and Gladys. A son named Hogen died when he was five years old. Anna became the wife of Albert Holm and died June 20, 1908. Christine is the wife of William Olson, who is a farmer and lives in Garden township.

JOHN A. ERIKSON.

Although a native of the state of Wisconsin, John A. Erikson, a prominent hardware and farming implements merchant of Fertile has been a resident of Polk county, Minnesota, for thirty-three years and of the village of Fertile for twenty-eight. He is therefore fully in touch with the people of this county and has an earnest interest in all their aspirations and undertakings for advancement and elevation in their standards of living, and he has contributed his full portion of the effort necessary to promote their welfare.

Mr. Erikson is the son of Hemming and Elizabeth (Johnson) Erikson. They were both Norwegian by birth. The father came to the United States in 1854 and took up his residence on a homestead he entered in Waushara county, Wisconsin, near the village of Mount Morris. There his son John A. was born June 19, 1867, and there the family lived until April 26, 1882, when the family home was changed to Liberty township in this county. In 1904 the father sold his Polk county farm, and since then he has made his home in Minneapolis.

John A. Erikson remained on his father's farm in Liberty township until September 1, 1887, when he changed his residence to the village of Fertile and took a position in the employ of George Kronschnabel, who was then conducting the leading hardware store in the village. Mr. Erikson later became his partner in this business and they were associated in the management of it until June, 1896, when Mr. Kronschnabel sold his interest in the firm to W. L. Vannet, with whom Mr. Erikson was in partnership until 1906. Since then he has carried on the business alone, carrying an extensive stock of hardware and farming implements and building up a large and active trade throughout a considerable scope of country.

By his activity in behalf of every project designed to build up and improve his home community Mr. Erikson has made himself an important factor in promoting the progress of this region and won the esteem of its residents as one of its most enterprising, public spirited and serviceable citizens. He has served as assistant postmaster and for over four years has been secretary of the Commercial club. Fraternally he belongs to the Woodmen of the World and in religious affiliation to the United Lutheran church.

Feeling that his education was deficient when nearing the dawn of his manhood, Mr. Erikson attended the Central school in Crookston in the winter of 1886-87, and for a short time in the late summer of 1887 he was employed as a clerk by Charles M. Old at Beltrami. He was married in Faribault, Minnesota, in 1902, to Miss Carrie Oehler, who was born in Iowa. They have two children, their sons Earl and Luther.

HARRY M. HALVORSON.

Although he was born and reared on a farm and has himself followed farming, Harry M. Halvorson's taste and inclination have always been toward business, and the greater part of his life since reaching maturity has been passed in business operations, chiefly as a liveryman, which he is at present, and one of the leaders in his line in Polk county. He is studious of his calling and makes every effort to keep his equipment for it strictly up to date, and he also studies his trade and strives with all his resources to meet every requirement of his patrons.

Mr. Halvorson is wholly a product of Polk county