

with the exception of one year, 1904, which he spent in McHenry county, North Dakota, where he homesteaded and proved up on a quarter section of land. On his home farm Mr. Hedin has made many and various substantial improvements, having rebuilt the house, and erected other buildings, as well as planting a fine grove. He has also added fifty acres of his original tract, making a total of two hundred and ten acres of good farming land. He is engaged in general farming and stock raising, and has made a success of his chosen calling.

In 1889 John Hedin was united in marriage to Amanda Anderson, who is a native of Sweden, the daughter of Andres Hendrickson, and to this union ten children have been born: Harry, Ellen Marie, Hannah Pauline, Ruby, Andrew, Ida Albertine, Wilhelm, Carl Oscar, Victoria and Martin Richard, all of whom are living. The family are all members of the Lutheran church and take an active part in the affairs of the local church of that denomination.

Mr. Hedin has long ranked among the enterprising and substantial farmers and citizens of his community, and has served as a member of the township board almost continuously ever since he came to this county, and is now school director of his township. Besides his farming interests, Mr. Hedin is a stockholder and director in the Farmers Co-operative Creamery at Twin Valley, and was among the organizers of that company.

LEWIS HILMO.

Another of the substantial and enterprising farmers of Norwegian birth who has helped make Lake Ida township one of the finest farming districts of this part of the state is Lewis Hilmo, who was born in Norway, November 25, 1860, the son of Ole H. and Mary J. (Ostby) Hilmo, both of whom also were natives of Norway.

Ole H. Hilmo was a farmer in Norway who, in 1882, decided to come to America, the land of opportunity. He and his family first located in St. Croix county, Wisconsin, after coming to this country, and there he and his wife lived the remainder of their lives. They were earnest and devoted members of the Lutheran church, in which they always took an active and interested part. They were the parents of five children as follow: John, Hans, Mattie, Bernt and Lewis, all of whom are living, except John and Mattie.

Lewis Hilmo received his education in the schools of his native land, and in 1880 came with his brother Bernt to America. He remained with his father in St. Croix county, Wisconsin, until 1885, assisting his father on the home farm, and also working out by the month on neighboring farms. In 1885 he came to Norman county, locating in Ada, and worked as a farm hand on the neighboring farms for two or three years, after which he decided to farm for himself. He purchased some school land in section 36, Lake Ida township, consisting of one hundred and forty acres. He later bought eighty acres more in section 34, of the same township, all of which was raw prairie land at the time he acquired it. He proceeded to improve and develop his land, erecting fine buildings, cultivating the land, and planting a nice grove of trees, and he now has a highly productive and attractive farm, of which he may well be proud. He has always engaged in general farming and stock raising, in which he has met with a very commendable degree of success, which is attested by the fine appearance of his farm.

In 1892 Lewis Hilmo was united in marriage to Mary Pundy, who is a native of Norway, the daughter of Peter Pundy, and to this union six children have been born: Minnie, Oscar, Peter, Mabel, Alma and Myrtle, all of whom are living with the exception of Minnie, who died at the age of six months. The family are members of the Norwegian Lutheran Church of America at Twin Valley.

Mr. Hilmo has always been active and prominent in the social welfare and civic betterment of his home community, being especially interested in the schools of the township. He helped organize school district No. 85, being a member of the organizing board. He has for some years been a member of the township school board, sometimes serving as treasurer, and sometimes as director of same. He is now serving as school director.

THEODORE JOHNSON.

Theodore Johnson, a well-known citizen of Waukon township, Norman county, where he carries on extended farming operations on his fine farm and where he is prominently connected with civic, social and co-operative business affairs, was born in Norway, September 25, 1857, a son of Jens and Bertha Johnson, both of whom were natives of Norway, where they grew up and married. In 1872 the family came to America and located at Eau Claire, Wisconsin, where the father was in business as a tailor, having