ports. He transacts a large business and carries a full line of automobile supplies and is local agent for the Ford and Buick companies. Mr. Campbell is a member of the Republican party and a zealous supporter of its interests. He has been actively associated with public affairs in official capacity, serving as deputy sheriff of Norman county for twelve years; four years under E. T. Salverson, who was a county commissioner in Polk county before the organization of Norman county, and for two terms under Knut Lee. Mr. Campbell is a member of the city council and has been elected to the office of mayor a number of times. As mayor he rendered the city valuable service in promoting and capably managing the installation of the city water works and electric light plant. His marriage to Helen M. Richmond occurred in Portage county, Wisconsin, and they have one son, Frank Raymond, who has been associated with his father in the livery and garage business for eight years. Frank R. Campbell was born at Ada, Minnesota, in December, 1886, and reared in Fosston, where he attended the public schools. After graduating from high school he entered the business college at Fargo, North Dakota. He was married to Alice Corson of Ada, Minnesota, and they have two children, James and Helen Elva. He is one of the popular young business men of Fosston and unlike his father is an ardent sportsman and hunter.

JOHN A. FLESCH.

John A. Flesch, a pioneer farmer and eminent citizen of Rosebud township, was one of the first settlers in the Thirteen Towns in 1878, and has been prominently and actively identified with the history of the development of this section of the county. He was born in Germany, December 12, 1838, and when twelve years of age accompanied his parents to the United States. After a number of years spent on their farm near Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, he came to Stearns county, Minnesota, shortly before the outbreak of the Civil War. He enlisted in Company G of the Ninth Minnesota regiment and gave valiant service during three years of the great struggle. He was made a corporal in his company and received his honorable discharge in 1865. When the Thirteen Towns was first opened for settlement in 1878 he was one of the eight men who took claims at that time. For several years previous he had been living in Douglas county and he was accompanied from there to Polk county by Herman Eikens and Edward La Bree, who located on land adjoining his. Mr. Eikens is still living on his homestead, which is separated from the Flesch farm by a small lake, small enough to carry across the sounds of friendly voices in the pioneer days of wilderness and few settlers. Mr. Flesch located on sections nineteen and twenty of what is now Rosebud township, five miles southwest of Fosston, and was the first homesteader to file his claim at Detroit City, which was over fifty miles distant and was the nearest trading place for this region. In the same year the land was withdrawn from the market and was not reopened until 1883, when it was rapidly settled. Although it was uncertain that the land would again be opened, Mr. Flesch set about the clearing and improving of his farm and forsaking the temporary shelter of the pioneers in tents and wagons, erected the first house in the Thirteen Towns, on section nineteen. This house played an important part in the early history of the township, sheltering the first store, the first school house and first post-office in the Thirteen Towns. A small store was started here by a half breed and he was succeeded by Mr. Foss, who operated a store and the postoffice of Fosston until 1884, when he removed to a location on the railroad, the present site of Fosston. Mr. Hansen then had the store on the Flesch farm, and the postoffice of Hansville. With the high ideals and native culture of the men who founded our western civilization, Mr. Flesch gave every effort to the early establishment of educational and religious activities.