

children, namely: Amelia, Edith, Esther, Anna and Carl, all of whom are living at this writing. Mr. Backman helped build the present Agustana Lutheran church in his vicinity. Politically, he is a Republican.

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### OLE A. NYBAKKEN.

Restlessness causes a large number of people to leave their parental halls and seek fortunes in distant lands. This is not necessarily the wanderlust spirit, which is often indulged in to the detriment of the individual, but merely the primitive force urging one to try to better one's condition in life. And this is the impulse that led Ole A. Nybakken, and many others of his countrymen to cast their lots with the people of Minnesota.

Mr. Nybakken, who is engaged in farming in Goose Prairie township, Clay county, was born in Norway in 1863. He is a son of Andreas and Ingeborg Anderson, both natives of Norway, where they grew up, married and established their home and where they spent their lives, the father dying in 1912 and the mother in 1905. To these parents five children were born, Andreas, Jr., Ole, Evan, Christian, who died when twenty-six years old, and Andrus.

Ole A. Nybakken grew to manhood in Norway, where he attended the common schools. In 1881, when eighteen years old, he immigrated to America, coming on West to Northfield, Minnesota, and he worked out as a farm hand in that vicinity until 1886, when he returned to Norway, spending one winter there; then returned to America and located in North Dakota, where he worked for a land company until 1894, when he came to Clay county, Minnesota, buying his present farm of one hundred and sixty acres—the old homestead, in section 30 of Goose Prairie township. Later he bought eighty acres in section 29. He has kept all his land under a fine state of cultivation and improvement, replacing the original buildings on the homestead with modern substantial ones. He has been successful as a general farmer and stock raiser. He grows large crops of wheat, oats and flax, also large quantities of potatoes, having had twelve acres in tubers in 1917. He also keeps a large herd of graded cattle. He is a stockholder in the creamery at Hitterdal.

Mr. Nybakken was married in Minnesota in 1892 to Lizzie Welo, and to their union six children have been born, namely: Ida, who died when two years old; Arthur, Oscar, Ernest, Clarence and Otto. They are all

at home at this writing. Mr. Nybakken served as a member of the school board a few years. He is a member of the United Lutheran church and was formerly a trustee of the same.

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### ANDREW OLSON.

To the honest, pushing, hard-working and enterprising farmers is due the prosperity, wealth and advancement of any community, and to their zeal, energy and integrity will its future prosperity be indebted, as it has been in the past. Among the names that are prominent in agricultural circles in the northern part of Clay county is that of Andrew Olson, of Felton township.

Mr. Olson was born in Ostra Wemmenhog, Malmohus lan, Sweden, October 11, 1860. He is a son of Olla and Anna (Larson) Larson, both natives of Sweden, where they grew to maturity, married and established their home and where the father is still residing, now advanced in age. He devoted his active life to farming in the crop seasons and working in a brewery during the winter months. The mother is deceased. Eight children, two of whom died in infancy, were born to Olla and Anna Larson; six are living at this writing, namely: Inga, who lives in Sweden; Andrew O., the subject of this sketch; Lars, who lives in Sweden; Carl, who lives in Millelacs county, Minnesota, and Kerstie and Per, both of whom make their home in Martin county, this state.

Andrew Olson grew to manhood in Sweden and there attended the common schools. He set sail for the shores of the Western republic in 1889, proceeding to Chicago, where he worked in a shop about three months; then worked on a farm near that city for six years, working out and renting during the last three years of that period. He then came to Minnesota, where he farmed on rented land in Martin county for six years. In the fall of 1902 he came to Spring Prairie township, Clay county, where he spent one winter, and in the spring of 1903 he moved to his present farm in Felton township, having bought one hundred and sixty acres there in the fall of 1901. The land was only slightly improved and there was only a small house on it. He put out a grove, erected suitable buildings and has made a comfortable living as a general farmer.

On June 29, 1888, Andrew Olson was married to Matilda Sophia Palmquist, a native of Grolanda, Skaraborgs lan, Sweden. She is a daughter