

Reared on the home farm in Hegne township, Oswald S. Hellerud received his early schooling in the district schools in the neighborhood of his home and supplemented the same by a course in Concordia College at Moorhead and at Aaker Business College at Fargo. Upon completing his business course he became employed with the local branch of the International Harvester Company at Fargo and was thus engaged for a year, at the end of which time he returned to Twin Valley and for five years thereafter was actively engaged in his father's clothing store in that village. In March, 1914, Mr. Hellerud became employed as a bookkeeper in the Citizens State Bank of Twin Valley and in January, 1916, was promoted to the position of assistant cashier of that bank, which position he now occupies, one of the best-known young bankers in Norman county. Mr. Hellerud is one of Twin Valley's most enthusiastic and public-spirited "boosters" and is actively interested in all movements designed to advance the general commercial and social interests of the place and of the community at large. He also takes an earnest interest in local civic affairs. He was reared in the faith of the United Lutheran church and takes a proper interest in church work and in other local good works.

ERNEST PINSKE.

Ernest Pinske, the owner of six hundred acres of Wild Rice township land, who has always unselfishly considered the well-being of his neighbors as well as that of himself, was born in West Prussia on February 19, 1855, a son of Ferdinand and Florentina (Schaffierus), both natives of Prussia, the former of whom died in the place of his nativity and the latter in Norman county, Minnesota, some years after she came to America to make her home with her son, Ernest. The elder Pinske and wife were the parents of six children, as follow: Gust, now dead; Ernest, the subject of this review; Theodore; August; Hulda, still in Germany, and Matilda, who died in Germany.

Ernest Pinske received his early education in Germany and, on reaching the age of eighteen, came to America and located in Faribault, Minnesota, where he was a laborer for a few years. Hearing the call of the soil and seeing before him the opportunity to become an agriculturalist, Mr. Pinske, in 1881, loaded his personal effects and a few farming implements into a wagon drawn by a team of horses and pushed northward into Norman county,



OLD AND NEW HOMES OF ERNEST PINSKE.



THE BEST FIELD OF RYE RAISED IN MINNESOTA IN 1917 (PINSKE FARM).

where he homesteaded a tract of one hundred and sixty acres in Wild Rice township, which he has brought up to a fine state of cultivation and has improved with fine farm buildings around which he has planted a beautiful grove of trees. His perseverance, industry and good management gave him the right to extend his holdings until now he is the proprietor of six hundred acres of land, on which he carries on general farming and raises stock. His holdings are divided into two parts, "Oak Grove Farm," the name of the home place, well improved with excellent farm buildings, and "Elm Grove Farm," the name of a tract which lies one-half mile east and is operated by his oldest son, Henry Pinske. When Mr. Pinske first came to this country, his land was in great part heavily timbered, and in all he has cleared two hundred and fifty acres, much of it averaging eighty cords of wood to the acre.

On February 14, 1881, Ernest Pinske married Johanna Sanken, who was born in McLeod county, the daughter of Henry Sanken. To this union have been born the following children: Bertha, Charley, Lizzie, Clara, Seva and Herman, all of whom are dead, and Anna, Wilhelmina, Henry and Otto. Mr. Pinske and his family are members of the Lutheran church, being always active in the affairs of that denomination, Mr. Pinske having helped organize the Green Meadow Lutheran church.

Mr. Pinske is a very valuable citizen to his community, for he has given much of his time and money to one of the greatest agents for opening up a new country—roads. For many years he was road overseer, establishing and supervising the thoroughfares for a district which is now divided into three. While serving the public in this capacity, he did much to improve the roads in this part of Wild Rice township, giving money from his own pocket oftentimes for the work. For many years the only roads by which his neighbors could gain access to the public roads were through Mr. Pinske's farm.

OLE K. OLSON.

Ole K. Olson, the son of one of the early pioneers of Halstad township, Norman county, and one of the well-known farmers and stock raisers in Anthony township, where he owns two sections of excellent arable and pasture land, is a native-born Minnesotan, born in Fillmore county, this state, on Christmas Eve, 1868, a son of Knut and Olena (Hellerud) Olson. His parents were natives of Norway, and were numbered among the large