

earnest members of the Norwegian Lutheran church, and are among the substantial citizens of their home community.

Edward O. Wardeberg received his early education in the public schools of his native county, and later attended the Agricultural College at Fargo, North Dakota. During his summer vacations he assisted with the work on the home farm until 1914, in which year he came to Barnesville, and in partnership with O. P. Landsom, engaged in the general merchandise business, in which line he has met with a very commendable degree of success. Besides dealing in all kinds of general merchandise, they buy and ship many carloads of potatoes. Mr. Wardeburg is well known, prominent and popular in the social activities of the younger residents of Barnesville, and also has an active interest in the affairs of the Norwegian Lutheran church, of which he is a member. Mr. Wardeberg on July 9, 1917, married Clara Linn, of Maidenrock, Wisconsin.

BYRON GRAHAM LA GRANGE.

Byron Graham La Grange, proprietor of a fine farm of four hundred acres in Elkton township, Clay county, and one of the most progressive farmers of that neighborhood, is a native of the neighboring state of Wisconsin, but has been a resident of Minnesota since he was six years of age. He was born on a pioneer farm in Winnebago county, Wisconsin, in 1858, son of Alonzo Graham and Anna M. (Hillman) La Grange, the former a native of the state of New York and the latter of Germany, she having come to this country with her widowed mother when she was but a child. In the fall of 1864 Alonzo G. La Grange came with his family from Wisconsin to Minnesota, driving through, and locating at Garden City, in Blue Earth county, arriving there on October 13 of that year. At Garden City he established a hotel and later a butcher shop and made his home there until 1868, when he moved to Worthington, county seat of Nobles county, opened a hotel there and continued in the hotel business in that city until his retirement. He is still living at Worthington, now nearly ninety years of age. His wife died in 1912. He is a member of the Presbyterian church, as was his wife, and their children were reared in that faith. There are three of these children, the subject of this sketch, the first-born, having two sisters, Grace and Leonice.

As noted above, Byron G. La Grange was but a child when he came



BYRON G. LAGRANGE AND FAMILY.

with his parents to Minnesota and his schooling was completed in the schools of Worthington. As a young man he followed various branches of industry, none of these various jobs being "snaps," however, he declares; and later became a railroad contractor and then a butcher, and for eight years was deputy sheriff of Nobles county. In the meantime he had bought a tract of land up here in the Red River country, in Elkton township, Clay county, and in March, 1906, moved here with his family and established his home on that farm and proceeded to improve and develop the same. Since entering upon the occupancy of his land Mr. La Grange has erected a substantial set of buildings and has otherwise improved the place until he now has a fine farm plant, one of the best-ordered places in the community. He has four hundred acres of excellent land and of late years has gone in quite extensively for potato raising, in addition to his extensive live-stock business, his specialty in the latter line being Durham cattle.

On November 5, 1894, Byron G. La Grange was united in marriage to Augusta Berreau, who was born in Nobles county, this state, daughter of Otto Berreau and wife and to this union two children have been born, a son and a daughter, Arthur Graham and Eudora Louise. Mr. and Mrs. La Grange are members of the Presbyterian church and take a proper part in church work, as well as in the general good works and social activities of the community in which they live. Mr. La Grange is a member of the local lodge of the Modern Woodmen of America and takes a warm interest in the affairs of that organization.

HERMAN G. WENDLANDT.

Herman G. Wendlandt, well-known merchant of Sabin, in Clay county, and for years postmaster of that village, also formerly and for years justice of the peace in and for Elmwood township, is a native son of Minnesota and has lived in this state all his life. He was born on a pioneer farm not far from St. Cloud, in Stearns county, May 16, 1869, son of Fred and Ernestine (Schultz) Wendlandt, natives of Germany, who were married in Stearns county and there spent their last days.

Fred Wendlandt was born in 1844 and was eleven years of age when his parents, Christian and Rebecca Wendlandt, left Germany in 1855 and came to the United States with their family, settling in Wisconsin, where they remained until 1863, in which year they came over into Minnesota and settled in Stearns county, where they spent the remainder of their