offices both in King and Knute townships, and is at present a member of the school board. He is associated with business enterprise as a stockholder in the cooperative creameries in Erskine and McIntosh and was one of the organizers from King township of the Farmers Mutual Insurance Company, a flourishing corporation of Polk county, of which he was president at one time and is now treasurer. His marriage with Agnes Hoffard, a native of Norway, was solemnized December 30, 1889, in Dakota county, Minnesota. Seven children were born to them of whom six are living: Frithjof and Christ, who are twins; Gunda, staying at home; Julia and Agnes, students in the high school at McIntosh, and Emma. A daughter, Ingeborg, died in her fifteenth year. Frithjof Uggen is associated with his father in the management of the home farm and Christ Uggen is living on a Montana claim, Dawson county. Mr. Uggen and his family are members of the Synod Lutheran church.

H. H. FLATTEN.

With a fine farm of 160 acres in Section 24, Esther township, eight and a half miles north of East Grand Forks, and on the boundary line between Esther and Northland townships, which is improved with good buildings and in a condition of high productiveness, H. H. Flatten is one of the most comfortably fixed farmers in his part of Polk county, especially as he owns an eighty-acre tract of hay land in Sandsville township in addition to his home farm. And the best part of it all is that everything Mr. Flatten has has accumulated by his own industry, thrift and good management. He was born in Norway July 2, 1850, and was reared on a farm and educated in that country. In the spring of 1875 he came to the United States and located in Goodhue county, Minnesota. He had only a few dollars in money, and so for three years he worked out at farm labor for a compensation of $20 a month and his board in summer and for his board alone in winter. He was very frugal and saving with his earnings, and at the end of three years he had $350 laid by.

About this time Jens I. Peterson, who had come over a year before and located in this county, wrote to his friend C. M. Lindgren in Goodhue county to join him in Polk county, and Mr. Flatten accompanied Mr. Lindgren to this part of the state, arriving in March, 1878. He took up his home place as a homestead by the side of one selected by Mr. Lindgren, and built on it a one-room log house, with a sawed roof and floor, which made him a comfortable dwelling for the time and his circumstances. He procured a team of oxen and broke up fifteen acres of his land, which he put in wheat the next season.

The first year he worked out at harvesting and threshing but also put up some hay for his own oxen and cows. He and Mr. Lindgren each had a yoke of oxen and they joined forces and made crops in 1879, Mr. Flatten’s yield being about 300 bushels. He then broke up more of his land and put in more wheat. After two or three years hail storms wasted his crops and caused him serious loss, but he persevered and kept on making progress, and he was soon able to buy a tract of eighty acres of railroad land in Sandsville township, four miles northeast of his home, for which he paid $7 an acre. This is excellent hay land, and it is nearly all devoted to that product.

Mr. Flatten lived in his little log house nine years, then erected his present dwelling. This was an ambitious structure for the section twenty-eight years ago, and many persons thought it was too large. But the owner felt confident he could pay for it, and he accomplished that duty years ago. Wheat, oats and barley have been his main crops, with wheat leading. He has taken an active part in the affairs of the township, serving on the township board in Higdem township before the division, then helping to organize Esther township and serving on its township board. He has also been a member of the school board in