For a few years hail storms destroyed Mr. Hoye's crops on his homestead and he encountered many other discouragements. He discovered that his land at best was none of the most choice, and after living on and cultivating it fourteen years he changed his base of operations to this county. In 1891 he bought a quarter of section 34 in Northland township, for which he paid $1,500, it being all wild land. In 1895 he came to this county to live, but instead of locating on his Northland township land he bought a quarter of section 8 in Sullivan township, two miles distant from his first purchase, and has made his home on that ever since. This second purchase in Polk county was made on a contract for 8,000 bushels of wheat to be delivered within a certain term of years, and Mr. Hoye's enterprise and good management in the operation of his farms was such that he was able to meet the requirements of his contract promptly and without any default whatever.

Mr. Hoye has since sold his Northland township farm and erected new buildings on the one in Sullivan township. He has also bought a quarter section half a mile distant from his home place. By these deals he has made money through the advances in the value of the land. He raises grain principally on his two quarter sections and keeps ten to twelve cows of good grades. His interest in the welfare and advancement of the township in which he lives has always been warm and active. He has served on the school board for a number of years and has shown his progressiveness and public spirit in many other ways.

In his young manhood Mr. Hoye was married in his native land to Miss Ingeborg Wistad. They have had seven children, three of whom are living. One daughter named Anna died at the age of sixteen. Another, who had the same name, died at the age of twelve. Theodore died when he was eight and Emma when she was four. The three living children are: Martin, who is still with his parents, and who has been the township assessor for four years; Henry, who married Miss Alma Onneland, has two children and is living in Montana, and Matilda, who is the wife of Norval J. Bolstad. The members of the family all belong to the Grand Marias Norwegian Lutheran church.

JENS OHNSTAD, M. D.

Jens Ohnstad, M. D., of McIntosh, one of the leading physicians of the county, was born in Dane county, Wisconsin, June 20, 1868. His parents were natives of Norway and came to the United States in 1846 and were pioneer settlers of Dane county, where his father is living at the close of a long and useful career, having reached his eighty-eighth year and being one of the few survivors among those who initiated the emigration of his compatriots to this country. Two brothers and a sister are also living at advanced ages, all having passed their eightieth year. Jens Ohnstad was reared on the Wisconsin homestead and was educated in normal school at St. Ausgar, Iowa. He graduated in 1892 and in his early manhood engaged in teaching school in Fillmore county, Minnesota, using this work to secure the financial aid to attain to his professional ambitions. In 1899 he entered State University for a four-year course of study in the college of physicians and surgeons and received his degree from that institution in 1903 and in October of that year located in McIntosh, where he has continued to pursue his practice with eminent success, with the exception of two years, during which time he transferred his professional activities to Minneapolis. Dr. Ohnstad has kept in touch with the progress of medical science and has taken post-graduate courses in advanced scientific studies, in Chicago. He has gained a wide reputation for his skill and professional achievements and his able services have been distinguished by notable victories over serious epidemics of malignant diseases. He has devoted every effort and interest to the duties of his vocation and has increased his opportunities for efficient service by the establishment of the Dr. Ohnstad Hospital,