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On March 17, 1897, Mr. Hansen was married to Elsie Nelson, who was born in Henry county, Illinois. She is a daughter of Rasmus and Caroline (Palle) Nelson, both natives of Denmark, from which country they came to America, single, each coming alone, the father in 1869 and the mother about 1872. They were married in Henry county, Illinois, and continued to reside there until 1894, when they removed to Seward county, Nebraska, where they still live. They followed general farming until retiring some time ago. They now reside in the town of Cordova. Rasmus Nelson is a son of Nels and Elsie Jensen, both natives of Denmark, where they lived and died. The parents of Mrs. Rasmus Nelson also lived and died in Denmark. Two children, a son and a daughter, were born to Rasmus Nelson and wife, namely: Axel and Elsie.

To Julius A. Hansen and wife eight children have been born: Alfred, Clarence, Anna, Arthur, Joseph, Harvey, Elmer and Hazel. The Hansens are members of the Lutheran church. Politically Mr. Hansen is a Republican.

HAROLD O. WOLDAHL.

The tiller of the soil who has a true vision of twentieth-century farming will utilize every acre of his land, raise a good grade of live stock, purchase labor-saving machinery and will make his surroundings attractive in a general way. Then he will experience the full reward of his labors. Such a man is Harold O. Woldahl, of Goose Prairie township, Clay county.

Mr. Woldahl was born in Norway on August 20, 1859. He is a son of Ole and Bertha (Woldahl) Roeros, and took his mother's maiden name upon coming to America. His parents were natives of Norway, where they grew up, married and resided all their lives. The father died in 1887, when past the age of seventy years. He owned two farms and en-

gaged in farming all his life. His wife, who was his junior by two years, died the day following his death. To these parents eight children were born, namely: Jens, who died in Sweden in 1915; Johanas, who lives on one of the farms which the father left in Norway; Ole, who lives on the other farm which the father left; Berge, who is living with Ole; Johanna, who died when sixteen years old; Elizabeth, now deceased, was a twin, the other child dying in infancy, unnamed; Harold, of this review, is the youngest of the family.

Harold O. Woldahl spent his boyhood in Norway and was there educated. He worked on the home farm with his father until 1881, when he immigrated to America and located in Blue Earth county, Minnesota, where he worked out as a farm hand. He then came to Clay county, arriving at Hawley on February 2, 1882. He worked for his cousin there for over a year, and in the spring of 1883 went to Otter Tail county, rented a farm, and while there was married. In the fall of 1883 he came to Goose Prairie township, Clay county, and bought the farm on which he now lives, his land lying in sections 31 and 32. He also owns land in section 6, Highland Grove township. His excellent farm is well improved in every respect, all the improvements having been made by himself. His place consists of three hundred and twenty-three acres. He has been quite successful as a general farmer and stock raiser and makes a specialty of raising Shorthorn cattle.

Mr. Woldahl was married in Otter Tail county on May 23, 1883, to Merian Salvevold, who was born in Norway on March 16, 1858. She spent her girlhood there and attended the common schools. She came to America with her parents in 1880, the family locating on a farm in Otter Tail county, Minnesota, where the father took up a homestead, buying a right, and there established a comfortable home and spent the rest of his life engaged in general farming, dying in 1890 at the age of sixty-five years. His widow still lives on the old homestead there and is now (1917) seventy-nine years old. Nine children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Woldahl, namely: Bertha, who was born in 1885; Oscar, who is living on a rented farm one mile east of where his father resides; Johanna, who died in June, 1907; Edward, who lives in Montana; John, who died in November, 1911; Minnie, who lives at home; Louis and Christ (twins), at home, and Malven.

Politically, Mr. Woldahl is independent. He has been a member of the township board for many years and he also served as road boss several years. He and his family belong to the United Lutheran church and he was formerly a trustee of the same.