

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of **Representative** FLUGUM, CHRISTIAN NIELSON **Senator** _____

Represented Winnebago County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 17 January 1859, Sogndal, Sogn, Norway

2. Marriage (s) date place

Bertha Hermansen (22 Aug. 1866 - 31 Aug. 1930), 9 December 1892, Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Church, Winnebago County, Iowa. *obit says 13 December.

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business farmer, teacher, carpenter

B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession _____

4. Church membership Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Church

5. Sessions served 32nd & 32nd Ex GA 1907/8, Winnebago Co.

6. Public Offices

A. Local Township Clerk Mt Valley Twp, 3 terms; school board many terms

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 9 November 1927, at home, 2 years illness, 9 months in bed; bur. Winnebago Cem.

8. Children See #12

9. Names of parents Niels or Nels Christian Flugum (21 May 1831 - 2 May 1921); Margaret Eggum (24 Dec. 1829-5 April 1899)

Flugum, Christian Nielson

10. Education ~~Forest City High School; Luther College~~

11. Degrees ~~may have graduated from Luther~~

12. Other applicable information ~~Parents, with three children, came from~~

Norway by sail boat Spring 1867, to Quebec; by rail through Chicago to Wisconsin. Lived there six years; ~~fisher teaching. To Winnebago Co. 1873. Farmed. Mother was daughter of Mono Eggum who had been representative in Norwegian assembly. She may have died in Norway. Bur. Winnebago.~~

C. N. ~~completed high school in Forest City, at 18; then granted 2nd grade teaching certificate, and next year a 1st grade certificate. Taught. Then entered Luther College. After college, taught 12 years. Also worked as carpenter. Then dealt in real estate, buying and selling farm land, and acquiring much farm property. Said farmed since 1892. Shown as farmer on 1900 and 1920 census.~~

In 1886 he helped organize Farmers Mut Ins Assn of Winnebago Co. and was its secy and mgr for many years. ~~One of Directors of Iowa Mutual Tornado Ins Assn; and was adjuster for it many years. Shareholder in Farmers Elevator Co of Lake Mills and Farmers Elevator Co. of Leland; Lake Mills Lumber Co., and Leland Creamery Co.~~

Had strong interest in mission work of his church.

Survived by wife, 9 children, 1 sister and 3 brothers.

Children: (1) (Nels) Edward (22 Sept. 1893 - 7 Sept. 1937), U S Army 1918-19); (2) Elmer N. (Apr. 1895 -); (3) Charles (Sept. 1896 -); (4) Mabel A. (Mrs. Rudolph Fjelstad) (Mar. 1898 -); (5) Joseph G. (Feb. 1900 -); (6) Bertha (Mrs. S. A. Ingbreetsen) (c. 1902 -); (7) Norman (c. 1895 -); (8) William (c. 1906 -); (9) Esther (c. 1909 -).

(7) Clarence (1904 -)

Obituary

CHRISTIAN NIELSON FLUGUM

Christian Nielson Flugum was born in Sogndal, Sogn, Norway, January 17, 1859. His parents were Niels and Martha Flugum. His father was the son of Christian Olnes, a farmer. His mother was the daughter of Mons Egum, who for some time was a representative in the Storting of Norway.

In the spring of 1867, Niels Flugum with his family, consisting at that time of wife and three boys—Christian being the oldest—embarked on an old sail ship, which should bring them to America. And after a very stormy voyage of five weeks they landed safely at Quebec. From Quebec the journey was continued by rail via Montreal and Chicago, to Stoughton, Wisconsin. The family first located in the Koshkonong settlement, near Cambridge, Wis., where they resided for six years.

During their stay here, most of Niels Flugum's time was taken up by teaching parochial school in one of Rev. Otteson's congregations, and for two years he also served as "Kirkesanger" in the Liberty Prairie church.

At the time of his arrival in America, Christian Flugum was about eight years old; but even then, as a child, he manifested a decided inclination for acquiring knowledge, both by reading and studying books, and by closely observing what was taking place in the new environment in which he now was placed. He attended the public schools in Wisconsin whenever possible, and usually took the books home with him in the evening, to study his lessons by candle light.

The last year of his stay in Wisconsin, C. N. Flugum received religious instruction from Rev. Otteson preparing for confirmation, but owing to the fact that the family moved away before the time set for confirmation services to be held, he was not confirmed by that pastor. He was however confirmed by Rev. T. A. Torgersen in the early summer of 1873, when the family had settled down in Winnebago county.

After his arrival in Winnebago, and after he had helped clear a piece of land his father had bought, Christian again took up his book studies, and now in real earnest.

He attended the Forest City high school, and when about eighteen years of age, was granted a second grade teacher's certificate. The year after he obtained a first grade certificate, and this grade he held during all the subsequent years that he was teaching school.

Not being satisfied however, with the education that could be obtained by attending the home schools, he went to Luther college, Decorah, Iowa, to complete his education. Prof. Laur Larson was at that time president of Luther college.

organize "The Farmers Mutual Insurance Association of Winnebago county, Iowa". This association has steadily been growing in strength and usefulness, and is, at the present time in a most flourishing condition. He has also been one of the directors of the "Iowa Mutual Tornado Insurance Association," and also one of its adjusters.

The Flugum family are all of them members of the Winnebago congregation, of The Norwegian Lutheran Church of America, their pastor at the present time being Joh. Granskou.

If there was any single branch of church work for which C. N. Flugum showed more solicitude than the rest, this branch of church work undoubtedly was the missions, and to this branch of church work he contributed liberally. He was a member of the mission committee in the Winnebago congregation, and also a member of the home mission committee of the Iowa district.

About two years ago his health began perceptibly to fall him; and he steadily grew worse until it was found necessary for him to undergo an operation. From this he seemed to recover, and it was hoped that he would again regain his health, but last fall he suffered a relapse, which very speedily brought him to his bed. He was confined to his bed for about nine months, often suffering severe pains, which



HON. C. N. FLUGUM

however, he bore with great fortitude, seldom complaining, but often expressing the wish that he might be granted the grace, soon to be relieved from his pains, and to enter the heavenly home. And this his wish was fulfilled Wednesday on the 9th of November, 1927, at 12 o'clock, noon, when he passed peacefully away, being conscious to the last.

C. N. Flugum was at the time of his death 68 years, 9 months and 22 days old. He leaves a wife and nine children, a son, the States Historical Society of Iowa, and a father, and also one sister, Miss Karina, and three brothers, Ole, Matt, and Jakob, all residing locally.

Hancock County

Wm. C. Keraus of Klemme bought a grocery store at Tra

One hundred and fifty people attended a banquet of the 4-H at Britt.

Britt is to have another grocery and fruit store, to be operated by Andy Vallier.

The George Huling family, residents of Boone township for many years, are moving to Wabasca, Minn.

E. E. Benson, living north of Crystal Lake, raised 2200 bushels of potatoes on six acres of ground.

Rev. Father A. C. Woerdehoef attended the investiture of Monsignor McCarthy at Sioux Falls, Wednesday.

Kanawha city dads are erecting a snow fence along the roads leading into town. They have also hired a night watch.

A highly valued Police dog belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Otto Garner of the Garner bakery, was poisoned with arsenic.

Edna Schulz and Gerd Jo were married by Rev. H. R. V. at Garner last Wednesday. They took a wedding trip to Waverly.

Herb Gartin, cream tester at Garner, got some sulphuric acid in his right eye and feared for a time he would lose the eye, but it is recovering now.

Andrew Anderson, twice held for drunkenness at Garner and assessed a fine of \$5 each time, was threatened with a jail sentence if he appeared again.

License plates off a Chevrolet stolen from Miss Mildred Hein Goodell were found in corn field not far distant but not until the car itself was recovered.

Britt clearing house is to be completed by Nov. 24 since a bank is established in the city. Operating for a year, deposits of \$144,008.61 were accumulated by 500 individual depositors.

Ralph Robertson, Kanawha 17 years, died at Iowa City hospital from osteomyelitis, an inflammation of the bone and marrow. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Robertson.

Martin Gray, Emmetsburg farmer, was arrested at Garner with six other men, charged with larceny. They seem to come under any lawful designation. He put up a \$1,000 bond.

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occupied with school work, he worked
at the carpenter's trade.

Christian Flugum loved farm life,
and to see corn and other crops thrive
and grow under proper cultivation was
to him a veritable joy. And because
of his interest in farming and farm
life, he commenced to deal in real
estate on a small scale, buying and
selling farm lands, and acquiring in
time considerable farm property.

On the 13th day of December 1892,
he was united in marriage to Miss
Bertha Hermansen, daughter of Mr.
and Mrs. Elling Hermansen. Rev. I.
M. Dahl performing the ceremony
which made them husband and wife.

To this union were born nine chil-
dren, namely: Edward, Norman, Char-
les, Mabel, Joseph, Bertha, Clarence,
William and Esther. All of the chil-
dren are at the present time living
here, some of them at home and some
near home. There are also eleven
grandchildren.

The writer of this sketch—a near
relative—quite often went over to see
Christian Flugum during his last ill-
ness. And at such times, we talked
about many things which had occur-
red in the days gone by; but when
the writer chanced to mention some
of the services he had rendered the
community in which he had lived, he
seemed to get rather uneasy, and he
then strongly enjoined me, that, if I
ever should want to write a sketch of
his life, to just state the bare facts,
without any comment, and to refrain
from any undue eulogy regarding his
services. "What I have been able to
accomplished," he said, "has been done
with the co-operation of friends and
fellow citizens. Without their support
I should have been able to accomplish
but little." And according to this his
wish, so shall it be. I shall merely
give a brief outline of his life's work.

Christian Flugum has held many
positions of trust. He served as a
member of the thirty-second general
assembly, from this district, and also
of the thirty-second extra session in
1907-08. He was township clerk of
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band and father, and also one sister,
Miss Karina, and three brothers, Ole,
Mons, and Inbebrigh, all feeling keenly
the loss of a brother, who has always
been a true friend and a wise coun-
cillor to them.

The funeral services were held Nov.
12th in the Winnebago church, midst
a large gathering of friends and ac-
quaintances, who had come from far
and near to pay their last respects to
the deceased.

The residing pastor, Rev. Granskou,
spoke words of comfort to the sorrow-
ing relatives; and missionary Clemens
Granskou, who kindly left his duties at
Waldorf college to be present at the
funeral, gave a very impressive ad-
dress in the English language. The
church choir contributed several song
selections and Mr. Odegaard, student
at Waldorf college, sang a beautiful
solo. Among other floral offerings
was one from "The Winnebago Mutual
Insurance Association."

The remains of Christian Flugum
were laid to rest in the family lot in
the Winnebago cemetery, where they
shall rest in peace until the resurrec-
tion morn.

I believe, that the religious senti-
ments of Christian Flugum, both dur-
ing his last illness, and throughout
his whole life, can be expressed in the
following lines composed by the writ-
er:

I know a friend whose wondrous
birth caused angels jubilee,
Who left his glorious heaven for
earth
To set the sinners free.
Who never failed a soul in need,
Who never broke the wounded reed.
Whose every act, whose every deed
Was wrought for you and me.
When everything seems seared with
blight—

The world devoid of love,
Then, in the stillness of the night
I hear the cooing dove.
When I am weary—when at times
My longings soar to distant climes,
I seem to hear the merry chimes
Of silver bells above.

Ah, may it be! Ah, may it be, when
life's short course is o'er
That my Redeemer I may see,
And meet him on yon shore!
Where ain and sorrow, care and pain
No more the rescued soul shall
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But love and peace and joy shall
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is in charge of a state wide co
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Mr. and Mrs. Russell Keith,
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tative society, succeeding Milton I

At a Britt Gun club shoot fo
Hancock county cup J. F. Fish
Titonka, was high gun with a
of 146; C. E. Haxton and Bill
tied for second with 143; Bim
of Charles City, was third with
while L. H. Ludwig was fourth
135.

Two hundred and seven
cows were tested in October in
cock county by test association
averaging 454 pounds milk and
pounds butterfat, a gain of o
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Peterson, Britt, had high herd
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Funeral services for Arthur
well, Britt resident, who died
day morning at Mercy hospita
son City, following a sudden
of appendicitis, were held i
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41 years old and was stricken
attending a sale in the country
was rushed to the hospital
two operations were perform
an attempt to save his life. He
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gaged in farming until last
when he moved to Britt and b
manager of the Britt Shipping
ciation. He is survived by h
dow, Grace Welty Caldwell,
daughter, Dolores, 9 years ol
mother, two sisters and one br

Adams county, Iowa, and enlisted in Company K, Fourth Iowa Infantry. He served with his company and regiment until mustered out at Atlanta, Georgia, in 1864.

He was married October 31, 1865, to Amanda King who preceded him in death April 10, 1882. To this union were born six children: Florence, Cora, Maude, Nelle, Bruce and Donald C., deceased.

He was married again to Mary A. Griffin in Washington, D. C., who survives him.

Mr. Flick was elected county recorder, state representative, district attorney, dean of Taylor county bar and served in Congress in the Fifty-first and Fifty-second sessions. Retiring from Congress he returned to Bedford, Iowa, where he engaged in law practice.

The history of Taylor county says for him:

"Faultless in honor, fearless in conduct and stainless in reputation. His record in public and private life are above reproach. He was truly one of nature's noblemen."

In politics Mr. Flick was a Republican. He took deep interest in political affairs of his state and nation.

He was a member of Taylor County Lodge, A. F. & A. M.; Triangle Chapter No. 68, and Creston Commandery No. 29, Knights Templar.

Therefore, Be It Resolved, That in the passing of the Hon. James Patton Flick, the state has lost a valuable and honored citizen, a man of strong character and sterling worth, and the House would tender by this resolution its sympathy to the widow and family who survive.

Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the journal of the House as an expression of appreciation of the life and worth of the deceased and an enrolled copy thereof be transmitted to the widow of the deceased.

R. W. COX,
JOHN M. BIXLER,
D. A. VAUGHN,

Committee.

Unanimously adopted April 8, 1929.

HON. C. N. FLUGUM

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee appointed to prepare resolutions commemorating the life and services of Honorable C. N. Flugum, former member of the House of Representatives from Winnebago county, Iowa, begs leave to submit the following memorial:

C. N. Flugum of Leland, Iowa, was born in Norway, January 17, 1859, and came to America in the spring of 1867.

He attended the public schools in Wisconsin whenever possible. However, he had to acquire a great deal of his education studying at home by candle light. He settled in Winnebago county, Iowa, with his parents in 1873. He attended the Forest City High School and at the age of eighteen years was granted a teacher's certificate. After teaching in the public schools in Winnebago county, he attended Luther College at

Decorah, Iowa, where he completed his education. He was united in marriage on December 13, 1892, to Bertha Hermanson. To this union were born nine children, namely, Edward, Norman, Charles, Mabel, Bertha, Clarence, William and Esther.

C. N. Flugum held many positions of trust. He was a member of the Thirty-second and Thirty-second extra General Assemblies. He held office in school and township organizations and was instrumental in helping to organize several cooperative institutions in his county, the most successful of which is the Farmers Mutual Fire and Lightning Insurance Association. He acted as secretary and manager of this association for forty years.

He was a member of the Norwegian Lutheran Church, a Republican in politics, and a man who contributed generously of his services in behalf of his state, county and community, and his faithfulness will long be remembered by those who knew him throughout the state and most of all by his numerous friends of Winnebago and adjoining counties.

herefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Forty-third General Assembly, That in the passing of the Hon. C. N. Flugum, the state has lost an honored and valuable citizen, a man of high ideals in Christian living and useful citizenship.

Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the journal of the House and that the Chief Clerk be directed to forward an enrolled copy of it to the relatives of the deceased.

H. N. HANSON,
C. H. NELSON,
S. R. TORGESON,

Committee.

Unanimously adopted April 8, 1929.

HON. JOHN L. GOOD

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee appointed to prepare and present to this House proper resolutions, commemorating the life and service of the Honorable John L. Good, late of Boone county, Iowa, beg leave to submit the following memorial:

John L. Good was born in Gratz, Dauphin county, Pennsylvania, on April 9, 1845, a son of Daniel and Margaret (Reedy) Good, who were also natives of the Keystone State. His father was a tanner by trade, but followed farming in his later years.

Through the period of his boyhood and youth, John L. Good attended the public schools and remained at home until after the outbreak of the Civil war, when his patriotic spirit prompted his enlistment and he became a private in Company I, 177th Pennsylvania Infantry, with which he served for nine months in the Army of the Potomac. His company was stationed at Deep Creek, Virginia, at the time of the Confederate invasion of Pennsylvania in 1863, and was sent by rail to Frederick, Maryland, whence they marched to the battlefield of Gettysburg, arriving there on the evening of July 3rd.

home at Corwith. By his first marriage he had one son, Roy C., living in Corwith, and by the second marriage there is a daughter, Bernice W., at home.

The family attend the Baptist church, although Mr. Stilson is a member of the Methodist church. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and for two terms he filled the office of county recorder in the '70s, making a creditable record in this position as in the other offices to which he has been called. He is an earnest party worker because of his firm belief in republican principles. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and has filled all of the chairs in the local lodge. In Masonry he has taken the degrees of lodge, chapter, council and commandery. He is likewise a valued member of the Grand Army of the Republic and he has ever manifested the same loyalty in matters of citizenship that he displayed when upon southern battlefields he followed the stars and stripes.

HON. CHRISTIAN N. FLUGUM.

One of the most prominent and influential farmers of Center township, Winnebago county, is Christian N. Flugum, whose home is on section 31. He was born on the other side of the Atlantic, his birth occurring in Norway, January 17, 1859, and he is a son of Nels and Martha (Eggum) Flugum, who brought their family to America in the spring of 1867 and located in Dane county, Wisconsin, where the father taught school for six years. In the spring of 1873, accompanied by his wife and children, he came to Winnebago county, Iowa, and purchased land in Mount Valley township, which he at once began to clear and improve. In connection with farming he continued to engage in teaching and followed that profession for fifty-seven years. In 1914 he retired and is now living on the old home place in ease and quiet. He has attained the age of eighty-six years and receives the veneration and respect which a long, upright and honorable life should always command. He has been called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who passed away in April, 1905.

Christian N. Flugum began his education in the schools of Wisconsin, being fourteen years of age on the removal of the family to Iowa. Later he attended school in Forest City and completed his education at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa. Being well fitted for a teacher's profession, he taught nine months of school each year for twelve years and during this time worked at the carpenter's trade during the summer season. In the fall of 1892, Mr. Flugum purchased eighty acres of land in Center township, Winnebago county, on which he located the following January and has since engaged in its operation. As a farmer he has met with marked success and has been able to add to his property from time to time until he now owns a half section of land in one body, improved with two sets of good buildings. He has also dealt in real estate, buying and selling farm lands, and has owned property in several different parts of the county.

On the 13th of December, 1892, Mr. Flugum was united in marriage to Miss Bertha Hermanson, a daughter of Elling and Brita Hermanson, natives of Norway and early settlers in Winnebago county. Both are living. Mr. and Mrs. Flugum have become the parents of nine children, namely: Edward, who is



HON. CHRISTOPHER N. PLUGG

now farming in Texas; and Norman, Charles, Joseph, Mabel, Bertha, Esther, Clarence and William, all at home.

Religiously the family is connected with the United Lutheran church, and politically Mr. Flugum has affiliated with the republican party since attaining his majority. His fellow citizens, recognizing his worth and ability, have elected him to official positions of honor and trust and he served as a member of the thirty-second general assembly from this district and also of the thirty-second extra session in 1907-08. For three terms he was township clerk of Mount Valley township and for a number of years served on the school board. He is now secretary and manager of the Farmers Mutual Insurance Association of Winnebago county, which he helped to organize in 1886, with home office in Lake Mills, and with the exception of three years, while he was farming in the western part of Winnebago county, he has filled the former position since the company was incorporated. Mr. Flugum is also a stockholder of the Farmers Elevator Company of Lake Mills; the Lake Mills Lumber Company; the Farmers Elevator Company of Leland; and the Leland Creamery Company. He is one of the directors of the Iowa Mutual Tornado Insurance Association of Des Moines and is one of its adjusters. This company has two hundred and twenty million dollars insurance in force at the present time. It will thus be seen that Mr. Flugum is recognized as a man of good business and executive ability and the success that has come to him is certainly well merited, as it is the result of his own industry, enterprise and good management.

GILBERT SEVERSON.

Among the venerable and highly respected citizens of Hancock county is numbered Gilbert Severson, who for many years was actively identified with farming interests but is now living retired, his home being on section 11, Ellington township. He was born in Norway, January 17, 1839, a son of Severt and Gudberg (Gilbertson) Severson, who were also natives of that country, where they spent their entire lives. They had a family of six children, of whom five are yet living.

Gilbert Severson was reared and educated in Norway and in 1868, when about twenty-nine years of age, came to the new world. He severed home ties because he believed that better opportunities might be secured on this side of the Atlantic and he has never regretted his determination to come to the United States. Making his way westward to Iowa, he settled first in Winneshiek county, where he lived for a year, and in 1869 he removed to Hancock county, purchasing the farm which he now occupies. It was then a tract of timber land on which no furrow had been turned nor improvement been made. He at once began the task of preparing it for cultivation, clearing away the trees and the stumps and eventually placing his fields under the plow. The work of further development and cultivation has been carried forward year by year and he now has an excellent farm. His first home was a primitive little log cabin which he occupied for sixteen years, and then replaced by a more commodious and modern dwelling. He now owns altogether two hundred acres of land which returns to him a gratifying annual income. At

met with success in stock raising, making a specialty of high grade Chester White hogs, Shropshire sheep and shorthorn cattle. He has become interested in other business enterprises and is now a stockholder and director of the Farmers Elevator Company and the Lake Mills Creamery Company and is also a stockholder in the Lake Mills Lumber Company. He is a good reliable business man of marked ability and foresight and the success that has come to him is but the just reward of his own labors. His political support is given the men and measures of the republican party and he is a consistent member of the United Lutheran church.

B. E. STENE.

Among Winnebago county's native sons who have remained here to win success in their chosen calling is B. E. Stene, one of the most energetic and substantial farmers of Norway township. He was born on the 28th of July, 1879, on his father's farm on section 17, Norway township, being a son of E. B. Stene, whose sketch appears on another page of this volume. He was reared in much the usual manner of farmer boys and was educated in the district school near his home, which he attended until sixteen years of age. In the meantime he also acquired a thorough knowledge of agricultural pursuits and after laying aside his textbooks continued to assist his father in the work of the home farm until twenty-one years of age. He then purchased the south half of the northwest quarter of section 17, Norway township, and has since bought from his father the northeast quarter of the same section, so that he now has a fine farm of two hundred and forty acres. Its neat and attractive appearance plainly indicates his thrift and enterprise and shows conclusively that he thoroughly understands the occupation he has chosen as a life work.

In 1902 occurred the marriage of Mr. Stene and Miss Gertie Hanson, a daughter of Hans and Martha (Davidson) Ingebritson, who were early settlers of Norway township but are now deceased, their remains being interred in Lime Creek cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Stene have a family of six children, namely: Martha, Elmer, George, Harry, Laura and Mildred. The parents are identified with the United Lutheran church and are among the highly respected citizens of their locality. By his ballot Mr. Stene supports the men and measures of the republican party and he has filled the office of school director for four years.

M. N. FLUGUM.

M. N. Flugum, the owner of a well improved and highly cultivated farm on section 16, King township, has been a resident of Winnebago county since 1873 and throughout his active business life has been identified with its agricultural interests. He was born in Norway, June 7, 1865, but was only two years of age when brought to this country by his parents, Nels and Martha (Eggum) Flugum. The family first located in Dane county, Wisconsin, where the father taught school for six years, and in the spring of 1873 came to Winnebago county, Iowa. He purchased

a farm in Mount Valley township, which he cleared and improved, but he continued to engage in teaching, following that profession for over sixty acres. He is now living retired upon his farm at the ripe old age of eighty-seven years. His wife died in April, 1905.

Being only eight years of age when he came to Winnebago county M. N. Flugum was practically reared and educated in this locality and he remained with his parents until he attained his majority. For three years he worked for neighboring farmers and then commenced farming on his own account. His first purchase of land consisted of one hundred and sixty acres on section 17, King township, and subsequently he bought another quarter section on section 16. He has converted his place into one of the best cultivated farms of that region and has erected thereon good and substantial buildings. Besides his valuable property he now owns one hundred and sixty acres of land in Texas, now operated by his oldest son; and he is a stockholder in the Farmers Elevator Company, the Cooperative Creamery Company, in the Varland Telephone Company and the Farmers Mutual Insurance Company, being an officer in the last named organization for some time.

In December, 1889, Mr. Flugum was united in marriage to Miss Jane Jacobs, and they have become the parents of nine children, namely: Nels, Alfred, Joseph, Clara, Oscar, Jewel, Charles, Martha and Lloyd. The family are communicants of the Lutheran church and Mr. Flugum is a republican in politics. He has served on the school board for the past eight years and gives his hearty support to all measures calculated to advance the moral or educational welfare of his community. He is a public-spirited citizen and well merits the high esteem in which he is held.

GEORGE KRAUSS.

George Krauss, living on section 28, Boone township, has been a resident of Hancock county since 1901, in which year he purchased his present farm, and to its further development and improvement he has since devoted his energies. He was born in Germany on the 17th of June, 1867, and is a son of Christian and Marie (Hoerr) Krauss, who always remained residents of Germany. In his native land George Krauss pursued his education to the age of seventeen years and afterward worked at the shoemaker's trade in Germany for about three years. Attracted by the business opportunities of the new world, however, he came to America in 1886 and was employed as a farm hand by the month in Illinois for seven years. He then felt that his experience and capital were sufficient to justify his engaging in farming on his own account and rented land in Illinois. He continued to cultivate farms which he leased in that state for seven years and then came to Iowa, reaching Hancock county, as previously stated, in 1901. Here he purchased eighty acres of land and has since carefully conducted his farm, raising the cereals best adapted to soil and climate and also engaging in the raising of Hereford cattle, Jersey hogs and Percheron horses. In addition to his farming and stock raising interests Mr. Krauss is connected with the Kanawha Elevator and the Kanawha Creamery Companies and is thus a factor in that organized effort which is looking to the advancement of the interests of farmers through active cooperation.

On the 20th of February, 1886, Mr. Krauss was married to Miss Sophia Hotz,