

## JULIUS A. HANSEN.

Farming has become an exact science and the best and brightest minds in the country have not thought it beneath their dignity to give it the best of their efforts and genius. Julius A. Hansen, of Highland Grove township, Clay county, is a type of our better class of farmers, a man who uses more brain than brawn in operating his place.

Mr. Hansen was born in Henry county, Illinois, October 20, 1876, a son of Fred and Anna (Johnson) Hansen, both natives of Denmark. The father came to America with his parents in 1868, the family locating in Henry county, Illinois, where they resided until 1879, when they removed to Seward county, Nebraska, taking up a homestead on which the parents of Fred Hansen spent the rest of their lives. The father was a tailor by trade and followed that trade in Denmark, but after coming to the United States he followed farming. His name was Hans Hansen and he married Marn Stena Beck. They were both natives of Denmark. Anna Johnson, mother of the subject of this sketch, was a daughter of Hans Christian Johnson and wife, also natives of Denmark, where the mother's death occurred. The father later came to America and died in Nebraska. Their daughter, Anna Johnson, was nine years old when her father brought her to America, in 1868. They located in Henry county, Illinois, where they resided until 1880, when he moved to Seward county, Nebraska, where he spent the rest of his life. He was a farm laborer. The paternal grandfather was a soldier in the Danish army and fought in the war between his country and Germany.

The parents of the subject of this sketch were married in Illinois and from there, in 1879, moved to Seward county, Nebraska, where the mother's death occurred in 1882, and where the father spent the rest of his active life engaged in farming. However, he farmed in Kansas for a while. He returned to Denmark in 1913, where his death occurred. Two children were born to Fred and Anna (Johnson) Hansen, namely: Julius A., the subject of this sketch, and Rosa. After the death of his first wife, Fred Hansen married Mrs. Margaret (Hansen) Johnson, a native of Denmark, who had one child, Emma Johnson, by her former husband. She bore her second husband five children, Rudolf, Fred (deceased), May, Walter and Harold.

Julius A. Hansen grew up on the farm in Seward county, Nebraska, having been but six years of age when his parents moved there from Illi-



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nois. He worked on the farm during the crop seasons and attended the common schools in the winter time. As a young man he engaged in farming in Seward county, Nebraska, for himself, remaining there until the fall of 1914, having made a decided success along general lines of mixed farming and stock raising. Upon coming to Minnesota from Nebraska he located on his present farm in Highland, Grove township, Clay county, purchasing there one of the choice farms of the township, the same consisting of four hundred acres, which is well improved and on which he is carrying on general farming and stock raising with very gratifying results.

On March 17, 1897, Mr. Hansen was married to Elsie Nelson, who was born in Henry county, Illinois. She is a daughter of Rasmus and Caroline (Palle) Nelson, both natives of Denmark, from which country they came to America, single, each coming alone, the father in 1869 and the mother about 1872. They were married in Henry county, Illinois, and continued to reside there until 1894, when they removed to Seward county, Nebraska, where they still live. They followed general farming until retiring some time ago. They now reside in the town of Cordova. Rasmus Nelson is a son of Nels and Elsie Jensen, both natives of Denmark, where they lived and died. The parents of Mrs. Rasmus Nelson also lived and died in Denmark. Two children, a son and a daughter, were born to Rasmus Nelson and wife, namely: Axel and Elsie.

To Julius A. Hansen and wife eight children have been born: Alfred, Clarence, Anna, Arthur, Joseph, Harvey, Elmer and Hazel. The Hansens are members of the Lutheran church. Politically Mr. Hansen is a Republican.

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#### HAROLD O. WOLDAHL.

The tiller of the soil who has a true vision of twentieth-century farming will utilize every acre of his land, raise a good grade of live stock, purchase labor-saving machinery and will make his surroundings attractive in a general way. Then he will experience the full reward of his labors. Such a man is Harold O. Woldahl, of Goose Prairie township, Clay county.

Mr. Woldahl was born in Norway on August 20, 1859. He is a son of Ole and Bertha (Woldahl) Roeros, and took his mother's maiden name upon coming to America. His parents were natives of Norway, where they grew up, married and resided all their lives. The father died in 1887, when past the age of seventy years. He owned two farms and en-