

bers of the Lutheran church and are prominent and active in the work of that denomination.

George J. V. Mayer received his education in the schools of Illinois and was reared in the family home. In 1904 he came, with his parents, to Minnesota and later engaged in general farming five miles east of Lockhart, where he remained for a time, after which he moved to a farm west of Ada, where he continued to engage successfully in agricultural work until January 1, 1916, at which time he became manager of the J. S. Cuisick elevator at Lockhart, which position he is still filling with entire satisfaction. Being a young man of excellent judgment and possessed of ability and integrity, he has won the confidence of his employer and the community in general.

In 1912 George J. V. Mayer was united in marriage to Wilhelmina Kreun, who was born and reared in Norman county, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Kreun, who are well known and highly respected people of the county. Mr. and Mrs. Mayer are among the prominent and popular young people of their home town and take a proper part in the social life of the community.

CHARLES M. AAGAARD.

Charles M. Aagaard, a well-known farmer and stock raiser of Hendrum township, Norman county, and organizer and director in the progressive enterprises of the community, was born in Norway, April 28, 1862, the son of Carl and Johannah Aagaard, both natives of Norway where they grew up and were married. Soon after the birth of Charles M., the mother died, and later the father married again, and he with his family left the land of their nativity, came to America, and settled on a farm in Allamakee county, Iowa, in 1866, where his second wife died. After farming in Iowa for fourteen years, the family came northward into Minnesota, in 1880, and settled in Polk county, where Carl Aagaard took a homestead of one hundred and sixty acres of the wild prairie land, and remained there until his death on August 22, 1895. By his first wife he had nine children, namely: Albert, John, Mattie, Olena, Gustava, Johanas, Stenus, Lewis and Charles M.; and to the second union was born one child, Johannah. The Aagaard family were devoted members of the Lutheran church, the father having helped to organize the first church and the first school in his community in Polk county, Charles M. Aagaard helping to haul the lumber for each building from Crookston.

Charles M. Aagaard was four years of age when he settled with his parents in Iowa, and later came with them to Polk county, Minnesota, living on the old home place until March 15, 1907. At that time he moved down into Norman county and purchased two hundred and forty-six acres in Hendrum township, which he has since improved by the erection of a fine barn and granary. Mr. Aagaard is a very successful grain farmer, and in addition to this line of agriculture is a breeder of a good grade of Short-horn cattle and thoroughbred Duroc-Jersey hogs.

On June 8, 1887, Charles M. Aagaard was united in marriage to Elizabeth Christianson, who was born in Norway on March 30, 1863, the daughter of Christianson and Ellen. (Jacobson) Christianson, both natives of Norway, where they married, lived and died. Mr. and Mrs. Aagaard are the parents of five children, all of whom are living: Johannah, Alfred, Ella, Josephine and Alvin. The family are devout Christians, being active and consistent members of the Lutheran church.

While Mr. Aagaard lived in Polk county he served as member of the board in the township in which he lived. Later, when he came to Norman county, he as a progressive farmer, became interested in better facilities for the marketing of agricultural and dairy products and helped to reorganize the Farmers Elevator Company at Hendrum, of which at this time he is a director; and he also has an interest in the creamery at Hendrum. No community is complete without adequate credit facilities and especially is this true in an agricultural section, and Mr. Aagaard, who is a wide-awake farmer, helped to organize the Farmers State Bank and is a director of the same.

CARL J. STORDAHL.

Carl J. Stordahl, a well-to-do farmer of Hendrum township, Norman county, where he owns three hundred and thirty-nine acres of improved land, and pioneer of Hendrum township, was born in Norway, April 29, 1853, the son of John O. and Janetta (Beckadahl) Strodahl, both natives of Norway, where they were reared and married. In 1875 the family decided to leave the land of their birth and cross the Atlantic to the land of opportunity; accordingly, in the year mentioned above, they immigrated to Fillmore county, Minnesota, where they remained two years. Hearing that the land in the Red river valley was being opened to settlement, the family left their temporary home in Fillmore county and traveled north-