

Julia, Clara, Alvin and Emil, all at home, and Clara, deceased. Mr. Lerud is a member of the Synod church and served as trustee to the congregation for some time. He has always taken an active and intelligent part in the affairs of the township and served on the township board and also on the school board, bringing to the duties of these offices a ripe intelligence. He acted as assessor for five or six years. He helped to organize the local creamery and is a stockholder in the same with a seat on the board of directors. He also is a stockholder in the Farmers Telephone Company of Ada, and in many other directions has given of his time and energy to projects calculated to serve the best interests of the community in which he resides.

THOMAS T. NATWICK.

Thomas T. Natwick, a substantial farmer of Wild Rice township and member of the board of commissioners of Norman county, was born in Norway on February 20, 1863, the son of Thomas George and Christina (Offerdahl) Natwick, both natives of Norway who emigrated to America with their son, Thomas T., in 1878, proceeding directly to Iowa, where they settled in Shelby county, farming there for four years. While residents there, Thomas T. Natwick supplemented the education he had received in Norway by attending the schools in Iowa.

In the spring of 1882 the family pushed northward into Minnesota and arrived at their destination, the town of Ada, in Norman county, on the 9th of March. The family settled at once in Wild Rice township, where the subject of this review still lives, his parents having lived with him until their deaths. The title to the tract of land whereon Thomas T. Natwick settled, which contained about one hundred and fifty acres, was at first disputed, but eventually he won out in the controversy and now for years has had undisputed possession, improving the land by the erection of fine farm buildings and by planting groves. By tireless industry and good management Mr. Natwick has been enabled to extend his holdings by the acquisition of eighty acres of land, thus he is now the owner of two hundred and thirty acres, whereon he raises grain and stock, specializing in Shorthorn cattle.

On December 5, 1895, Thomas T. Natwick married Beatte Hagen, who was born in Norway on September 30, 1875, the daughter of Hans and Serena (Peterson) Hagen; and to this union six children have been born,

namely: Hilda, Theressa, Arthur, Edwin, Clarence and Theodore, all of whom are living. Mr. Natwick and his family are devoted members of the Lutheran church, he and his father having helped to organize the North Wild Rice Lutheran church, of which congregation Mr. Natwick and his family are now members.

Mr. Natwick has not limited himself to his agricultural interests, for he is also active in local civic affairs, since he is now serving his first term as county commissioner and has been a member of the township board for fourteen years, most of which time he has been chairman of the board. In addition to his civic and farming interests, he has been active in business, for he helped to organize the Gary and the Wild Rice Telephone companies and has been a director in the latter since its organization.

OLE M. UNDELAND.

One of the enterprising and successful young farmers of Norwegian birth in Lake Ida township, Norman county, is Ole M. Undeland, the owner and proprietor of a fine farm of two hundred and sixty acres, well improved with good and substantial buildings, presenting the appearance of the home of a scientific and up-to-date farmer. Mr. Undeland was born in Norway, the son of Martin O. and Gertie (Olson) Undeland, both of whom were also natives of Norway, who came with their family to America in 1880. After arriving in this country they spent one year in Wisconsin and then decided to move to Minnesota. The father drove over with a team to Norman county, the family following by train. Here the father homesteaded a farm of one hundred and ten acres in section 24, Lake Ida township, and on this farm the family lived for seventeen or eighteen years, at the end of which time Martin Undeland retired from active farm labor and moved with his wife to a timber lot which he had purchased in the same township, and on which he built a house, and here he lived the rest of his life. His widow is still living, now making her home with a daughter in Wild Rice township.

Martin O. Undeland was one of the pioneers of this part of Norman county and took an active part in the community life of the early days. He helped organize the West Wild Rice Lutheran church and was one of its prominent and active members while he lived. He and his wife were the parents of seven children: Ole Martinson, Martha Burg, Ole M., Carrie Anderson, Inga Johnson, Anna Hadal and Andrew M. Undeland.