

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

honest, hardworking, public-spirited citizen. His widow is still living on the homestead, and is now sixty-five years old.

Edwin D. Danielson served as road supervisor for some time, also was a member of the local school board. He was a member of the Swedish Mission church, to which his widow and children also belong, and he was faithful in attending the same. To Edwin D. Danielson and wife nine children were born, named as follows: Emma, who is married and lives at Red Wing, Minnesota; Amiel, who is married and lives in Swift county, this state; August, living on the home place, which he helps operate, also looks after a farm in North Dakota; Adolph, married and living near Red Wing; Anna, the wife of Albert Dahl, a farmer of Eglon township; David, who lives at home, but works out; Walfred, of this sketch; Helen, who lives at home; and Richard, who works in Fargo, North Dakota, is the youngest.

Walfred Danielson was a child when his parents brought him to Eglon township from Swift county, and here he grew to manhood and attended the district schools. He has remained on the home farm, which he is managing in an able and successful manner, carrying on general farming and stock raising. He is unmarried. He was road boss in his district one year. He is a member of the Swedish Mission church.

JOHN E. GRINDE.

John E. Grinde, a farmer of Kragnes township, Clay county, was born in Norway in March, 1868. He is a son of Elling and Gertrude (Huke) Grinde, both natives of Norway, where they grew up, married and made their home until 1870, when they immigrated to America and engaged in farming in Rice county, Minnesota, where the father died in 1899, at the age of sixty-eight years. He owned a good farm there. His widow continued to live on the home place there until her death in 1915, at the age of seventy-four years. To these parents nine children were born, named as follows: Anna, married and lives at Rugby Junction, North Dakota; Unna, who was married and died some time ago; Sunawa, married; John E., of this sketch; Seviert, who lives in Mankato, North Dakota; Edward, who died in 1915; Carrie, married and living at Rugby Junction, North Dakota; Erick, who is married and lives on a rented farm of one hundred and thirty acres in section 22, Kragnes township, and Gertrude, married and living at Mankato, North Dakota.