

farming and stockraising, on his well-established farm. Mr. and Mrs. Menge are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and they are active in the social and religious life of the township. They are the parents of the following children: Elsie, Wilma, Roswald, Louise and Morris.

Mr. Menge has always taken a keen interest in all local affairs, and because of his progressive spirit and business qualities, he has been honored with many positions of trust and honor. For six years he has been a member of the township board, which position he still holds. His father assisted in the organization of the Lockhart Creamery Association, of which Emil A. Menge was for a number of years a director, and of which he is now the efficient president. He was always enthusiastic in the matter of good schools, and his constant endeavor has always been to place them on the highest plane possible. For four years he served as clerk of the school board, and is now a member of that board at Lockhart. He was a strong advocate of the consolidation plan of operating schools, feeling that by so doing, a better and more efficient system could be inaugurated. His influence had much to do with the present consolidated system now in vogue in the town, and to him is due much of the honor for the splendid modern school building.

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#### ANTHONY G. SWANSON.

Anthony G. Swanson, one of the most progressive young farmers in Alliance township, Clay county, who is managing the two-hundred-acre farm left there by his late father and who is the owner of half a section of land in Barnesville township, is a native son of Clay county and has lived there all his life. He was born in the city of Moorhead in 1886, but has lived on the farm since he was about ten years of age, his father, the late John Swanson, having established his home on the Alliance township farm in 1896.

The late John Swanson was a native of the kingdom of Sweden, born there in May, 1840, and there became engaged in the railroad service, remaining there until 1871, when he came to the United States and for a time thereafter was engaged in railroad service here. In 1873 he came out here into the Red River country and located at Moorhead, where in 1882 he married Mary Erickson, also a native of Sweden, born in March, 1852, and who had come to this country in 1880. In 1896 John Swanson bought a farm of two hundred acres in section 13 of Alliance township and there established his home, remaining there the rest of his life, his death occur-

ring on April 3, 1914. John Swanson was a good farmer and developed a fine piece of farm property, now owned by his widow and operated by his son, Anthony. John Swanson took an active part in the general affairs of the community in which he settled in pioneer days and for some time during his residence in Moorhead served as overseer of roads in that district.

To John and Mary (Erickson) Swanson were born six children, namely: Martina, who is married and is living in North Dakota; Gus Edward, who is farming east of Barnesville; Anthony G., the subject of this biographical sketch; Arthur, deceased; Selma, at home, and Lillie, deceased.

As noted above, Anthony G. Swanson was about ten years of age when his parents settled on the Alliance township farm and he ever since has resided there, since his father's death managing the farm for his mother. Besides attending to the extensive interests there he also is the owner of a half section of land in section 18 of Barnesville township, a quarter section of which he bought in February, 1909, and the adjoining quarter in the summer of 1913, and which he is improving and developing in excellent shape. In addition to his general farming Mr. Swanson gives considerable attention to the raising of Shorthorn cattle and is doing very well. During the summer of 1917 he had out about eighty acres of potatoes. A year ago he thoroughly remodeled the home farm house, modernized it and installed a hot-water heating plant, running water, baths and the like and the family are now very comfortably situated there. Mr. Swanson is a member of the local lodge of the Modern Woodmen of America and of the Royal Neighbors and takes a warm interest in the affairs of both of these orders.

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#### ALBERT C. ALLEN.

Albert C. Allen, an energetic and substantial farmer, owner of a quarter section of choice land in Glyndon township, Clay county, former chairman of the board of township supervisors, was born on June 3, 1868, in Sauk Center, Minnesota. He is a son of Adam and Mary (Barker) Allen, the former of whom died in 1873, when the subject of this sketch was a child of five years old, and the latter died in 1908, having survived her husband about thirty-five years.

Adam Allen was born in the state of Michigan, where he followed the occupation of a farmer. He served throughout the Civil War on the side of the Union and saw considerable service during that period of strife