

were born, namely: Melvine and Ole, twins, born September 18, 1900; and Helen, whose birth occurred August 14, 1905.

Mr. Bringsjord is a stockholder in the Ice Cave Creamery Company of Decorah, and also is interested in the Farmers Hog Company. His religious faith is that of the Lutheran church and politically he is a republican. Enterprising and progressive, he has become a valuable citizen of Decorah township and by his labors has promoted agricultural growth and development. He is interested in all public enterprises of permanent value and is ever ready to gladly bear his share of time and money in any worthy cause. He is highly respected and esteemed in his community and enjoys the confidence and goodwill of a large circle of friends, who have learned to appreciate his worth and his high qualities of mind and character.

EDWARD LYNNE.

Although Edward Lynne has been engaged in business in Decorah only since 1908, he has already been recognized as an important factor in the commercial life of the city. There he conducts an establishment on Main street, where he handles flour, feed, hay and grain. A native of Winneshiek county, Iowa, he was born October 3, 1855, and is a son of John and Mary (Dammen) Lynne, natives of Norway. The father, who was a carpenter by trade, came to America in 1853 and settled in Glenwood township, Winneshiek county, buying one hundred and twenty acres of land in that locality upon which he lived until his death. His wife also passed away on that farm. He was among the early pioneers of this section and by strict attention to his property succeeded in transforming a wild tract of land into a valuable farm, enjoying in his later years a substantial competence as the result of his diligence and industry. He was highly respected and esteemed in the vicinity by all who knew him. He was a public-spirited man, interesting himself in public affairs, and successfully held various township offices. Both he and his wife made their homes with our subject after Edward Lynne had bought the farm from his father, the parents remaining with him until their death. They were among the ones that founded the congregation of Rev. Korn, a Norwegian pioneer minister, on Washington prairie. The latter was one of the very first circuit riders in northeastern Iowa and the parents always gave their faithful allegiance to this church.

Edward Lynne attended the district schools in Glenwood township in the acquirement of his education and early began to assist his father in the work on the home place. He took charge of the management of the farm in 1883 and continued in its cultivation until 1908. He bought the home farm from his father before the latter died and subsequently added forty acres to it. Following modern and progressive methods of soil cultivation, he made a success of his enterprise, bringing his land to a high state of productivity. He placed upon the farm many valuable improvements and such equipment as is considered indispensable to attain the highest agricultural results. He gave also considerable attention to stock-raising, specializing in full-blooded Poland China hogs and a high grade of Guernsey cattle. In 1908 Mr. Lynne laid aside the active work