

up a second set of farm buildings. Mr. Dahl has worked hard to achieve the remarkable success which he now enjoys, and in the spring of 1917 he retired from active farming operations.

On December 8, 1891, Mr. Dahl was united in marriage to Gure Hermanson, who was born at Spring Grove, Houston county, Minnesota, March 6, 1858, a daughter of Ole and Bergit Hermanson, and to this union three children have been born, namely: Clara Belena, who died at the age of thirteen years, and Obert and Martinus. Mr. and Mrs. Dahl are well-known and active members of the Norwegian Lutheran denomination, belonging to the Ness Lutheran church, which society the former helped to organize. He is interested in the local marketing and distributing agencies of the immediate vicinity, having helped to organize the Waukon Mercantile Company and being interested in the creamery at Waukon. Mr. Dahl has never sought after public office, he and his family take a deep interest in the social and civic betterment of the community in which they live.

ANDREW A. HOVLAND.

Andrew A. Hovland, well-known and substantial farmer, former township supervisor and for many years connected with business life of the part of the county where he now resides, is a native of the kingdom of Norway, but has been a resident of the United States since he was twenty-three years old and of Norman county since 1881. He was born in Norway on November 6, 1846, a son of Amund and Ingeborg (Arnold) Hovland.

Amund Hovland was born in Norway, as was also his wife, Ingeborg Arnold, and there he was educated in the schools of his day, later becoming an expert and thrifty farmer, always interested in the progress and welfare of his home neighborhood. He and his wife spent all their lives in their native land, dying there many years ago. They were the parents of seven children, five of whom are deceased, and whose names follow: Amund, deceased; Christina, deceased; Renald; Ella, deceased; Andrew, the subject of this sketch; John, deceased, and Johanas, deceased.

Andrew A. Hovland was educated in the schools of Norway and was reared on his father's farm, where he helped in the labors of improving and developing the tract. In 1869, at the age of twenty-three years, he decided to try his fortune in America and immigrated in that year, first

locating in Goodhue county, this state, and worked in that county on farms for twelve years. Then in the spring of 1881 he crossed over to Norman county by horse team, coming alone, being later followed by his family in the fall of the same year. On arriving in this county Mr. Hovland homesteaded a tract of one hundred and sixty acres of land, the extreme northeast quarter section in Norman county, and on this place he has lived ever since engaged in general farming, being recognized as one of the skillful agriculturists in this part of the county. He has carried out a number of valuable improvements on the place and now has one of the best farm plants in or about the township.

In 1879 Andrew A. Hovland was united in marriage to Carrie Hoveland, a native of Norway and a daughter of Lars Hoveland. To this union the following children have been born: Alfred, deceased; Gilbert; Clara, deceased, and Carl, deceased. Mr. Hovland has ever given a good citizen's attention to local affairs and served the public as township supervisor for two years, bringing to the duties of that position a ripe intelligence and business-like qualities. He helped to promote the Rindahl Mercantile Company and the Rindahl Creamery, and in other ways he has given of his time and energy to the public advantage.

MELVIN O. BREDESON.

Melvin O. Bredeson, a well-known carpenter and contractor, of Barnesville, Clay county, was born in Pelican Rapids, Otter Tail county, Minnesota, on December 1, 1888. He is a son of Louis and Mary (Korsmo) Bredeson, both of whom were natives of Norway and who came to America.

On his arrival in this country Louis Bredeson proceeded on out to Minnesota and located west of Pelican Rapids, Otter Tail county. He immediately purchased a tract of land and commenced farming operations, his efforts being attended with considerable success. He continued to reside on his farm in the latter county for several years and came to Clay county in 1902, where he farmed for some time. He now lives in Clear Water county, this state, where he is the owner of a farm, which he is still actively engaged operating. Since he came to this country Louis Bredeson has been engaged in general farming in the different places in which he has resided and has had a fair measure of success. To Louis and Mary (Korsmo) Bredeson the following children have been born: Oscar (deceased), Emma, Melvin,