

living. They are the parents of three children, as follows: Jennie, the wife of the subject of this review; and two sons, Henry and Reinard, both at home. They also have an adopted daughter, Dora, who is also living at home. To Mr. and Mrs. Hammerud three children have been born, namely: Leonard, Chester and Ivin.

Politically, Mr. Hammerud is a Republican. He was assessor of Holy Cross township four years, and has performed his duties as a public servant in a highly acceptable manner. He is a member of the Norwegian Lutheran church, which he has served as treasurer.

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### LOUIS ALTENBERND.

Louis Altenbernd, a well-known landowner and the proprietor of several potato warehouses in and about Clay county, was born in the Blue Grass state on February 18, 1876, the son of William and Katie (Hill) Altenbernd, both of whom were natives of Germany. William Altenbernd immigrated to the United States in 1860, when he was twenty-seven years old, and his wife, Katie Hill, came to this country with her parents, when she was twelve. They were the parents of eight children. William Altenbernd and his wife were members of the Lutheran church and ever were active in its affairs.

Louis Altenbernd was reared on his father's farm in Kansas, and he attended the public schools of the community in which he lived. Later he supplemented this training by a course in the business college of Lawrence, Kansas, from which institution he was graduated. After helping in the work on his father's farm for several years, he finally began agricultural pursuits on his own account. In 1903, he removed to Sabin, Clay county, Minnesota, and there began to farm on a modest scale, his efforts meeting with success. As he prospered in his farming operations, he added to his land holdings and is now the owner of sixteen hundred and sixty acres of choice farming land in and around the Sabin vicinity.

In 1905, Mr. Altenbernd began to handle potatoes on a large scale and now has several warehouses where potatoes are stored. To meet the growing demands for his potatoes, which crop is one of the most important on his farms, he built the present large potato warehouse at Sabin in 1905, and also operates warehouses at such different points as Rustad, Baker, Downer, Watts and Hawley. His operations in potatoes are on a very extensive

scale and he is generally recognized as one of the largest and most substantial potato growers in this part of the state. In addition to the potato trade, he also conducts general farming and has been very successful.

In the summer of 1909, Louis Altenbernd was united in marriage to Mary Brandt, a native of the state of Ohio, and a daughter of Louis Brandt and wife, residents of that state. To Mr. and Mrs. Altenbernd four children have been born, namely: Walter, Esther, Louise and Hilda, all of whom are at home with their parents. The Altenbernd family are members of the Lutheran church and are active participants in the good works of the same. They are warm advocates of all movements designed to advance the community interests. Mr. Altenbernd is an independent in politics, but has never been a seeker after public office, preferring to devote his time to his large potato warehouse interests.

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### BENEDIX KUEHL.

Benedix Kuehl, a substantial and prosperous farmer, owner of three hundred and twenty acres of prime land in Elmwood township, Clay county, is a native-born German, but has been a resident of this country for more than twenty-seven years. He was born in Germany in 1855 and is a son of Fred and Anna Kuehl, also natives of the Fatherland, where Anna Kuehl died in 1869.

Following the death of his first wife, Fred Kuehl was married a second time and in company with some of the members of his family he immigrated to the United States in 1890. On his arrival in this country he came on out to the state of Minnesota and settled in Clay county. He engaged in farming in Elmwood township, at Sabin, and continued thus engaged for the remainder of his life, his death occurring in 1903. He was the father of the following children: Dora, Lizzie, Margaret, Kattie, living in Germany; Fred, who is deceased, and Benedix, the subject of this sketch.

Benedix Kuehl was educated in the common schools of Germany and worked for some time at farm labor. At the age of thirty-five, in 1890, he accompanied his father to the United States and on reaching this country they came on out to Minnesota and settled in Clay county. Benedix Kuehl worked for various farmers in and about this county for a period of about eight years. In 1898 he decided to purchase land and to commence the life of a farmer on his own account. He bought a tract of prime land and