

duties of this office in an able, faithful and eminently satisfactory manner. Since 1915 he has also been incumbent of the office of police magistrate and has looked after the affairs of both offices in a manner that has reflected much credit upon himself and has given satisfaction to all concerned. His decisions show not only a profound knowledge of the basic principles of jurisprudence but also an unbiased fairness in dealing with all cases, his decisions never being reversed at the hands of higher tribunals.

Mr. Wade was married on March 3, 1892, to Anna G. Borgen, of Fargo, North Dakota, a daughter of T. L. Borgen. To Mr. Wade and wife eight children have been born, as follow: Edward, who is deceased; Dudley Bradstreet, deceased; Edward, Dudley Bradstreet, Richard, Ellen Anna, Mary and Anna Borgen.

Politically, Mr. Wade is a Republican. He is a member of the state board of managers of the Sons of the American Revolution to which he belongs, and has been on the board four years. He belongs to Moorhead Lodge No. 126, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of which he has been secretary for ten years, and also past master. He has always taken an abiding interest in local affairs and is a public-spirited and highly esteemed resident of Clay county.

ELIAS O. ROST.

It is not the weaklings that accomplish worthy ends in the face of obstacles and opposition, but those with nerve and initiative, whose motto is, "He never fails who never gives up," and with this terse aphorism ever in view, they forge ahead until they reach a definite goal in life. Elias O. Rost, a farmer of Ulen township, Clay county, is a man who has won despite adverse circumstances.

Mr. Rost was born in Norway, December 5, 1845. He is a son of Ole N. and Ann (Syverson) Rost, both natives of Norway, where they grew up, married and continued to reside until 1870, when they came to America to join their son Elias, who had preceded them to Osceola, Clear county, Pennsylvania. After spending a year there they all went to Lauderdale county, Tennessee, remaining there until the fall of 1871, when they went to Chicago, in which city they resided until 1879, when they came to Minnesota and located on the farm in Clay county, where the subject of this sketch now resides, in Ulen township. Ole N. Rost, the father, took up

a homestead in Hagen township, where he developed a good farm on which he spent the rest of his life, dying at an advanced age. His widow spent her last years in the village of Ulen, reaching the remarkable age of nearly ninety-nine. To these parents three children were born, namely: Nick, deceased; Elias, the subject of this sketch, and Ellen, who is the wife of Eiling Wang.

Elias O. Rost grew to manhood in Norway and there attended the common schools. He came to America in 1868, locating in Osceola, Pennsylvania, where he spent three years, working on a farm the first summer; then worked in the coal mines during winters, but continued working on farms in the crop seasons. He then came West with his parents, as related in the preceding paragraph, remaining with them until the fall of 1879, when he came to Clay county a little ahead of them and took up a homestead of one hundred and sixty acres in Ulen township. This he developed into a good farm, putting on all improvements, including an excellent group of buildings, and here he has since resided. He worked hard and managed well and, prospering with advancing years, he added to his original place until he now owns five hundred and twenty acres, constituting one of the most desirable farms in Ulen township; and he has been very successful, carrying on general farming and stock raising on an extensive scale. He raises large quantities of grain and prepares live stock for the markets in large numbers.

Mr. Rost was married in 1876 to Anna Thompson, who was born in Norway. She is a daughter of Halger Thompson and wife and came to America when young. To Mr. and Mrs. Rost six children have been born, namely: Olaf, Adolph (deceased), Eliza, Matilda, Emil and Albert, who grew up on the home farm and were educated in the public schools.

Mr. Rost has seen great changes "come over the face of the land" since he took up his residence in Ulen township some thirty-eight years ago, for he was an early pioneer there, the country being then but a wild, sparsely settled prairie. He has taken a good citizen's interest in this development, helped organize the school district where he lives and was the first clerk of the same. In fact, he helped organize Ulen township and was one of the first members of the board of the same and was clerk of the first board. Later he served as chairman for many years. He is well known over the northeastern part of the county and is highly respected. He is an active member of the Norwegian Lutheran church at the village of Ulen, which church he helped organize. This was the first church in Ulen.