one of the most efficient pharmacists in the county. He has always been actively identified with the promotion of the general welfare and progress of the community in which he lives and enjoys the respect and confidence of all as a public spirited citizen and business man. He has added the sale of pianos and musical instruments to his commercial activities and employs several salesmen in this department, covering an extensive territory. Mr. Reese was married in 1899 to Caroline Matson, who is a daughter of Christ Matson, of Hill River township. They have five children, Nytar, Harto, Kermit, Entrup and Gunilda.

OLOF M. SANDIN.

Olof M. Sandin, a well known pioneer and prominent citizen of Esther township, was born in Sweden, July 7, 1843, and came to St. Paul in 1872. Previous to that time he had lived in his native land, where he had engaged in farming and in the mines of Norway and had also given two seasons of service in the military training camp. He reached his destination in the new country without any financial resources and secured his first employment on a farm at Mendota, wielding a scythe in the hay fields. He was at first refused full wages but with his great prowess and expert skill, he soon proved himself the most competent among the workmen. In the fall of the same year he entered the Northern Pacific railroad shops at Brainerd, Minnesota, and continued as a railroad employee for several years, starting as a laborer in the yards and steadily advancing until he was offered the position of an engineer, but he did not care to devote his attention to that career as his ambition was fixed on the free life of out of doors on the farm. In the spring of 1877 he worked at well digging along the company’s line from Fargo to Bismarck and with his fellow workmen experienced the dangers of the frontier, their lives being seriously threatened by armed desperadoes. On returning to Fargo, in company with two of his companions, one of whom was his brother, John Sandin, he worked his passage on the river to Grand Forks, by driving a small raft of 90,000 feet of lumber. This proved a tedious and laborious journey, the crookedness of the stream requiring the attention of the drivers night and day for two weeks. Grand Forks then comprised a few dwellings and a Hudson Bay Company store and no settlement had been started on the eastern side of the river. Mr. Sandin immediately began his search for land on which he might achieve his farming ambitions and in partnership with his brother, John Sandin, settled on the land, which has ever since been his home, in Section 36 of Esther township, seven miles north of Grand Forks, on the Marais river. His brother continued to be allied with him in all his interests until his death. They settled on their land in August, 1877, and were among the first settlers of that region, their neighbors of the early day being William Jackson, James Pederson and Louis Larson, and two years after their coming, Mr. Dangerfield located on the tract across the Marais from their place. The land chosen by the brothers was school land and was not put upon the market until the following year, when Mr. Sandin secured possession at the auction held at Crookston, for $7.25 an acre, a neighbor bidding against him for the title to the eighty acres which had been Mr. Sandin’s home for several months. He later bought one hundred and sixty acres of railroad land adjoining his farm, and in the next section. It is not only as a successful and prosperous farmer that Mr. Sandin is known through the county; undoubtedly his largest claim among the people of Polk county is as a pioneer and a public spirited citizen. A man of genial nature, wide capabilities and commanding physique, he is one of those unique personalities who are ever largely identified with life and development of any new country; their worth and ready service laying the foundations for civilization’s progress. He