Mr. Tyndall was married at Dodge Center to Susan Digby, who is a native of England. Nine children have been born to them, six of whom are now living: Susan, who married William Kent, an attorney in Chicago; Ben, residing in Montana; John, living in Canada, in Saskatchewan; Arthur, who is employed as an electrician in Alaska by a big power company of British Columbia; Martha, the wife of John Dorsey, who is the present manager of Mr. Tyndall's farm; and Fred, who is located in Canada. Three of the children died at early ages, one in infancy; a son, William, at Thief River Falls, in his 30th year, and another son at the age of fourteen.

O. T. NELSON.

O. T. Nelson, a well known business man of the county, has been engaged in the furniture and hardware business at Gully since 1910. He was born in Norway, May 1, 1882, the son of Torger and Mary Nelson, and was brought by his parents to this country in his early infancy. Torger Nelson came directly to Crookston from his native land and in the same year, 1882, took a homestead near Woodside, in Polk county, and as a worthy pioneer citizen his career has been identified with the privations and failures, the steady development and ultimate prosperity of the frontier country. On the claim in the wilderness he stoutly encountered all the hardships of the times, with one particularly harrowing experience, when his wife was lost for two days in the surrounding forests, the sound of his signaling shots finally reaching her in her wanderings. After about six years spent on this tract he removed to Badger township, locating again on wild land. In 1892 he sold his farm and went to Crookston and invested in the hotel business, and in the following year suffered the total loss of his property by a fire, from which his young son, O. T. Nelson, narrowly escaped, being rescued by a fireman. For a time this disaster brought the family to most straitened circumstances, from which enterprise and ambitious efforts soon rescued them. They made their home in a shed which stood at the rear of the former hotel structure, and Torger Nelson secured work in a sawmill, and his wife assisted in the rebuilding of their resources. With thrifty management in a few years he accumulated some capital, and, in partnership with Severt Henson, started a general store at Erskine, in Polk county, meanwhile continuing to work as time keeper in the sawmill at Crookston, his son, O. T. Nelson, looking after his mercantile interests in Erskine. This enterprise proved eminently successful and enjoyed an extensive patronage, drawing trade from fifty miles or more. Torger Nelson later removed to Erskine, and through his management of the business became widely known throughout the county. He remained in charge of the store for fifteen years and then retired from commercial activities, but continues to reside in Erskine, where he has been associated with public affairs as township assessor and member of the school board. Of his five sons four are now living and two reside in Erskine; Anton, who was employed for a time in a sawmill and is now rural mail carrier, and Theodore, who is cashier of the First State bank at Erskine. Oscar Nelson, the youngest son, has held the position of teller in the Northern National bank at Erskine for several years. The death of William Nelson occurred in his twenty-second year, September 10, 1911, at Gully. He was a graduate of the University of North Dakota and was a student in the second year of the medical course at the state university. O. T. Nelson attended the high school at Erskine, meanwhile giving his attention to his father's business interests in that place and spending his vacations at work in the store. He then became tower operator on the Soo railroad and after four years in this position made his first independent venture in the business world, opening a store at Pierz, Minnesota, in Morrison county, in 1907. This was one of the