

the establishing of a farm plant. He now carries on general farming and the breeding of Shorthorn cattle and Poland China hogs.

On January 21, 1903, Mr. Olson was married to Clara Larson, who is also a native of Norman county, born on August 12, 1884, a daughter of L. B. Larson and Anna (Faa) Larson, further mention of whom is made in another part of this work. Mr. and Mrs. Olson are the parents of six children, namely: Carville, Vivian, Verna, Wallace, Lorraine and Harold. Mr. Olson is active in fraternal circles, being a member of the camp of the Modern Woodmen of America at Halstad. In politics, Mr. Olson is a member of Nonpartisan League and in favor of all reforms for the benefit of the common people, and takes a good American citizen's interest in the activities of his party. He has also been interested in local civic affairs, having served on the township and school boards for some years. In the common business enterprises of his community, Mr. Olson has been chiefly interested in insurance, being for the last six or seven years treasurer of the farmers Alliance Fire Insurance Company of Halstad, which office he still holds.

ERICK HAUSKE.

Few names are held in better remembrance in and about Halstad township, Norman county, than is that of the late Erick Hauske, for year's one of the well-known and prosperous farmers of that township, former township supervisor and one of the promoters of Halstad Telephone Company, and in many other directions associated with the advancement of the public interests in this part of Norman county. Mr. Hauske was a native of the kingdom of Norway, born in that country on March 13, 1852, a son of Lars and Malina Hauske, both, also, natives of Norway and who immigrated to this country in 1858, when Erick Hauske was but six years old, and first located in Fillmore county, Minnesota.

Erick Hauske accompanied his parents to America and remained in Fillmore county, this state, until 1872, in which year he migrated via ox-team to Norman county and filed on a homestead near Hendrum, but later traded his right in that place for a homestead right in Halstad township. On the homestead thus acquired Mr. Hauske proved up and settled on his farm, engaging in general farming and continued in that occupation for the

remainder of his life, his death occurring on August 30, 1915. His widow still resides on the old homestead entered by her husband about forty-five years ago. Erick Hauske was one of the progressive and energetic farmers of the community in which he had been living for so long a time. He effected many substantial improvements on his holding and erected some good buildings, and at the time of his death was the owner of two hundred and ninety-four acres of prime land. He helped to organize and build the Augustana Lutheran church and also the local school.

Erick Hauske was twice married. In 1887 he married Sophia Thompson, a native of Wisconsin, and by that union became the father of one child, a son, Lawrence. His wife died about two years after marriage and in 1904 Mr. Hauske was married to Mrs. Sophia (Thompson) Olson, born in Norway, a daughter of Thomas and Marit (Hones) Johanson, both, also, natives of Norway, where the mother died when Mrs. Hauske was six years old, the father dying there in the winter of 1916. Mr. and Mrs. Hauske became the parents of one child, a daughter Mabel. By a former marriage to Lars Olson, Mrs. Hauske was the mother of one child, a daughter, Elizabeth. Lars Olson died in Norway.

Mr. Hauske was of an enterprising public spirit and for many years was actively engaged in the work of carrying on township duties. In the days of the formation of Halstad township he rendered valuable service in the work of organization and later served as township trustee, bringing to the duties of that office characteristic honesty and ability. He was a road boss for several years and otherwise active in civic affairs. He helped to promote the Halstad Telephone Company and took a prominent and active part in the work of getting the company established.

NELS H. MOE.

Nels H. Moe, who operates the old Moc homestead of one hundred sixty acres in Strand township, Norman county, where he has been and is actively connected with the civil affairs and co-operative business interests of the community, was born in Floyd county, Iowa, December 22, 1873, a son of Helge L. and Bertha (Bagne) Moe, both of whom were natives of Norway where they grew to maturity and married. Some years after their marriage the parents decided to come to America, and bringing with them their daughter Martha, they arrived here in June, 1873. They located imme-