school teacher also, following the excellent example of her mother. The latter was appointed postmistress of Mentor and held the office seventeen years. In addition to her other property she owns 240 acres of land in Grove Park township and personally supervises the cultivation of the farm, and in this work, as in her store, her excellent business qualifications are well displayed.

OSCAR WICK.

For more than a quarter of a century Oscar Wick has conducted the East Grand Forks nursery to the great benefit of his own township and those that adjoin it in this state and North Dakota. He started the business in 1890, and he now has about one-half of the seventy acres of land in his nursery tract devoted to propagating hardy and flowering shrubs, ornamental and fruit trees, especially crab and other apple, plum and cherry trees, and such small fruits as strawberries and other berries. He also makes a specialty of producing fine asparagus plants in great numbers, and he gives particular attention to his ornamental tree and shrub department.

Mr. Wick was born in Sweden June 30, 1857, and became a resident of Minnesota in 1879. He was specially prepared for his business by thorough training at good horticultural schools and by practical work, and he is, therefore, a complete master of it, but he is also still a diligent student and close observer of its development in every line of progress. He was married in 1881, at Blanchard, North Dakota, to Miss Carrie Erickson, who died in 1890, leaving three children. Of these Ella, the first born, died at the age of nine years. Roy is a conductor on the Great Northern railroad and lives in Grand Forks, and Conrad is a gardener on land near his father's.

In 1893 Mr. Wick contracted a second marriage, which united him with Miss Augusta Jernberg, who is also a native of Sweden. They have three children: Ella, who is a stenographer in the Northern State Bank of Grand Forks, and Lillie and Rudolph, who are living at home with their parents. The father was one of the founders of the Swedish Lutheran church in Grand Forks and served as its organist for seven years. The first money he made he sent back to his old music teacher in Sweden. His children inherit his musical talent and are themselves all accomplished musicians.

Mr. Wick located at Blanchard, North Dakota, in 1880, and there he built a hotel and became a grain merchant. When he decided to change his occupation he was unable to sell his property at Blanchard, and so he came to Grand Forks without capital and started in selling nursery stock for the Grand Forks Nursery. He soon discovered that the profits in the business were large and decided to engage in it himself. He bought part of the land he now devotes to it, paying $60 an acre for it, although it was then full of stumps and brush, going in debt for the purchase money and borrowing $200 in addition. The land is on the east side of Red River, one mile south of East Grand Forks, and well located for his purpose.

For a time he conducted a restaurant in which he made money, but opposition developed when it was learned that he was going to start a new nursery. One Grand Forks and one Hillsboro, North Dakota, newspaper worked against him and were accused of being paid for doing this. But the Northwest News and the Normander gave his undertaking encouragement which proved to be of great advantage to him.

In a little while he bought more land, paying $150 an acre for some of it, and he now owns seventy acres. His rule of action has been to deal fairly with everybody, correct all mistakes of his own, replace poor stock and make every effort to produce stock suitable for the climate and local conditions. His business expanded steadily and brought him increasing prosperity. He now has a very desirable home with an avenue bordered by stately trees of his own planting leading to the dwelling and artistically arranged