

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.

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### 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



Red Wing, Minnesota, and in that place he worked on farms for some years, saving his earnings with the object of making a purchase for himself. In 1880 he came to Norman county and homesteaded a tract of eighty acres in section 8, Pleasant View township, later buying a tree claim that had been proved up by his wife's father. As Mr. Eckhoff prospered in his farming operations he continued to add more land to his holdings and is now the owner of five hundred and sixty acres of prime land, and here he is engaged in general farming and stock raising, success attending his labors from the very beginning. He has carried out many excellent improvements, laid out groves and fences, and in 1894 he erected a new dwelling house to replace the old house that had done duty for several years and in 1913 he added to the other improvements a new and substantial barn. He is now accounted as one of the progressive and energetic farmers of the township, his farming operations being carried on according to modern agricultural methods.

On March 12, 1880, Henry Eckhoff was united in marriage to Angel Ergus, who was born on January 22, 1853, in Germany and who, when about twenty years of age, came with her parents to America, locating at Red Wing, this state. Mr. and Mrs. Eckhoff are the parents of the following children: Mary, who is a nurse in Ohio; John and Henry, at home; Ella, married and living four miles south of her father's place; Lizzie, married and living in Lockhart, and William, living on the home farm. The family are members of the Lutheran church.

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#### AUGUST POPPE.

August Poppe, a well-known farmer and stock raiser, of Pleasant View township, Norman county, owner of a compact and well-kept farm of two hundred and forty acres of choice land in that township, treasurer of the township board and of the local school board, is a native of Germany, but has been a resident of the United States for the past forty-five years and of Norman county since 1878. He came to this country alone in 1872. He is the son of Joseph and Elizabeth Poppe, natives of Germany, who lived and died in that country, and a half-brother of Heine and Louis Heindricks, also of Norman county. The parents of these children were earnest members of the Lutheran church and their children were reared in the same faith.

August Poppe was educated in the schools of his native land and at the age of twenty-four years immigrated to America, going to Fond du Lac,