

and put under a high state of cultivation. In connection with their general farming they were extensive breeders and raisers of stock and were known over the county as successful and substantial farmers and stockmen. After having spent six years in the work on the farm, R. H. Denenny located in the town of Felton, where he was for two years successfully engaged in the well-drilling business and operating a threshing-machine. He then moved to Borup, where in 1911 he purchased the hardware and implement business of Oscar Mattison, which business he has since conducted with success. He has a well-stocked store and his constantly increasing trade is evidence of his popularity and business tact. He is possessed of much business acumen and is held in the highest esteem by all.

In 1904 R. H. Denenny was united in marriage to Lillian Paranto, of Viding township, Clay county, the daughter of Midie Paranto and wife, who were among the early pioneers of that section. To this union the following children have been born: Gladys, Eunice, Raymond, Curtis and Francis. Mr. and Mrs. Denenny are devout members of the Catholic church, and are prominent in the social life of the town. Mr. Denenny has always taken an active interest in local affairs and is one of the influential men of the town as well as the county. Being possessed of excellent judgment, his advice and counsel are often sought in matters that pertain to the general welfare of the community.

ANDREW E. HOLM.

Among the native-born Norwegians who have come to America and engaged in general farming with success, is Andrew E. Holm, who was born in the kingdom of Norway, on May 7, 1854, a son of Even and Emilia (Christianson) Ingebrightson, both of whom were also born in that same country, where they were of the farming class.

Even Ingebrightson was educated in the schools of Norway and worked at farming up to 1871, in which year he immigrated to the United States, first locating in Fillmore county, this state. He continued to reside there for ten years and in 1881 moved to Norman county and lived with his son, Andrew E. Holm, until his death. He operated a small farm, which he continued to work during his active years. His wife died in Norway. They were the parents of five children, namely: Sirene, who died in

Norway; Mathia, who also died in that country; Bertha, who is living in Beltrami county, this state; Andrew E., the subject of this sketch, and Torger, of Hendrum township, Norman county. The parents were members of the Lutheran church and their children were reared in the same faith.

Andrew E. Holm was educated in the schools of his native country and in 1871 came to Minnesota with his father and settled in Fillmore county, working on the farm. About nine years later he moved to Norman county and in the summer of 1879 he homesteaded a quarter section of land in Hegne township, and here he has made his home ever since, engaged in general farming, and since the commencement of his agricultural operations has met with a marked degree of success. He has effected a number of substantial improvements and erected some fine farm buildings and has set out a grove which adds much to the general appearance of the holding. Mr. Holm is also the owner of one hundred and thirty-five acres in section 7, Hegne township, which is given over to the production of general crops.

Andrew E. Holm has been twice married. His first wife was Christina Anderson Holm, who was born in Norway; she died some years after her marriage. There were no children of that union. Mr. Holm later was married to Matilda Johnson, also a native of Norway. There are two children of this marriage, Anna and Edwin. The Holm family are members of the Concordia Lutheran church and are earnest supporters of all its good works, Mr. Holm being a generous contributor to the upkeep of the church. Mr. Holm takes a good citizen's interest in public affairs and has served as road overseer for some years.

HON. CHRISTEN L. SULERUD.

Hon. Christen L. Sulerud, mayor of Halstad, former representative in the Minnesota state Legislature from the sixty-first legislative district, a well-known hardware dealer in the flourishing village of Halstad and the proprietor of one of the best-improved and most thoroughly equipped dairy farms in Norman county, is a native of Norway, but has been a resident of Minnesota and of Norman county since he was sixteen years of age. He was born on July 17, 1865, son and last-born of the eight children of Christen Anderson and Karen (Johnson) Sulerud, also natives of Norway, the former of whom was a blacksmith and farmer, and both of whom spent