with the office in his home until the erection of a store a short distance away when it was installed there. With his father he was influential in the organization of the Synod Lutheran church, one mile north of his farm. He also served in township offices, capably discharging the duties of township clerk for many years. Mr. Edevold died March 27, 1915, in his fiftieth year. He was married to Thea Hoff of Queen township, August 15, 1897. She was born in Ottertail county, the daughter of Thore and Torgen Hoff, natives of Norway, who were married in Ottertail. Thore Hoff is still living in Queen township, having survived his wife many years. Seven children were born to Mr. Edevold and his wife: Mabel Estelle, Oscar Theodore, Marie Theresa, Martin Hjalmor, Arthur Edwin, Elmer Eugene and Lloyd Ernest, all of whom make their home on the farm with their mother, who since the death of Mr. Edevold has assumed the management of the estate which she is conducting with eminent success.

OLE HOVEN.

Ole Hoven, a prominent citizen and successful farmer of Eden township, has been a resident of the county since 1891, when he located on the land which is his present home, ten miles northeast of Fosston. He is a native of Norway and came to this country in 1881, making his first residence in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. For a number of years he was employed in the lumber woods of that state, working on the river drives and also in railroad construction crews, meanwhile clearing out about twelve acres of timber land for cultivation. During this time, by thrifty management, he saved some twelve hundred dollars from his earnings and with this capital determined to embark upon farming enterprises in Minnesota. After spending a year in Norman county he came to Polk county, where he filed on a homestead and bought a preemption claim, paying three hundred dollars for the latter. Only two acres had been cleared and a small shanty was the only building upon the tract. He at once erected a house, which has since been incorporated in the present modern home, and engaged upon the development of the land. He continued to add steadily to his property, building up his prosperous estate with careful and judicious investments, putting his faith and money in the future agricultural productiveness of the country. His second purchase was a quarter section of section twenty-five of Hill River township, a little over a mile distant from his homestead. This was all wild land for which he paid the same price as for his first land, but was later compelled to buy off another claim in order to clear his title. He then bought two hundred acres in section thirty-six of Hill River township, paying two thousand dollars, eighty acres having been cleared. His land interests now include five hundred and twenty acres, of which over four hundred are in cultivation, nearly all of the one hundred and sixty acres in the home place having been developed into fine farm land. Mr. Hoven also bought an improved quarter section which he gave to his son, Carl Hoven. In all his business pursuits and enterprises Mr. Hoven has met with unvaried success. He engages extensively in dairy farming and keeps a large herd of cows, selling the produce to the cooperative creamery at Olga, and is a breeder of short horn cattle. Mr. Hoven is that type of successful man whose able and sturdy qualities are freely devoted to the best interests of the community in which he lives, and he has been largely influential in every matter which would promote the general progress and welfare. He is associated with the business activities as stockholder in the cooperative creamery at Olga and in the Farmers Elevator company at Fosston. He is a member of the Republican party and a faithful supporter of the Zion Lutheran church. Mr. Hoven was married in Wisconsin to Carrie Kolden, who was born in Norway. They have seven children: Elsie, the wife of Albert Bakken, of Alberta; Lena, who married Soren Oistad and lives