

training while helping his father in the development of the homestead. Since a business education is a valuable asset to an intelligent and progressive farmer, Mr. Olson entered Concordia College at Moorhead, from which he graduated in the commercial course in the spring of 1906. He then returned home and took up his farming operations on the home place. He now operates five hundred acres, one hundred and sixty of which belongs to him and the remainder he rents from his father. He carries on general grain and stock farming, raising thoroughbred Holstein cattle and Duroc-Jersey hogs. Mr. Olson was the first man in Waukon township to build a silo.

On November 24, 1915, Mr. Olson was united in marriage to Nora Lee, who was born in Pope county, Minnesota, on September 12, 1892, a daughter of Ole T. and Johanne (Hellen) Lee, well-known residents of Waukon township, Norman county, further mention of whom is made elsewhere in this work. Mr. and Mrs. Olson are the parents of one child, a daughter, Ruth. They are devoted members of the Norwegian Lutheran church at Waukon, taking a proper interest in the affairs of this church society. In politics, Mr. Olson is a progressive, and has been frequently called upon to serve the citizens of his township in official capacity, which he has done with credit to himself. He has held many of the township offices, and for the last seven years he has been an incumbent of the important official trust of township treasurer. One of the local co-operative distributing agencies bears the impress of Mr. Olson's personality, the Waukon Mercantile Company, of which he is now secretary and treasurer.

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### OSCAR PETERSON.

Oscar Peterson, one of the younger and progressive farmers of Fossum township, Norman county, clerk to the township board and clerk to the school board, is a native son of Minnesota, born on his father's farm in Fossum township, where the Faith store is now located, on September 10, 1885. He is a son of Olaf and Carolina (Paulsdatter) Pederson, natives of Sweden and Norway, respectively.

Olaf Pederson was born in Sweden on May 9, 1851, a son of Peder and Katherina (Olsdatter) Larson, both natives of Sweden and where the former was a farmer. They were the parents of seven children as follow: Lars, Anna Maria, Katherina, Liza, Olaf, father of the subject of this sketch, and Annetta and Andres, deceased. Peder Larson and wife were earnest mem-

bers of the Lutheran church and their children and their children's children have been reared in that faith.

Olaf Pederson was educated in the schools of his native Sweden, later going to Norway, where he lived for ten years, during nine years of which he was a sailor and traveled to all the countries of Europe during that time. He married Carolina Paulsdatter in Norway and in 1882 immigrated to America, coming on out to Minnesota, and located in Faith, Fossum township, Norman county, and has since been living in this vicinity, one of the best-known farmers in the township. Mr. Pederson's first purchase of land was in section 14, Fossum township, where he acquired eighty acres, which he immediately proceeded to clear and improve and in a short time had it in a state of cultivation. As he prospered in his agricultural operations he added to his holding and is now the owner of two hundred acres of prime land, of which one hundred and forty acres have been cleared, and he is here actively engaged in general farming and stock raising, being regarded as one of the practical farmers in this section of the county.

On February 7, 1875, Olaf Pederson was united in marriage to Carolina Paulsdatter, who was born in Norway, a daughter of Paul and Paulina (Larsdatter) Johnson, the former of whom is deceased and the latter is now living near Faith, Norman county, at the great age of ninety years. To Olaf Pederson and wife the following children were born: Olaf, Peter, John, Lydia, Olga, Oscar and Clara. He is a member of the Lutheran church and is a warm supporter of all its good works and is interested in all matters calculated to benefit the community at large.

Oscar Peterson was educated in the schools of Norman county and later helped his father in the labors of the farm, a valuable assistant in the work of developing and improving the home place, and he has made Fossum township his place of residence ever since. In 1907 he commenced farming on his own account and he is now the owner of two hundred acres of choice land in sections 10, 15 and 14. In addition to his farming operations he is also a breeder of Shorthorn cattle and Duroc-Jersey hogs and is doing very well in these lines, being recognized as one of the modern-method farmers of this part of the county, his outbuildings and other farming equipment being of a most substantial character.

In October, 1906, Oscar Peterson was united in marriage to Anna Hanson, born in Fossum township, a daughter of Andrew Hanson and wife. To Mr. and Mrs. Peterson four children have been born, namely: Adaline, Laurence, Hazel and Olaf, all of whom are living. The Peterson family are members of the Lutheran church and liberal contributors to its upkeep,

and Mr. and Mrs. Peterson take a proper part in the general social life of the community in which they live. Mr. Peterson gives a good citizen's attention to public affairs and has been serving as township clerk for the past two years, still being in office, and has been clerk to the local school board for six years, and in these important positions is giving general satisfaction. He is interested in the Faith Creamery Company and fills the office of treasurer of that company. He helped to organize the Faith Milling Company and in many other directions he has given evidence of his ability to serve the best interests of the community.

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### CARL TALL

Among the younger generation of farmers in Clay county who have come to this country from Sweden, is Carl Tall, a substantial and progressive farmer, owner of a fine tract of land in section 28, Hawley township. He was born in that country in 1875, a son of Anders and Emma Tall, also born in that country, the former of whom is now deceased and the latter is living with her son, Nels, who came to Clay county in 1906.

Anders Tall was born in Sweden in 1845 and was educated in the schools of his native land. He was brought up to the life of a farmer and continued thus occupied during his active life. He died in Sweden in 1902. His wife, Emma Tall, also was born in Sweden and is now living with her son, Nels, and is in her seventy-third year. They were members of the Swedish Lutheran church and their children were brought up in the same faith. Anders Tall and his wife were active and influential residents of the district in which they lived. They were the parents of the following children: Nels, married; Alban, who lives in Sweden; Anna and Tilda, who are married, and Carl, the subject of this sketch.

Carl Tall was educated in the schools of Sweden and for a short time thereafter helped his father in the work of the farm. At the age of sixteen years he immigrated to the United States, in 1891, and on arriving in this country he came on out to Minnesota and settled in Clay county. He immediately commenced to work on farms and some time later he bought land and began farming on his own account. At the end of ten years, in 1901, he came on to his present farm of four hundred and eighty acres of prime land in section 28, Hawley township. He carries on general farming and since the commencement of his operations he has been most suc-