

Telephone Company, of which he was the first president. In 1914 he built a fine two-story modern home with beautiful grounds and modern equipment. In addition to the other business activities in which Mr. Shea has been interested he was one of the organizers of the Farmers' Grain and Lumber Company of Glyndon, of which he is president and E. D. Grant, vice-president. In these, and in all other business enterprises, Mr. Shea is a leading spirit. He is the leading business man of Glyndon and is always ready to contribute his full share in the promotion of any enterprise or movement that tends to the growth and welfare of the town and community.

In 1889, P. J. Shea and Julia Timrue were united in marriage, and to this union five children have been born, namely: Florence M., Frances E., Aquinia, Adeline and Edward T. The Shea family are very delightfully situated in their new two-story, modern home at Glyndon, which Mr. Shea built in 1914.

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### JAMES LARSON.

James Larson, cashier of the State Bank of Halstad, a member of the school board at Halstad and the manager of a well-improved farm on the outskirts of that village, was born on a farm in Houston county, this state, May 10, 1873, son of Peter and Maria (Christopherson) Larson (Gagnum), natives of Norway, who came to Minnesota about 1869 and settled in Houston county, where they remained until 1879, when they moved to Cass county, North Dakota, where they spent the rest of their lives, with the exception of five years spent in Ransom county, that state. Peter Larson and wife reared a family of twelve children.

Reared on the paternal farm in North Dakota, James Larson completed his common-school course in the schools of Ransom county, North Dakota, and supplemented the same by a course in Concordia College at Moorhead. In this connection he gratefully acknowledges a debt of gratitude to his uncle, E. E. Bakke, of Onawa, Iowa, who supported him for eighteen months during his school days there. Upon completing his schooling in Iowa James Larson resumed his labors on the home farm in Buffalo, North Dakota, and there remained until he was twenty-five years of age, when, in 1898, he came over into Minnesota and located at Halstad, where he remained until his marriage in 1901, when he moved up into Polk county and there remained until 1911, in which year he returned to Halstad and has ever since been engaged there as cashier of the State Bank of Halstad.

In addition to his banking interests, Mr. Larson is the manager of a well-improved farm located just one-half mile east of Halstad and gives considerable attention to the raising of early Ohio potatoes and has done much to stimulate the cultivation of potatoes in that part of the county. Mr. Larson gives his earnest attention to local affairs and for the past five years has been serving as a member of the local school board.

It was in 1901 that James Larson was united in marriage to Margaret Holmberg, daughter of Charles and Beret Holmberg, and to this union seven children have been born, Harriet, Alton, Victor, Jördis, Helen, Erling and Aaron. Mr. and Mrs. Larson are members of the Norwegian Lutheran church and Mr. Larson has served as secretary of the local congregation of that church.

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#### OLE I. GRINA.

Ole I. Grina, local manager of the plant of the Stenerson Brothers Lumber Company at Halstad, is a native son of Minnesota and has lived in this state the greater part of his life. He was born on a pioneer farm in Trondhjem township, Ottertail county, April 19, 1874, son of Iver O. and Oline L. (Ohe) Grina, both natives of the kingdom of Norway, the former of whom, a pioneer of this section of Minnesota, is now living at Pelican Rapids and the latter of whom died on February 22, 1914.

Iver O. Grina was but three years of age when his parents, Ole H. and Martha (Moger) Grina, left their native Norway and came to the United States, settling in Clayton county, Iowa, where they homesteaded a quarter of a section of land and where they remained for twenty years or more, or until their removal to Minnesota and settlement in Ottertail county, where their last days were spent. Reared on the homestead farm in Iowa, Iver O. Grina remained there until the days of his young manhood, when he started out to do for himself and came up into this section of Minnesota, locating on a homestead farm which he bought from a dissatisfied homesteader in Trondhjem township, Ottertail county, later buying one hundred and twenty acres of railroad land adjoining the same, and there he lived until his retirement from the farm, after the death of his wife, in 1914 and removal to Pelican Rapids, where he is now living. Mrs. Grina was a daughter of Lars and Ingeborg (Waterud) Ohe, who were among the earliest settlers of Erhard Grove township, Ottertail county. To Iver