

immediately proceeded to rent some land in Clay county. He succeeded in his early venture and later acquired a tract of land by purchase and is now the owner of one hundred and fifty acres of choice land, in addition to which he rents three hundred and twenty acres. He carries on general farming, including the cultivation of potatoes, and since the commencement of his operations he has been most successful, everything about his farm being in excellent condition and the improvements of modern class. Mr. Young contemplates raising Red Polled cattle and success in this line is also predicted for him.

In August, 1900, John F. Young was united in marriage to Christina Larson, who was born in Olmsted county, Minnesota, in 1879. To this union the following children have been born: Ruth, Robert, Arthur and Helen. Mr. Young takes a good citizen's interest in local civic affairs and in the general affairs of the community, but has never been a seeker after political office, preferring to devote his time to his agricultural interests.

AUGUST F. HOPPE.

August F. Hoppe, one of the progressive young farmers of Alliance township, Clay county, the owner of a quarter section of fine land adjoining his father's place in that township, is a native son of Minnesota and has lived in this state all his life. He was born at Winona in 1884, a son of August and Augusta Hoppe, natives of Germany, the former of whom was born in 1856, who came to this country with their family in the early eighties and settled at Winona, this state, where they lived until about 1895, when they came up into this part of the state and settled in Clay county, where they have since made their home. August Hoppe is the owner of a half section of land in Alliance township and has developed a fine bit of farm property there, his place being well improved and profitably cultivated. His son August owns a quarter of a section adjoining, the places being in sections 20 and 21. August Hoppe and wife have nine children, William, Fred, Charles, Frank, John, August, Bertha, Annie and Ida. Of these, Fred, August, Annie and Bertha are married.

August F. Hoppe was about eleven years of age when his parents settled in Clay county and his schooling was completed in the schools of his home neighborhood. From the days of his boyhood he was a valued aid in the labors of improving and developing the home place and in time

became the owner of a quarter of a section of land adjoining his father's farm and since his marriage in 1911 has made his home there. He has a modern house on the place and his well-kept farm plant is in keeping with the same, everything being up-to-date and indicative of the progressive spirit of the owner. Of late he and his father have been giving considerable attention to potato culture and on his farm in the summer of 1917 he had out about twenty-five acres of potatoes, while his father had out forty acres.

In 1911 August F. Hoppe was united in marriage to Charlotte Ernst, who was born in Clay county in 1891, and to this union two children have been born, Harry and Louise. Mr. and Mrs. Hoppe have a very pleasant home and take a proper part in the community's general social affairs.

HAKAN OLSON.

Hakan Olson, a well-known and progressive farmer, owner of a fine farm of one hundred and sixty acres in section 22, Riverton township, this county, is a native of the kingdom of Sweden, but has been a resident of this country for thirty years, or since 1887. He was born in Sweden in 1866 and is a son of Ole H. and Anna Olson, also natives of the same country and in which they spent all their lives.

Ole H. Olson was born in Sweden in 1822 and was educated in the public schools of his native place. He was engaged throughout his active life as a farmer and died seventeen years ago, in 1900, at the age of seventy-two years. His wife, Anna Olson also was a native of Sweden, born there in 1835, and was educated in the schools of her home neighborhood. She died in 1905, at the age of seventy years. Ole H. Olson and wife were the parents of two children, Anders and Hakan. The parents of these children were members of the Swedish Lutheran church and took a proper interest in the affairs of same, active and influential residents of the district in which they lived.

Hakan Olson was educated in the schools of his native Sweden and was reared on his father's farm. From boyhood he was a valuable assistant to his father on the farm and continued thus engaged up to 1887. In the latter year he left the old country and immigrated to the United States, and on his arrival proceeded on out to Fargo. He began working for himself at farm labor, saving all the money possible with the view of