township. This was an improved farm and he paid $20 an acre for it, although there were no buildings on it. He has since cultivated all of his 223 acres with excellent results. The railroad runs diagonally through his home farm. He raises large quantities of grain, Shorthorn cattle and Poland China hogs, and also carries on an active dairy business, milking 17 to 20 cows and selling cream in Crookston. He usually has about 40 head of cattle and 100 of hogs fattening for the markets, and puts about 50 acres of land in corn for ensilage and field food for his stock. He has about five acres in alfalfa every year, and he has very little trouble with his crops, as his land is well drained with open ditches leading into a county ditch running along the northern line of his land, and there is no loss, his excellent silo enabling him to preserve everything not devoted to immediate use.

Mr. Smith has served several times on the township board and is now a member of it. He and all the members of his family belong to the First Baptist church in Crookston. He was married in the spring of 1883 to Miss Lizzie Roese, of Pierce county, Wisconsin. Their second child, Roy E., died when almost two years old, but they have two living, Louise and George R. The daughter is a graduate of the class of 1904 of the Crookston high school and lived at home until her marriage with Charles Musselman, and they now have their home with Mr. Musselman’s parents. They have three children, Mariam, Robert and Donald. Mrs. Musselman and her mother are members of the Fairfax-Andover Ladies Social Circle, a very useful organization formed by the ladies of the two townships. George R. Smith, the son of Robert E., is also a graduate of the Crookston high school class of 1909 and was for a short time a student at the University of Minnesota but finished his education at the Stout Institute in Menomonie, Wisconsin, from which he was graduated in December, 1911. For two and one-half years he taught manual training at the high school in Aberdeen, South Dakota, and is now teaching the same thing at the high school in Globe, Arizona.

TORKEL DANIELSON.

Torkel Danielson, a prominent farmer of Bygland township, settled in Polk County in 1877 and is a member of a well known pioneer family of this region. He was born in Norway, at Ose, Satersdahl, February 20, 1849, the son of Daniel E. and Anna (Torkelson) Ose. Daniel Ose was the first of his countrymen to settle in this district and his name is revered by all those familiar with his many worthy services in behalf of the commonwealth of which he was a pioneer. In his native land, he had been a farmer, but turning over his farm to his eldest son, Eivend Danielson, he came to the United States, that amid larger opportunities, he might secure a patrimony for his other children. He came direct to Polk county in 1872, and located on the northern half of the southwest quarter of section thirty-four of what later became Bygland township. Mr. Ose entered upon his farming enterprise in a new land with but a small capital but arrived at success and prosperity through years of industry and able management. His influence and his cabin home were the center around which clustered the various interests of the growing community and through him many of his countrymen came from Wisconsin, Illinois and Norway and were assisted by him in securing a home. His ready services were abetted by his wife whose friendly assistance was a cheerful element in the lives of the neighboring families. They shared the experiences incident to the time and locality and at one time were warned to leave their home because of an approaching Indian raid, but this alarm proved to be without foundation. At the time of the organization of the township it was thought to be a fitting tribute to the worth and services of its pioneer to confer upon it his name but this honor he firmly declined and refused a similar recognition upon the organization of the