

of Mr. Hadler's life appears on another page of this work and to that the reader is referred for complete particulars. Jacob Hadler and wife were the parents of the following children: Benjamin H., Ida C., Walter G., the subject of this sketch; Jacob J., Wilhelmina M. and Albert E. Mr. Hadler and his wife affiliated with the Lutheran church and their children were reared in that faith.

Walter G. Hadler was educated in the public schools of Norman county and later at a commercial college in Texas. He assisted his father in the labors of the farm and after the lapse of some years thus engaged he started business on his own account as a grain buyer, also being the owner of a store in Hadler, which he purchased, and also acquired a lot, in the spring of 1914. He has been very successful as a grain buyer and in that connection is well known outside the limits of Norman county. In addition to his commercial undertakings he acts as agent for the Thorpe Elevator Company. Mr. Hadler is regarded as an expert judge of grain and enjoys the confidence of a wide circle of those engaged in handling that commodity, whether as buyer or sellers.

On February 5, 1911, Walter G. Hadler was united in marriage to Margaret Letness, born on November 6, 1889, in Norway and at the age of three years accompanied her parents to America, the father and mother still living near Hendrum, this state. Mr. Hadler gives a good citizen's attention to public affairs and served for one year as township assessor, giving general satisfaction while engaged in the duties of that important office, and in other ways he has interested himself in matters appertaining to the community welfare, ever supporting all projects tending toward that end. Mr. Hadler is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran church, in the good works of which he is warmly interested.

OLE HOVDEN.

The late Ole Hovden, one of Norman county's pioneer farmers and for years one of the most substantial residents of Lee township, who died at his home in that township in the summer of 1901 and whose widow is still living there, was a native of the kingdom of Norway, but had been a resident of this state since 1878, in which year he came up here into the Red River valley and located at Moorhead. He was engaged in farming in that vicinity until the fall of 1880, when he bought a tract of eighty acres in section

26 of Lee township and there established his home. He later bought one hundred and sixty acres in sections 26 and 27 of the same township and at the time of his death had developed a fine farm, well improved and profitably cultivated.

Ole Hovden was born on December 17, 1845, last born of the four children born to his parents, Ole and Anna Olson, the others being Ranghild, Martin and Bolette, who remained in their native land. In 1873 he married Oleanna Kristopherson, who was born on January 28, 1846, daughter of Christopher and Dorothy Marie Olson, and who was the last-born of the four children born to her parents, the others being Elias, who is now living retired at Moorhead; John, who is living in the state of Michigan, and Petrina, now deceased, who was the wife of Jens Anderson. About five years after his marriage, or in 1878, Mr. Hovden came to this country with his family and, as noted above, for a few years made his home at Moorhead, farming with Jens Anderson, later buying the farm in Lee township referred to above and proceeded to improve and develop the same. He planted a grove that is now an admirable feature of the landscape in that section, made substantial improvements on the place and in due time had a very comfortable home and a well-developed farm. As he prospered he bought an additional tract of one hundred and sixty acres in sections 26 and 27 of that same township, thus giving him two hundred and forty acres of fine land, and he became regarded as one of the substantial farmers of that part of the county. Mr. Hovden took an active interest in the general business affairs of the county and was one of the promoters of the Farmers Elevator Company, in which he was a stockholder. Other enterprises of a local nature also received his earnest support. Mr. Hovden died on July 8, 1901, and there was sincere regret throughout the community of which he had been so long a resident, for he had done well his part in that community.

To Ole and Oleanna (Kristopherson) Hovden were born four children, namely: John, who is married and who is engaged in the mercantile business at the village of Twin Valley; Christian, who is taking care of the home farm for his mother; Conrad, who is married and who is now living at St. Paul, where he is connected with the firm of Swift & Company, and Anna, who is married and is living at Minneapolis. Christian Hovden, who is looking after the home farm, was born in Norway in 1877 and was a babe when his parents came to this country, consequently all his active life has been spent in Norman county. He grew up on the home farm, receiving his schooling in the local schools and early became a practical

farmer. After the death of his father he assumed the active management of the farm, in his mother's behalf and has done well in his farming operations, which are carried on strictly in accordance with modern methods. On November 20, 1915, Christian Hovden was united in marriage to Minnie Baker, who was born in this state in 1895, and to this union one child has been born, a daughter, Elaine. The Hovdens have a very pleasant home in Lee township and have ever taken an interested part in the general social activities and good works of the community in which they live.

WILLIAM VIDEEN.

William Videen, an energetic and substantial young farmer of Moorhead township, Clay county, proprietor of a fine farm in the township and engaged in general farming and stock raising, was born in Moorhead on May 24, 1881. He is the son of William and Ellen (Nelson) Videen, both of whom were natives of the kingdom of Sweden.

The elder William Videen immigrated to the United States from his native Sweden when he was quite young. On arriving in this country he came on out to Minneosta and settled at Moorhead, in Moorhead township, Clay county. In this place he engaged in mercantile business and also handled lumber, these two branches of work keeping him occupied for the remainder of his active life. He was united in marriage to Ellen Nelson in this country, she having also come from Sweden in her young days. They both died in Moorhead, this county. They were the parents of the following children: William, the subject of this sketch; and Ida, who married Doctor Keenyon, of Cheyenne, Wyoming. William Videen and his wife were members of the Swedish Lutheran church and earnestly interested in all its good works. They were ever regarded as excellent citizens and their deaths were widely mourned throughout the community in which they had been living for many years.

William Videen was educated in the common schools of Moorhead and on the completion of his school course he took up farming for some time. He later went across the border to Canada and worked on a railroad in that country for one year. At the end of that period he returned to Moorhead and commenced farming on his own account, also engaging in the raising of cattle. Mr. Videen owns one hundred and sixty acres of prime land and rents another one hundred and sixty acres, and is actively engaged in general