

new residence in 1899, which he remodeled in 1915, making it modern in every appointment, installing a bath, hot and cold water, sewerage system, furnace, electric lights and the like, making it one of the most comfortable homes in the county. All the outbuildings are well kept and everything about the place denotes that a gentleman of good taste and progressive ideas is at the helm. In connection with his general farming and stock raising, Mr. Brendemuhl makes a specialty of potato growing, thirty acres being planted in tubers in 1917, and the crop for the preceding year was sold for thirty-six hundred dollars.

On October 26, 1899, Mr. Brendemuhl was married to Hulda Poehls, who was born in Iowa in 1881. To their union seven children have been born, Lena, Nellie, Lizzie, Emma, Howard, Roy and Ruth, all of whom live at home.

Politically, the subject of this sketch is independent. He served as chairman of the township board for eight years and is at present a member of the school board. He is a stockholder and director in the Farmers Elevator Company at Kragnes, also in the telephone company that operates in Oakport and Kragnes township, known as the Oak and Kragnes Telephone Company. He has been treasurer of the school board in district No. 24 during the past fifteen years, takes a general interest in local public affairs and is regarded as a good citizen in every respect.

FLAVEL A. WOODWARD.

Flavel A. Woodward, president of the Farmers State Bank, of Glyndon, Minnesota, and one of the enterprising and substantial business men of that progressive little city, is a native of Michigan, born in Barry county, on September 28, 1860, a son of Oliver Z. Woodward and wife, natives of New York state. About 1872, Oliver Z. Woodward came from Michigan to Wright county, Minnesota, but after residing there about a year he returned to Michigan, later going to Kansas, where his death occurred.

F. A. Woodward is the only child of his parents who grew to maturity. After his mother's death occurred when he was only an infant nine days old, he was given to a neighbor woman to rear, but at the age of six years, he went to live with his father. When he was twelve years old, he and his father drove overland with a horse team from Michigan to Minnesota. From that time Mr. Woodward has made his own way in the world, and

by hard work, close application and diligence, he has won a very commendable success in the business world. In 1880 he came to Glyndon, Clay county, Minnesota, and has made his home here practically ever since. When he first came to the county, he worked at various occupations, among which were farming and lumbering. He lived on a farm about a half mile north of Glyndon until 1913, in which year he went to California, but the following year he returned to Glyndon, and, in partnership with Walter Shave, engaged in the machinery business, which they are still very successfully carrying on, dealing in farm implements and other machinery. Mr. Woodward was one of the organizers of the Farmers State Bank, a progressive financial concern of Glyndon, and is now serving as president of that institution.

In June, 1897, Mr. Woodward was married to Bertha M. Webb, the daughter of R. B. Webb, of Glyndon, and to this union one son has been born, Roy W. Mr. Woodward and family are prominent in all the social activities of the community, having an active interest in the welfare and betterment of their village. Mr. Woodward has served several terms on the village council.

W. R. BRIGGS.

W. R. Briggs, a well-known floriculturist at Moorhead, was born in Bloomington, Illinois, August 1, 1875, a son of W. R. and Mary (De Board) Briggs. The father was born in Ireland and the mother in Pennsylvania. The senior W. R. Briggs came to America when a young man and located in Illinois, near Bloomington, where he engaged in the business of a gardener and continued in this business for many years. His children were: Minnie, W. R., B. H., R. H., J. W., Frank and David. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Bloomington.

The subject of this sketch received his education in the common schools of Illinois, where he spent his boyhood years. He worked with his father as a gardener until the death of his father. At the age of eighteen years he started out to make his own living and worked for farmers in the neighborhood for four or five years and then engaged in farming on his own account. He farmed in Illinois for about two years and then removed to Missouri and farmed in that state for two years. Then, with a cash capital of three thousand dollars, he packed up his household goods and removed to Texas, with the expectation of increasing his property possessions. After an expe-