

of its head while he was still a child. At the age of twenty-one years Mr. Kittelson moved to Clay county and took a homestead near Hawley, in Highland Grove township. This was in 1878. He lived at that place for seven or eight years and sold out and came to Goose Prairie township and bought a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in section 36, that township, later adding another eighty, and now has a compact and well-kept farm of two hundred and forty acres of choice land and is engaged in general farming, his efforts from the beginning of his agricultural operations in this township meeting with success. Mr. Kittelson carried out all the improvements at present on his holding and he is now regarded as one of the substantial and energetic farmers of this part of the township.

In 1905, at Moorhead, K. Kittelson was united in marriage to Mathilda Holum, who was born in Norway in 1875 and came with her mother to America in 1892, the father having died some time previously in Norway. A brother also accompanied her to this country. Mr. and Mrs. Kittelson are the parents of two children, a boy, Carl, ten years old, and a girl, Alice, seven years old. Mr. Kittelson is a member of the United Brethren church and warmly interested in all its good works. He takes a good citizen's interest in all community affairs, but has never been a seeker after public office.

CHARLES PALLAS.

Charles Pallas, an energetic and substantial farmer of Humboldt township, Clay county, proprietor of a fine farm of three hundred and twenty acres in section 17 of that township and actively engaged in the raising of Holstein cattle and Poland China hogs, was born in the city of Chicago, state of Illinois, in 1877. He is a son of Louis and Carolina Pallas, the former of whom is still living and the latter is deceased.

Louis Pallas, who has now reached the advanced age of eighty-three years, was born in Germany in 1834 and was educated in the schools of that country. At the age of twenty-five, in 1859, he immigrated to the United States, and lived for several years in the state of Illinois. He is now living with his children. He farmed near Barnesville, this county, for several years. His wife, Carolina Pallas, was born in 1840 and died in September, 1905, aged sixty-five years. They were the parents of the following children: John, Gustie, Helena and Charles.

Charles Pallas was educated in the schools of the city of Chicago and later followed the occupation of a farmer. About the year 1902 he came to Clay county and bought a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in section 16, Barnesville township. Some time later he moved to section 7 of the same township and lived there for seven years. In the fall of 1912 he bought his present farm of three hundred and twenty acres of prime land, located in section 17, Humboldt township, where he is engaged in general farming and stock raising and since the commencement of his operations he has been most successful, everything about his farm being in excellent condition. His place is well improved and his dwelling house and outbuildings are models of their class. He raises an excellent strain of Holstein cattle, which finds a ready market, as do the Poland China hogs which he raises. Mr. Pallas conducts his farming operations according to modern methods and he is accounted one of the substantial and progressive farmer of this section of the county. He allocates a portion of his land to the cultivation of potatoes and usually plants about one hundred acres to that branch of production.

On June 18, 1904, Charles Pallas was united in marriage to Minnie Burke, who was born in the state of Illinois in 1884. To this union the following children were born: Vernie, Clarina and Arnold, who are living at home with their parents. Mr. and Mrs. Pallas take a proper interest in the welfare of the district in which they live, helpful factors in the promotion of all causes having for their object the common good of the community. Mr. Pallas gives a good citizen's attention to local civic affairs, with special regard to the educational conditions, and is at present a member of the district school board; in other ways also he has given of his time and energy for the public good.

AKE THEODORE AKESSON.

Another of the successful Clay county farmers of Swedish origin, is Ake T. Akesson, a well-known general farmer, owner of a fine farm in section 13, Riverton township, Clay county. He was born in the kingdom of Sweden in 1874, but has been a resident of this country and of Minnesota state since he was fourteen years of age. He is a son of Ole and Inga Akesson, who were also born in Sweden.

Ole Akesson was born in Sweden in 1843 and was educated in the schools of that country, and is still living there. He commenced his life occupation as a farmer and continues that mode of life at present. His