

him back to Syre and he ever since has been the manager of their elevator at that place, one of the best-known grain men in Norman county. Upon returning to Syre in 1908 Mr. Ellefson became interested, in association with B. L. Bjerkness, in a general store in that village and has ever since been manager of the same, looking after the affairs of the store in addition to his managerial connection with the elevator. A year after he located at Syre he was appointed postmaster of the village, in 1909, and has ever since occupied that position. Mr. Ellefson has ever taken a good citizen's interest in political affairs and for three years during his residence on the farm in Waukon township served as assessor of that township.

Mr. Ellefson has been twice married. His first wife, who was Martha Knudson, died in 1899, leaving five children, Annie, Ovedia, Clara, Mabel and Jennie, and he later married Annie Hermanson. Mr. and Mrs. Ellefson are members of the Lutheran (Synod) church and take an earnest interest in church work, Mr. Ellefson being treasurer of the local congregation at Syre.

CARL O. JENSEN.

Carl O. Jensen, owner of a compact and well-kept farm in section 9, Fossum township, Norman county, former chairman of the township board, and presently a member of the local school board, is a native son of Norman county, born on his father's homestead on September 18, 1877, a son of John and Emilia (Larson) Jensen, well-known residents of the township.

John Jensen, father of the subject of this sketch, was born in Norway in 1849, a son of Jens Jorgen and Elsie Katherina (Olson) Knutson, who spent all their lives in that country, where they were of the farming class. John Jensen spent sixteen months as a sailor and owing to an outbreak of the yellow fever while in Havana, the ship returned to Norway and some time later he and his brother, Jens, immigrated to America, first stopping at Leland, Illinois, and then moving into the state of Minnesota, settling in Rice county, where he remained until 1872. He then came to Norman county and took a homestead claim, the farm on which his son Carl was born. In another part of this volume a further and more extended account of the life of John Jensen is given, and to that review the reader is referred.

Carl O. Jensen was educated in the public schools of Norman county, later attending Park Region College at Fergus Falls, Minnesota. He was reared on his father's homestead and worked on the farm, a valuable aid to

the task of developing and improving the home place. Later, he went to work in the elevator at Twin Valley, for A. Durling, and spent two years in that place. He then rented his father's homestead place and worked the same very successfully for three years, at the end of which time he bought one hundred and sixty acres of prime land in the northwest quarter of section 9, in Fossum township, and here he has lived ever since engaged in general farming and is recognized as one of the progressive farmers of the district. In 1912 he erected a number of fine buildings on the place, which add considerably to its value, and in 1914 he made a further addition to his holding by the purchase of eighty acres of hay land in section 8. He also raises a good grade of stock, for which he finds a ready market.

In the fall of 1905 Carl O. Jensen was united in marriage to Regena Korsgaden, born in Norman county, a daughter of Lars Korsgaden and wife. To Mr. and Mrs. Jensen five children have been born, Kenneth Raymond Julener, Sanford Milton, Arnold Reuben, and Oris Melvin and Helen Birdie (twins), all of whom are living. The Jensen family are members of the Lutheran church at East Wild Rice and are warm supporters of all its good works. Mr. Jensen has served on the township board for several years, being chairman for the past two years, and is also a member of the local school board, on which he has been acting for nine years. He was formerly road overseer, and in many other ways he has given of his time to the public interest, ever ready to assist all projects calculated to advance the public welfare. Mr. Jensen helped to organize the Faith Milling Company at Faith, Minnesota, and is a stockholder in the same.

CHARLES W. CANNING.

Charles W. Canning, one of the most substantial and progressive farmers of the Hendrum neighborhood in Hendrum township, Norman county, and the proprietor of a fine farm and a comfortable home there, is a native of the Emerald Isle, but has been a resident of this country since he was twenty years of age. He was born in Ireland on August 15, 1865, a son of Robert and Mary (Wilson) Canning, both of whom also were born in Ireland. Reared in his native land, he received excellent educational advantages there and remained at home until he was twenty years of age, when he came to this country, landing at Philadelphia. Upon his arrival here Mr. Canning secured employment in Philadelphia and for a year was