

Charles Pallas was educated in the schools of the city of Chicago and later followed the occupation of a farmer. About the year 1902 he came to Clay county and bought a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in section 16, Barnesville township. Some time later he moved to section 7 of the same township and lived there for seven years. In the fall of 1912 he bought his present farm of three hundred and twenty acres of prime land, located in section 17, Humboldt township, where he is engaged in general farming and stock raising and since the commencement of his operations he has been most successful, everything about his farm being in excellent condition. His place is well improved and his dwelling house and outbuildings are models of their class. He raises an excellent strain of Holstein cattle, which finds a ready market, as do the Poland China hogs which he raises. Mr. Pallas conducts his farming operations according to modern methods and he is accounted one of the substantial and progressive farmer of this section of the county. He allocates a portion of his land to the cultivation of potatoes and usually plants about one hundred acres to that branch of production.

On June 18, 1904, Charles Pallas was united in marriage to Minnie Burke, who was born in the state of Illinois in 1884. To this union the following children were born: Vernie, Clarina and Arnold, who are living at home with their parents. Mr. and Mrs. Pallas take a proper interest in the welfare of the district in which they live, helpful factors in the promotion of all causes having for their object the common good of the community. Mr. Pallas gives a good citizen's attention to local civic affairs, with special regard to the educational conditions, and is at present a member of the district school board; in other ways also he has given of his time and energy for the public good.

AKE THEODORE AKESSON.

Another of the successful Clay county farmers of Swedish origin, is Ake T. Akesson, a well-known general farmer, owner of a fine farm in section 13, Riverton township, Clay county. He was born in the kingdom of Sweden in 1874, but has been a resident of this country and of Minnesota state since he was fourteen years of age. He is a son of Ole and Inga Akesson, who were also born in Sweden.

Ole Akesson was born in Sweden in 1843 and was educated in the schools of that country, and is still living there. He commenced his life occupation as a farmer and continues that mode of life at present. His

wife, who was also born in Sweden, died in 1900 at the age of forty-four years. They were active and influential residents of the district in which they made their home and Mrs. Akesson's passing at a comparatively early age was a source of general regret to the friends of the family. Ole and Inga Akesson were the parents of the following children: Emil, Ingebor, Gerda, Axel, Anna, in this country; Oscar, also in the United States; Berna and Ake T., the subject of this sketch.

Ake T. Akesson was educated in the schools of his native land and was reared on his father's farm, where as a boy he assisted in the farming operations. At the age of fourteen in 1888, he left Sweden and came to America and immediately engaged in farm work, continuing at the labor for some years, meanwhile saving all the available money with the view to the purchase of land on his own account. In 1906 he moved to Moorhead, Clay county, and resumed work on the farm. In 1912 he bought his present tract of land, consisting of one hundred and sixty acres, in section 13, River-ton township, and on this farm he carries on general farming. Since the commencement of his operations he has been most successful, everything about his farm being in excellent condition. He sets out an average of twenty-five acres of his holding to the cultivation of potatoes. Mr. Akesson carried out many valuable improvements, including the erection of out-buildings and fences, and his place ranks among the best in the township.

In 1912 Ake T. Akesson was united in marriage to Annie Norman, who was born in Sweden in 1892 and came to America in 1910, first to Hawley and then to Moorhead, where the marriage took place. They are the parents of three children as follow: Kenneth, Eugene and Phyllis, all of whom are living with their parents. Mr. and Mrs. Akesson take a proper interest in the general social activities of the township and are helpful factors in the promotion of all causes having for their object the promotion of the common good of the community.

ANDREW ROSTVOLD.

Andrew Rostvold, one of Norman county's well-known and substantial farmers and the owner of three hundred and twenty acres in Lee township, is a native of the kingdom of Norway; but has been a resident of this state since he was a child. He was born in Norway in 1862, a son of Arndt A. and Mollie (Helland) Rostvold, natives of that same country, who became pioneers in Minnesota and whose last days were spent in Norman county.