Louise Kenline, a native of Dubuque, Iowa. Eight children have been born to this union, Essiea, formerly a teacher in Polk county schools and now the wife of Albert Strand, of Staples, Minnesota; Frankie; Elwood, associated with the mercantile interests of Reed's Store at Black Duck, Minnesota, for six years; Dorothy; Anna, a student in the Mentor high school; Joyce, who is attending high school at Crookston; Robert and Elaine, attending the Mentor school. Frankie Tice and Dorothy Tice have both been employed in the Polk county schools. The former who has taught ten years continues to teach near East Grand Forks, while the latter, a teacher of four years, is a student in the business college at Crookston. The Tice home is an attractive residence and is situated but a short distance from Mentor, as the farm is partly within the village boundaries.

LEWIS E. LARSON.

Lewis E. Larson, a well known farmer and early settler of Esther township, has been a resident of Minnesota since he was a lad of ten years, when he came with his parents to Vernon county. He was born in Norway, in November, 1852, the son of Erick and Caroline Larson, who after living for several years in Vernon county, settled in Chippewa county, where the latter is still living, having survived the death of her husband some fourteen years. Lewis Larson grew to manhood in Chippewa county, working at farm work and in the winters was employed in the pineries of Wisconsin and during the years spent as a lumber man made a number of log drives down the Wisconsin and Mississippi rivers to Hannibal, Missouri, St. Louis and other river ports. In the spring of 1877, in company with James Peterson, he traveled through Dakota with the intention of securing farm land but Minnesota became their choice and they secured land in Polk county where they have since remained neighbors. Mr. Larson's homestead was in section thirty of Northland township, along the Marais river and he made his home in a log house on that tract for several years meanwhile purchasing eighty acres of school land, bordering the river and a quarter section of railroad land in section thirty-one of Northland township. After six years he moved on the school land and this place has since been his home. On coming to Polk county, he possessed a small capital and a team of horses and during the first season put some fifteen acres under cultivation which yielded him a good crop and that fall, in company with his brother-in-law, James Peterson, with whom he had formerly been associated in the threshing business, he journeyed back to Chippewa county, where they invested in a threshing machine, which they operated that season near Climax, in Polk county. In the following fall they transferred their activities to the Marais river and to territory in Dakota. Their machine was the first to be brought north of Grand Forks and after selling this, some years later they bought a steam thresher and continued in partnership for some time. Mr. Larson has met with success in his agricultural interests and has built up a fine farm property which he devotes mainly to the raising of grain. He also is interested in stock and dairy farming and breeds a fine grade of Short Horn cattle. As a pioneer citizen he was identified with the early organization of Esther and Higdem townships and was a member of the first township board and has continued to give efficient service as a member of that body ever since, serving for many years as chairman. His influence has ever been prominent in matters of public betterment and he has been especially active in the interests of educational movements and the public school system. He has always been a loyal supporter of the Grand Marais Lutheran church and was one of the original members of that organization. Of his family, two sisters lived in Polk county and a brother, Andrew Larson resides at Oslo, Minnesota. The sisters were Carrie Larson, the wife of Erick Peterson of Northland township and