

and takes a good citizen's interest in the welfare of his community, having served the township as township clerk and as a member of the township board for several years. Being a progressive citizen of his community, Mr. Hagen has ever been interested in bettering the business agencies of his neighborhood and helped to organize the farmers elevator, the creamery and the Farmers State Bank, all of Hendrum, and of the last enterprise named, he has been a director since its organization.

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### A. G. AANENSON.

A. G. Aanenson, manager and treasurer of the Farmers' Elevator Company at Shelly, former member of the council of that village and one of the best-known grain men 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 July 26, 1865, a son of Aanen and Johanna C. (Aslaksen) Gunderson, also natives of Norway, farming people, who spent all their lives in their native country and who were the parents of five sons, those besides the subject of this sketch being Anton, Ole, John and Andrew S. Aamodt.

Reared on the home farm, A. G. Aanenson received his schooling in the schools of his native land and remained there until after he was of age, when, in July, 1887, he came to the United States and located at Hillsboro, North Dakota, in the vicinity of which place he worked on a farm until the fall of that year, when he came over the line into Minnesota and for about two years thereafter was engaged in work on farms in the vicinity of Halstad. Mr. Aanenson then entered Hope Academy at Moorhead and was attending school there when Concordia College was established in that city. He entered Concordia and after a comprehensive course there began teaching school in Norman county and was thus engaged for two or three years, at the end of which time he began farming in Halstad township. Two years later he left the farm and moved into the village of Shelly, where he ever since has made his home. It was in 1897 that Mr. Aanenson located at Shelly and until he became connected with the Farmers' Co-operative Elevator Company he was engaged as a clerk in various stores in that village. Some years after the organization of the Farmers' Co-operative Elevator Company he was installed as treasurer of the same and two years later was made manager of the company, as well as treasurer, and has since continued

to serve in that responsible dual capacity, rendering an excellent service in behalf of the farmers of that neighborhood. Mr. Aanenson also has given thoughtful attention to local civic affairs, has rendered service as a member of the village council and for the past fifteen years has been a member of the local school board, performing a valuable service in behalf of the schools of Shelly, which have been raised to a high grade of excellence.

On November 3, 1894, A. G. Aanenson was united in marriage to Martha Marie Olson, daughter of Knute Olson, and to this union seven children have been born, Arthur Bennett, Cora Olene, Hannah Christine, Alma Charlotte, Alvin Morris, Bernice Jeroma and Ardell Arnot, all of whom are living. The Aanensons have a very pleasant home at Shelly and take an interested part in the village's general social activities. Mr. and Mrs. Aanenson are members of the Lutheran church, in the various beneficences of which they ever have taken an active interest, and Mr. Aanenson is a member of the board of trustees of the local congregation. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the local society of the Sons of Norway and takes a warm interest in the affairs of that organization.

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#### OLAF SOLWOLD.

Olaf Solwold, a substantial and progressive farmer of Keene township, Clay county, owner of two hundred and forty acres of excellent land and raiser of a good grade of live stock, is a native of the kingdom of Norway, but has been a resident of this country since he was eighteen years old, coming here in 1880. He was born in 1862, a son of Peter and Anna Solwold, natives of Norway, who immigrated to America in 1880, accompanied by their son, the subject of this sketch. Peter Solwold is now living in Keene township at the advanced age of three score and ten. His wife, Anna Solwold, died in 1906. They were the parents of the following children. Andrea (deceased), Carrie, Olaf, Harold (deceased in Norway), Annie, Harry and Enger.

Olaf Solwold was educated in the schools of his native Norway and at the age of eighteen years, in 1880, immigrated with his parents to this country and on arriving in Minnesota located on the homestead of one hundred and sixty acres in section 22, Keene township, the latter being later sold. He was a valuable assistant to his father in the work of improving and developing the home place. He bought on his own account a homestead