

To Mr. and Mrs. Iver Semlinge have been born thirteen children, all of whom are living but one, namely: Oliver, deceased; Oline, Martin Olai, Anne Matilda, Joseph, Ole, Hannah Emlie, Iver Kornelius, Lydia, Jens Edwin, Marit, Arnokd Norman and Sarah Elvie. Mr. Semlinge and family are zealous adherents to the Lutheran faith, being members of the Pontoppidan church, which Mr. Semlinge helped to organize. He has been interested deeply in the upbuilding and well-being of the community, having helped to organize the creamery company, the Farmers Elevator Company and the State Bank of Hendrum.

CARL N. SCHULSTAD.

Carl N. Schulstad, a well-known and prosperous farmer of Waukon township, Norman county, where he owns a fine farm and operates in all three hundred and seventy-four acres with marked success, a man interested in the civil and local co-operative business agencies of the community in which he has lived for many years, was born in Dunn county, Wisconsin, July 18, 1874, a son of Christian and Mary (Martinson) Schulstad, the former of whom is a native of Norway and the latter of LaCrosse, Wisconsin.

The maternal grandparents of the subject of this sketch were Iver and Carric Martinson, who were among the first settlers of LaCrosse, Wisconsin, but in June, 1879, they drove overland to Norman county, Minnesota, where Iver Martinson homesteaded a quarter section in Waukon township, where he lived the rest of his life. His wife, the mother of Mary (Martinson) Schulstad, died at LaCrosse. Carl N. Schulstad's paternal grandparents, Nels and Pernele (Hunsager) Bredeson, were both natives of Norway, from which they came to this country and settled first on a homestead in Dunn county, Wisconsin, in 1868. After they had remained there for seventeen years, they loaded their household effects and a few farming implements into a covered wagon and drove through to Norman county, Minnesota, where they heard that excellent farming land could be easily acquired. As soon as they arrived here, Nels Bredeson filed a claim on some land in Waukon township, in the same section where his grandson, Carl N. Schulstad, now lives.

Christian Schulstad, the father of the subject of this review, was reared to manhood in Norway, the land of his nativity, and in the same year that his parents came to America, he decided to follow in their footsteps. He

joined them in Dunn county, Wisconsin, and in 1879, one year before his parents left the place of their first settlement in Wisconsin, he came to Norman county, Minnesota, and homesteaded the one hundred and sixty acres where his son, Carl, now lives, in Waukon township. Here he remained until his death, which occurred on the home place, December 26, 1910. His widow now makes her home in Twin Valley. He was a very active man in the early years of Waukon township, being one of the important landowners. To his original homestead, he added one hundred and thirty-five acres in section 35, Waukon township, and he developed his holding by bringing it up to a high state of cultivation and by erecting excellent farm buildings, including a comfortable farm home. When the population of Waukon township reached the requisite number, he helped to organize the township into a civil division of the county, and he served the community as township supervisor for some years. Being highly solicitous for the educational advancement of the locality, he organized the local school district and was a member of the first board, which position he held for many years. The co-operative business enterprises of the community were also objects of his interest, for he helped to organize the Farmers Elevator at Gary, the creamery at Waukon and the Waukon Mercantile Company, in all of which he was very active until his death. Being very anxious that the Lutheran church, a denomination of which he was a devoted member, be represented in the settlement, he was a leading spirit in the organization of the St. Peter Lutheran church in Strand township, of which church society he was a trustee during the last eighteen years of his life, dying in office. He and wife were the parents of the following children: Carl N., the subject of this review; Peter E., Einar, Ingevoid and Clara Matilda, all of whom are still living.

Coming to Norman county when he was only five years of age, Carl N. Schulstad acquired his elementary education in the local public schools and later he entered a private school at Hendrum, where he pursued his studies for one year. Wishing to get a more advanced education, he attended Park Region College at Fergus Falls, Minnesota, and he spent four years in North Dakota, where he worked as a farm hand, at the end of which period he returned to Norman county, where he worked for one year as a grain buyer for the Monarch Elevator Company at Gary. He then began farming operations on his own account and purchased a tract of land which he immediately began to cultivate and improve, and after the death of his father, he took over the operation of the home place. At the present time he farms three hundred and seventy-four acres, carrying on an excellent

type of diversified agriculture. In addition to his farm, he owns a house and lot in Twin Valley, Minnesota.

On June 20, 1907, Mr. Schulstad married Hansens Lystre, who was born at Grand Meadow, Mower county, Minnesota, November 8, 1887, a daughter of Hans and Gunild Lystre. To this union have been born six children: Gladys Matilda, Christian Herbert, Harvey Cyrus, Ruth Mildred, Lilie Evylin and Kenneth Norman. Mr. and Mrs. Schulstad are members of the Norwegian Lutheran church and they are rearing their children in the same faith. For nine consecutive years the former has been clerk for the local school district, and is still in office. Especially is he interested in the co-operative distributing agencies of this section of the Waukon Mercantile Company. He is also interested in the creamery at the latter place. In politics, Mr. Schulstad is a Republican, taking a proper interest in the activities of his party.

JOHN ERICKSON.

A retired business man of Moorhead, Clay county, who has contributed much to the development of this section of the Red River Valley, is John Erickson, who during his active years has owned about fifteen thousand acres of land in Clay and adjoining counties and now owns fourteen hundred acres, the builder of the Jay Cooke House, a famous hotel of Moorhead, which was destroyed by fire some years ago, the first clerk of the Clay county court, mayor of Moorhead for three terms, and who is now finding surcease from his many years of active life in the calm of retirement. He was born in Sweden, November 26, 1840, a son of Erick and Marie (Peterson) Juronson, the former of whom was a small farmer of Sweden, born in 1813 and died in 1900 at the age of eighty-seven years, never having come to America. The mother was born in 1820 and died in 1912 at the advanced age of ninety-two years on the old home place, back in her native land. They were the parents of six children, of whom the subject of this sketch is the oldest; the others being: Gustav, who died at the age of twenty-two; John, whose death occurred here in America at the age of twenty-three years; Mary, the wife of John Swanson, of Baker, Clay county; Tilda, who married James Peterson and lives at Sabin, Clay county; Nels, a farmer who owns land in Sweden, and John, the subject of this review.

Reared on the home farm back in Sweden, where his father barely eked out a living on his small holding, John Erickson in his early years learned