

work of developing and improving the home farm in that county and remained there until 1877, in which year he came up here in the Red River valley and homesteaded a quarter of a section of land in section 4 of what later came to be organized as Hagne township, Norman county, where he established his home and proceeded to develop and improve the place. From the very beginning of his operations here Mr. Hellerud prospered and he gradually added to his land holdings until he became the owner of an entire section of land. In 1906 he traded four hundred acres of that place for a clothing store at Twin Valley and in 1908 moved to that village and has since made his home there, actively engaged in business. Mr. Hellerud has ever given his earnest attention to local civic affairs and during his residence on the farm served for some time as a member of the board of supervisors, for two years chairman of the board, and also served for some time as treasurer of the township.

On February 20, 1882, H. J. Hellerud was united in marriage to Thora Olson, also a native of the kingdom of Norway, and to this union four children have been born, John, Oswald, Mary and Henry. The Helleruds are members of the Norwegian Lutheran church and have ever taken an interested part in church work, as well as in the general good works of the community of which they have been residents since pioneer days.

JOHN JACOBSON.

John Jacobson, a successful merchant and a prominent resident of Borup, Norman county, was born in Marshall county, Iowa, June 22, 1882, the son of Severen and Julia (Peterson) Jacobson, both of whom were natives of Norway, the former having come to the United States at the age of eighteen and the latter at the age of four years. Severen Jacobson received his education in the schools of his native land, and as a lad engaged as a sailor. Tiring of the sea at an early age, he decided to seek his future home in America. On his arrival in the United States he at once proceeded on his journey to Iowa, and there he located in Marshall county, where his future wife had settled with her parents some years before. There he worked as a farm hand for some years and was later married, and soon thereafter he and his wife moved to Palo Alto county, Iowa, where they established their home on a farm and where Mr. Jacobson engaged in general farming

for twelve years. In the year 1903 they came to Minnesota and settled on a farm just west of the town of Borup, in Norman county. Severen Jacobson has met with much success in his chosen work and is the owner of two hundred and forty acres of splendid land, all of which is well under cultivation and well improved.

Severen and Julia Jacobson are the parents of the following children: Anna, Jennie, John, Lena, Martha, Clara and Peter. They are active members of the Lutheran church and are among the most highly respected people of the community. Their hospitality and pleasing address have endeared them to a large circle of friends. Mr. Jacobson is a man of strong personality and possessed of much business acumen. His splendid home and farm are the results of the work and planning of himself and his estimable wife. Coming to this country a mere lad, alone and without funds, he has risen to be one of the substantial and influential men of the community in which he lives. He has taken a keen interest in all local affairs, and is a strong advocate of substantial public improvements and of the maintenance of good roads and good schools. To his mind these two are great factors in determining the future greatness of both the county and the state.

John Jacobson received his education in the public schools of the state of Iowa and was reared on the home farm in that state. On reaching manhood he began work for himself, as an employe of the Great Northern railroad, at Barnesville, Minnesota, by working in the yards. After a time he resigned his position with the railroad and entered a harness shop at Fargo, as an apprentice, and after learning his trade he followed it for two years. He left Fargo and came to Borup, where he worked for six months as a clerk in the general store of Torske Brothers. He then entered the general store of E. K. Naftalin at Borup and there he worked for nine months, at the end of which time he and J. J. Bowlm purchased the business. This was in the year 1915 and they have since continued the business with success, under the firm name of Bowlm & Jacobson. They carry a complete and up-to-date line of general merchandise and have built up an extensive trade throughout the surrounding territory. These men are progressive and their store is an evidence of their ability as business men and merchants. They cater to the wants of the general public and their increased trade is evidence of the appreciation with which their business methods are received.

On June 23, 1910, John Jacobson was married to Emma Anderson, of Borup, daughter of A. J. Anderson and wife, prominent and well-to-do people of this community. To this union three children have been born, Angeline

Levina, Silas Philis and Pearl Berdell. Mr. and Mrs. Jacobson are members of the Lutheran church and have ever taken much interest in all church work, and Mr. Jacobson has always been active in the civic affairs of the town.

Severen H. Jacobson, the father of John Jacobson, was born on November 6, 1849, and is the son of Jacob and Anna (Quaam) Jacobson, both natives of Norway, where they lived and died. Jacob Jacobson was a farmer and a small landowner. He and his wife were highly respected people and were the parents of eight children. The son Severen came to the United States in the year 1871 and for a time worked on a farm in Marshall county, Iowa. He later rented and then purchased eighty acres, which he later sold and moved to Palo Alto county, where he purchased one hundred and sixty acres. Here he lived until 1903 when he came to his present home west of Borup. He was united in marriage in 1875 to Julia Peterson, the daughter of Peter and Gurnelia (Quaam) Peterson, who came to the United States from their home in Norway in 1861. They first located in Lee county, Illinois, and then in Marshall county, Iowa. Mr. Peterson died in Illinois, and after the marriage of her daughter, the widow made her home with Mr. and Mrs. Jacobson and moved with them to Palo Alto county, where she died. Mr. and Mrs. Peterson were the parents of five children. To Severen and Julia Jacobson have been born the following children: Anna, Peter, John, Lena, Martha, Clara and Peter, all of whom are living with the exception of Peter, who died some years ago. Mr. Jacobson has held many of the local offices and has given to his official duties the same careful attention that he has given to his own affairs.

JORGEN F. HEIBERG.

Jorgen F. Heiberg, veteran miller and owner of the electric-light plant at Heiberg (old Twin Valley), and for the past twenty years or more clerk of Wild Rice township and one of the best-known and most substantial pioneers of Norman county, is a native of the kingdom of Norway, but has been a resident of this country since he was nineteen years of age and of Norman county since 1881, having settled there the year that county was organized as a civil unit. He was born in the city of Bergen, one of the most important of the Norwegian seaports, July 4, 1861, a son of Andreas and Elsie (Faye) Heiberg, also natives of Norway and both born