

schools. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, namely: Salley, Adolph, Carl, Grace, Henry and Morris.

Mr. Johnson has followed general farming ever since coming to Clay county and is now successfully operating the farm of his father-in-law. Politically, he is independent. He was township supervisor and clerk of the local school board for a period of ten years and discharged his duties in both positions in a highly acceptable manner.

SAAVI T. SNARTLAND.

Saavi T. Snartland is one of the many native-born Norwegians who have come to the United States and to this part of Minnesota and become successful farmers. He was born in Norway on January 22, 1871, a son of Torkel and Gro (Salveson) Snartland, both also natives of Norway and who came to America in 1880 and settled on a farm in Clay county.

Torkel Snartland was born in Norway in 1837, and was educated in the schools of that country. He engaged in the life of a farmer in his native land and at the age of forty-three years he and his family immigrated to this country and came on out to Minnesota and settled in Clay county. Here he resumed his farming operations and about the year 1897, was in a position to purchase land for himself. He is still living on the farm which he then bought and which is located in section 5, Moland township, Clay county. Some years before leaving Norway, Torkel Snartland was united in marriage to Gro Salveson, who was also born in Norway in 1847, and who met a tragic death in 1900, being killed by lightning on her husband's farm. Torkel Snartland and wife were the parents of the following children: Saavi T., owner of a half section of land; Olaf, a general farmer; Mary, now a widow; Gonel, married, and Willa, married. Mrs. Snartland's brother, Halver Salveson, was one of the first settlers in this part of Minnesota.

Saavi Snartland received part of his education in Norway. He came with his parents to this country in 1880 and lived on his father's farm. From boyhood he was an able assistant to his father in the labors of developing and improving the home place. He is now engaged in farming for himself and is the owner of a half section of prime land, on which he is engaged in general farming and has done very well, being regarded as one of the substantial agriculturists of Moland township.

On July 11, 1897, Saavi Snartland was united in marriage to Helen Svenkenson, who was born in Clay county, Minnesota, a daughter of Gunder Svenkenson and wife, natives of Norway. To Saavi Snartland and wife three children have been born, Thorance, Gladys and Gerard, all living at home with their parents. Mr. Snartland takes a good citizen's interest in local civic affairs and was a director of the district school board for six years. He and his family are members of the Norwegian Lutheran church and are warm supporters of all its good works.

Olaf T. Snartland was born in Norway in August, 1879, and came to this country with his parents. He is the owner of one hundred and twenty acres of land and is engaged in general farming. All the improvements on his farm were carried out by his father. He was married in 1904 to Lilly Anderson, who was born in Fargo, North Dakota, in 1883. They are the parents of the following children: Anna, Torkel, Jacob, Gertie, and an infant born in 1917. The family are members of the Norwegian Lutheran church and take a general interest in all the affairs of the community calculated to serve the public welfare.

HERMAN W. JOOP.

Herman W. Joop, of Felton township, Clay county, has applied business principles to his farming and has used his mind as well as his brawn. He has therefore met with encouraging success all along the line. He was born in Germany on December 2, 1879. He is a son of Gustav and Tina (Camps) Joop, both born in Germany, where they grew up and married and lived on a farm until in the seventies, when they came to America, locating in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where they lived several years, the father working in the steel mills. They then returned to Germany and remained there a few years, then came to America a second time and located in Blue Earth county, Minnesota, where they engaged in farming until 1896, when they moved to Felton township, Clay county, and located on the farm where their son, Herman W., now resides. Here Gustav Joop farmed until his retirement and he now lives with his son, Ludwig, in Norman county. His family consisted of six children, three of whom are still living, namely: Ludwig, Bertha and Herman W.

Herman W. Joop spent his boyhood on the home farm in Blue Earth county and there he attended school. He came to Clay county with his