

Wanda is married and the others remain on the home place. Mr. Luedke formerly had an interest in the creamery at Green Meadow and during the days of his active labors took an interested part in the work of development along all lines in the neighborhood in which he lived for so many years. Mrs. Luedke is the daughter of Christian and Elizabeth (Arnt) Andree, the former of whom was a laborer in Germany. After Mr. Luedke had settled here in Norman county he sent for his wife's parents and, in 1884, they came to this country and spent their last days with their daughter, the father dying in 1893, at the age of seventy-five years. The mother lived to the remarkable age of ninety-one years and died at her son's place in Green Meadow township, February 1, 1917. They were earnest members of the Lutheran church, to which Mr. Luedke and his family also belong.

P. S. VISTAUNET, M. D.

Dr. P. S. Vistaunet, well-known physician at Shelly and one of the best-schooled practitioners in Norman county, is a native of the kingdom of Norway, but has been a resident of this country since shortly after reaching his majority. He was born on November 9, 1868, son of Sivert P. and Louisa (Petersdatter) Vistaunet, also natives of Norway, both of whom were born in August, 1843, and the latter of whom is still living in her native land. Sivert P. Vistaunet was a farmer in Norway. In 1898 he and his wife came to this country with those of their children who had not preceded them here, and presently located at Fargo, with the intention of making his permanent home in this country, but in 1907 he and his wife returned to their old home in Norway and there he spent his last days, his death occurring in 1916. His widow is still living there. They were the parents of twelve children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the second in order of birth, the others being Marie Magdaline (deceased), Peter L., Anton (deceased), Laura, Mary Ann (deceased), Anthonie, Signe, Gunder, Magnus, Johnson and Olaf, who died in infancy.

Reared on the home farm in his native Norway, P. S. Vistaunet received his early schooling in the schools of that country and remained there until after reaching his majority, when, in 1891, he came to the United States, locating at Lake Park, in Becker county, this state. In that vicinity he worked on a farm for about two years, at the end of which time he went to Fargo, where he remained from 1893 until 1901,



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spending several winters in the meantime in attendance at Concordia College, from the classical department of which institution he was graduated in 1901. The next year he entered the medical department of the University of Minnesota and was graduated from that institution in 1906. Upon receiving his diploma Doctor Vistaunet was appointed an interne in the St. Paul city hospital and after thirteen months of very valuable practice in that institution became engaged in the office of Quain & Ramstad, physicians, at Bismarck, North Dakota, where he remained three months. He then opened an office at Lake Park, this state, and was engaged in practice at that place for five months, at the end of which time he formed a connection with his brother in the practice of his profession at Thief River Falls, but three months later, in 1908, moved to Badger, up in Roseau county, where he practiced for six months, the first half of 1909, at the end of which time he came down to Norman county and located at Halstad. In the spring of 1910 Doctor Vistaunet moved from Halstad to Shelly, where he ever since has been quite successfully engaged in practice. The doctor is a member of the Red River Valley Medical Association, in the deliberations of which organization he takes an active and an earnest interest, and ever keeps fully abreast of the wonderful advancement that is being made in his profession. He is a member of the Lutheran church and takes a proper interest in church affairs, as well as in the general good works of the community in which he lives.

JENS ANDERSON.

Jens Anderson, one of the pioneers of Clay and Norman counties, and now a retired farmer, who owns four hundred and eighty acres of Minnesota land, one-half section in Lee township, Norman county, where he lives, and a quarter section near Thief River Falls, Minnesota, is a native of Norway, born on February 7, 1840, a son of Andrew and Pethrina (Strand) Anderson, both natives of Norway, where they grew up, married and reared their family. The former, who was born in 1802, carried on agricultural pursuits during the summer on the farm, which he owned, and in the winter, as a fisherman, gathered of the wide harvest along the deeply indented coast of his native country. After his death in 1852 the old farm was sold. The mother, who was born in 1820, remained in Norway and there died in 1895, at the age of seventy-five years. They were the parents of two children, the one besides the subject of this sketch being Peder, who is married and is living in northern Minnesota.