

county. For some time past Mr. Flom has been living practically retired from the active labors of the farm, his son Edwin assuming the responsibility of running the place. Ever since the organization of his home township Mr. Flom has been a member of the board of township supervisors and is now treasurer of the same. For many years he has also been a member of the school board, for eighteen years a director, and is now also treasurer of that board. He is a stockholder in the Flom Bank and in other ways has given his active attention to the general business affairs of the community, in the development of which he has been a prominent participant since the very beginning of settlement there.

On December 19, 1882, Elling H. Flom was united in marriage to Oleanna Olson, who was born in the kingdom of Norway in 1863 and who had come to this country with her parents when she was eighteen years of age, and to this union nine children have been born, namely: Hans M., who is now a landowner in North Dakota; Marie Alma, who also owns land in North Dakota; Gunda Catherine, also a North Dakota landowner; Anthony, a landowner in Montana; Edwin, who is renting and farming the old home place in Flom township; Olga Berthina, a member of Norman county's public-school teaching force, and Berton, Mildred and Kenneth, at home. The Floms have a very pleasant home and have ever given their interested attention to the community's general social affairs. They are members of the Wild Rice church and Mr. Flom was formerly and for years a member of the board of trustees of that congregation.

GUSTAV O. EEG.

Gary, one of the progressive and up-to-date towns of Norman county, has many men who have won distinction in their various walks of life, and have had much to do with the growth and the development of the district. Among the number who have had an influential effect on the business development of the community, it is well to mention Gustav O. Eeg, a well-known and prominent banker of the town, who was born in Becker county, Minnesota, on August 9, 1871, and is the son of Olaus and Johannah (Christopherson) Eeg.

Olaus and Johannah Eeg were both born in Norway, where they received their education in the public schools and there they grew to manhood and womanhood and were married. After their marriage

they established their home in the land of their nativity, where they continued to live for a time. They then decided in the year 1864, that they would come to America, where they might better obtain a home for themselves and those dependent upon them. On their arrival in the United States, they at once came to Minnesota, and located in Fillmore county, where they remained for a time, after which they moved to Becker county in 1871. There they established their home on a farm and there engaged in agricultural pursuits until 1879, when they came to Norman county. Here they were among the first settlers in the county, and were the first to homestead in Waukon township. It was here that they established their home on one hundred and sixty acres of land, which they later increased to two hundred and forty. The territory was a lonely place at that time. There were no settlers and the broad prairie, with here and there a tract of wooded land, was a desolate place for the little family to locate. They were anxious to obtain a home for themselves, and they were willing to undergo all the hardships of the early pioneer life. A typical pioneer house was erected, in which the family lived, while the farm was undergoing transformation from the wild tract to one of the well developed farms of the state. Later improvements were made and here the father engaged in general farming and stockraising until the time of his death.

Olaus Eeg was a man of much ability and wielded a great influence in the community in which he lived, and where he was held in the highest regard and esteem by all. He assisted in the organization of the township and had much to do with the early civic life of the district. Coming to the county, as he did when there were but few settlers and the territory as a whole was one undeveloped tract, he experienced many of the hardships of the new settler, and it was only by his and his wife's determined effort that they succeeded in their fondest hopes to make a home in the new land. They were the parents of the following children: Chrestian, Karen, Gustav and Anna, both the former and the latter are now deceased. Both Mr. and Mrs. Eeg were active members of the Lutheran church and took the greatest interest in all the services of the church, and their children were reared in the faith of the same church and were at all times taught to live the lives of true men and women. There were few people in the community, that had a greater influence for the good of the new district, than had Mr. and Mrs. Eeg. Their great interest in all moral questions, as well as their true patriotic spirit, together with their desire to make a home worthy of their highest efforts, gave them a commanding influence in the community. Having experienced the lonely life of the plains, during their early days, they

were ever ready to assist the new settler in his efforts to obtain a home for himself and family. Their lives were always devoted to the interests of their family and the community in which they lived and in which they took such an active interest.

Gustav O. Eeg received his early education in the pioneer schools of Becker county, Minnesota, and there grew to manhood on the home farm, where as a lad he assisted with the work on the farm, and learned the principles of successful farming, under the direction of his father, one of the successful men of the county. After reaching man's estate he engaged in the work of a farmer and stockman for five years, on the old farm. For the next five years he was engaged in the lumber business at Fertile and Hellock, Minnesota, and although he met with much success in the venture, he returned to the farm, where he remained for five years. In 1915 he organized the Farmer's State Bank, and on the completion of the organization he was elected president of the institution, which position he has since filled. The same year that he organized the bank, he with others established the Gary Implement Company, which has done an extensive business, and is one of the strong business concerns of the town. They carry a complete line of all kinds of farm implements, and by their hustling spirit, they have developed a large trade. The bank under the guidance of Mr. Eeg, has grown to an institution of large proportions, and is today recognized as one of the strong banking houses of this section of the county.

Mr. Eeg still owns the old homestead and has always taken much interest in the agricultural development of the county. He is a man who has taken the keenest interest in the civic life of his home community, and has at various times been elected to every office in the township. To his official life he gave the same care and attention that he did to his own personal business, and because of his progressive spirit and excellent judgment, he rendered valuable service to his home township, and to him is due much of the credit for the growth and advancement of the district. His interests were those of the township, and one of his greatest ambitions was to carry on the work of improvement and growth, that had been started by his father. Not alone were his interests manifested in the affairs of the township, but in the affairs of the village, where he has also taken an active interest and has held some of the offices of importance. His life has been devoted not alone to his own interests, but to the interests of the district in which he has lived for so many years, and where he is held in the highest regard and esteem by all.

In February, 1904, Gustav O. Eeg was united in marriage to Clara Berg, a native of Waukon township, Norman county, and the daughter of Arne K. Berg and wife, well-known residents of the county. To this union the following children have been born: Oma, Evelyn, Mildred, Gladwin and Carmen, all of whom are now living. Mr. and Mrs. Eeg are active members of the United Lutheran church, in which they have for many years taken a prominent part, and are among the substantial subscribers to the support of the local church. Few people in the county have taken a greater interest in the social, educational, civic and religious life, than have Mr. and Mrs. Eeg.

HERMAN GRIEWE.

Herman Griewe, a well-known general farmer, of Pleasant View township, Norman county, where he is the owner, jointly with his brother Henry, of a tract of land and where he also rents, was born in 1883 on the place which he now occupies. He is a son of William and Mary (Berends) Griewe, both natives of Germany.

William Griewe was born in Germany in 1845 and immigrated to the United States in 1877, first locating at Red Wing, Minnesota, where he remained for two years, at the end of which time he came to Pleasant View township, and homesteaded one hundred and sixty acres of land in section 24. He later bought an additional "forty" and still later added one hundred and forty acres, the latter being located in Green Meadow township. Most of the land was swampy and wild and he immediately set to work to improve and develop it, finally getting it into good shape, in the early stages of his labors using oxen to assist in working the place. Mr. Griewe was a citizen of much enterprise and held shares in the local creamery and elevator. He was a member of the German Lutheran church and served as deacon and trustee of the same. His wife, Mary Berends, was born in Germany in 1856 and was married after coming to this country. She now lives in Detroit, Minnesota, with a daughter, Mrs. William Kahle. Her husband died in the winter of 1914, at the age of sixty-nine years. They were the parents of the following children: Henry, married, farms south of the home place; William, deceased; Herman, the subject of this sketch; Mrs. William Kahle; Fred, a carpenter, living in Ada, and Dora, living with her brother, Fred.