

antly situated. When Mr. Erstad took possession of "Elmwood Farm" the place was but a tract of raw prairie land and he has made all the substantial improvements which make the place one of the best-appointed farm plants in that part of the county. He has three-quarters of a section there, one quarter being over the line in Glyndon township, and in addition to his general farming and potato raising has given considerable attention to the raising of pure-bred Shorthorn cattle and has done well in his operations. He is a stockholder in the Glyndon Elevator Company and in other ways gives his earnest attention to the general business affairs of the community in which he lives.

In 1901, about four years after taking up his residence in Clay county, Gustav A. Erstad was united in marriage to Maggie Lamb, daughter of James Lamb and wife, pioneers of Clay county, and to this union five children have been born, Albert, Lawrence, Earl Wallace, Ede (deceased), and Pearl. Mr. and Mrs. Erstad are members of the Lutheran church and take a proper interest in church work, as well as in other neighborhood good works.

EDWARD U. WADE.

Edward U. Wade, the present efficient and well-known police magistrate of Moorhead, was born in Albany, New York, July 3, 1867, a son of Edward Wade, who was a prominent lawyer at Albany for forty-two years. He is a descendant of an old American family, one of the oldest, in fact, the first of the name to land on the shores of the western continent coming to Massachusetts in the year 1632. James Wade, a direct ancestor of the subject of this sketch, fought in the Revolutionary War, with a Massachusetts regiment.

Edward U. Wade grew to manhood in his native city, and he received his education in the Albany Boys Academy. Later he was a student in the Albany Law School, from which institution he was graduated with the class of 1888; however, he never practiced. He came West as a surveyor to Duluth, Minnesota, and after remaining there and at Superior, the adjoining city, until July 1, 1891, he came to Fargo, North Dakota, and established his home. For some time he represented a mercantile company as collector in this section of the northwest, but after the great fire at Fargo he located in Moorhead, where he engaged in the bicycle sales and repair business. About 1907, he was elected justice of the peace and has since discharged the

duties of this office in an able, faithful and eminently satisfactory manner. Since 1915 he has also been incumbent of the office of police magistrate and has looked after the affairs of both offices in a manner that has reflected much credit upon himself and has given satisfaction to all concerned. His decisions show not only a profound knowledge of the basic principles of jurisprudence but also an unbiased fairness in dealing with all cases, his decisions never being reversed at the hands of higher tribunals.

Mr. Wade was married on March 3, 1892, to Anna G. Borgen, of Fargo, North Dakota, a daughter of T. L. Borgen. To Mr. Wade and wife eight children have been born, as follow: Edward, who is deceased; Dudley Bradstreet, deceased; Edward, Dudley Bradstreet, Richard, Ellen Anna, Mary and Anna Borgen.

Politically, Mr. Wade is a Republican. He is a member of the state board of managers of the Sons of the American Revolution to which he belongs, and has been on the board four years. He belongs to Moorhead Lodge No. 126, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of which he has been secretary for ten years, and also past master. He has always taken an abiding interest in local affairs and is a public-spirited and highly esteemed resident of Clay county.

ELIAS O. ROST.

It is not the weaklings that accomplish worthy ends in the face of obstacles and opposition, but those with nerve and initiative, whose motto is, "He never fails who never gives up," and with this terse aphorism ever in view, they forge ahead until they reach a definite goal in life. Elias O. Rost, a farmer of Ulen township, Clay county, is a man who has won despite adverse circumstances.

Mr. Rost was born in Norway, December 5, 1845. He is a son of Ole N. and Ann (Syverson) Rost, both natives of Norway, where they grew up, married and continued to reside until 1870, when they came to America to join their son Elias, who had preceded them to Osceola, Clear county, Pennsylvania. After spending a year there they all went to Lauderdale county, Tennessee, remaining there until the fall of 1871, when they went to Chicago, in which city they resided until 1879, when they came to Minnesota and located on the farm in Clay county, where the subject of this sketch now resides, in Ulen township. Ole N. Rost, the father, took up