

in the great World War; Edward A., who is serving in the United States Marine Corps, serving "somewhere in the United States," and William H., who is attending school at home. Mr. and Mrs. Tenney are members of the Congregational church, in the various beneficences of which they take a warm interest, as well as in the general social activities of their home city, ever helpful in promoting all movements having to do with the advancement of the common welfare hereabout.

OLE D. LARSON.

Ole D. Larson, present president of the village of Hendrum and the oldest merchant in point of continuous service in that village, a well-to-do dealer in hardware and agricultural implements, may also be regarded as a pioneer of Norman county, having been actively identified with the affairs of Hendrum and vicinity since 1882. He was born in Manitowoc county, Wisconsin, February 11, 1860, son of Lars and Martha (Johanneson) Knutson, both natives of Norway, who were married in their native land and shortly afterward, in 1852, came to the United States, locating at Port Washington, Wisconsin, whence, a year later, they moved onto a homestead farm in Manitowoc county, that same state, where they remained until 1883, when they came over into Minnesota and located on a farm in the neighborhood of Glenwood, in Pope county, where they spent the remainder of their lives. Mrs. Knutson died in 1906 and Mr. Knutson survived until 1911, he being ninety-three years of age at the time of his death. They were earnest members of the Norwegian Lutheran church and their children were reared in that faith. There were nine of these children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the sixth in order of birth, the others being Knute (deceased), Johannes (deceased), Bertha, Knute, who lives in Canada; Gabriel (deceased), Lizzie, who lives at Nome, Alaska; Martin and Clara (deceased).

Reared on a pioneer farm, Ole D. Larson had little opportunity for acquiring extensive schooling in his youth. As a young man he learned the carpenter trade and for twelve years was actively engaged in building operations. In 1882, he then being twenty-two years of age, he had come over into Minnesota and up into the Red River Valley to take part in the then flourishing activities of this part of the state, and at Hendrum became engaged as a carpenter. After his marriage in 1891 he established his home there and for a while continued his building operations, but in 1892 started in business there as a hardware dealer and has ever since been thus engaged,

being now the oldest merchant in continuous business in that village. In addition to his general line of hardware and agricultural implements, Mr. Larson carries an excellent stock of furniture and is also the local agent for the sale of the Overland automobile. He holds a claim to a tract of one hundred and twenty acres in Koochiching county. Mr. Larson for years has given his earnest attention to local civic affairs, has served as a member of the village council and as treasurer of the village and is now serving as president of the village, in all his public service having ever had at heart the best interests of the community which he has helped to build up. At five or six terms of court he has served as a member of the jury in Norman county.

It was on December 23, 1891, that Ole D. Larson was united in marriage to Emma Bye, of Spring Grove, Minnesota, and to this union five children have been born, Alva, Edmond (deceased), Edmond, Arnold and Viola. Mr. and Mrs. Larson are members of the United Lutheran church, in the affairs of which they take a warm interest, and Mr. Larson has served as a member of the board of trustees, as treasurer and in other capacities as an office bearer in the local congregation.

JOHN LUDWIG SCHEIE.

The late John Ludwig Scheie, one of the early settlers of Halstad township, Norman county, where he was the owner of three hundred and sixty acres of good farming land when his death occurred in 1904, was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, December 2, 1855, a son of Andrew and Inger Scheie, both of whom were born in Norway, where they grew up and married and who came to America about 1839 or 1840. At first the father, who was a cooper by trade, located in Rochester, New York, but desiring to acquire some of the new land which was being opened up for settlement in the West, gradually worked his way with his family in this direction and settled for a while in McHenry county, Illinois, moving thence northward into Wisconsin, settling in Muskego and later in Milwaukee, where John Ludwig Scheie was born. The date of the family's residence in the latter place was so early that only a few houses comprised the village which later has grown into such a metropolis. After a few years of residence in Wisconsin, the family moved into Minnesota and located in Fillmore county, from which point they later came up into this part of the state and settled in Halstad township, Norman county, where the parents spent the