

On July 11, 1897, Saavi Snartland was united in marriage to Helen Svenkenson, who was born in Clay county, Minnesota, a daughter of Gunder Svenkenson and wife, natives of Norway. To Saavi Snartland and wife three children have been born, Thorance, Gladys and Gerard, all living at home with their parents. Mr. Snartland takes a good citizen's interest in local civic affairs and was a director of the district school board for six years. He and his family are members of the Norwegian Lutheran church and are warm supporters of all its good works.

Olaf T. Snartland was born in Norway in August, 1879, and came to this country with his parents. He is the owner of one hundred and twenty acres of land and is engaged in general farming. All the improvements on his farm were carried out by his father. He was married in 1904 to Lilly Anderson, who was born in Fargo, North Dakota, in 1883. They are the parents of the following children: Anna, Torkel, Jacob, Gertie, and an infant born in 1917. The family are members of the Norwegian Lutheran church and take a general interest in all the affairs of the community calculated to serve the public welfare.

HERMAN W. JOOP.

Herman W. Joop, of Felton township, Clay county, has applied business principles to his farming and has used his mind as well as his brawn. He has therefore met with encouraging success all along the line. He was born in Germany on December 2, 1879. He is a son of Gustav and Tina (Camps) Joop, both born in Germany, where they grew up and married and lived on a farm until in the seventies, when they came to America, locating in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where they lived several years, the father working in the steel mills. They then returned to Germany and remained there a few years, then came to America a second time and located in Blue Earth county, Minnesota, where they engaged in farming until 1896, when they moved to Felton township, Clay county, and located on the farm where their son, Herman W., now resides. Here Gustav Joop farmed until his retirement and he now lives with his son, Ludwig, in Norman county. His family consisted of six children, three of whom are still living, namely: Ludwig, Bertha and Herman W.

Herman W. Joop spent his boyhood on the home farm in Blue Earth county and there he attended school. He came to Clay county with his

parents and as a young man took up railroad work as a fireman on the Northern Pacific railroad, running between Fargo and Jamestown, North Dakota. He remained in railroad service until 1907 when he came back to his father's farm, in January of that year, and has since operated it with success, owning one hundred and sixty acres, which he operates in connection with his father's quarter section. He keeps it all under a fine state of cultivation and is making a pronounced success as a general farmer and stock raiser. He raises a large acreage of potatoes each year.

Mr. Joop was married on December 16, 1903, to Clara Parnow, who was born in Germany. She is a daughter of William and Othelia (Bernsdorf) Parnow, both natives of Germany, where they grew up, married and established their home on a farm. Mr. Parnow came to America about 1893, his wife coming later. They located first in Blue Earth county, Minnesota, and in 1896, came from there to Clay county and bought one hundred and sixty acres in Felton township, where they lived until 1904, when they moved to a farm east of Thief River Falls, and there they both still reside, owning a good farm of one hundred and sixty acres there, on which they have made extensive improvements, including the erection of good buildings. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Parnow: Selma, Clara, Otto, Paul, William, Oscar, who is in the United States navy; Erna, Alex, who died when seven days old, and Ernest, who died when three years old.

Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Joop, namely: Walter, who died when three months old, and Myrtle and Elvora. Mr. Joop is independent in his political views. He is a member of the Lutheran church.

ANDREW O. SOLWOLD.

A man's life work is the measure of his success, and he is truly the most successful man who, turning his powers into the channel of an honorable purpose, accomplishes the object of his endeavor. In the study of every man's life we find some mainspring of action, something that he lives for. In Andrew O. Solwold, farmer of Goose Prairie township, Clay county, it seems to have been an ambition to make the best use of his native and acquired powers.

Mr. Solwold was born in Norway on June 26, 1841. He is a son of Olaf P. and Andrea (Eidshaug) Solwold, both natives of Norway, where