

to promote the general welfare of the community. He helped to start the first church in Sundahl.

Iver O. Hagen had but a brief educational training in his native country and availed of the opportunity to complete his school course in America, where he attended school for some years. He came to Norman county in 1882 with his parents and has lived on the home farm ever since, having added an additional forty acres of railroad land to the original homestead tract which his father entered. He has erected some excellent buildings on the place, which he keeps in fine shape, and is regarded as one of the progressive and substantial farmers in the part of the township where he resides. He is engaged in general farming and has been doing very well.

In 1887 Iver O. Hagen was united in marriage to Marthia Hanson, born in Norway, a daughter of Hans Brohelden and wife, also natives of Norway, and to that union the following children were born: Ole, Helmer (deceased), Hans, Caroline, Ingvald and Gilbert. Following the death of the mother of these children, Mr. Hagen was married in 1901 to Caroline M. Hornshagen, born in Norway, a daughter of Michael Hanson and wife, and to this second union four children have been born, Iver, Manford, Melvin and Clarence. The Hagen family are earnest members of the Lutheran church and warmly interested in all its good works. Mr. Hagen helped to organize the Sundahl Mercantile Company and the Sundahl Creamery and to the business affairs of these two undertakings has given considerable attention.

ANTON NELSON.

Anton Nelson, a well-known and well-to-do farmer, owner of a compact farm of one hundred and seventeen acres of choice land, is a native of the kingdom of Norway, but has been a resident of the United States since 1881 and of Norman county since the following year. He was born in Norway on January 18, 1858, a son of Nels and Renog (Severson) Johnson Erstad, both born in Norway and who came to America in 1883, the year after Anton Nelson arrived, and proceeded directly to Ada, Minnesota, later living at various places with their children, their last days being spent on Anton's place in Sundahl township, Norman county. They were the parents of seven children who grew to maturity, as follow: Jacob N., Johan N., Randi, who remained in Norway; Svert, Martinus, Anton and Guro, deceased.

Anton Nelson was educated in the schools of Norway and in 1881 came to Winneshiek county, Iowa, remaining there until March, 1882, when he moved to Norman county and worked on farms for two years. In 1884 he went to Montana and was married in that state in the summer of the same year, and worked with his father-in-law on a farm, remaining there until the spring of 1885, when he returned to Norman county. In 1887 Mr. Nelson bought eighty acres of land, which was in a raw state, and put up some buildings on same. For the next three years he rented land of P. H. Hanson and lived on the rented place, meantime being engaged in clearing and building on his own farm, which was mostly in timber. In 1890 he moved onto his own land and has lived there ever since. He is the owner of one hundred and seventeen acres of prime land on which he erected a fine house in 1913. He is engaged in general farming and breeds graded Short-horn cattle, doing very well in his agricultural operations from the beginning. His farm plant and place are well kept and he is regarded as one of the energetic and painstaking farmers in that part of the township.

In 1884 Anton Nelson was united in marriage to Betsie C. Peterson, born in Fillmore county, Minnesota, a daughter of Peter H. Peterson, who came in an early day and settled near Halstad, Norman county, going later to Montana. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson are the parents of the following children: Nels M., Peter H., John R., Albert B., Ella B., Lena C. (deceased), Gilbert W., Lewis M., Mabel C. and Clarence S. The Nelson family are members of the Lutheran church and warm supporters of all its good works. Mr. Nelson has long been giving close attention to local civic affairs and served on the township board for ten years, for one year being chairman. He helped to organize the Sundahl Creamery and the Sundahl Mercantile Company, and in other ways has given of his time and energy to the advancement of the interests of the community.

ROBERT H. FETTING.

Robert H. Fetting, the owner of one hundred sixty acres of well-improved land in Mary township, Norman county, where he carries on a scientific form of diversified agriculture, was born in Wisconsin on March 8, 1860, a son of Ludwig and Henrietta (Krause) Fetting, both natives of Germany where they were reared, married and moved to America in 1856. The family settled in Wisconsin and there the father and mother lived the