In 1883 a school was organized and housed on his land with A. D. Wishard as teacher. John Newton next presided over the school and it was later made a district school and a log school house built two miles distant. Mr. Flesch did not allow the laxity of frontier life to affect the strictness of his religious observances, and he was instrumental in the building of the Catholic church at Hansville, where Father Simon officiated for a number of years, the settlers bringing him for the services, in the early days, from his mission church on Rice river. He is now in Cloquet and since 1908 the church at Hansville has been served from Crookston. Mr. Flesch has devoted the best part of his life to the building up of the community in which he lives and has given his faithful and generous support to the advancement of its welfare. At the time of the second opening of the land he located a number of the permanent settlers and has always been active in the administration of township affairs and a member of the township and school boards, although he has avoided county offices and political honors, preferring the unobtrusive service of responsible and intelligent citizenship. At the organization of the township it was he who gave it the name of “Rosebud,” prompted by the thought of the wild flowers which had adorned the native wilderness and by the name of the first child born in the township, Rose Eikens. In 1897 he retired from his farm, and it is now owned by John A. Newton, who married his daughter, Mary. Mr. Flesch was married in Stearns county, at the close of the Civil war, to Susanna Rodstine, who, like her husband, was a native of Germany. Her death occurred in January, 1910. A family of one son and five daughters were born to this union: Barney; Lena, the wife of Matt Brink, of Frazee, Minnesota; Mary, who married John Newton and lives on the old homestead; Kate, who now resides at Funkley, Minnesota; Libbie, the wife of Dick Walker, of Floodwood, Minnesota; and Laura, the wife of Pete Stotrun, of Funkley, Minnesota. Despite the restricted advantages of pioneer life Mr. Flesch reared a family of charm and culture and marked intellectual ability. Mr. Flesch is that type of man and citizen whose influence and efforts are largely interwoven into the life of a community. Possessed of great natural ability and strong personality, alert and progressive in all his views, he enjoys the high esteem and regard of all and still exerts the attractive companionability which made his home the social gathering place of the district.

EMANUEL PEDERSON.

Emanuel Pederson, a successful farmer of Brandsvold township, was born in Norway, May 20, 1855. When he was fifteen years of age he went to sea on a ship carrying a cargo of coal and grain from Holland to England. He was seven months on his first voyage, sailing into the Baltic before returning to Holland. He next served on a Norwegian vessel engaged in the Baltic lumber trade, loading lumber from Scandinavia for Russia. For ten years he worked as a sailor, sailing on a number of different ships and visiting many ports, crossing the ocean several times to New York and Baltimore. During these years of hard and continuous labor he did not share in the improvident, adventuring spirit of the average sailor but saved his earnings and centered his ambitious upon acquiring land of his own in some good agricultural region. He came to Minnesota to join an uncle living in Ottertail county, who had sent for him, offering to make him his heir. After two years in Ottertail county he went to Polk county, and in the fall of 1883 filed his claim on the southeast quarter of section eighteen in Brandsvold township. In the following year he began to develop his farm; his first house was a small shanty, but was soon replaced by a comfortable dwelling place. He has built up a good farm by thrifty and able management, with one hundred and twenty acres under cultivation, and engages in diversified farming. His farm is well stocked and he keeps...