came its sole owner, and since then he has carried on
the enterprise himself. He was one of the founders
of the Polk County State Bank and is now its vice
president and one of its directors, and he takes a
serviceable interest in other business institutions
in the city and county. He also erected the Larsen
block, one of the best business and office buildings in
the city.

In political faith and allegiance Mr. Larsen is a
Republican and an energetic and effective worker for
his party. He has served as alderman at large in
Crookston, and always manifested deep and pro-
ductive interest in the growth, improvement and pros-
perity of the city. Fraternally he is a Freemason
of the Knights Templar rank and also a member of the
Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and takes an active
part in the work of the fraternity.

Mr. Larsen was married in 1890 to Mrs. Christine
(Anderson) Larsen, who was born at Lillehammer,
Norway, and brought to the United States in her
childhood. They have four children: Roy W., who is
assistant cashier of the Polk County State Bank;
Clarence M., who is a student at the University of
Minnesota; Lawrence Howard, who is living at home,
and Helen M., who is also still a member of the
parental family circle.

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E. M. HAUGE.

E. M. Hauge, superintendent of the schools at
Fertile and one of the progressive educators of the
county, is a native of the state, born at Winona, Sep-
tember 9, 1886, the son of Reverend A. Hauge, a
member of the Lutheran clergy in Minnesota for over
thirty-three years. E. M. Hauge received his early
education in the Normal school at Winona and then
attended a private academy, which is conducted in
connection with St. Olaf college at Northfield, Minne-
sota. After completing his preparatory studies he
entered St. Olaf college for a collegiate course and
graduated from that institution in 1909. In the fall
of the same year he came to Fertile as principal of
the high school during the superintendency of H. R.
Tømning, and after two years' of efficient service in
that position was promoted to the office of superin-
tendent. During the four years under his direction
the school has made rapid advance in educational
efficiency and has witnessed notable accomplishment
in the educational field. Mr. Hauge conducts the
school along the modern lines of pedagogical theory.
The measure of his success and the interest accorded
the school by the citizens appears in the almost unani-
mous vote cast on the bond issue for the new school
building, which is being erected at the cost of some
forty thousand dollars. The school district includes
eight sections of Garfield township and has an enroll-
ment of two hundred and forty-nine pupils, with a
teaching force of eleven. The high school was estab-
lished in 1900 and is a commissioned state high school,
with an attendance of forty-nine and a faculty of five
instructors. The school graduated eleven students in
1915, which is the average number of graduates for
the last four years and has ninety-nine members in
its alumni association. Reverend A. E. Strom is
the president of the school board, with J. A. Gregerson,
clerk, and Norman Hanson, treasurer. The other
members of the board are A. P. Hanson and Rev. J.
M. Sundheim.

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O. EDWARD BRATRUD, M. D.

O. Edward Bratrud, M. D., of Fertile, an able
member of the medical profession in the county, is
a native of Minnesota, born in Fillmore county,