Edna, a student in St. Marys Academy at Milwaukee; Louise, who is attending high school at East Grand Forks; Leonard, Charles, Mary and Ruth Frances. They are all members of the Sacred Heart Catholic church.

WILLIAM HENRY BAILEY.

William Henry Bailey, a prominent farmer of Knute township, was born in Winnabago county, Wisconsin, July 5, 1855. His parents were of English nativity and were married in Wisconsin. After the death of his father, his mother became the wife of William Rostron and was a resident of Crookston in the early eighties. William H. Bailey came to Crookston in 1880 and has shared in the activities incident to the rapidly developing prosperity of Polk county, as a public spirited citizen and successful farmer. In his youth he was apprenticed to the mason trade and when twenty years of age, went to Michigan, where he was employed for a time and later removed to Iowa. He made the trip to Crookston in an open buggy and made his home there for years, having secured a position with the Great Northern railroad as fireman and brakeman. Being temporarily disabled for railroad work through an injury received in coupling cars, he decided to turn his attention to farming and without inspecting the land which was to be his future home, filed on a homestead on Section 19 in Knute township. He continued his employment with the railroad for a few years and then devoted his efforts to his farming enterprise and has resided on his place since January 8, 1884. During the first years, limited financial resources and the inconveniences of the sparsely settled and undeveloped frontier country added their share to the hardships which confront the pioneer farmer. Crookston, thirty-five miles distant across country, was the nearest railway station and the most accessible trading point was at Maple Bay, and this ten mile trip could not be made with a wagon, making it necessary to pack provisions on foot. For several years he worked at harvesting and at the various employment presented by local conditions, assisting in clearing land and digging wells and cellars and found a further source of revenue in dealing in cord wood, buying the wood for one dollar a cord and selling it in Erskine at a profitable increase. His first house was built of lumber which he hauled from Crookston. After three years he was enabled to purchase a team of oxen and to make rapid progress in the development of his own farm, clearing the land of the heavy timber and building up his present fine property. He has put sixty acres of the homestead under cultivation and has purchased eighty additional acres, all of which is devoted to grain and stock purposes. Like all progressive farmers, he is interested in raising the standard of farm stock and raises blooded animals and also keeps dairy cattle, being a patron of the co-operative creamery at Erskine, in which he is a stockholder. Mr. Bailey has never been an active worker in political circles but in the interests of the community has served as justice of peace and on the school board and has ever been influential in behalf of the general welfare and progress. In all activities of life, he has displayed the capable and intelligent management and enterprise, which have marked his highly efficient accomplishments as farmer and citizen. His estate is equipped with modern buildings, the house having been erected in 1911 and commands a fine panorama of Lake Sarah, one of Polk county's most beautifully wooded lakes and popular resorts. In 1915 Mr. Bailey made a valuable addition to his attractive residence in the installation of a carbide lighting plant, a material advance in the conveniences of the modern country home and the first innovation of the sort to be made in the Thirteen Towns. The plant is also utilized in lighting the barn. Mr. Bailey enjoys hunting and recalls the experiences of the earlier days when the large game visited this section and he shot bear and deer upon his own land. He was mar-