

Roesch closed out his interest in the clothing store to Mr. Olson. In 1915 he and Mr. Jones organized the First State Bank of Gary and Mr. Roesch is one of the directors of the same. In that same year he and Mr. Jones organized the Farmers and Merchants Bank at Ada and Mr. Roesch is credit man for that institution. In addition to his banking and other interests in and about Ada, Mr. Roesch is the owner of a fine farm of two hundred and twenty acres in Anthony township and has long been regarded as one of the substantial citizens of Norman county.

On July 1, 1901, Lambert Roesch was united in marriage to Harriet Lebrun, daughter of Florentine Lebrun and wife, and to this union four children have been born, Grace, Alice, Cleora and Lambert, Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Roesch are members of the Catholic church and give their earnest attention to parish affairs. Mr. Roesch is a Democrat and gives a good citizen's attention to local political matters, but has not been a seeker after office. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus and with the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and in the affairs of these organizations takes a warm interest.

WALTER G. HADLER.

Walter G. Hadler, a well-known merchant and store-keeper, of Pleasant View township, Norman county, former township assessor and in other ways was identified with the progressive spirit of his neighborhood, is a native son of Norman county, born on his father's old homestead on August 15, 1884, a son of Jacob and Wilhelmina H. (Bauer) Hadler, the former a native of Germany and the latter, of the state of Indiana.

Jacob Hadler, who was deprived of his parents at the age of seven years, was reared by a maternal aunt and continued to live in his native Germany until he was fifteen years old, when, in 1869, he immigrated to America and on arrival went on to Minnesota and settled in Red Wing, near which place he remained for ten years, working on farms. In 1879 he moved to Norman county and entered a homestead claim to one hundred and sixty acres of land in section 14 of what later became Pleasant View township. He operated this land and set it out to general farming and met with success from the very beginning. Later, he engaged in the sale of binder twine and agricultural implements in Ada. A further and more extended account

of Mr. Hadler's life appears on another page of this work and to that the reader is referred for complete particulars. Jacob Hadler and wife were the parents of the following children: Benjamin H., Ida C., Walter G., the subject of this sketch; Jacob J., Wilhelmina M. and Albert E. Mr. Hadler and his wife affiliated with the Lutheran church and their children were reared in that faith.

Walter G. Hadler was educated in the public schools of Norman county and later at a commercial college in Texas. He assisted his father in the labors of the farm and after the lapse of some years thus engaged he started business on his own account as a grain buyer, also being the owner of a store in Hadler, which he purchased, and also acquired a lot, in the spring of 1914. He has been very successful as a grain buyer and in that connection is well known outside the limits of Norman county. In addition to his commercial undertakings he acts as agent for the Thorpe Elevator Company. Mr. Hadler is regarded as an expert judge of grain and enjoys the confidence of a wide circle of those engaged in handling that commodity, whether as buyer or sellers.

On February 5, 1911, Walter G. Hadler was united in marriage to Margaret Letness, born on November 6, 1889, in Norway and at the age of three years accompanied her parents to America, the father and mother still living near Hendrum, this state. Mr. Hadler gives a good citizen's attention to public affairs and served for one year as township assessor, giving general satisfaction while engaged in the duties of that important office, and in other ways he has interested himself in matters appertaining to the community welfare, ever supporting all projects tending toward that end. Mr. Hadler is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran church, in the good works of which he is warmly interested.

OLE HOVDEN.

The late Ole Hovden, one of Norman county's pioneer farmers and for years one of the most substantial residents of Lee township, who died at his home in that township in the summer of 1901 and whose widow is still living there, was a native of the kingdom of Norway, but had been a resident of this state since 1878, in which year he came up here into the Red River valley and located at Moorhead. He was engaged in farming in that vicinity until the fall of 1880, when he bought a tract of eighty acres in section