

of his life as a farmer. Mrs. Hadler died in 1908, leaving six children, namely: Benjamin H., who is a grain buyer at Arndt, North Dakota; Ida C., wife of William A. Grieve, of Ada; Walter G., a merchant and grain buyer at Hadler; Jacob J., an attorney at Big Falls; Wilhelmina M., a member of Norman county's excellent corps of public school teachers, and Albert E., who is farming the old home place in Pleasant View township. Mr. Hadler is an earnest member of the Lutheran church, as was his wife, and their children were reared in that faith. Mr. and Mrs. Hadler were among the most active of the organizers of St. John's Lutheran church in Green Meadow township and Mr. Hadler was elected a member of the first board of trustees of the same, a position he held for many years. He is now a member of Emmanuel Lutheran church in Pleasant View township and takes an earnest interest in church work as well as in the general good works of the community in which he has lived since pioneer days, and the general interests of which he has done so much to promote.

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#### ED. O. THORSTAD.

Of the prominent and successful merchants of Lockhart, Norman county, Minnesota, it is well to mention Ed. O. Thorstad, who was born in Mitchell county, Iowa, in 1884, a son of James O. and Elizabeth (Erickson) Thorstad, both of whom were born in the United States. The parents lived on a farm in Mitchell county for many years after their marriage and there met with considerable success in their chosen work. They were members of the United Lutheran church, and they were greatly admired by the people of their home district for their many qualities of pure manhood and womanhood. In 1905 they left their home in Iowa and moved to Pennington county, Minnesota, where they established their home on a farm and where they still reside, and where the father is successfully engaged in general farming and stock raising.

Ed. O. Thorstad was educated in the schools of Iowa, and there he was reared on the home farm and was taught the principles of agriculture by his father. As a young man he engaged in farming in his native county, where he remained until his parents came to Pennington county, Minnesota, at which time he accompanied them. There he engaged in farming for a time, and in 1910 entered the mercantile business at Thief River Falls, Minnesota. There he successfully conducted his business until 1916, when he came to Lockhart, where he has since continued in the business. On

going to Thief River Falls, he was employed by others in management of their stores. Having met with unusual success he came to Lockhart as manager of the general store of Theo. Salverson. Here by his courteous manner and business-line methods he has won the confidence of the proprietor of the concern and the honor and respect of the public. Being a man of ability and possessed of a most progressive spirit, he is able to know his customers and to cater to their wants. Honest, upright and industrious, he has won for himself an enviable place in the estimation of the people among whom he lives. Few men in public life have a higher regard for the duty they owe to the community in which they live and transact business than has Mr. Thorstad.

On June 1, 1911, Ed. O. Thorstad and Elma Becken were united in marriage. To this union two children have been born, Jordan and Harriet, who are now reaching the age when they are of much comfort and pleasure to their parents. Both Mr. and Mrs. Thorstad are active members of the United Lutheran church, to the support of which they are liberal subscribers and in the services of which they take the greatest interest.

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#### ANUND K. STRAND.

Anund K. Strand, a prosperous and well-known farmer, owner of a splendid body of land consisting of seven hundred and twenty acres, breeder of Shorthorn cattle and Shropshire sheep, former treasurer of Norman county and for forty years a member of the local school board, was born in Norway on November 27, 1846, a son of Kittel B. and Asjer Olson (Strand) Strand, also natives of the same country.

Kittel B. Strand, father of the subject of this sketch, was educated in the schools of Norway and at an early age commenced at the work of a farmer, which he continued throughout his active life. He was married to Asjer Olson Strand and they became the parents of six children as follow: Anund K., Bjorguf, Aase, Olaf (deceased), Eglef (deceased), and Halvor. The parents of these children spent all their lives in their native land and were respected residents of the place where they reared their family. They were active and influential members of the Lutheran church and their children were brought up in the faith of the same congregation.

Anund K. Strand was educated in the schools of his native land and later became a valued assistant to his father in the operation of the home farm. At the age of thirty-five years he decided to try his fortune in this country, where so many of his countrymen had preceded him, and in 1871