of this period his brother and his mother died on the farm, and his services were required in connection with the management of his interests there. So he sold the store and returned to the farm in 1913. He is also interested in a threshing outfit, and in 1915 closed his second successful season as its manager.

One of Mr. Boukind’s specialties on his farm is raising black Orpington chickens, of which he always has a large lot, well-bred and reared with the utmost care. His products have taken a number of first prizes at the shows of the Northwestern Poultry Association.

He is also still deeply interested in school work and was one of the leaders in obtaining the establishment of the new consolidated school district at Eldred. In addition he is editor of “The Booster,” a publication that has attracted the attention to literary societies by the excellence of its contents in a literary and educational way, and is a justice of the peace and has served as township assessor four years. He and the other members of the family belong to the Sand Hill Lutheran church, and he is also active and helpful in connection with the affairs of the Community church at Eldred, singing in its choir and taking part in all its work of every kind. He is a firm believer in the value of athletic activities and outdoor sports of every proper character, and has zealously encouraged baseball games and other contests of strength and skill. Being a bachelor he can find time to give such matters attention, and being a hustler he boosts them, as he does everything else in which he takes an interest, with all his might.

During the June term of the United States district court held in St. Paul in 1914 Mr. Boukind was a member of the petit jury drawn by Judge Page Morris, and during his service in that capacity he met many of the leading legal lights of Minnesota and the country. He found his experience in this jury service very interesting and profitable to him, as he is a diligent inquirer in all lines of intellectual activity.

PAT LEALAS.

Pat Lealas, the pioneer settler of Bygland township, is widely known throughout the county as one of the few survivors of that sturdy band of men who with the steady perseverance of the race of frontiersman surmounted all difficulties and hardships laying the foundations for the prosperity and accomplishment of today. As citizen, farmer and neighbor, his career has been marked by a personality, strongly typical of the virtues of his countrymen, possessed of a geniality, the ready humor and adventurous spirit which lends peculiar charm to Irish character, Mr. Lealas has made the people of Polk county his friends, and as a worthy and able citizen enjoys the respect and esteem of all. He was born in County Wexford, Ireland, and was reared in his native land, becoming apprenticed to the carpenter trade. On coming to America he located in Ontario, where he spent eleven years working at his trade. In 1871 a brother, Edward Lealas settled in Huntsville township, and in the following year Pat Lealas came to Minnesota, being the first of a number of settlers who came from County Lanark to Polk county. He was the first settler in Bygland township, which was not yet surveyed, and squatted on the northwest quarter of section one, the tract being traversed by the Red river, a boundary which later involved Mr. Lealas in litigation with the railroad company in which he established his title to the contested tract. He erected a shanty on the site of his present home and doing the first years supported his family trapping otter and other small game in which the country abounded, being instructed in this new means of livelihood by Mike Ferry, the partner of his brother, Edward Lealas. His reminiscence of these days are unusually enjoyable, being enriched by numerous appreciation and the genius of a natural recounter of tales. The many adventures of the hunter and trapper in a land abounding in wild game furnishes ample material for