

tion and good management, he has added to his original holdings until he now owns one of the choice farms of the township, consisting of four hundred acres, which he has brought up to a high state of improvement and cultivation. He has a large comfortable home and numerous substantial outbuildings. He carries on general and mixed farming, raising a great deal of grain annually, which he feeds to live stock, always keeping a good grade of cattle and hogs as well as horses. He sells a number of carloads of stock for the market every year. He came here with but little capital, but he has forged to the front by his own unaided efforts along legitimate lines. At this writing (June, 1917), he has a fine potato crop of thirty acres. He is in the great potato belt.

Mr. Kasin was married in Iowa in 1889, he having spent his first few years in that state, to Bergert Olson, who was born in 1864 in Norway and there she spent her girlhood and attended school, coming to America in 1887 and locating in Iowa. To this union eight children have been born, named as follows: Halver, married and living in Clay county; Julia, married and living in North Dakota; Emma, married and living in Clay county, and Oscar, Isaac, Gilbert, Olga and Gena are all at home.

Mr. Kasin takes an active interest in local public affairs, and has been treasurer of the school board in his district for the past twelve years. He has been a member of the township board for two years and has filled these offices in a conscientious and faithful manner. He is a member of the Lutheran church.

OLE LARS BECKMAN.

Ole Lars Beckman, a skilled bricklayer of Moorhead, was born in Sweden, March 5, 1858. He is a son of Lars and Karen (Olson) Halverson, both natives of Sweden, where they grew up, were married and continued to make their home until 1888, when they came to Minnesota, locating in Moorhead. Lars Halverson followed farming in Sweden. He and his wife spent nearly all the balance of their lives in Moorhead, his death occurring at the advanced age of eighty-four years. They were the parents of four children who grew to maturity, namely: Lars, Martina, Ole Lars and Karen.

Ole Lars Beckman spent his boyhood in Sweden, where he attended school and worked out as a farm hand. He came to America in 1881 and until 1883 he worked in Montana on construction work on the Northern Pacific railroad. He then located at Moorhead, where he has since made his

home. He worked at various vocations there until 1887, when he began learning the trade of brickmason under John L. Burquist, the first contractor in either Moorhead or Fargo. Mr. Beckman remained with Mr. Burquist until shortly before the latter's death. Since then he has worked for various contractors. He is regarded as an expert bricklayer and his services are always in demand. He is not only swift and painstaking, but is familiar with modern forms of architecture.

Mr. Beckman was married in Moorhead, in 1883, to Ingeborg Matison, a native of Sweden, and a daughter of Mat and Karen (Larson) Matison, both natives of Sweden, where they spent their lives. Their daughter Ingeborg came to the United States on the same ship with her future husband, and worked in Minneapolis until her marriage. To this union two children have been born, Emma and Ella. The Beckmans are members of the Lutheran church.

WALFRED DANIELSON.

One of the famous lines of "The Old Homestead," a popular play a generation ago, was "Young blood tells." This phrase applies not alone to a man's social advancement, but in business life particularly, where the old men are dropping out and the younger generation stepping into their shoes. This fact is not true so much in the farming world as in the trades and professions, but one of the enterprising and most prominent of the younger farmers of Eglon township, Clay county, is Walfred Danielson.

Mr. Danielson was born in 1890 in Swift county, Minnesota. He is a son of Edwin D. and Christine (Anderson) Danielson, both natives of Sweden. They came to America when young and were married in Swift county, this state, about the year 1876. After their marriage they established their home on a farm in that county, owning a good farm, which they operated for a period of twenty-five years, then sold out and bought the place on which their son Walfred now resides, a place of two hundred and forty acres in sections 7 and 8, Eglon township. Edwin D. Danielson made all the improvements now seen on the land, including a cosy residence, a large barn and outbuildings and fences. However, his sons have remodeled the residence and erected new buildings since his death. The father carried on general farming and stock raising successfully until his death, which occurred in 1907 at the age of sixty-four years. He was regarded as an