live in the memories of his friends and associates. As a farmer and citizen, his career was marked by successful accomplishment and he was honored by his fellow citizens with various offices of public trust and was particularly active in school and township affairs in Freeborn, Pine and Polk counties. In the political arena, he was an enthusiastic and loyal supporter of the principles of the Republican party. His marriage to Carrie E. Flaskerud, was solemnized at Albert Lea, on February 5, 1888. She was born in Winneshiek county, Iowa, and is a sister of K. E. Flaskerud, a well known farmer of Brandsvold township. Mrs. Hoyne, like her husband, enjoys a wide circle of friends and is actively associated with the interests of the locality in which she lives, as a member of the women's clubs and church organizations of McIntosh. Three children were born to Mr. Hoyne and his wife, two of whom are now living, Hattie Ellen and George Daniel, who assumed the management of the farm after the death of his father and is now a student in the Aakens Business college at Grand Forks, North Dakota. Hattie E. Hoyne has been a teacher in the schools of Polk county for five years and has met with eminent success in her profession. She was educated in the high school at McIntosh and in the normal school at Moorhead and has also been a student at summer schools, the measure of her qualification appearing in her attainment of a first grade certificate as a teacher. In 1915, the Hoyne family removed from the farm in King township to McIntosh, where they have erected a pleasant home.

A. F. CRONQUIST.

A. F. Cronquist, of Erskine, an eminent citizen and cashier of the Scandinavian State bank, has been a resident of Knute township since the early days of its settlement. He is a native of Sweden, born on March 10, 1866, and came to the United States when sixteen years of age. He lived for a time at Minneapolis and later at Ellsworth, Wisconsin, where he attended the public schools. In 1884 he came to Polk county and two years later was joined by his mother, who took a homestead in Knute township, two miles west of the present site of Erskine. This farm remained her home until her death in 1913 and then became the property of her son. When they located in the township, it was in the early stages of development, before the establishment of any postoffice or business enterprise in its precincts. Two years later, in 1888, the railroad was built through the region and George Q. Erskine, who was then president of the National bank at Crookston, purchased the homesteads of Martin Rathstock, Mr. Mitchell and Daniel Cameron, a pioneer whose name is given to one of the local lakes, and platted the village of Erskine, selling the lots privately. Commercial activity immediately started on the town site and one of the first projects was a general store opened by Eber Cameron on what was formerly the Cameron land and is now the location of the variety store on the corner of Vance avenue and the railroad right of way. Other enterprises were the hardware store of Gilbertson & Espeseth Co., where the first postoffice was kept, with H. T. Gilbertson as postmaster, and the general stores operated by O. T. Berge and Tollof Torgeson. A hotel was opened by G. T. Torgeson and about a year later a second one was erected on the present site of the Merchants hotel by O. T. Rovang. Mr. Cronquist entered upon his business career in early manhood and spent eight years in McIntosh, employed for a time as clerk in the J. P. Johnson store and then working for the Southmayd & Balstad company. In May, 1899, he returned to Erskine and embarked upon his successful career in the financial world, establishing a private bank, with L. Ellington, of Crookston, president, and Halvor Steenerson, vice-president. A bank had been started two years previous by Frank Drew and Ed Drew of McIntosh and had proved an unprofitable venture and had been closed, but the Bank of Erskine,