

Mrs. Scheel three children have been born, namely: Fred M., Margaret, and Helen. The Scheel family are earnest members of the Lutheran church and are active in all its good works and in all community good works. Mr. Scheel was for three years chairman of the Elmwood township board, and also served on the school board for some time.

I. HAMMERUD.

I. Hammerud, manager of the Farmers' Elevator at Comstock, Clay county, was born in Norway, June 12, 1874, a son of Halvor and Jennie (Hanson) Hammerud, both natives of Norway, where they grew up, were married and established their home. They continued to reside in their native land until 1880, when they immigrated with their family to America, locating near Lake Park, in Becker county, Minnesota, where the father became very well situated, owning a farm which he developed through his close application and persistency. He continued general farming and stock raising there until his death, which occurred in 1912. He was a member of the Norwegian Lutheran church, as was also his wife. They were parents of eleven children, as follows: Ole, Hans, Christine, I., Mary, Andrew, Charles, Henry, George, Albert and Rudolph.

I. Hammerud was six years old when his parents brought him to the United States. He grew to manhood in Becker county, Minnesota, and assisted his father with the work on the home farm. During the winter months, he attended the district schools of Clay county, since the nearest school house was in Clay county. Later he attended Concordia College at Moorhead, this county. He continued farming until about 1902, when he came to Comstock, Clay county, and conducted a pool hall for about twelve years with success. In August, 1916, he became manager of the Farmers' Elevator at Comstock, which position he still holds and has discharged his duties in an able and faithful manner to the satisfaction of the stockholders and all concerned. He handles a large amount of grain each year and has made this the best-known elevator in the southwestern part of the county, doing a thriving business with the farmers on every side.

Mr. Hammerud was married on June 12, 1908, to Jennie Monson, who was born in Comstock, Clay county, Minnesota, where she was educated in the public schools. She is the daughter of Ludwig and Eliza (Knoph) Monson, both natives of Norway, who immigrated to America and are still

living. They are the parents of three children, as follows: Jennie, the wife of the subject of this review; and two sons, Henry and Reinard, both at home. They also have an adopted daughter, Dora, who is also living at home. To Mr. and Mrs. Hammerud three children have been born, namely: Leonard, Chester and Ivin.

Politically, Mr. Hammerud is a Republican. He was assessor of Holy Cross township four years, and has performed his duties as a public servant in a highly acceptable manner. He is a member of the Norwegian Lutheran church, which he has served as treasurer.

LOUIS ALTENBERND.

Louis Altenbernd, a well-known landowner and the proprietor of several potato warehouses in and about Clay county, was born in the Blue Grass state on February 18, 1876, the son of William and Katie (Hill) Altenbernd, both of whom were natives of Germany. William Altenbernd immigrated to the United States in 1860, when he was twenty-seven years old, and his wife, Katie Hill, came to this country with her parents, when she was twelve. They were the parents of eight children. William Altenbernd and his wife were members of the Lutheran church and ever were active in its affairs.

Louis Altenbernd was reared on his father's farm in Kansas, and he attended the public schools of the community in which he lived. Later he supplemented this training by a course in the business college of Lawrence, Kansas, from which institution he was graduated. After helping in the work on his father's farm for several years, he finally began agricultural pursuits on his own account. In 1903, he removed to Sabin, Clay county, Minnesota, and there began to farm on a modest scale, his efforts meeting with success. As he prospered in his farming operations, he added to his land holdings and is now the owner of sixteen hundred and sixty acres of choice farming land in and around the Sabin vicinity.

In 1905, Mr. Altenbernd began to handle potatoes on a large scale and now has several warehouses where potatoes are stored. To meet the growing demands for his potatoes, which crop is one of the most important on his farms, he built the present large potato warehouse at Sabin in 1905, and also operates warehouses at such different points as Rustad, Baker, Downer, Watts and Hawley. His operations in potatoes are on a very extensive