

then bountiful production of his holding, hence he replaced them with entirely new buildings, all of which comprise an excellent farm plant.

In 1898, Mr. Luchan was united in marriage with Hattie Duemke, who was born in Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Luchan are the parents of four children, namely: Raymond, Alice, Gladys and Wallace, all of whom are living. The parents are well-known members of the Congregational church and in the affairs of this denomination they have always evinced a conscientious and consistent interest. Mr. Luchan has always evinced a strong interest in the civic affairs of the locality in which he lives, and has served the people of Green Meadow township as supervisor and is now a member of the township board. Not only is Mr. Luchan interested in the civic betterment of the community in his official position, but when any movement is inaugurated for any kind of civic or social improvement, it is assured of his unstinted support.

ANDREW HAMRE.

Andrew Hamre, one of the younger, progressive and energetic farmers of Spring Creek township, owner of a well-kept farm of one hundred and sixty acres, is a native of the state of Minnesota, born in Goodhue county, September 9, 1879, a son of Albert J. and Susie (Enerson) Hamre, both born in Norway and who came in later life to America.

Albert J. Hamre located first in Goodhue county, this state, and from there enlisted in the Union army and served during the Civil War for four years, at the end of which service he returned to Goodhue county and worked on farms for some years. In 1880 he came north, traveling by team and bringing a bunch of horses with him, which he sold in the vicinity of Ulen, Clay county. He homesteaded a quarter section of land in Garfield township, Polk county, about two and one-half miles east of Fertile. Later, he bought and moved onto another place, also in Polk county, and here he spent the remainder of his active life engaged in farming, his death taking place in 1916 and that of his wife in 1915. Mr. Hamre and his wife were earnest members of the Lutheran church, which he helped to organize at Fertile. He devoted a good portion of his time and attention to local affairs of a public character and served on the board of Garfield township for many years. He was one of the earliest to buy wheat at Fertile for the P. V. Elevator Company, the first elevator at Fertile. Later, he helped to organize the Farmers Elevator and the creamery at Fertile, and was always active in

community affairs, his death in 1916 being regarded as a distinct loss throughout the township. Albert J. Hamre and wife were the parents of six children as follow: Carrie, deceased; Ed; John; Mary, deceased; Andrew, deceased, and Andrew, the subject of this sketch.

Andrew Hamre was educated in the public schools of Fertile, Norman county, and was reared on his father's place where he assisted in the labors of the farm. When he started for himself he began farming in Liberty township, Polk county, later moving to Spring Creek township in 1911 and has since lived in that place, where he has a fine farm of one hundred and sixty acres of choice land, on which he carries on general farming, from the commencement of his operations having done very well.

On August 1, 1909, Andrew Hamre was united in marriage to Martha Knutson, born in Norway, a daughter of Knut Knutson and wife, and to this union six children have been born as follow: Signe, Arthur, Clifford, Bertha, Bennie and Mabel, all of whom are living. Mr. Hamre and the members of his family are affiliated with the Lutheran church at Fertile and earnestly interested in all its good works.

PETER HASSEL.

Peter Hassel, one of the best-known and most substantial farmers of Bear Lake township, Norman county, is one of the real pioneers and old settlers of that county, having been a resident of this part of the Red River valley since the spring of 1872. He was a homesteader in Lake Ida township, which township he helped to organize, and was a resident there for seven or eight years before he bought his present place in Bear Lake township. Consequently he has been a witness to and a participant in the development of Norman county since the very beginning of organized settlement there, having been a continuous resident of this region from the time of his settlement nine years before Norman county was formally organized as a civic unit among the counties of the state. He helped to organize the first school district within the confines of what is now Lake Ida township and donated for school purposes a corner of his homestead tract there, the lot on which the school house in that district still stands. When later he moved to Bear Park township he also helped to organize his school district there and has ever been a warm friend of schools and all movements designed to advance the common good hereabout.