

States. She remarried in Red Wing, this state, her second husband being John Tildon. They removed to Norman county in the fall of 1881, Mr. Tildon taking up a homestead there of one hundred and sixty acres in Home Lake township, where he still lives, his wife, the mother of Mrs. Opsahl, dying there a number of years ago. She had one child by her last husband, Julia Tildon. Seven children, all living, have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Opsahl, namely: Adolph, Joseph, Lewis, Rachael, Selma, Ole and Inez.

Politically, Mr. Opsahl is a Republican. He served as a member of the township board several years ago and has been township chairman since 1915.

L. O. TORSTENSON.

Life is where things are born and live and grow. On the farm is real life. It is not to be found in the city. Realizing this when young L. O. Torstenson, a farmer of Cromwell township, Clay county, took up agricultural pursuits and he has always been contented with his environment.

Mr. Torstenson was born in Fillmore county, Minnesota, and he is a son of Ole and Anna (Larson) Torstenson, both natives of Norway, where they grew up, were married and continued to make their home until 1867, when they immigrated to America, locating in Fillmore county, Minnesota, where they lived on a farm until 1873, when they removed to Douglas county, this state, where they spent the rest of their lives on a farm, the father dying in 1883 and the mother in 1911. To these parents six children were born, named as follows, and all still living: Tosten O., L. O., Belle, Otto, Knut, and Gulick.

L. O. Torstenson grew to manhood on the home farm in Douglas county, and there he attended the district schools. He worked hard when a boy, assisting his brothers with the general work on the home farm, for when he was ten years old his father was killed in a runaway accident and the labors of developing the home farm fell on the brothers. Later L. O. Torstenson took charge of the farm and continued to operate it until 1897, in which year he purchased the farm on which he now lives, consisting of one hundred and sixty acres. By perseverance and good management he has prospered as a general farmer and stock raiser and has added to his original holdings until he now has a total of two hundred and forty acres. However, he did not begin improving his farm at once after coming to Clay county, but worked out and rented land, for five years. Since about 1902 he has engaged

in farming for himself on his own land. In connection with general and mixed farming he specializes in potato growing, planting a large acreage every year. He was formerly one of the stockholders and for two years a director of the Farmers' Elevator Company at Hawley. He is also a stockholder in the Rollag Telephone Company at Rollag, also a stockholder in the Equity Packing Plant in Fargo. He is financially interested in the Northwestern Hospital in Moorhead.

Politically, Mr. Torstenson is a Republican. He has served ten years consecutively as treasurer of the local school district and is still holding that position. He is unmarried.

JOHN G. STEEN.

It is a pleasure to look over a well-kept and productive farm like that owned by John G. Steen, of Spring Prairie township, Clay county, where he has long been regarded as a representative citizen and a man of many commendable traits, a useful and highly respected gentleman.

Mr. Steen was born in Honefos, Norway, in 1864, and there he grew to manhood and attended school. He came to America, single, in 1882, and located first at Lake Park, Minnesota, from which point he traveled for the Northern Pacific Elevator Company, with which he remained seven years, giving the firm entire satisfaction and doing much to increase the business and prestige of the same. He then came to Spring Prairie township, Clay county, and with the exception of two years, during which he was engaged in the mercantile business in Spokane, Washington, has been here continuously ever since 1897, living on his present farm all the while. Through hard work and perseverance he developed a fine farm from the raw prairie, and, adding to his original farm, he now has three hundred and twenty acres of well-improved land, on which he has been very successful as a general farmer. He makes a specialty of raising Holstein cattle.

Mr. Steen was married in Clay county to Bertha Thuney, a native of Goodhue county, this state, and a daughter of Erick Thuney. They have only one child, Edwin Steen, whose birth occurred on October 15, 1887. He grew up on the home farm and was educated in the public schools and in the State Normal at Moorhead. He has remained on the homestead with his father and assists with the operation of the farm. He was married in 1910 to Emily Hougrud, who was born in Fillmore county, Minnesota, and a