

has lived here all of his life. He worked on the farm for twelve years. In partnership with his mother he is the joint owner of two hundred and twenty acres of prime land, the quarter section in Wild Rice township being owned by his brother, Julius. Emil Lerud carries on general farming and stock raising, having a small herd of full-blooded and Shorthorn cattle. He has kept the farm plant in excellent condition, has carried out extensive repairs and erected a silo and machine shed, and is accounted one of the most progressive farmers in the township.

Emil Lerud was united in marriage in the fall of 1915 to Selma Haugen, born in 1888 in Rockwell township, this county, where her parents still live on a farm. Mr. and Mrs. Lerud are the parents of one child, a boy, Anton Lester, born in April, 1917.

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#### ANTHONY SCHEIE.

Anthony Scheie, one of the first settlers of Anthony township, where he lives, a substantial farmer who owns two hundred forty acres of well-improved land in this township, Norman county, and a veteran of the Civil War, was born at Muskego, Wisconsin, September 29, 1844, the son of Andrew and Inger Scheie, both natives of Norway, from which country they came to America in 1839 or 1840. At first the elder Scheie located in Rochester, New York, where he remained for one year working at the cooper's trade, but, being a true pioneer, gradually worked his way with his family westward until he settled in Muskego, Wisconsin, in the early days when there were only twelve houses in Milwaukee. He acquired a holding of forty acres of timber land near Muskego, Wisconsin, a part of which he cleared and farmed. Later he left Wisconsin and moved over into Minnesota and settled for a short time in Fillmore county, that state. In 1876, feeling that a better opportunity awaited himself and family farther north in Minnesota, he moved to Norman county, located in Halstad township, and bought a farm where he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives. Andrew Scheie and family were devoted adherents to the Lutheran denomination, he being in his later life a minister of that creed and among the first in this section of the country. He was the guiding spirit in the organization of the Augustana Lutheran congregation in Halstad township and was numbered among its early pastors. To him and his wife were born seven children, namely: Ellen Christina, Anna, Hannah, Melvina, Caroline and John, all

of whom are dead; and Anthony, the subject of this review, and the only living child.

Anthony Scheie received a common school education in the schools of Fillmore county, Minnesota, where he had come with his parents after their removal from Muskego, Wisconsin. At the outbreak of the Civil War, Mr. Scheie heard the call for troops to maintain the integrity of the country, and enlisted in Houston county, Minnesota, at the town of Caledonia, in Company D, Sixteenth Missouri Volunteer Infantry. Before he entered active service, he was transferred to Company K, Forty-sixth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, with which unit he served four years. After the surrender of Lee at Appomatox on April 9, 1865, Mr. Scheie remained in service for six months longer in the South, gathering the war equipment of the Confederates. When he was mustered out in 1866, he returned to Fillmore county and farmed until 1872. In that year, with five or six companions and their families, he drove northward in covered wagons drawn by ox and horse teams to Norman county. There Mr. Scheie immediately took a soldier's homestead of one hundred sixty acres in section 18, Anthony township and proved it up. He has since his coming been a resident of this part of the county, and is now the owner of two hundred eighty acres of good land, including his homestead, on which he carries on general farming. His home is in section 19, where he has lived many years.

In 1870, before his coming to Norman county, Mr. Scheie married Betsie Larson, who was born in Sweden, the daughter of Lars Larson and wife, both natives of Sweden. To this union have been born five children, all of whom are living: Ellen, Delbert, Josephine, Ada and Selma.

When Mr. Scheie came to what is now Anthony township, the land was the unsettled, raw prairie, and he and his family lived here five years before any other white men came. He had many nomadic neighbors, however, for sometimes as many as one hundred fifty Indians would camp nearby on the Marsh river. Soon other settlers came and when the population had reached the requisite number, the township was organized and took its name from Mr. Scheie's Christian name. In addition to his very successful farming operations on his fine farm, which he has improved by erecting adequate buildings and planting groves, Mr. Scheie entered into the public service of the community to some extent. He has served as township assessor, and was township supervisor and county commissioner from 1873 to 1876, and in other ways he has given his time and ability to forward the common good of the community.