leaving this school he secured a position as a teacher in a parochial school and for three years continued to be occupied in that profession, teaching in southern Wisconsin and in other places and then enrolled in the Luther Theological Seminary at St. Paul where he prepared himself for the clergy. He was graduated in 1901 and received his first pastorate at Lakefield, Minnesota, where he served for over a year and was then transferred to Grove City, Minnesota. In 1905 he was appointed to the Synod Lutheran church at McIntosh, where his charge includes four Polk county congregations. During the years of his pastoral labors in that vicinity, Mr. Njus has won the respect and esteem of all through his able and sincere service to the community. He has given his influence and active interest freely in the promotion of matters of public betterment and, as a member for several years of the school board and president of that body, has been prominently associated with the educational affairs of the town. Mr. Njus was married in Rock county, Wisconsin, October, 1892, to Susan Johnson, a native of that state, whose death occurred at McIntosh, in January, 1910. His second marriage was solemnized in June, 1912, with Ingeborg Sime, who was born in Norway. Two children have been born to this union, Ingemar J. and Martha Matilda.

JOHN O. BUNH.

This gentleman, who has contributed a great deal to the enjoyment of a large number of persons for nearly twenty years in a specific way, and at the same time aided in building up and improving the locality in which he lives, is the founder and sole proprietor of the popular Maple Lake summer resort in Woodside township, this county, where he has a completely equipped modern hotel and other facilities for the entertainment of patrons and pleasure seekers and has built up a flourishing, extensive and profitable business.

Mr. Buhn was born in Norway July 5, 1861, and came to the United States with his parents in 1869. They were Ole and Elsie (Peterson) Buhn, and both of the same nativity as himself. When they reached this country in 1869 they located in Jackson county, Wisconsin, and there the father died before the end of the year. After the death of her husband the mother took up a homestead in Jackson county, and on this tract of land, which she developed into a fruitful and valuable farm, she passed the remainder of her days, dying in 1894. Of the five children born in the family John O. was the youngest.

Orphaned by the death of his father when the son was but eight years old, John O. Buhn passed his boyhood and youth in hard labor and under severe privations. But he accepted his lot with a resolute spirit and faithfully met the requirements of his duty from the first. He remained at home with his mother until he reached the age of seventeen years, then went to Prescott, Wisconsin, where he lived and worked two or three years. In December, 1881, he came to Crookston and began learning the blacksmith trade under the instruction of his brother George. He finished his apprenticeship of four years but realized before the end of it that the work of his trade was too hard for him and when he completed learning it he abandoned it.

In order to prepare himself for a new career in life Mr. Buhn attended the Northwestern College of Commerce for two seasons, and in the fall of 1887 he located at Mentor and opened the first store at that place and also became its first postmaster. For six years he continued merchandizing at Mentor, then sold his business and began improving the summer resort of which he is the proprietor. In connection with his enterprise as a resort keeper he ships large quantities of ice to points in North Dakota during the winter months and has been doing so since 1903. He also owns a quarter section of land in Grove Park township, which he has improved and has under skillful cultivation. He takes an active part in public town-