

Mr. and Mrs. Hanson have two children, Mertle C. and Harrold C. The family are active members of the Lutheran church, have long been identified with the social and the religious life of their home community and are held in the highest regard by all who know them, their interest in the moral and educational development of the community having much to do with the high standing of their home town. Mr. and Mrs. Hanson are stanch supporters of the public schools and are liberal supporters of the local religious institutions. They have a fine home, nicely located, and their generous hospitality is widely recognized by their many friends.

Mr. Hanson is a worthy member of the local lodge of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons and has had much to do with the success of the local organization, and is a member of the American Geographical Society, Washington, D. C. He has always taken a keen interest in the civic affairs of his home city and his worth and ability have been recognized by the voters of Gary. For a time he served as village clerk and also during his residence on the farm served as township clerk. He has also served on the village council and was for a time president of the local school board, to all his official duties giving the same careful thought and attention that he gives to his own business.

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#### P. A. OTTERSON.

P. A. Otterson, well-known and enterprising young dealer in agricultural implements, threshing-machines and tractors at Twin Valley, was born on a farm in Worth county, Iowa, March 19, 1885, son of Peter A. and Regina (Serspet) Otterson, natives of Norway, who came to the United States about 1879 and settled in Iowa. Peter A. Otterson developed a good piece of farm property in Worth county and there spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring in 1900. He and his wife were members of the Lutheran church and their children were reared in that faith. There were eight of these children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the sixth in order of birth, the others being Clara, Nicholas, Ottalie, Olaf, Ruth, Christine and Ida.

Reared on the home farm in Iowa, P. A. Otterson received his schooling in the schools of his home district and remained at home until he was eighteen years of age, when, in 1902, he came up into Minnesota and located at Audubon, in Becker county, in the vicinity of which place he for two years thereafter was engaged working on farms. In the fall of

1904 he went up into the Dominion of Canada and homesteaded a quarter of a section of Saskatchewan land, which he "proved up" and on which he remained until the spring of 1909, when he returned to Minnesota and located at Voss, in Becker county, where he opened a general store. In 1912 he disposed of his interests there and moved over into Norman county, locating at Flom, where for a year thereafter he was engaged as a clerk in a general store. He then resumed farming and was thus engaged until the spring of 1914, when, shortly after his marriage, he located at Twin Valley and there became one of the organizers of the Big Four Implement Company and engaged in the general agricultural-implement business. In the following spring (1915) Mr. Otterson became sole owner of the establishment created by that company and has continued the same, handling a full and complete line of farm implements, threshing-machines, tractors and the like, and is doing a good business, one of the best-known merchants in that part of the county.

On January 15, 1914, P. A. Otterson was united in marriage to Jennie Knutson, daughter of Martin Knutson and wife, and to this union two children have been born, Mildred and Pearl. Mr. and Mrs. Otterson have a very pleasant home at Twin Valley and take a proper interest in the general social activities of the village. They are members of the United Lutheran church and take an interested part in church work, as well as in other neighborhood good works.

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#### PETER O. INGBERG.

In a local work published about 1901 having to do particularly with the lives and the works of the men who had up to that time contributed so much to the development of the farms and farming interests of Norman county there was presented the following biographical sketch relating to the late Peter O. Ingeberg:

"One of these fine estates is owned and operated by Peter O. Ingberg, who resides in section 32 (Hendrum township), and has accumulated a good property by dint of his own efforts. He was born in Norway on October 31, 1852, and was a son of Ole H. and Emma (Olson) Ingberg, both of whom were natives of Norway. The father died in Norman county, Minnesota, in 1892; the mother, in Norway in 1872.