Bearson, being in charge of this business. Mr. Bearson has ever given his active co-operation in affairs of public moment and has given able service as a progressive and public spirited citizen but has always avoided political activity. He enjoys the hunting and fishing in which his native state abounds and makes these out of door sports his favorite form of recreation. Mr. Bearson was married at Britton, South Dakota, August 7, 1893, to Eliza Bundrock, who was born in Wisconsin in 1874 and accompanied her parents to Dakota in her early childhood. Two children were born to them, Edwin, the manager of the garage of Bearson & Son; and Gertrude, who graduated from the Fertile high school in 1915 and is now engaged in the study of music. Mr. Bearson and his family are members of the United Lutheran church. Mr. Bearson’s parents were Engebret and Guneld (Cresthaug) Bearson. They were natives of Norway and were among the pioneers of Fillmore county. The father died in that county and mother in North Dakota. They were farmers. They have five sons and three daughters living.

Hogen Merrill Hogenson.

Hogen Merrill Hogenson, of Fertile, rural mail carrier and well known citizen, was born in Rock county, Wisconsin, November 29, 1857, the son of Peter and Sonva Hogenson, who had made the long trip across the waters from their native land of Norway to this country in a sailing vessel, taking several months to make the voyage. In 1863, when Hogen Hogenson was a lad of six years, the family removed to Olmstead county, where Peter Hogenson located on land and devoted his attention to the development of a farm. The parents made their home on the homestead during the remainder of their lives. H. M. Hogenson resided there until 1880, when he took a homestead claim in Clay county, Minnesota, and proved up on the tract, acquiring the title within two years, with a cash payment for the land. In 1886 he came to Polk county to secure more land and preempted a claim in Garden township, filing one of the last preemptions permitted under the law. Here he engaged in the arduous labor of clearing and cultivating the wild land, working during the first years without a team and then became the owner of a yoke of oxen. For seventeen years he gave his attention to agricultural pursuits and built up a prosperous farm property which he left in 1903 to remove to Fertile, where he has since made his home. For a time he was employed in draying and other occupations and in October, 1905, secured his appointment as rural mail carrier and for ten years he has continued to capably discharge the duties of this position, which entails the responsibilities of a twenty-eight mile route, through Garfield, Woodside and Godfrey townships, with some eighty patrons, the number of deliveries each month passing the six thousand mark. Mr. Hogenson is still interested in farm land near his old place in Garden township and on coming to Fertile, bought his present home which is one of the attractive residences of the town. As a progressive and public spirited citizen, Mr. Hogenson has always been identified with public activities and has earned the confidence and respect of all his associates for his integrity and ability in all phases of his career. He is widely known through his service in official capacity, having filled the various offices in Garden township, and the office of constable in Fertile, from which he resigned to accept his position as mail carrier. He is a member of the order of the Sons of Norway. Mr. Hogenson has been three times married. His first union was with Christine J. Grimsrud, who is survived by three children, Peter E., employed as a motorman on the railway in St. Paul; Serena, who married Kittle Moen and resides in Dodge county, Minnesota; and Anna, who is married and resides at Turtle Lake, North Dakota. Mr. Hogenson’s second marriage was with Martha Johnson. His present wife, Bertha Souders Hogenson, is a native of Ohio and