many noble traits as a friend and many wise and fruitful achievements through his enterprise and public spirit, as well as that of his eminent success as a business man.

In the public life of his community this far-seeing gentleman always was a trusted leader, and in the fall of 1902 his fellow citizens selected him as their representative in the lower house of the state legislature. In the session of 1903 he was chairman of the House committee on drainage and a member of the committees on grain and warehouse and roads, bridges and navigable streams. He was re-elected in the fall of 1904, and in the session of 1905 he was again chairman of the committee on drainage and was also assigned to duty on the committees on binding twine, public health, dairy and food products and temperance legislation.

In his religious affiliation Mr. Krostue was connected with the United Lutheran church, of which his widow is also an active member and earnest supporter. Her maiden name was Christine Benson and she is the daughter of Lars Benson. She was born in Waupaca county, Wisconsin, and at an early age removed with her parents to Goodhue county, Minnesota, where the family resided until the accidental death of the father by drowning at Red Wing. After that sad event the mother and her eight children changed their residence to Pope county, Minnesota, and there Miss Christine lived until her marriage to Mr. Krostue, which took place on December 2, 1882. Of the children born of their marriage seven are living: Lawrence, who is a farmer, and Clara, Lottie, Myron, Theresa, Clayton and Glendora. Since the death of her husband Mrs. Krostue has continued to make her home at Fisher.

JULIUS WENTZEL.

Having borne faithfully and with good results for himself and the localities in which he lived the heat and burden of a long day of toil, in which he experienced many privations and hardships, Julius Wentzel of Crookston, one of the former prosperous and progressive farmers of Polk county, has retired from active pursuits and is passing the evening of his life in comfortable leisure and enjoying in a sensible and useful way the fruits of his former well-applied industry and good management.

Mr. Wentzel was born in Prussia August 28, 1847, and remained there until he reached the age of sixteen. He then came to the New World and took up his residence for a year in the province of Quebec, Canada, where he was variously employed. From Canada he moved to Detroit, Michigan, and there he also passed a year in work of different kinds. After that he lived in Manitowoc county, Wisconsin, until January, 1878, when he came to Polk county, Minnesota, and pre-empted a tract of 160 acres of land in Lowell township.

The land taken up by Mr. Wentzel was wholly uncultivated and unimproved, and he began to devote himself at once to transforming it into a farm and a good home for himself and his family. He continued to live on it and develop and improve it until the fall of 1909, making it over into a highly productive and valuable rural estate and an attractive country home. In the fall of 1909 he decided to quit farming and all active work of a laborious character, and moved to Crookston, where he has since resided. After taking up his residence in Crookston he sold his farm.

On December 11, 1873, Mr. Wentzel was united in marriage with Miss Caroline Radi, who was born in Prussia March 19, 1858, and came to the United States with her parents in 1863, when she was about five years old. The family located in Manitowoc county, Wisconsin, where Mrs. Wentzel was reared and where she was living at the time of her marriage. She and her husband became the parents of twelve children, eleven of whom are living. They are