

Bernhardt, Albert, Orlando, Palmer, Melissa and Manley. In 1915 Mr. Flesjer retired from the farm and moved to Shelly, where he since has made his home with Mr. and Mrs. Foss.

To Jens and Josephine (Flesjer) Foss two children have been born, Frances and Orpha. Mr. and Mrs. Foss are members of the United Lutheran church at Shelly and Mr. Foss has been a member of the board of trustees of that congregation ever since it was organized. He is a member of the local society of the Sons of Norway and of the local lodge of the Woodmen of America and in the affairs of these organizations takes an active interest.

IVER KLOKSETH.

Among the native-born Norwegians who have come to America and engaged in general farming, is Iver Klokseth, a well-known and progressive farmer, former clerk of the district school board, and owner of a fine farm in Moland township, Clay county. He was born on October 30, 1868, in the kingdom of Norway, a son of Knut and Malena (Wold) Klokseth, also born in that same country, but who came to this country about thirty-nine years ago.

Knut Klokseth, who followed the occupation of a farmer in his native land, was born on October 17, 1825. He married in Norway to Malena Wold and about the year 1878 decided to try his fortune in the land of opportunities at this side of the Atlantic. On his arrival in this country he came on out to Minnesota, where so many of his countrymen had already settled on farms, and located in Clay county. He became the owner of one hundred and fifty acres of prime land, on which he farmed for the remainder of his life, his death occurring on July 29, 1892. His farm, which was located in section 4, Moland township, was sold about fifteen years ago and the widow is now making her home with her son, Iver. Knut Klokseth was an industrious and capable farmer, a good citizen in every respect, a kind and indulgent husband and father, and his death was generally regretted throughout the community.

Iver Klokseth, at the age of about ten years, accompanied his parents to America and lived on his father's farm in Moland township. Before coming to this country he had been attending school in Norway and continued his schooling in the township schools of Clay county. In his boyhood and

young manhood he was a valuable assistant to his father in the labors of developing and improving the home place. The other members of the family are: Ingeborg (Emma in English), who is married; Ida, married; Christine, married, and Martin, married and living in Morken township.

Iver Klokseth bought his present farm, which now consists of two hundred and thirty-seven acres, about 1893. The land, which is of choice quality and well improved, is situated in section 7, Moland township, and thirty acres are set out to the planting and cultivation of potatoes. Mr. Klokseth is regarded as one of the progressive and energetic farmers of the township and he and his family are pleasantly housed in a comfortable dwelling.

Mr. Klokseth was married on January 27, 1892, to Hannah Holte, who was born on October 13th, 1871, in Houston county, Minnesota, and who died on May 28th, 1913. Three children were born to this union, namely: Corinne, who is married, and Marie and Julia, who live at home with their father. Mr. Klokseth and his family are earnest members of the Lutheran church at Concordia, and he has served the congregation as trustee for several years. He was clerk of the township school board for six years and in other ways he has given of his time and energy to the public in behalf of all projects having for their purpose the common good of the community.

LEVI THORTVEDT.

To a visitor from the East one of the most impressive features of life here in the Red River valley is the sense of the amazing newness of things. When it is considered that men still in the very prime of life were witnesses to and participants in the very beginning of a social order hereabout this sense of newness is accounted for. That all the wonderful development of this region has been accomplished within the life-time of persons still active in affairs is one of the wonders of the great work of "empire building" that has been carried on in the Northwest during the past generation, and it is difficult for the Easterner to reconcile himself to the thought that all this has been accomplished during a single lifetime.

One of the men who has been a resident of Clay county since the days of the early settlement of the same is Levi Thortvedt, a substantial farmer and landowner on the banks of Buffalo river in Moland township, who has been a resident of the place on which he is now living, in sections 28 and 29, since the summer of 1870, when his father pre-empted the place and