

of a fine modern house and substantial outbuildings. His fields are in a high state of cultivation and his farm, neat and attractive in appearance, is one of the valuable farming properties in the township. Mr. Hove is well known in business circles in this district as a stockholder in the Nordness Creamery Company, the Nordness Telephone Company and the Farmers Hog Company.

On the 29th of August, 1879, occurred the marriage of Mr. Hove and Miss Mary M. Remen, a daughter of Nels M. and Mary P. (Egge) Remen, natives of Norway, and Mr. and Mrs. Hove became the parents of eleven children, of whom three, Mary, Nettie and Selma, are deceased. The surviving children are Theodore, Tilda, Selma, Nels, Mabel, Andrew, Paul and Becca. The Lutheran church of Decorah numbers Mr. Hove among its members while the candidates and measures of the republican party receive his stalwart support. He is interested in all that pertains to the welfare of the community in which he lives and the state at large, and although his time is fully occupied by his business affairs he does all he can to promote the material, political and moral progress of his section.

EDGAR ARNESS.

That Winneshiek county is an attractive place of residence and that her fertile acres afford excellent agricultural opportunities is indicated by the fact that many of her native sons have remained within her borders, continuing to make this district the scene of their business activity. Among this number is Edgar Arness, whose birth occurred in Frankville township on the 2d of December, 1886, a son of Louis and Gundle (Ramsey) Arness, natives of Frankville township, this county. Both parents were reared and educated in Winneshiek county and in Frankville township the father has engaged in farming throughout his entire lifetime. He still remains in this occupation, having attained the age of fifty-three years, while his wife is fifty years of age.

Reared upon the farm which had been his parents' home for many years, Edgar Arness devoted the years of his boyhood and youth to the work of the fields and the acquirement of an education in the district schools. He remained at home, giving his father the benefit of his assistance in the cultivation of the home farm until 1908, when, having attained his majority, he took up agricultural pursuits on his own account, wisely choosing as his life work the occupation to which he had been reared. He purchased what was known as the Henry Mess farm, consisting of one hundred and twenty acres of land located on section 36, Decorah township, and to its further development he has since given his attention. It is a well improved property, indicating in its neat appearance the thrift, industry and systematic methods of its owner.

Mr. Arness laid the foundation for a pleasant home life in his marriage, on the 2d of June, 1909, to Miss Ida Tashlow, a daughter of Hans and Synova Tashlow, natives of Norway and Winneshiek county, Iowa, respectively. The young couple hold membership in the Lutheran church while Mr. Arness' political affiliation is with the republican party. His life record covering but twenty-seven years, Mr. Arness is actuated by the ambition and enthusiasm of youth