

Ole M. Undeland received his education in the schools of his native land and came with his parents to America in 1880. He remained on the farm with his father until about 1890, when he began life for himself by working as a farm hand on the neighboring farms in Norman county, which he continued for several years, with the exception of one year, which he spent in North Dakota. He then rented a farm in section 15, Lake Ida township, where he lived for four years, after which he lived for two years on a rented farm in the northeastern part of McDonaldsville township. He then purchased the farm of two hundred and sixty acres where he is now living, and here he is engaged in general farming and stock raising, and that he has met with success in his chosen calling is attested by the fact that he has made most of the improvements on his well-kept farm, and has erected all of the excellent buildings on the place.

In March, 1916, Mr. Undeland was married to Mary Skaurud, the daughter of Fred Skaurud and wife. Mrs. Undeland is a native of Norman county, her parents living on a farm in Lake Ida township. Both Mr. and Mrs. Undeland are earnest members of the Lutheran church, and take an active part in the social and religious life of their community. Mr. Undeland has served his township for the past nine years as township treasurer, and no one in his community stands higher in the esteem and respect of his neighbors than he.

HENRY O. HERMANSON.

Henry O. Hermanson, the proprietor of a well-improved farm of two hundred and forty acres which he has operated very successfully for many years in Waukon township, Norman county, a man whose public interest reaches out farther than the immediate present, believing that one of the best investments a community can make is by expending money for education, was born in Houston county, Minnesota, December 6, 1869, a son of Ole and Bertha (Tangen) Hermanson, both natives of Norway, who came to America several years before the Civil War and settled in Houston county, Minnesota, pioneers of that county. He took government land there, a tract of one hundred and sixty acres, whereon he and his wife spent the rest of their days. They were the parents of seven children, namely: Nels, now in Norway; Anna, Mary, deceased; Julia, Arne, deceased; Halvor, deceased, and Henry. The father and mother were devout members of the Lutheran church, and in the early days they were largely instrumental in sowing the seeds of Christianity in the new county of Houston.

In those early days, the schools of Houston county were quite rude and the elementary education that Henry O. Hermanson received there was limited, a fact which probably causes him to champion every sensible expenditure which is made in the community in the interests of the public schools. After he reached manhood, he and his brother, Halvor O. Hermanson, purchased the general merchandise business of C. F. Peterson at Rindahl, Norman county, but after they had operated the enterprise for about five years, they sold it to their brother, Arne. Then Henry O. Hermanson invested his money in farm land, two hundred and forty acres in sections 8 and 5, Waukon township. Here he has industriously improved his holding, perfecting his farm plant until it is now comprised of excellent and capacious farm buildings and a fine grove, most of which he planted. His agricultural operations are chiefly along the line of general farming.

Mr. Hermanson was married on March 14, 1896, to Anna Sundeth, who was born in Houston township, June 13, 1872, a daughter of Cristand and Isabelle (Ellingson) Sundeth, and to this union eight children have been born as follow: Clarence, Benora, Cora, Arnold, Grant, Sadie, Viola and Bernice, all of whom are living. Mr. and Mrs. Hermanson are sincere and consistent members of the United Lutheran church at Ness, and they are rearing their children according to this faith. Mr. Hermanson has never sought after public office, but takes a good citizen's interest in the local, state and national phases of his affairs. His community interests are very strong and he supports ardently any movement which has for its purpose the social and moral betterment of the community in which he lives. He helped to organize the creamery at Waukon and also the Waukon Mercantile Company, in the latter of which he is still interested.

INGVALD H. AAMOTH.

Ingvald H. Aamoth, manager of the well-established horse market at Twin Valley and one of the best-known horsemen and breeders in this part of Minnesota, is a native of the kingdom of Norway, but has been a resident of this country since he was six years of age and of Norman county since 1874, he having been but a child when his parents settled in this part of Montana, among the very first settlers of the Fossum neighborhood. He was born at Guldbrand Dahl, Norway, June 16, 1867, son of Hans and Karen (Peterson) Aamoth, also natives of that county, who came to the