

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.

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

of Carl and Karin (Sveson) Palmquist, both natives of Sweden, where they grew up, married and established their home on a farm. The father's death occurred there some time ago and the mother is still living there. Their family consisted of the following children: Matilda S., wife of the subject of this sketch; Josephina, who lives in Nebraska; Amanda, who lives in Sweden; Annie, who lives in Helena, Montana; Carl Johan, who makes his home in Sweden, and two other children who died in early life.

To Mr. and Mrs. Olson seven children, all living at this writing, have been born: Sellstine, Annie, Alice, Carl, Ellen, John and Clara. Mrs. Olson spent her girlhood in Sweden and there attended the common schools. She came to America in 1890. Mr. Olson has served as road boss. When a young man in Sweden he was under military training for some time.

P. N. RAMSTAD.

One of the promising young business men of the southern part of Clay county is P. N. Ramstad, manager of the Baker Lumber Company at Baker. He was born at Ada, Norman county, Minnesota, March 8, 1889, a son of Peter and Christina (Skriver) Ramstad, both natives of Norway, the mother born in the city of Christiana. Peter Ramstad came to America as a young man with his parents, the family locating in Vernon county, Wisconsin, where he remained until in the seventies when he came to Minnesota, locating at Ada, and there he and his brother engaged in the general-merchandise business for many years, and while living there he was elected register of deeds, serving in that office several years. He subsequently moved to McDonalds-ville township, Norman county, where he followed farming until his death in 1896. He was a member of the Norwegian Lutheran church. His family consisted of seven children, Isben L., Carrie V., P. N., Orrin, Ella, Sigurd and Petra.

P. N. Ramstad received his early education in the public schools of Ada and later studied in the agricultural department of the University of Minnesota at St. Anthony Park, St. Paul. After leaving school he worked with the Norman county surveyor for about three summers. During the winter months of that period he attended a business college in Fargo. In July, 1908, Mr. Ramstad started in the retail lumber business and was associated with the St. Anthony & Dakota Elevator Company for three years. He then worked for J. J. Geib at Morris, Minnesota, for eighteen months then spent