

potato raising and his fine tubers find a very ready market owing to their superior quality.

On December 18, 1902, Robert L. Scott was married to Emma Elizabeth Brantner, who also was born at Polo, in Ogle county, Illinois, and to this union three children have been born, Bessie Mabel, Jasper Michael, and Joseph Winfield. Mrs. Scott is one of the eleven children, two sons and nine daughters, born to Joseph M. and Anna (Nye) Brantner, both of whom were born in Ogle county, Illinois, the former at Polo and the latter at Mt. Morris. Mr. Brantner is now a prominent farmer at Lime Springs, Iowa. Of the eleven children born to him and his wife all are living.

Mr. Scott is an advocate of advanced farming methods and keeps well read along these lines. He is vice-president of the Clay County Farm Bureau and has done much to make that influential organization a pronounced success. He was formerly township supervisor and has also held offices on the school board. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Politically, he is a Republican.

BERNARD F. TENNEY.

Bernard F. Tenney, cashier and general manager of the First State Bank of Ada and for years one of the leading business men of Norman county, is a native of the old Buckeye state, but has been a resident of Minnesota practically all the time since his childhood. He was born in Sandusky, Ohio, May 1, 1868, son of Major Luman H. and Frances D. (Andrews) Tenney, natives of that same state, who later came to Minnesota and became prominent and influential residents of this part of the state in pioneer days.

Major Luman H. Tenney, who took a very active part in the development of this part of the state during the time of the early settlement of this section, was reared in Ohio and was little more than a boy when the Civil War broke out. He enlisted as a private in the Second Ohio Cavalry and served with that command until the close of the war, being mustered out as a brevet major. Upon the completion of his military service Major Tenney married and made his home in Sandusky, Ohio, until 1869, when he came to Minnesota and located at Duluth, where he engaged in the real estate and insurance business. In 1872, about the time of the organization of Clay

county as a civic entity, the Major came over to this part of the state and located at Glyndon, where he acted as the agent for a Philadelphia company in the sale of lands thereabout and also took an active interest in promoting the English colony which settled in that neighborhood. Major Tenney also operated a general store at Glyndon and started the Northern Pacific elevator there and at some other points along the line. Upon locating there he took a soldier's homestead and later considerably increased his personal land holdings. In addition to his other and varied interests, Major Tenney gave much attention to the general affairs of the community during the period of the establishment of a proper social order in that section and served for some time as superintendent of schools of Clay county, doing much in that capacity toward the organization of an effective school system in the pioneer community. His busy and useful career was interrupted in the very prime of his life, his death occurring in 1880, he then being thirty-eight years of age. Major Tenney was an active and earnest member of the Congregational church and was one of the leaders in the organization of a church of that denomination at Glyndon. He was an ardent advocate of temperance and his influence in that direction was felt far and wide throughout this section in an early day. Major and Mrs. Tenney were the parents of four children.

Bernard F. Tenney was but an infant when his parents came to this state from Ohio and settled at Duluth, and he was but a small child when they presently moved over to Glyndon. There he spent his boyhood and then was sent East to complete his schooling, attending Oberlin College in Ohio and Amherst College in Massachusetts, from which latter institution he was graduated in 1890, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Upon completing his schooling Mr. Tenney returned to Glyndon and for a time gave his attention to farming interests there, but presently returned to Ohio, where he remained until 1903, in which year he came back to Minnesota and with his business associates bought control of the First State Bank of Ada and was elected vice-president of that concern, being installed as general manager of the affairs of the bank. Mr. Tenney later was elected cashier of the bank and ever since forming connection with the bank has given his most earnest attention to the same, long having been recognized as one of the leading bankers of this part of the state.

In 1895 Bernard F. Tenney was united in marriage to Sadie A. Snedeker, of Melbourne, Florida, and to that union four children have been born, namely: Mary Frances, Luman H., who is now (1917) a member of the American Ambulance Field Service, serving "somewhere in the Balkans"

in the great World War; Edward A., who is serving in the United States Marine Corps, serving "somewhere in the United States," and William H., who is attending school at home. Mr. and Mrs. Tenney are members of the Congregational church, in the various beneficences of which they take a warm interest, as well as in the general social activities of their home city, ever helpful in promoting all movements having to do with the advancement of the common welfare hereabout.

OLE D. LARSON.

Ole D. Larson, present president of the village of Hendrum and the oldest merchant in point of continuous service in that village, a well-to-do dealer in hardware and agricultural implements, may also be regarded as a pioneer of Norman county, having been actively identified with the affairs of Hendrum and vicinity since 1882. He was born in Manitowoc county, Wisconsin, February 11, 1860, son of Lars and Martha (Johanneson) Knutson, both natives of Norway, who were married in their native land and shortly afterward, in 1852, came to the United States, locating at Port Washington, Wisconsin, whence, a year later, they moved onto a homestead farm in Manitowoc county, that same state, where they remained until 1883, when they came over into Minnesota and located on a farm in the neighborhood of Glenwood, in Pope county, where they spent the remainder of their lives. Mrs. Knutson died in 1906 and Mr. Knutson survived until 1911, he being ninety-three years of age at the time of his death. They were earnest members of the Norwegian Lutheran church and their children were reared in that faith. There were nine of these children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the sixth in order of birth, the others being Knute (deceased), Johannes (deceased), Bertha, Knute, who lives in Canada; Gabriel (deceased), Lizzie, who lives at Nome, Alaska; Martin and Clara (deceased).

Reared on a pioneer farm, Ole D. Larson had little opportunity for acquiring extensive schooling in his youth. As a young man he learned the carpenter trade and for twelve years was actively engaged in building operations. In 1882, he then being twenty-two years of age, he had come over into Minnesota and up into the Red River Valley to take part in the then flourishing activities of this part of the state, and at Hendrum became engaged as a carpenter. After his marriage in 1891 he established his home there and for a while continued his building operations, but in 1892 started in business there as a hardware dealer and has ever since been thus engaged,