generously recognized the responsibilities of efficient citizenship, having given able service in the various offices of the township; as a member and chairman of the township board; as clerk and as a member of the school board. He was one of the promoters and organizers of the cooperative creamery at McIntosh with which he continues to be identified as a stockholder. He was active in the organization of the Vernes United Lutheran church in Hill River and has given further service to its interests as secretary of the church. Five children are now living of the family born to Mr. Hanson and his wife, Clarence, who is a farmer in Canada; George, Edward and Mabel, students in the high school at McIntosh; and Edith, who remains at home; Edward, has taken a course of study at Fargo, North Dakota. George Hanson graduated from the McIntosh high school in 1914 and subsequently attended the business college in Fargo. He is now employed in a real estate office in North Dakota.

OLE E. SONSTELIE.

Ole E. Sonstelie, a pioneer farmer and prominent citizen of Sletten township, was born in Valders, Norway, December 27, 1845, the eldest of the eight children born to Elling and Maret (Higden) Sonstelie. The Sonstelie family came to the United States in 1865 and located in Vernon county, Wisconsin, where they remained for about four years. They then removed to Chippewa county, Minnesota, and later to Dakota where the parents died at an advanced age, she in her eighty-fifth year and he living to the age of eighty. Ole Sonstelie went to Dakota in 1882 but only remained a year, being dissatisfied with conditions there. On hearing of the springs of "13 Towns" he came to Sletten township and although the land was not yet open for settlement, he located on the creek bottom meadows, making a squatters claim to the land. About a month later, July 13, 1883, this district was declared open to settlers and on August 8, he filed on his claim. His start in his farming enterprise was with thirteen head of stock and his first house was a sod-roofed dug out. He has interested himself particularly in stock farming, his first ventures being with sheep but he now confines his attention to the raising of blooded short horn cattle. He has been eminently successful in the stock business, the rich meadows which were his choice as a homestead, providing excellent grazing land. He now owns three hundred and sixty acres of land in Sletten township, all of which he has made productive. He has erected good farm buildings and his comfortable home commands a delightful view of the valley of Sand Hill river. He also engages in the dairy business and was one of the original shareholders in the Sletten cooperative creamery company. As president of this corporation, his capable services have done much to promote its rapid growth and success. The company was organized in 1902 with thirty-two stockholders. It now cares for the dairy produce of forty-five farmers and in the months of June and July, 1915, distributed over thirty-eight hundred dollars among its patrons. As an early settler of this region Mr. Sonstelie has been identified with every effort to further its welfare and prosperity, giving his services and support freely to every worthy cause and has earned the confidence and respect of his fellow citizens, who have invested him with various offices of authority in the local government. He was present at the meeting of October 10, 1883, at the home of Lars Saue, when the township was organized and was named Sletten in complimentary respect for Paul Sletten, at that time the incumbent of the land office at Crookston. He was elected chairman of the first township board, the other members being Lars Saue and James Vanvert. Aside from his private and public interests, Mr. Sonstelie has had charge of several estates to which he has been appointed administrator or guardian. When the Sletten postoffice was established, he received the