

knew him. His wife survives and makes her home with our subject. To them were born five children: Martha, at home; Ellen Maria, the wife of N. J. Ofstadahl, of Cresco; Thomas, of this review; Olena, who married A. K. Sandven, of Streeter, North Dakota; and John G., deceased.

Thomas Torkelson, in the acquirement of his education, attended the district schools near his father's farm and then took a course in Valder College for about two and a half years, graduating in 1897. He then returned to the old home and has ever since cultivated its one hundred and nine acres. The farm shows care and well expended labor and its fields annually bring rich harvests. Mr. Torkelson engages in general farming and also gives considerable attention to stock-raising, deriving a substantial income from both lines of endeavor.

In his religious affiliation Mr. Torkelson is a member of the United Lutheran church and politically he is a republican. He has always taken a deep interest in the progress and welfare of the county, particularly his township, and he is serving now as assessor, having been elected for six terms to this office, his long record standing as evidence of his faithfulness and ability. For three years he was also township clerk and for two years school director of his district, giving thereby evidence of his laudable interest in the cause of education. One of the younger generation, he is progressive and up-to-date in his views and is on all sides accorded respect and esteem for what he has achieved and for those qualities of his character which have made possible his success.

ADBERT EDDINGSON.

Albert Ellingson, carrying on general farming and stock-raising upon a fine tract of one hundred and eight acres on section 20, Pleasant township, was born in the section where he now resides on the 10th of December, 1870. He is a son of O. W. and Rachel (Severson) Ellingson, natives of Norway, who crossed the Atlantic in early life and settled first in Madison, Wisconsin. From that city they came to Iowa and the father engaged in general farming in Pleasant township, Winneshiek county, for many years, finally retiring and taking up his residence in Decorah, where he passed away in 1905, when he was sixty-two years of age. He was well known in local public affairs, holding many important positions on the republican ticket, including that of county supervisor and township clerk and assessor. He was a devout member of the Lutheran church and guided his upright and honorable life by its principles. He and his wife became the parents of eleven children: Julia, who married Ole P. Lein, of Pleasant township; Elling, of Canoe township; Sever; Henry, of Pleasant township; Ole, who resides in Decorah; Albert, of this review; Martin, a farmer in Canoe township; Julius, engaged in agricultural pursuits in Pleasant township; Helen, the wife of George Barth, of Pleasant township; Marvin; and Clarence Theodore.

Albert Ellingson was reared upon his father's farm in Pleasant township and from his childhood assisted with the work of its operation, becoming in this way thoroughly familiar with the best agricultural methods. After his marriage he began farming for himself, buying one hundred and eight acres on section 20, Pleasant township, and upon this property he has since continued to reside. He