

Reared on the home farm in Fossum township, Henning E. Grutle received an excellent education under the careful direction of his learned father and when little more than a boy began teaching school in the district schools of Norman county, meanwhile continuing his labors on the farm during the summers, and for eleven years was engaged as a teacher. In the year 1906 he became one of the organizers of the Twin Valley Telephone Company at Twin Valley and has ever since made his home in that village. Upon the organization of the telephone company and the establishment of the telephone plant Mr. Grutle was made manager of the same and has ever since been retained in that important position, having done much during that time to extend the telephone service throughout the territory covered by the Twin Valley exchange, and has long been regarded as one of the most energetic and substantial citizens of that thriving village.

In the year 1912 H. E. Grutle was united in marriage to Gida Gullingsrud, daughter of Ole Gullingsrud and wife, and to this union three children have been born, Reinert, Grace and Olive. Mr. and Mrs. Grutle have a very pleasant home at Twin Valley and take a proper interest in the general social and cultural activities of that village and of the community at large. They are members of the Lutheran (Synod) church and take an interested part in church work, as well as in the general good works of the community and are helpful in promoting such movements as are designed to advance the common welfare.

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### JAMES BURNS.

Life in the open country; life in the growing grass, the waving fields of wheat, the springing corn; life in the trees and birds, and in the developing animals on the farm. Any man who works on the land is bound to feel that he is closer to the real springs of nature, the most genuine sources of inspiration. That is one reason why the life of the farmer is the best. One of the contented farmers of Eglon township, Clay county, is James Burns, who was born in the state of New York in 1873. He is a son of Patrick and Anna Burns, both natives of Ireland, where they spent their earlier years, the father in the city of Dublin, his birthplace. He was about twenty-five years old when he immigrated to the United States. After working in the copper mines in Michigan for some time he came to Clay county in 1874 and took up a homestead in section 6, Eglon township, his place consisting of eighty acres. He developed his farm and made a com-

fortable living. His sons later added more land to the original place. He was married before leaving Ireland. The death of Patrick Burns occurred in 1898 at the age of fifty-two years. His widow survived until 1906, dying at the age of seventy years. To Patrick Burns and wife six children were born, namely: James, subject of this sketch; John, married and lives on the home farm in Eglon township; Edward, who makes his home in Montana; Thomas, who lives in Nevada; Lizzie, the wife of Ben Frazier, and William, who makes his home in Salt Lake City, Utah.

James Burns was but an infant when his parents brought him to Clay county. Here he grew to manhood on the home farm where he has since resided. He received his education in the local district schools. He has kept the home place well improved and well cultivated, assisted by his brother, John. They have a good home and good general improvements. A great deal of grain and live stock is marketed annually. A good grade of live stock is kept. James owns two hundred and four acres, and John, eighty acres. James is unmarried and makes his home with John, who married Julia Roach in 1907. John Burns and wife have three children, namely: Roselia, Cathryne, and an infant son.

The Burns brothers are members of the Catholic church, and take a warm interest in community affairs.

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### THEODORE H. ANDERSON.

Although, doubtless, most people would like to remain on the old homestead where they "played away the happy hours of innocent childhood," but few are permitted to do so, from one cause or another; for there is always a sentiment about the hearthstone where the family gathered when we were children that cannot be replaced. So one who, like Theodore H. Anderson, one of the young farmers of Eglon township, Clay county, is fortunate enough to spend his life at his birth-place, is to be envied.

Mr. Anderson was born in the above designated vicinity, in the year 1890. He is a son of Carl and Louisa (Bostrum) Anderson, both natives of Sweden, where they spent their childhood and attended school, but came to America single, he about the year 1867 and the mother making the trip unaccompanied, when twenty-five years old. She is still living on the home place in Eglon township, being now (1918) sixty-one years old. The father died about the year 1903, at the age of fifty-four years.