Hammond township; Jessie H., who is also a graduate of the Crookston high school and was a Polk county teacher, and is now the wife of F. R. Hedley, of Fairfax township; Jay E., who is a graduate of the Agricultural College at Crookston, and Harvey A. Mrs. Wilder is a member of the Andover-Fairfax Social club and takes an active part in its proceedings and is zealous in promoting its welfare. Mr. Wilder has served as treasurer of the township board and also as a member of the school board while living in North Dakota. His home farm is located just one mile east of the center of Crookston and is one of the best in Crookston township.

ANTHON LINDEM.

Anthon Lindem, a prominent farmer of Bygland township and an ex-county commissioner, came to Polk county in 1878, from Buffalo county, Wisconsin. He was born in Norway, September 11, 1855, the son of Arund and Maren Christine Lindem, who located in Buffalo county in 1868, and there Anthon Lindem grew to manhood, receiving his education in the common schools of that county. He assisted in the development of the pioneer farm, working for his parents and then thriftily extending his operations to those of a labor contractor, hiring men to clear and break tracts of farm land and also handling town contracts for road building. This proved a profitable venture and in 1878 he came to Polk county, where a friend Peter Anderson had settled some years previous. Mr. Lindem secured a tree claim in Russia township and resumed his former occupation of breaking new land and during the first summer experienced the inconveniences of frontier life, securing feed for his two teams with great difficulty and at the expense of a troublesome and tedious journey. In the fall of the same year he disposed of his land and removed to Bygland township, taking a homestead of eighty acres in section twenty-two which he later increased to a quarter section, and later by purchase increased to 241 acres. His first house was a frame shack and he later moved to the log house which occupied the second tract of land, which remained his home until the erection of the present structure in 1890. He continued to invest in land and has owned various tracts and has made many lucrative transactions in timber lands. He also owns a tract of fruit land in the Sacramento Valley, California. Although he has devoted his attention principally to his farm, he was, in company with Peter Wardner, also interested for a time in a store at Big Fork, Itasca county. His son, Martin Lindem, was in charge of this store and both he and his sister, Anna Lindem, are owners of land in that county. For many years, Mr. Lindem confined his agricultural activities to the raising of grain but has latterly turned more attention to stock farming, breeding Short Horn cattle for dairying and marketing purposes. Both from natural location and improved equipment his farm ranks among the finest of this region and attests to its owner's progressive methods and business ability. As a public spirited citizen and public servant, Mr. Lindem has given efficient service in various township offices and has been actively associated with educational matters as clerk of the school board for many years. In 1891 he was elected county commissioner and held this office for eight years, during which time, in company with his associates, M. E. Kirsch, of Crookston, and A. C. Reinhart, of East Grand Forks, he was identified with the erection of the county jail building and other important public improvements. He is a member of the Republican party but does not pledge himself to any political powers, preferring to maintain the independence of his opinions. He was married in 1882, in Buffalo county, Wisconsin, to Christine Thompson, who is a native of that state. They have a family of five children, Anna, who was educated in the University of North Dakota and is a Polk county teacher; Martin, who was in charge of the store in