

locating in Goodhue county, this state, and worked in that county on farms for twelve years. Then in the spring of 1881 he crossed over to Norman county by horse team, coming alone, being later followed by his family in the fall of the same year. On arriving in this county Mr. Hovland homesteaded a tract of one hundred and sixty acres of land, the extreme northeast quarter section in Norman county, and on this place he has lived ever since engaged in general farming, being recognized as one of the skillful agriculturists in this part of the county. He has carried out a number of valuable improvements on the place and now has one of the best farm plants in or about the township.

In 1879 Andrew A. Hovland was united in marriage to Carrie Hoveland, a native of Norway and a daughter of Lars Hoveland. To this union the following children have been born: Alfred, deceased; Gilbert; Clara, deceased, and Carl, deceased. Mr. Hovland has ever given a good citizen's attention to local affairs and served the public as township supervisor for two years, bringing to the duties of that position a ripe intelligence and business-like qualities. He helped to promote the Rindahl Mercantile Company and the Rindahl Creamery, and in other ways he has given of his time and energy to the public advantage.

MELVIN O. BREDESON.

Melvin O. Bredeson, a well-known carpenter and contractor, of Barnesville, Clay county, was born in Pelican Rapids, Otter Tail county, Minnesota, on December 1, 1888. He is a son of Louis and Mary (Korsmo) Bredeson, both of whom were natives of Norway and who came to America.

On his arrival in this country Louis Bredeson proceeded on out to Minnesota and located west of Pelican Rapids, Otter Tail county. He immediately purchased a tract of land and commenced farming operations, his efforts being attended with considerable success. He continued to reside on his farm in the latter county for several years and came to Clay county in 1902, where he farmed for some time. He now lives in Clear Water county, this state, where he is the owner of a farm, which he is still actively engaged operating. Since he came to this country Louis Bredeson has been engaged in general farming in the different places in which he has resided and has had a fair measure of success. To Louis and Mary (Korsmo) Bredeson the following children have been born: Oscar (deceased), Emma, Melvin,

Hilda, Lottie, Ben, Ole, and Theodore. The family are earnest members of the Lutheran church and warmly interested in all its good works.

Melvin O. Bredeson, at the age of fourteen years, came with his parents from Otter Tail county to Clay county, in 1902. He received his education partly in each of these counties and was reared on his father's farm, where he helped with the farming work for some time. The family settled three and one-half miles south of Barnesville and there Louis Bredeson operated a farm of one hundred and sixty acres of prime land until 1914, when he moved to Clear Water county, where he is still engaged in farming.

In 1908 Melvin O. Bredeson commenced to work as a carpenter in the town of Barnesville and has since followed that line of activity, his services being in much demand throughout a large part of the county. In 1916 he added to his carpentry work the broader branch of general contracting, and in the short period he has been thus engaged he has met with most encouraging success, with every prospect of his being recognized as an extensive contractor in the near future.

In May, 1914, Melvin O. Bredeson was united in marriage to May Griswold, of Barnesville, a daughter of Noyes Griswold and wife, well-known people of that district. Mr. and Mrs. Bredeson are the parents of one child, a daughter, Stella. The Bredesons are active members of the Lutheran church and are earnestly interested in all its good works and in all community movements having for their object the welfare of the public at large.

OLE NILSON.

Ole Nilson, a well-known and substantial farmer of Clay county, owner of a fine farm of two hundred and forty acres in sections 30, 31 and 32 of Holy Cross township, is a native of the kingdom of Sweden, but has been a resident of this country since the days of his young manhood, he having come to Minnesota in 1882, not long after attaining his majority. He was born on June 5, 1860, son of Nils and Eliza (Donaldson) Olson, also natives of Sweden, the latter of whom died in 1861, her son Ole then being about one year of age, and the former of whom survived her many years, his death occurring in May, 1917, he then being past eighty-four years of age. Nils Olson was a well-to-do farmer and a man of standing in his community. He and his wife were the parents of five children, those besides the subject of this sketch being Nels and Jens, who also came to this country and are