union. The two oldest sons, Edwin and Clarence, have taken claims in Montana and the other children, Gilbert, Selmer, Clara, Olga, Mabel, Henry, Anton and Melvin, are all living with their parents. Mr. Flaskeurud and his family are members of the Synod Lutheran church at Fosston.

ANDREW HEIERSTAD.

This wide-awake and progressive farmer, who is prosperous at his business because he knows how to manage it to good advantage and make every hour of his time and every ounce of his energy profitable, has a large and fertile farm in section thirty-four, Higdem township, fifteen miles northwest of East Grand Forks, which he has acquired wholly by his own industry, thrift and good business capacity, and which by his skill as a farmer he has made one of the attractive and valuable rural homes in the township of its location.

Mr. Heierstad was born in Norway, January 22, 1843, and came to the United States in 1869, locating for a time in Winneshiek county, Iowa. There he was employed as a farm laborer at $16 a month, and he lost even that meager pay. He worked at harvesting and threshing and loaned out his money and never got some of it back. In the spring of 1878 he came to Polk county with $1,000 in cash and took up a homestead and a tree claim, and on these he has passed his time and expended his energies ever since. He planted five acres of his homestead and ten acres of his tree claim in timber, and he now has fifteen acres of fine wood land which he has kept clean and cultivated and developed into one of the best tracts of artificial timber in the county. It consists of ash, box elder and cotton wood trees and is very flourishing.

Mr. Heierstad’s first dwelling on his land was a small log house which has been built in as a part of the more modern and commodious residence he has since erected. For breaking the first ten acres of his land he was obliged to hire the service, as he had no oxen of his own, but since then he has depended on himself and has made progress nearly all the time, although he has several times had the greater part of his crops destroyed by hail, sometimes scarcely saving enough for seed, and had three horses and two ewes killed in his barn by lightning in one storm, but saved the barn. His principal attention has been given to raising grain, and in 1915 he produced 2,000 bushels of wheat, 1,200 bushels of oats and 500 bushels of barley. He has recently purchased twenty acres of timber land on the Red river two miles distant from his farm, but which he uses in connection with the farm.

After living in dreary loneliness as a bachelor for twelve years on this farm in Higdem township, Mr. Heierstad was married in 1890 to Miss Christine Torgeson, who died six months later. Then, on February 22, 1891, he contracted a second marriage, which united him with Miss Maret Sletten. They have three children: Mary, who is the wife of Henry Hanson and has one child, their son Arthur, but who, with her husband and child, is still living with her parents; and Gina and Hilda, who are also living at home. All the members of the family belong to the Synod Lutheran church and take a very cordial and helpful interest in the affairs of the congregation in which they hold their membership.

ARNT OLSON.

Owning one of the finest farms in the northern part of Polk county, which he has redeemed from the waste and made what it is, and which he has improved with a fine large dwelling house, commodious barns and other necessary structures, Arnt Olson, whose land is the Northwest quarter of Section 10 and the Northeast