

Christina (who died in the spring of 1916), Iver, Mary, Andrew, Charles H., Henry, George, Albert and Rudolph.

Charles H. Hammerud was but a few months old when his parents brought him to America. He grew to manhood on the home farm in Becker county, Minnesota, and there he attended the district schools of Lake Park township. About 1902 he began farming where he now lives in Humboldt township, Clay county, and he has remained here ever since, carrying on general farming and stock raising on an extensive scale. He now operates two hundred acres, one hundred and twenty of which he owns. His land is well improved and under an excellent state of cultivation. He has a comfortable home and such outbuildings as his needs require. The rest of the land—eighty acres—belongs to his father-in-law. He built the fine barn now to be seen on the place.

Mr. Hammerud was married in 1906 to Gene Olson, who was born in Grant county, Wisconsin, and whose parents moved during the days of her childhood to Humboldt township, Clay county, locating on the place where the subject of this sketch now lives. Mr. and Mrs. Hammerud have two children, Agnes and Helmer. Politically, Mr. Hammerud is independent and he and his wife belong to the Lutheran church.

JACOB HADLER.

Jacob Hadler, a former member of the board of commissioners of Norman county and a well-known and well-to-do retired merchant of Ada, a landowner in Pleasant View township, secretary of the Farmers Elevator Company at Ada and in other ways actively identified with the affairs of this section, is a native of Germany, but has been a resident of Minnesota since he was fifteen years of age and of Norman county since 1879, having been a homesteader there in the days before the formal organization of the county as a civic entity. He was born in the village of Neuenfelde, near the city of Hamburg, on March 5, 1854, son of Jacob and Marget (Hadler) Hadler, natives of that same village, who died when he was a child. The elder Jacob Hadler was a farmer and he and his wife were the parents of five children, of whom the subject of this sketch is now the only survivor.

Orphaned at the age of seven years, Jacob Hadler was reared by a maternal aunt and remained in his native Germany until he was fifteen

years of age, when, in 1869, he came to the United States, proceeding on out to Minnesota and locating at Red Wing, in the vicinity of which city he remained ten years, working on farms, and during the last three years of which period he operated a threshing-rig. In 1879 Mr. Hadler came over to this part of the state and settled in Norman county, entering a homestead claim to a quarter of a section of land in section 14 of what later was organized as Pleasant View township. The next year he married and established his home there and presently bought an adjoining quarter section of railroad land, thus acquiring a half section of land, which he still owns. From the very beginning of his farming operations here Jacob Hadler prospered and after a while bought another tract of two hundred acres in section 11 and eighty acres in section 24 of Pleasant View township, but later sold one hundred and twenty acres of the two-hundred-acre tract. In 1902 Mr. Hadler engaged in the business of selling binder twine and in 1911 engaged in the sale of agricultural implements at Ada, continuing in that business until just recently, now continuing only the sale of twine. Though still giving some attention to the management of his farming interests, Mr. Hadler for some time has been living practically retired from the active labors of the farm, his son, Albert E. Hadler, operating the home farm.

Ever since taking up his residence in Norman county Mr. Hadler has taken an active interest in local political affairs and during his long residence on the farm served in nearly every township office save those of treasurer, constable and justice of the peace. In 1906 he was elected a member of the board of county commissioners of Norman county from his district and served in that important public capacity until 1915. Mr. Hadler was one of the organizers of the Farmers Elevator Company at Ada and has been a member of the board of directors of the same almost all the time since its organization. He formerly was president of the company and is now secretary of the same. He also was formerly secretary of the Green Meadow Creamery Association. When the railroad came through Mr. Hadler secured the establishment of a station about two miles from his home and the same was given the name of Hadler in his honor.

It was in January, 1880, not long after entering his homestead claim in Norman county, that Jacob Hadler was united in marriage to Wilhelmina Henrietta Bauer, who was born at Evansville, Indiana, a daughter of Constant Bauer and wife, who came to Minnesota and settled in Goodhue county, not far from Red Wing, where Constant Bauer spent the rest

of his life as a farmer. Mrs. Hadler died in 1908, leaving six children, namely: Benjamin H., who is a grain buyer at Arndt, North Dakota; Ida C., wife of William A. Grieve, of Ada; Walter G., a merchant and grain buyer at Hadler; Jacob J., an attorney at Big Falls; Wilhelmina M., a member of Norman county's excellent corps of public school teachers, and Albert E., who is farming the old home place in Pleasant View township. Mr. Hadler is an earnest member of the Lutheran church, as was his wife, and their children were reared in that faith. Mr. and Mrs. Hadler were among the most active of the organizers of St. John's Lutheran church in Green Meadow township and Mr. Hadler was elected a member of the first board of trustees of the same, a position he held for many years. He is now a member of Emmanuel Lutheran church in Pleasant View township and takes an earnest interest in church work as well as in the general good works of the community in which he has lived since pioneer days, and the general interests of which he has done so much to promote.

ED. O. THORSTAD.

Of the prominent and successful merchants of Lockhart, Norman county, Minnesota, it is well to mention Ed. O. Thorstad, who was born in Mitchell county, Iowa, in 1884, a son of James O. and Elizabeth (Erickson) Thorstad, both of whom were born in the United States. The parents lived on a farm in Mitchell county for many years after their marriage and there met with considerable success in their chosen work. They were members of the United Lutheran church, and they were greatly admired by the people of their home district for their many qualities of pure manhood and womanhood. In 1905 they left their home in Iowa and moved to Pennington county, Minnesota, where they established their home on a farm and where they still reside, and where the father is successfully engaged in general farming and stock raising.

Ed. O. Thorstad was educated in the schools of Iowa, and there he was reared on the home farm and was taught the principles of agriculture by his father. As a young man he engaged in farming in his native county, where he remained until his parents came to Pennington county, Minnesota, at which time he accompanied them. There he engaged in farming for a time, and in 1910 entered the mercantile business at Thief River Falls, Minnesota. There he successfully conducted his business until 1916, when he came to Lockhart, where he has since continued in the business. On