he assisted his father to clear of timber and break for farming. During the later years of his father's life he assumed entire direction of the place and since his death has become the owner of the three hundred and sixty acres, which includes the home­stead and part of a half section, which they pur­chased in partnership as partially improved land. The first home, a long house, was replaced by Knute Espeseth with a modern structure, and he also erected the good barns which now occupy the estate. Peder Espeseth applies the most progressive and enterprising methods to his farming interests and has met with marked success in all his activities. He has two hundred acres in cultivation for grain and harvests an annual crop of some 3,500 bushels, but does not give his entire attention to this phase, utilizing the balance of his fertile acres for his extensive operations as a stock man. He keeps a large herd of Short Horn cattle, is a breeder of Percheron horses, and raises sheep and hogs, selling two carloads of stock each year. He also has fifteen dairy cows and is a patron and stockholder in the co-operative creamery at Erskine. Mr. Espeseth's prosperous and busy farm exhibits the results of careful management and intelligent study of the farm business, in its adequate equipment and efficiency and profitable operations. In his barn is to be found modern improvements for the feeding and watering of stock, and to facilitate the routine farm work. Mr. Espeseth is a stockholder in the First State bank at Erskine. He was married in 1910 to Gina Rud, who is the daughter of Jorgen Rud, a farmer in Garden township, near Fertile. They have two children, Mildred and Clarence. Mr. Espeseth and his wife are members of the Saron United Lutheran church, of which his parents were original members.

FRANK O. JOHNSON.

Frank O. Johnson, a well known farmer of Lessor township, is a native of Sweden, born December 29, 1861. Since coming to Polk county he has been employed that he might accumulate the necessary capital. In a year or so his thrifty endeavors provided him funds to attain his ambition, and in 1885 he returned to Polk county and filed on a homestead in section twenty-seven of Lessor township, about three and one-half miles north of McIntosh. His parents re­mained on their farm for several years and now reside in McIntosh. Frank Johnson erected a small log shack and barn and entered upon laborious tasks of the pioneer farmer. The years of labor and able management have developed a prosperous farming property and some eighty acres have been cleared of timber and put under cultivation. The present house was erected in 1900 of spruce and tamarack logs which were hauled from Gully, twenty miles distant, and in the following year a good barn was built. The house has since been converted in outward appearance to a modern frame home. Mr. Johnson also owns a quarter section in section nine-