

immediately proceeded to place it in a state of cultivation. He prospered from the very beginning of his farming operations and added other land to his original purchase, and he is now the owner of three hundred and twenty acres of choice land. He is engaged in general farming and has now a well-developed tract, and is generally regarded as one of the most progressive and energetic farmers in Elmwood township; his farming operations being carried on according to modern methods of agriculture. Mr. Kuehl made all the present substantial improvements on his farm, and his buildings and dwelling are among the best in the district.

On July 11, 1880, Benedix Kuehl was united in marriage to Henrietta Neve, while they were living in Germany. They are the parents of the following children: Fred, who is married; Henning; Hans, married; Ferdinand; John; Lena, Margaret, Mary, Dora, the latter four being married, and Lincke. The Kuehl family are earnest members of the Lutheran church and take a proper interest in the affairs of the same, as well as in the general social activities of the community in which they live.

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#### ALFRED A. HAAGENSON.

Alfred A. Haagenenson was born at Sacred Heart, Renville county, Minnesota, December 13, 1879, a son of Arne Haagenenson, born in Saaler, Norway, and Ida A. (Ericson) Haagenenson, born in Dakota county, Minnesota. Arne Haagenenson, father of our subject, came to America from Norway at the age of fifteen years and found employment, working on the Mississippi river for three or four years as a river man. Then he went to Renville, Minnesota, in 1877, and was one of the pioneer homesteaders in that county. He established a home on his homestead, improved the land and remained there the rest of his life. He was the father of eight children, namely: Alfred A., the subject of this review; Sina, John, Carl, Matilda, Bennie, Olivia and Robert. He was a member of the Norwegian Lutheran church.

Alfred A. Haagenenson was educated in the public schools of Sacred Heart and Renville, Minnesota, working on the farm when not in school. Later he attended a private school in Minneapolis. From 1901 to 1905, he was employed in the state grain department at Duluth, and for three years following this employment he was manager of the Farmers' elevator at Welcome, Minnesota. In 1908, he came to Barnesville, Minnesota, and

became manager of the Farmers' elevator at this place and has been in this business since. He also has a farm implement business here, and is interested in other business enterprises.

Mr. Haagenson was married, in 1904, to Sigrid E. Bolinder, daughter of Andrew Bolinder, of Maine township, Otter Tail county, Minnesota, and to this union three children have been born: Alfred, Jr., Margaret, and Ida. Mr. Haagenson is an active member of the Norwegian Lutheran church. He served as alderman of Barnesville in 1911 and 1912; as mayor in 1913 and 1914; clerk of the board of education since 1915, which position he holds at the present time. He is a member of both the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias.

The maternal grandfather of our subject was John Erickson, born in Sweden, as was his wife, Louvisa. They came to America in the spring of 1849 and located in Minnesota. At that time the entire white population of Minnesota, not yet a territory, was estimated to be one thousand. They were among the first of the Swedish colony to come to Minnesota. John Erickson was among the men from Minnesota who enlisted in defense of his adopted country when it was threatened with disunion in 1861. He as a soldier in the Civil War, enlisted in Company F, First Regiment, Minnesota Volunteer Infantry, and was killed in the battle of Gettysburg.

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Gilbert Peterson was born in Norway, January 11, 1860, a son of Peter and Matilda (Peterson) Gubbrandson, both natives of Norway, the former being a carpenter by trade and spending his entire life in Norway.

Gilbert Peterson was educated in the public schools of Norway. In 1878, he came to America with his uncle, Gilbert Hanson, and located in Polk county, Minnesota, where he remained until 1880, when he came to St. Croix county, Minnesota. In 1883, he removed to Ada, Norman county, Minnesota, and was there for eight years engaged in farming and carpenter work. In 1911, he came to Hitterdal, Clay county, and has made this his home since that time. He is engaged in carpentering and contracting work, making a specialty of the latter, and has been doing most of this work in North Dakota.

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