

ship's interests on its board, of which he has been a member for seven years, two of which he has served as chairman. He has also performed an estimable service for the educational progress of the community while he has been a member of the township school board for the last three years.

On November 26th, 1903, Mr. Landro was united in marriage to Mary Ingberg, who was born in Hendrum township, November 5, 1877, the daughter of P. O. and Emma (Neuland) Ingberg, of whom mention is made elsewhere in this volume. To this union four children have been born, Ingwald, Alice, Ida and Palmer, all of whom are living. Mr. Landro and family are members of the Pontopidan Lutheran church, and in the affairs of the same they take an active interest.

OLE N. BJORND AHL.

One of the painstaking farmers of Skree township, Clay county, is Ole N. BJORND AHL, who was born in Norway, March 23, 1876. He is a son of Nels and Turgen (Ulvick) BJORND AHL, both natives of Norway, where they grew up and married. They came to Minnesota in 1878, locating in Parke township, Clay county, and during the following year the father bought a homestead right of Amund Olson for his eighty acres, and later he homesteaded an additional eighty, improved his land and there carried on general farming until his death. His widow still lives on the homestead. He prospered with the advancing years and added twenty acres of timber land, eighty acres of railroad land and forty acres of prairie land, making in all a large and excellent farm, on which he erected substantial buildings and made other important improvements. He set out a large grove, embracing several acres, the government paying him for the work. He helped start the Grong Lutheran church. His family consisted of ten children, namely: Nellie, the wife of Nels Olson; Vina, the wife of William Shaver; Nels N., Mrs. Carrie Jaques, Ole N., Mrs. Inge Robinson, Adolph, who is at home, Mrs. Louisa Markel, Knut N. and Nina, who is teaching school and lives at home.

Ole N. BJORND AHL grew to manhood on the home farm and attended the district schools. When a young man he bought one hundred and twenty acres of railroad land in Eglon township, Clay county, which he cultivated, although remaining at home. In 1900 he went to McHenry county, North Dakota, and filed on one hundred and sixty acres. He lived there seven years, making all improvements, building a house and outbuildings, fences, setting out a grove, etc. He still desired further educational advantages and

he then went to Highland Park College, Des Moines, Iowa, for a short time, after which he went to Colorado, where he spent a year and a half, then came back to Minnesota. Six months later he went to North Dakota again, but after selling his homestead there he returned to Clay county, Minnesota, and bought two hundred and forty acres in Skree township. A year later, in 1908, he married Betsy Julia Hanson, who was born in Skree township, a daughter of Kittle Hanson and wife.

The subject of this sketch has continued to reside on his farm in Skree township, which he has brought up to a high state of improvement and cultivation. He has eighty acres of the one hundred and twenty of railroad land which he first bought in Eglon township, having sold forty acres to his father. He has kept the land well improved and well cultivated and has one of the choicest farms of the township. He believes in modern improvements and modern methods of agriculture. He has a fine, large grove, which was planted in the early days by Peter Wilson, the first owner of the land. He has experienced many "ups and downs," especially as a homesteader in North Dakota, but by persevering and bearing his vicissitudes courageously, he has become well established and is in comfortable circumstances.

To Ole N. Bjordahl and wife two children have been born, namely: Tilda Bertina and Clifford Norman. Mr. Bjordahl is a member of the Lutheran church.

PETER O. FISKUM.

Peter O. Fiskum, a farmer of Tansem township, Clay county, was born in Norway, October 9, 1836. He is a son of Ole Olson and Bertha Maria (Svensdatter) Fiskum, both natives of Norway, where they spent their lives on a farm. They were parents of five children, three of whom, Hannah, Iver and Ole Olson, remained in Norway, and Marin and Peter O., twins. Marin came to America in 1866 and located in Iowa, where she married Ole H. Larson, and there she spent the rest of her life, dying some time ago.

Peter O. Fiskum spent his boyhood in Norway, where he attended school. He came to America in 1858, locating first in Houston county, Minnesota, where he went to school one month. He worked on a farm there. After spending one winter in that county he went to Mononie, Dunn county, Wisconsin, where he worked in a saw-mill and there he worked until in April, 1861, when he enlisted in Company K, Fifth Regiment Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry. He was sent South and saw considerable service, but