chant there in that line of trade. He was active in the business for over twenty years and kept his interest in it until his death. Albert Gullickson was his partner and later took over the management of the store, Mr. Nesseth retiring from active connection with it. They built the double store building which the business now occupies about 1900.

When Mr. Nesseth retired to his farm he expected to gather a fine herd of Holstein cattle, and erect a new dwelling house and barn. But all his designs were cut short by his sudden death. He had been exhibiting some of his cattle at the Fertile fair, and, on his return with them to the farm, when he was leading the bull into the pasture the animal became infuriated, turned on him and injured him so badly that he died five hours later. His plans with reference to the house and barn have been carried out and the family now has one of the finest rural homes in Polk county.

Mr. Nesseth had served on the school board, been mayor of Fertile and president of the village council, and was one of the organizers and the secretary of the Farmers Insurance company and secretary of the Co-operative Creamery company. He helped to organize Little Norway United church, whose church edifice is one mile and a half east of his farm and near his old family home, when he first came to Polk county, and he was one of its most active and serviceable members and its secretary to the time of his death. He was first married to Miss Margaret Rude, who died, leaving no children, and on August 6, 1892, he contracted a second marriage with Mrs. Anna Henderson, the widow of A. S. Henderson, who then had two children: Lillie, who married Robert Erickson and died at the age of twenty-eight; and Arthur, who lives with his mother and operates the farm. Mrs. Nesseth's maiden name was Anna Gullickson and she is a daughter of Andrew and Helen Gullickson, who also were homesteaders in Garfield township and occupied the farm adjoining the present home of their daughter. By her second marriage Mrs. Nesseth became the mother of four children: Mabel, who is a teacher at Greenbush, in Roseau county; Ida, who is teaching at Glyndon, in Clay county, and has taught in Polk county; Helmer, who is a bookkeeper in the Farmers State Bank at Fertile, and Albert, who is living at home. Mrs. Nesseth is a lady of unusual natural ability and her home is a center of refined and elevated social activity and generous hospitality.

H. G. FLOAN.

H. G. Floan, whose well cultivated and highly improved farm of 157 acres lies in Section 26, Oustad township, this county, two miles southeast of the village of Melvin, eight and a half miles west of Fertile and seventeen miles southeast of Crookston, was born in Norway, and reared, educated and married in that country. In 1880 he came to the United States, bringing his wife and one child with him, and located in Goodhue county, Minnesota, where for seven years he worked by the year for farmers. In that period he saved $100 and became the father of three additional children.

In 1887 Mr. Floan moved to Polk county and bought the farm on which he is now living at $5.06 an acre. It was a full quarter-section when he bought it, but the railroad has since cut off one corner, taking about three acres. He had eight years in which to pay for his land and had to put up with many inconveniences during a great part of the time. For years his family lived in a one-room shanty with a little crude furniture, but he had a team of horses and two cows which he brought with him from Goodhue county.

Mr. Floan now has all his land under cultivation or in pasturage. The dwelling house he now occupies was built in 1911 and most of the other improvements were made earlier. He keeps eight to twelve milch cows to supply material for the Co-operative Creamery at Fertile, in which he is a stockholder, as he is...