

the place of three teams. The Woldum Brothers are most enterprising, energetic and progressive business men, occupying a prominent position in commercial circles and carrying forward to successful completion whatever they undertake. In addition to his other interests Martin Woldum is treasurer for the Glenwood Telephone Company.

In 1893 Martin Woldum was united in marriage to Miss Julia Ramsey, who was born in Glenwood township in 1872, a daughter of Mons O. and Ragnilda Ramsey, the former now deceased, while the latter is a resident of Glenwood township. Mr. and Mrs. Woldum have four living children, Morris, Ruth, Mil-ford and Myrtle, and they also lost four children in infancy, two being named Reuben, while one of the others was named Milford and the fourth Myrtle.

The Woldum family came to the United States in limited financial circumstances, in fact they had hardly a dollar to their name, but father and sons worked energetically and have made steady progress. The eldest brother now has a splendid position with the International Harvester Company and is the owner of a large tract of land in Canada. Martin Woldum and his brother Halvor have become recognized as leading business men of Winneshiek county, and their efforts are of a character that contribute to public progress as well as to individual success. Martin Woldum gives his political allegiance to the republican party. He has filled the office of township clerk and is now one of the township trustees. He is a member of the Lutheran Synod church and is well known in musical circles, being vice president of the Norwegian Singers Association of the State of Iowa and treasurer of the Winneshiek County Singers Association. He is interested in all the principal features of life in his adopted county and his influence is ever on the side of progress and improvement.

R. A. ENGBERTSON.

There is hardly a man in Decorah from whom the commercial growth of the city has received more impetus than R. A. Engbertson, who is the owner of one of the leading drug stores of the city and president of the Decorah State Bank, in the organization of which he was instrumental. While he is considered one of the most substantial men of the city and is accorded honor for what he has attained his activities have been equally beneficial in promoting the general welfare. Born in Christiania, Norway, on August 20, 1864, Mr. Engbertson is the son of Ole and Bertha (Fredrickson) Engbertson, both natives of that country. The father was a tailor by trade. In the winter of 1864 the family including their infant son made removal to the United States to partake of the advantages the new world held out to all newcomers. Locating in Decorah, Mr. Engbertson was one of the early settlers here and engaged at his trade in this city for the remainder of his life. He and his wife are now deceased, the latter's death having occurred on February 1, 1894, in Decorah.

R. A. Engbertson attended public school in Decorah and when yet a boy became connected with the line of business in which he later achieved such remarkable success by entering the employ of Rudolph & Son, druggists, as clerk. He left that position in order to accept a similar one in the drug store of