living on the farm; Arthur, who is employed in the Crookston office of the Great Northern railroad; Josie, who is the wife of Edward Simpson, of Crookston; Olive Gina, who is the wife of Gust. Barnass, of Crookston; and Sophia and “Olive,” who are living at home. All the children have attended the Crookston high school, and all the members of the family belong to the United Lutheran church in Crookston.

ARNE J. HAUGEN.

Arne J. Haugen, a well known farmer of Badger township and a director in the State Bank of Erskine, was born in Norway, March 3, 1867, and came to the United States as a lad of eighteen years, borrowing the money for his passage from his brother. For a few months he worked on a farm in Ottertail county and in November, 1885, joined his father in Polk county, where they located on the land, in section twenty-six of Badger township which is Mr. Haugen’s present home. They continued to work in partnership and his father lived there until his death in May, 1911, at the advanced age of eighty-two. His wife’s death preceded his by eight years. Arne J. Haugen has never married and with his sister, Gustava Haugen, is the only surviving member of the family. The latter makes her home with her brother as housekeeper. The Haugen farm was formerly the homestead of Julius Bradley and upon coming into Mr. Haugen’s possession was for the most part wild land and occupied only by a claim shack. He has put eighty acres in cultivation and has reclaimed some low land with ditching. The remaining tract is retained as pasture land, Mr. Haugen being interested in raising high grade stock. He also engages in dairying. Through his able efforts and farming ability he has built up a prosperous estate of two hundred acres and has also given his service and attention in other fields of local activity, being identified with two notable enterprises of that region, as vice president of the co-operative creamery at Erskine and stockholder and director in the Erskine State bank. He has been frequently called to public service by his fellow citizens and has held the offices of township assessor and township treasurer, chairman of the board and for fifteen years was a member of the school board.

PETER J. HEDLUND.

This highly esteemed and truly representative farmer of Higdem township, who, in company with and assisted by his sons, cultivates 410 acres of land that is highly improved and very productive, was born in the province of Vermland, Sweden, May 15, 1846, and came to the United States in 1888, coming direct to Polk county on his arrival in this country as he had relatives living here. He had been a farmer in his native land but had no capital, as all his early manhood had been devoted to the service of his parents. He had, however, increased and intensified his self-reliance through service in the Swedish army, and felt equal to any requirement his new home might make of him. Soon after his arrival in this county he bought eighty acres of land of the railroad company at $7 an acre, going in debt for the purchase money and working out at farm labor to provide for his living and pay the debt. In 1888 he put up a little log house as a home for his family, and this was occupied by it until 1915, when he erected an eight-room modern farmhouse with every present-day convenience, including a hot water heating plant, the cost of the structure being more than $4,000.

Mr. Hedlund and his sons are engaged in general farming and raising live stock, and they have prospered at the business on a large scale. The parents of the household were married in Sweden and had six