dence and esteem of all his associates. When the First State bank was organized as the successor of the old company Mr. Paulsrud was made the assistant cashier and continued to serve in that capacity through the subsequent change in the organization to the First National. In 1912 he assisted in the establishment of the Farmers State bank and was appointed cashier. He has since devoted every effort to the interests of this bank, which has enjoyed marked success and prosperity. The bank was incorporated with a capital of $25,000 and occupies a fine modern building which not only affords every accommodation for its business interests but is a notable addition to the superior architectural possessions of Fertile's business section, occupying a prominent site on the main street of the town. Mr. Paulsrud is actively associated with affairs of public moment and has given able service as village treasurer. His marriage to Gerda Johnson occurred in Fertile. She is a native of Sweden, the daughter of John Mattson, who engaged in farming in Polk county until his death. Mr. Paulsrud and his wife have a family of three daughters and one son, Anna, John, Hilda and Agnes.

ALBERT O. GULLICKSON.

Albert O. Gullickson, of Fertile, vice president of the Farmers State bank and a prominent business man of the county, was born in Allamakee county, Iowa, March 24, 1875, and has been a resident of Garfield township since his early childhood. His father, Hans A. Gullickson, was born in Norway and was brought to the United States by his parents when five years of age, the family being among the first of their countrymen to emigrate to this country. Hans Gullickson was married in Iowa to Mary Christianson, who like her husband was a native of Norway, and in 1880 they came to Polk county and were pioneer settlers in Garfield township, where Hans Gullickson took a homestead claim in sections eleven and fourteen, some three miles east of the present site of Fertile. Here he experienced all the arduous labor and privations of the farmer in a new country. His entire capital was represented in a team of oxen and a few head of stock and the tract, being covered with timber, required some time in preparing it for cultivation. During the first seasons he worked in the harvest fields and then devoted his attention to his prospering farming operations and put one hundred and twenty-five acres of his two hundred and forty acre farm under cultivation. He became a well known citizen of that section and was active in all public interests, serving on the township board and was prominently associated with the organization of the Lutheran church, which was erected on the homestead of the father of his wife, Ole Christianson, in section fourteen of Garfield township. Mr. Christianson lived on his homestead until his death in 1909, at the age of eighty-three years. His son, Ole Christianson, is now a resident of Crookston. The Gullickson home was on the land in section fourteen, on the banks of Sand Hill river and here the death of Hans Gullickson occurred in his fifty-eighth year, in June, 1907. His wife survives him and continues to make her home on the farm with her daughter, Viola Gullickson, and the three sons, Carl Gullickson, Orton Gullickson and Melvin Gullickson, who operate the estate. The other members of the family of nine children are Albert O., Martin, a former Polk county teacher, who has held positions in a number of Minnesota schools and is now principal of the schools at Atwater, Minnesota; John, who taught for a time in Polk county and is now engaged in the practice of law at Great Falls, Minnesota; Otto, associated with Albert O. Gullickson in the mercantile business, and Robert, a farmer in Garfield township. Albert O. Gullickson grew to manhood on the homestead, engaging in farming until 1904 when he began his commercial activities, forming a partnership with T. H. Nesseth and buying the interests of Martin G.