

a stock farm, the principal line in this connection being cattle, which also he handles on a large scale, and it is generally recognized that Mr. Lee is one of the most prosperous farmers in the county.

In 1912 R. M. Lee was united in marriage to Mabel Lindom, born in Larimore, North Dakota, but reared in Norman county. To this union the following children have been born: Paul W., Russel E., Robert and Ruth, all of whom are living. Mr. Lee gives a good citizen's attention to public affairs and is now serving as chairman of the township board, of which he has been a member for three years, and in other ways he has given of his time and energy to the interest of the community at large.

ALBERT HEGLIE.

One of the progressive and prosperous farmers of Bear Park township, Norman county, where he owns and operates eighty acres of excellent land and where he is interested in the important common business enterprises of the community, is Albert Heglie, who was born in Fillmore county, this state, November 10, 1870, a son of Michael O. and Augusta (Heganstrom) Heglie. They were both natives of Norway, from which they immigrated to this country in 1867 or 1868, and settled in Fillmore county, Minnesota. They came from the Atlantic seaboard as far as Rushford, that county, by rail, and from there they drove overland to Lanesboro, Fillmore county, where they located. There the father soon obtained employment on the farms surrounding the little city, but later he worked in a flouring mill within the confines of the town. As the real-estate interests seemed to promise well for the future, he invested his savings in a six-acre tract within the city limits. His death occurred there in 1914 and his widow still makes her home in the city. They were the parents of eight children, as follow: Caroline, Marie, Ole, deceased, Albert, Anker, Marie, deceased, Martin and Oscar. The father and mother were devoted members of the Norwegian Lutheran church and they reared their children in this faith.

Albert Heglie spent his boyhood and grew to maturity in Lanesboro, where he received his early schooling, but after he reached the age of seventeen years, he left his father's home and came northward into Norman county, this state, making his home with his brother-in-law, Svevre J. Lee, until the autumn of 1888. In that year he returned to Lanesboro, where he remained until 1891, in which year he returned to Norman county, remaining there employed in various capacities until 1897. In that year, he started out

independently in farming and settled where he now is on his farm of eighty acres. Since the land was new, much labor was entailed to bring it up to the standard of cultivation and improvement. Doing almost all of the work himself, he erected the necessary farm buildings and planted a grove, and now he has a well-appointed farm plant. In his general farming operations, he has experienced marked success.

In 1897, the year in which he settled on his own place, Mr. Heglie was united in marriage to Marie Westerdahl, who was born in Norway, November 4, 1873, a daughter of Peter and Brita Westerdahl, and as a result of this marriage, four children have been born, all of whom are living: Hilda, aged thirteen years; Paul, who is seven years old; Gustave, five years of age, and Anker, aged three. Mr. and Mrs. Heglie are members of the Norwegian Lutheran church at Ranum, and they take interest in all the good works of the community. Although Mr. Heglie has not sought after office, he takes a good citizen's interest in the civil and political affairs of the community in which he has been a continuous resident for twenty years. He is connected with several of the important co-operative business enterprises of the vicinity. He is interested in the mercantile companies of Rindahl and Bear Park, both of which he helped to organize, and in the Gary Telephone Company. Furthermore, he helped to organize the creamery at Rindahl.

PETER WOUTERS.

Peter Wouters, a well-known and substantial farmer, owner of a fine farm of three hundred and sixty acres of prime land in Cromwell township, Clay county, is a native of the kingdom of Holland, born in that country in 1863, a son of John and Jeanetta Wouters, also natives of that country, who came to America in 1873.

Peter Wouters, at the age of ten years, in 1873, accompanied his parents to this country and began early to work on farms, his education being largely the result of study and reading. He rented in 1889, renting land for about three years, the place containing two hundred and forty acres, which he subsequently bought. As he prospered in his farming operations he added to his holding and is now the owner of three hundred and sixty acres of prime land, on which he carries on general farming and on which he has carried out most of the present improvements, being generally recognized as one of the prosperous and progressive farmers in the township.