

influential pioneers of that part of the county. As he prospered in his farming operations Mr. Gunderson bought an additional quarter section in section 35 of Flom township and forty in section 15 of Fossum township, being now the owner of five hundred and twenty acres of excellent land, two hundred and forty acres is under cultivation. There are natural groves of poplar on his place and his buildings are substantial and up-to-date. In addition to the central farm house there is a well-built bungalow on the place and the general farm plant is looked upon as one of the best equipped in that part of the county. All of the buildings are lighted by electric light and the appointments of the place are in other respects equally up-to-date. Mr. Gunderson gives considerable attention to the raising of live stock and at the time of this writing in 1917 had on his place sixty-five head of cattle, eight head of horses and fifteen hogs. For four or five years after beginning his farming operations here Mr. Gunderson farmed with oxen and he has witnessed a remarkable revolution in farming methods since those days.

On August 17, 1882, in Clayton county, Iowa, Henry E. Gunderson was united in marriage to Bertha Embretson, who was born in Iowa on July 9, 1865, and to this union eleven children have been born, namely: Jesse, who is married and is living at Faith, Norman county; Burton, who is married and who lives at Waubun, Mahnomen county, Minnesota; Edwin, also married, who is living at Waubun; Perry and Herbert, twins, the former of whom is living in North Dakota and the latter on the home place; Bernard, who is married and living at Flom, and Adelia, Mabel, Clarence, Geneva and Floyd, at home. Mr. Gunderson served for about eighteen years as treasurer of the local school board. He is a stockholder in the Co-operative Creamery Company and in the Farmers State Bank of Flom and was one of the organizers of the first-named concern.

LAMBERT ROESCH.

Lambert Roesch, a well-known real-estate dealer and banker, of Ada, formerly and for years engaged in the clothing business in that city and who also is a substantial landowner in Norman county, is a native of Wisconsin, but has been a resident of Norman county since the days of his boyhood. He was born on a farm in Dunn county, Wisconsin, May 19, 1871, son of John and Sophia (Schill) Roesch, natives of Germany, who became pioneers

of Norman county and spent their last days there, John Roesch becoming one of the most extensive landowners in that county.

John Roesch was born in 1824 and grew to manhood in his native Germany. When twenty-one years of age, in 1845, he came to the United States and for the first two years after his arrival in this country worked in New York. He then, in 1847, came up into the Northwest and was located at St. Paul for two years, at the end of which time he entered a homestead claim to a quarter of a section of land in Carver county, this state, five years later selling that homestead to advantage and moving to Eau Claire, Wisconsin, where for about ten years he worked in the lumber woods. He then moved onto a farm near Eau Claire and there made his home until 1879, when he returned to Minnesota and came on up to this part of the state and homesteaded a tract in what later came to be organized as Winchester township, Norman county, where he established his home and where he spent the rest of his life. From the very beginning of his residence in Norman county John Roesch's affairs prospered and he gradually added to his holdings until he became the owner of one thousand two hundred and eighty acres of land. He died in 1904 and his widow survived him for about five years, her death occurred in 1909. They were the parents of twelve children, all of whom are still living and of whom the subject of this sketch was the eighth in order of birth, the others being Mary, Theresa, Carric, John, Joseph, George, Frank, Fannie, Christine, Michael and Isabel.

Lambert Roesch was eight years of age when his parents moved from Wisconsin to Minnesota and he grew to manhood on the home farm in Norman county, completing his schooling in the village schools at Winchester, his first schooling in that neighborhood having been received in a room set apart for that purpose in a farm house. When twenty years of age Mr. Roesch began working for Andrews & Hampson, in the machine line at Ada, and remained with that firm for nine years. In the meantime, in 1898, he engaged in the clothing business at Ada, in partnership with Sam Olson, but continued his connection with Andrews & Hampson for two years thereafter, Mr. Olson looking after the affairs of the clothing store. In 1900 Mr. Roesch entered the clothing store and was thus engaged in business with Mr. Olson until 1911, when he engaged in the real-estate business in partnership with Edward Helland and was thus engaged for a year, at the end of which time he formed a partnership with D. C. Jones in the real-estate line, and has ever since been thus engaged, he and Mr. Jones operating extensively in realty throughout this section of Minnesota. In 1916 Mr.

Roesch closed out his interest in the clothing store to Mr. Olson. In 1915 he and Mr. Jones organized the First State Bank of Gary and Mr. Roesch is one of the directors of the same. In that same year he and Mr. Jones organized the Farmers and Merchants Bank at Ada and Mr. Roesch is credit man for that institution. In addition to his banking and other interests in and about Ada, Mr. Roesch is the owner of a fine farm of two hundred and twenty acres in Anthony township and has long been regarded as one of the substantial citizens of Norman county.

On July 1, 1901, Lambert Roesch was united in marriage to Harriet Lebrun, daughter of Florentine Lebrun and wife, and to this union four children have been born, Grace, Alice, Cleora and Lambert, Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Roesch are members of the Catholic church and give their earnest attention to parish affairs. Mr. Roesch is a Democrat and gives a good citizen's attention to local political matters, but has not been a seeker after office. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus and with the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and in the affairs of these organizations takes a warm interest.

WALTER G. HADLER.

Walter G. Hadler, a well-known merchant and store-keeper, of Pleasant View township, Norman county, former township assessor and in other ways was identified with the progressive spirit of his neighborhood, is a native son of Norman county, born on his father's old homestead on August 15, 1884, a son of Jacob and Wilhelmina H. (Bauer) Hadler, the former a native of Germany and the latter, of the state of Indiana.

Jacob Hadler, who was deprived of his parents at the age of seven years, was reared by a maternal aunt and continued to live in his native Germany until he was fifteen years old, when, in 1869, he immigrated to America and on arrival went on to Minnesota and settled in Red Wing, near which place he remained for ten years, working on farms. In 1879 he moved to Norman county and entered a homestead claim to one hundred and sixty acres of land in section 14 of what later became Pleasant View township. He operated this land and set it out to general farming and met with success from the very beginning. Later, he engaged in the sale of binder twine and agricultural implements in Ada. A further and more extended account