

of Tansem township, where she grew to womanhood and attended the public schools. She is a daughter of Erik J. Egge, who located in Tansem township in 1887. He now lives in Skree township, but owns land on both sides of the township line. A biographical sketch of Mr. Egge appears elsewhere in this volume. Four children have been born to Mr. Anderson and his second wife, namely: Carl Melvin, Elmer Oliver, Emma Josephine and Hilda Annette, all of whom are living. The Andersons belong to the Rollag Lutheran church and give proper attention to the neighborhood good works.

ADOLPH BJORNDAHL.

No matter what line of work one is engaged in he should strive to become an expert in it, which will not only result in better remuneration but a greater degree of satisfaction and pleasure all around. If one goes at his work in a half-hearted, slipshod manner very little good will be accomplished and little satisfaction gotten out of it. In fact, it is not too much to say that poor work should never be done, for it is very often worse than nothing—detrimental. Adolph Bjordahl, one of the enterprising young farmers of Parke township, Clay county, realized these facts when he started out in life for himself, and he has tried to do well whatever he undertook.

Mr. Bjordahl was born on the farm where he still resides, in section 6, Parke township, Clay county, in 1880, and he has been contented to spend his life at home, fully appreciating the opportunity. He is a son of Nels and Torgen (Ulvig) Bjordahl, both natives of Norway, where they grew to maturity, were married and established their home, continuing to reside there until the spring of 1878, when they immigrated to the United States, and came to Minnesota, presently locating on and homesteading the farm where their son Adolph now lives in Parke township, Clay county. They had lived a short time on another place nearby upon their arrival here. The father worked hard in developing the raw land and in making a home for his family in the Western frontier and, by perseverance and good management he succeeded. He made most all the improvements, putting up good buildings, etc., and here he spent the rest of his life, dying in 1914, at the age of seventy-nine years. His widow is still living on the homestead. To these parents ten children were born, namely: Ragnil, Vil, Nels, Carrie, Ole, Inga, Adolph, Louis, Knut and Nina. The first five were born in Norway and the others in Clay county, Minnesota. They all attended the public

schools and they are all married with the exception of Nina, the youngest, who makes her home with her mother when not out teaching school.

Adolph BJORNDahl grew up on the home farm and assisted with the general work on the same when he became of proper age. He was married in 1914 to Hilda Christianson, who was born in 1886 on the home farm in section 9, Parke township, Clay county, and here she grew to womanhood and attended school. She is a daughter of Nels Christianson and wife, who came here in the early settlement of Parke township and established their future home on the farm. To Mr. and Mrs. BJORNDahl have been born two children, Norman and Dagny.

Mr. BJORNDahl now owns the home place, which consists of three hundred and twenty acres. He has kept it well improved and under a fine state of cultivation. On the place is to be seen an admirable group of farm buildings and everything is kept in its proper place. He also owns a quarter section of land and which he homesteaded in Perkins county, South Dakota. He carries on general farming, making a specialty of potato raising. This year (1917) he has forty-five acres in Ohio potatoes, his land being well adapted for this business. He keeps good graded live stock, cattle and horses and full-blooded Duroc hogs and feeds a great deal of his grain to his live stock. Politically, Mr. BJORNDahl is a Democrat. He is a member of the Hegland Free Lutheran church, of which he is treasurer, and is active in the affairs of the congregation.

HENRY ECKHOFF.

Henry Eckhoff, an enterprising general farmer, classed as one of the most prosperous agriculturists of Pleasant View township, Norman county, owner of five hundred and sixty acres of prime land and breeder of high-grade stock, is a native of the German empire, but has been a resident of the United States for the past forty-six years and of Norman county for thirty-seven years. He is the son of John and Anna Eckhoff and was born in Germany on March 27, 1843. In that country his parents spent all their lives, both being now deceased. They were the parents of the following children: William, deceased; Henry, the subject of this sketch; Mrs. Kattie Poppe and Mrs. Grenda Merkins, of Ada.

Henry Eckhoff was educated in the schools of Germany and at the age of twenty-eight years, in 1871, he immigrated to America and first settled in