

summer. In the fall of that same year he sold his farm and resumed business pursuits, for a year thereafter acting as manager of the establishment of the Twin Valley Implement Company. In the fall of 1910 Mr. Bentley resumed his former connection with the Ballard & Trimble Lumber Company and was made manager of that concern's plant and yards at Red Wing, this state, where he remained until the spring of 1912, when he returned to Twin Valley to accept the position of manager of the local plant of the Anchor Lumber Company and was thus engaged when, in the spring of 1916 that yard was sold to the Bertram Lumber Company. Under the new management Mr. Bentley was retained as manager of the plant and has continued to occupy that position since, one of the best-known lumber men in this part of the state. Mr. Bentley has not only been active in business, but has done his part in the public service and has ever been a consistent and intelligent "booster" for his home town and the community at large. In 1915 he served as a member of the board of trustees of the village of Twin Valley and in 1916 was president of the council.

In the year 1903 Helmer N. Bentley was united in marriage to Lena Waller, daughter of Ole Waller and wife, and to this union three children have been born, Lillian, Oris and Irene. Mr. and Mrs. Bentley are members of the Norwegian (Synod) Lutheran church and take a proper interest in church work. They have a very pleasant home at Twin Valley and take an interested part in the community's general social activities.

OSWALD S. HELLERUD.

Oswald S. Hellerud, assistant cashier of the Citizens State Bank of Twin Valley and one of Norman county's most active and influential young business men, is a native son of that county and has lived there all his life, with the exception of the time spent in college at Moorhead and at Fargo. He was born on a pioneer farm in Hegne township on October 9, 1883, son of Hans J. and Thora (Olson) Hellerud, natives of the kingdom of Norway and pioneers of this part of Minnesota, who are now living at Twin Valley, where Hans J. Hellerud, further and fitting reference to whom is made elsewhere in this volume, has for the past ten years been engaged in the clothing business, one of the best-known and most substantial merchants of that thriving village.

Reared on the home farm in Hegne township, Oswald S. Hellerud received his early schooling in the district schools in the neighborhood of his home and supplemented the same by a course in Concordia College at Moorhead and at Aaker Business College at Fargo. Upon completing his business course he became employed with the local branch of the International Harvester Company at Fargo and was thus engaged for a year, at the end of which time he returned to Twin Valley and for five years thereafter was actively engaged in his father's clothing store in that village. In March, 1914, Mr. Hellerud became employed as a bookkeeper in the Citizens State Bank of Twin Valley and in January, 1916, was promoted to the position of assistant cashier of that bank, which position he now occupies, one of the best-known young bankers in Norman county. Mr. Hellerud is one of Twin Valley's most enthusiastic and public-spirited "boosters" and is actively interested in all movements designed to advance the general commercial and social interests of the place and of the community at large. He also takes an earnest interest in local civic affairs. He was reared in the faith of the United Lutheran church and takes a proper interest in church work and in other local good works.

ERNEST PINSKE.

Ernest Pinske, the owner of six hundred acres of Wild Rice township land, who has always unselfishly considered the well-being of his neighbors as well as that of himself, was born in West Prussia on February 19, 1855, a son of Ferdinand and Florentina (Schaffierus), both natives of Prussia, the former of whom died in the place of his nativity and the latter in Norman county, Minnesota, some years after she came to America to make her home with her son, Ernest. The elder Pinske and wife were the parents of six children, as follow: Gust, now dead; Ernest, the subject of this review; Theodore; August; Hulda, still in Germany, and Matilda, who died in Germany.

Ernest Pinske received his early education in Germany and, on reaching the age of eighteen, came to America and located in Faribault, Minnesota, where he was a laborer for a few years. Hearing the call of the soil and seeing before him the opportunity to become an agriculturalist, Mr. Pinske, in 1881, loaded his personal effects and a few farming implements into a wagon drawn by a team of horses and pushed northward into Norman county,