

served on the school board. In April, 1914, he made a trip to his old home in Sweden and spent three months in that country, returning on the "Mauritania," which was the last boat to leave England before the outbreak of the European war.

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### ALBERT ANDERSON.

Albert Anderson, a substantial farmer and landowner living in Hendrum township, Norman county, was born three miles south of Scandinavia, Waupaca county, Wisconsin, November 1, 1861, the son of Andrew Anderson and Mary (Hanson) Rustad, the latter being the second wife. Both parents were natives of Norway, and came to America about 1850, settling in Muskego, Wisconsin, where they married and lived for about three years. In 1853, they moved to Waupaca county, Wisconsin, where they bought government land and lived until 1877, in the meantime their son, Albert, the subject of this review, having been born. Feeling that better opportunities in farming awaited them over in Minnesota, the family started for the Red River country on June 14, 1877, in a covered wagon drawn by four horses, and arrived after a journey of some time at their destination in Hendrum township, in what later came to be organized as Norman county. There they settled on school land in section 36; township 144, Norman county, range 49, where their son Martin now lives, and there they remained the rest of their lives. As prosperity smiled upon the endeavors of the family, the elder Rustad added to his holdings until he owned three hundred and sixty acres, which he improved by the erection of substantial farm buildings. To these parents were born the following children: Carrie, Bertha M. (deceased), Christ, Albert, Clara, Edwin, Martin, Gena, and William (deceased). The family were active members of the Lutheran church and the father helped to organize the Emanuel church at Hendrum.

Albert Anderson, who has lived in Hendrum township since he came to Norman county, in 1877, was educated in the common schools of Wisconsin and in the pioneer schools of Hendrum township, where he spent his youth and early manhood on the home place. In 1886 he left the parental roof and started for himself, and his operations were so successful that eventually he became the owner of six hundred acres of land. This area was all raw prairie, but, nothing daunted, he began to improve it by erecting good farm buildings and planting groves. As the opportunity presented

itself, he sold from his holdings until now he has two hundred and fifty acres on which he raises stock and does general farming.

On June 14, 1887, Albert Anderson married Anna Stevens, who was born in Norway on September 22, 1863, the daughter of Stev and Mary Stevens, who came to America in 1866. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson have no children of their own, but they have one adopted daughter, Evelyn.

Mr. Anderson, being a farmer, is desirous of good roads, and did much to establish and keep the same in repair when he served the community as road overseer. In addition to this commendable work, he has been interested in extending the credit facilities of Hendrum township, by helping to organize the Farmers State Bank. Moreover, he is numbered among the progressive farmers of the township who are interested in the farmers elevator and creamery.

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#### HANS J. HELLERUD.

Hans J. Hellerud, a retired pioneer farmer of Norman county and for the past ten years engaged in the clothing business at Twin Valley, one of the best-known and most progressive merchants of that village, is a native of the kingdom of Norway, but has been a resident of Minnesota since he was sixteen years of age and of Norman county since 1877, thus being very properly regarded as one of the real "old settlers" of this section of the state, he having located here three or four years before Norman county was organized as a civil unit. He was born at Haakadalen, in Norway, January 27, 1855, son of John and Marie (Grummenson) Hellerud, also natives of Norway, who came to the United States with their family in 1871 and settled in Fillmore county, this state. There John Hellerud developed a good piece of farm property and continued to make that place his home until his retirement in old age and removal to Norman county, where his last days were spent. He and his wife were members of the Norwegian Lutheran church and their children were reared in the faith of the same. There were nine of these children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the fourth in order of birth, the other being Olena, Gustav, Andrew, Bertha, Johanna, Nettie, Carl and Jens.

As noted above, Hans J. Hellerud was sixteen years of age when he came to this country with his parents and his schooling was completed in the schools of Fillmore county, this state. He took an active part in the