

ANDREW BYE.

Andrew Bye, former member of the village council at Halstad and manager of the local plant of the Northwestern Elevator Company at that place, is a native son of Minnesota, born in Houston county, November 25, 1873, a son of Peter O. and Bergit (Hefte) Bye, both natives of the kingdom of Norway, who are now living in Grand Forks county, North Dakota, where they have resided for years, among the substantial pioneer residents of that section.

Peter O. Bye was born in 1844 and was ten years of age when he came to this country with his parents, in 1854, the family settling in Houston county, this state, among the pioneers of that section of the state, and there he grew to manhood. In that county he married Bergit Hefte, who had come to Minnesota with her parents from Norway in the days of her girlhood, and after his marriage remained in that county until 1877, when he went pioneering over into North Dakota and settled in the township of Bentru, Grand Forks county, where he and his wife still make their home and where they are very comfortably situated. They are members of the Norwegian Lutheran church and their children were reared in that faith. There are six of these children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the fifth in order of birth, the others being Nellie, Inga, Olaus, Anton and Theodore.

Andrew Bye was four years of age when his parents moved from Minnesota to North Dakota and he was reared on a pioneer homestead farm in Grand Forks county, in the latter state, receiving his schooling in the district school in the neighborhood of his home. As a young man he started farming on his own account in Grand Forks county and was thus engaged until he was twenty-five years of age, when he engaged in the grain business, buying grain at Mapes, North Dakota. Six months later he was made buyer for the Minneapolis & Northern Elevator Company at Felton, in Clay county, this state, and remained there, agent for that company, for nine years, or until 1909, when he transferred his services to the Northwestern Elevator Company and was made agent and buyer for that company at Halstad, where he ever since has made his home and where he has quite successfully managed the Northwestern elevator, becoming one of the best-known grain men in this part of the state. Since becoming a resident of Halstad Mr. Bye has taken an active interest in local civic affairs, has served for two or three terms as a member of the village council and also served for two or three terms as village assessor.

On December 30, 1901, Andrew Bye was united in marriage to Eliza Moe, a daughter of E. P. Moe, of Caledonia, North Dakota, and to this union one child has been born, Alpha Eugene, born at Felton on February 11, 1903. The Byes have a very pleasant home at Halstad and take a proper part in the general social activities of the community. Mr. Bye is a member of the local lodge of the Modern Woodmen of America and takes an active interest in the affairs of the same.

JOHN SPENNINGSBY.

John Spenningsby, proprietor of a harness shop at Ada and formerly a farmer in Hegne township, Norman county, was born in the kingdom of Norway on September 16, 1877, and was about six years of age when his parents, Knut and Julia (Braaten) Spenningsby, also natives of Norway, came to Minnesota and settled in Norman county, where they ever since have made their home.

It was in 1883 that Knut Spenningsby and his family came to Minnesota, their destination being Ada. Upon their arrival here Mr. Spenningsby located on a farm in Halstad township, but later bought a homesteader's right to a tract in Hegne township and there established his home, remaining there and improving the same until 1903, when he retired from the farm and moved to Ada, where he and his wife are now living. They are members of Trinity Lutheran church (of the Hauges synod) at Ada and their children were reared in that faith. There are four of these children, those besides the subject of this sketch being Emil, Lewis and Inga.

As noted above, John Spenningsby was but a child when his parents settled in Norman county and he grew to manhood on the home farm in Hegne township, remaining there, a valued assistant to his father in the development and improvement of the same, until the time of his parents' removal to Ada in 1903, when he also left the farm and located in Ada. In 1907 he started a harness shop in that city and has built up a prosperous business in that line.

In June, 1915, John Spenningsby was united in marriage to Mrs. Serena Nelson. Mr. and Mrs. Spenningsby are members of Trinity Lutheran church and take a proper interest in church work and other local good works.