farm is well equipped with modern machinery of the most approved designs, and everything is at hand for the most skillful cultivation of it, including the mind of a master workman in the person of its owner. Mr. Kleven made two trips to Norway since coming to this country. The last trip was made in 1914.

At this time (1916) Mr. Kleven is chairman of the township board, a post of responsibility and trust which he has filled with credit at different times during his residence here. He has long taken an active part in all work for good roads and ditching, and has given intelligent and stimulating attention to all other public interests in the township. Before the end of the first year after his arrival in Polk county he was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Tilden, also a native of Norway. They have six children living: Minda, who resided in Grand Forks; Lucas, who is his father's main assistant on the farm, and Cora, Tora, Hartvig and Joseph, and are also members of the parental family circle.

ESTEN O. ESTENSON.

This gentleman is a member of a family that has been prominent and stood high in the regard and good will of the people in the southwestern part of Polk county for two generations of human life, and this period covers nearly the whole history of settlement and civilization there. He is a son of Ole Estenson, one of the esteemed pioneer farmers of Vineland township and is living on eighty acres of his old homestead, on which he filed when there were very few families in the locality and almost all of it was wilderness. He is also a brother of Ole O. Estenson, one of the county commissioners who built the court house which was destroyed by fire some years ago. The family history is told in a sketch of Ole O. on other pages of this work.

E. O. Estenson was born in Green county, Wisconsin, February 22, 1861, and was old enough to note when his father entered the Civil war as a Union soldier and returned to his home at the close of that sanguinary conflict. He remembers these incidents vividly and he also remembers incidents of the trip of the family through many wilds and some infant settlements from his native county to this one in 1871. His boyhood was passed on his father's farm in Vineland township, that part of the period which belongs to Minnesota, and his experiences were much like those of other boys in his situation. He hunted the small game with which the region abounded, went to school when he could and assisted in the work on the farm year after year until he attained to man's estate and was then married.

After his marriage Mr. Estenson took up his residence in Crookston and became janitor of the old court house, the one his brother Ole O. Estenson helped to build as a county commissioner, and also served as engineer of the steam heating plant in the jail, then recently built. He remained in Crookston seven years, then returned to the country and located on eighty acres of his father's old homestead. He has added eighty acres to his farm and for years has given his whole attention to the cultivation of his 160 acres of superior land and the industries incident to that.

Mr. Estenson's main dependence on his farm was grain until recently, but some years ago he began to keep bees and gradually increased his business in this line until he had 100 hives or more. He kept this number for over ten years and produced about two tons of honey annually. His hives are fewer in number now, but he is still warmly interested in bees and gives them a great deal of attention. He also raises large quantities of apples on the 200 trees which he planted and has guided to maturity, and by this industry he has dissipated an old belief that apples could not be successfully raised in the Red river valley.

For a number of years Mr. Estenson has followed the trend of his neighborhood and produced large quantities of potatoes, which are sold in Kansas and Missouri for seed. His crop in 1914 was about 10,000