson lived ten years, changing her residence to Polk county about 1879. She and her husband became the parents of seven children, four of whom are living: Steener, who is a resident of Crookston; Arne, who has his home at Climax; Nora, who is a school teacher, and Oretta, who is still living at home. The other three children died when they were very young. Mrs. Steenerson is a Lutheran in religious affiliation, and is earnestly interested in church work. She takes an active part in the activities of several of the agencies at work in the community for the good of its people, and is highly respected by all classes of them.

AUGUST LINDBLAD.

Beginning life for himself as a blacksmith and working his way up by his native ability, good business capacity and persistent industry and good management to the position of a leading merchant and business man, August Lindblad, one of the wide-awake and progressive residents of Climax, this county, furnishes in his successful career a fine illustration of the value of strong personality, determined perseverance and resolute self-reliance in a land of many exactions and keen competition in all the activities of life, but, nevertheless, abundant in opportunities for advancement.

Mr. Lindblad is a native of Sweden, where his life began July 12, 1871, and where he lived until he reached the age of twenty and learned the trade of blacksmith. In 1891 he emigrated to the United States and at once came West, locating at Marquette, Michigan, and there finding employment in building bridges for a railroad company for two years. From Marquette he moved to Norman county, Minnesota, and during the next two years worked at the forge in that county. He became a resident of Polk county in 1895, and for something over a year operated a blacksmith shop on the farm of Christian Steenerson in Vineland township, Polk county.

About the time when he was ready to give up his shop on the farm to seek a better opening he saw one in the village of Climax, and he at once opened a shop there. This shop he continued to conduct until 1905, when he sold it and began handling agricultural implements, a line of trade in which he is still engaged. He is also manager of the Climax Shipping association, which includes live stock and farm produce among the commodities it handles, and has been secretary of the Climax Co-operative Mercantile company from the beginning of its activity in the community.

The public affairs of Climax have always deeply interested Mr. Lindblad, and he has taken an active and serviceable part in helping to administer them wisely, serving for many years as a member of the village council and three terms as mayor. In addition to his other pursuits he assists in superintending the cultivation of 120 acres of land in Vineland township, in which he owns a one-half interest.

Mr. Lindblad was married December 30, 1895, in Ada, the county seat of Norman county, to Miss Hilda Kirkevold, a native of Norway. They have six children, Esther, Hardin, Pearl, Alvin, Russell and Ira. The parents are held in the highest esteem by every-