

farmer. After the death of his father he assumed the active management of the farm, in his mother's behalf and has done well in his farming operations, which are carried on strictly in accordance with modern methods. On November 20, 1915, Christian Hovden was united in marriage to Minnie Baker, who was born in this state in 1895, and to this union one child has been born, a daughter, Elaine. The Hovdens have a very pleasant home in Lee township and have ever taken an interested part in the general social activities and good works of the community in which they live.

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### WILLIAM VIDEEN.

William Videen, an energetic and substantial young farmer of Moorhead township, Clay county, proprietor of a fine farm in the township and engaged in general farming and stock raising, was born in Moorhead on May 24, 1881. He is the son of William and Ellen (Nelson) Videen, both of whom were natives of the kingdom of Sweden.

The elder William Videen immigrated to the United States from his native Sweden when he was quite young. On arriving in this country he came on out to Minneosta and settled at Moorhead, in Moorhead township, Clay county. In this place he engaged in mercantile business and also handled lumber, these two branches of work keeping him occupied for the remainder of his active life. He was united in marriage to Ellen Nelson in this country, she having also come from Sweden in her young days. They both died in Moorhead, this county. They were the parents of the following children: William, the subject of this sketch; and Ida, who married Doctor Keenyon, of Cheyenne, Wyoming. William Videen and his wife were members of the Swedish Lutheran church and earnestly interested in all its good works. They were ever regarded as excellent citizens and their deaths were widely mourned throughout the community in which they had been living for many years.

William Videen was educated in the common schools of Moorhead and on the completion of his school course he took up farming for some time. He later went across the border to Canada and worked on a railroad in that country for one year. At the end of that period he returned to Moorhead and commenced farming on his own account, also engaging in the raising of cattle. Mr. Videen owns one hundred and sixty acres of prime land and rents another one hundred and sixty acres, and is actively engaged in general

mixed farming and the raising of a good grade of Shorthorn cattle, headed by a registered Shorthorn bull. He is an enterprising young farmer, carrying on his farming operations according to modern methods of agriculture, and is doing very well. His place is well improved and he is accounted one of the substantial farmers of his section of the county.

On June 14, 1906, William Videen was united in marriage to Hilda Sunquist. To Mr. and Mrs. Videen three children have been born, namely, Eunice, Margarete and an infant that died. The Videen family are members of the Swedish Lutheran church and warmly interested in all church work, and are prominent members of the community. Mr. Videen gives his ardent support to the Republican party and is serving as clerk of Moorhead township; he is also clerk of school board district No. 79. He is president of the South Side Farmers Club and takes a good citizen's interest in all local civic matters and in the general affairs of the community in which he lives.

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#### K. KITTELSON.

K. Kittelson, a well-known and energetic farmer of Goose Prairie township, Clay county, owner of a compact and well-kept farm of two hundred and forty acres, is a native of the kingdom of Norway, but has been a resident of this country since he was five years old and of Clay county since 1878. He was born in 1856 and is a son of Kittel and Gunild Kittelson, both natives of Norway, who came to America in 1861.

Kittel Kittelson was a farmer in his native Norway and on coming to the United States proceeded to the state of Wisconsin, working out for a time. His health was not the best and at the end of two years following his arrival here his death occurred. His wife, Gunild Kittelson, lived with her son, the subject of this sketch, and at the time of her death in 1894 was seventy-six years old. Kittel Kittelson and wife were the parents of the following children: Ingeborg, deceased; Mrs. Anna Ostinson, who lives in North Dakota; Agnes, living in Iowa; Nellie, deceased; Tohore, deceased; Guleck, deceased; Ole, deceased; Nils, deceased, and K. Kittelson, the subject of this sketch.

K. Kittelson was a child of five years old when his parents immigrated to the United States and he went with them to Wisconsin, where his father died some two years after arriving in that state. His mother then moved to Iowa, and he attended school and worked out to help the family deprived