

born to Mr. and Mrs. Blegen, namely: Caroline, Nettie, Gilbert, Vent, Peter and Henry.

The following children have been born to Ole Larson and wife: Arthur, Peter, Ida Louisa (deceased), Lars (deceased), Clara, Anna and Sever. Politically, Mr. Larson is independent. He has held all the offices in Humboldt township, being assessor five or six years, and chairman of the board of trustees ten years. He is an active member of the Grong Lutheran church of which he has been a trustee for many years. He has always taken an interest in local public affairs and is a well-known and highly respected citizen of Humboldt township.

HANS O. LEE.

Hans O. Lee, a substantial landowner and progressive farmer, of Lee township, Norman county, which township was named in honor of his father, was born in the kingdom of Norway on April 22, 1863, and was not yet six years of age when his parents, Ole J. Lee and wife, came to this country, the family presently locating at Fargo. He was eight years of age when the family located at Fargo and he grew to manhood there, receiving his schooling in the schools of that city and in the college at Northfield. In 1871 Ole J. Lee pre-empted a claim one mile south of the Northern Pacific track, where a part of the city of Fargo now stands, the city waterworks plant being now located there, and remained there until 1878, in which year he came up into what then was a part of Polk county (now Norman) and settled in the township which now bears his name and which he helped to organize. In 1884 he returned to his native Norway, bought a farm there and there spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring about 1905. His wife, also a native of Norway, was Anna Johanna Aklestrom before her marriage. They were the parents of eight children, five of whom are still living, all citizens of the United States.

When twenty-one years of age Hans O. Lee bought a tract of eighty acres of land in section 26 of Lee township, Norman county, and after his marriage in 1890 established his home in that township and has ever since resided there, long having been regarded as one of the most substantial and influential residents of that section of the county. A year after his investment in Lee township he bought a quarter of a section in section 22 and in the fall of 1892 moved onto this latter place; later trading that quarter section for two hundred acres in section 34, where he since has made

his home. From time to time Mr. Lee has added to his land holdings until now he is the owner of six hundred and forty acres in sections 34 and 35 and has one of the best farm plants in that part of the county. In addition to his general farming he has given considerable attention to the raising of live stock and has done well in his operations. For some time Mr. Lee was treasurer of the local school board and also served for some time as overseer of highways in his district. He helped to organize the local creamery and the local elevator and in other ways has contributed of his time and his energies to the advancement of the material interests of the community in which he lives, at the same time actively concerned with the work of building up the interests of the local churches and schools.

On March 1, 1890, at Perley, Hans O. Lee was united in marriage to Anna Larson, who was born on February 26, 1871, and to this union six children have been born, namely: Laura, wife of Selmer Gaare, who lives on a farm a mile and a half north of the Lee place; Olga, who is at home; John, who is married and lives on a farm a half mile south of the home place, and Arthur, Helmer and Edward, at home. The Lees are earnest members of the Lutheran church, in the affairs of which they take a warm and active interest, Mr. Lee being a member of the board of deacons of that church and superintendent of the Sunday school.

BENNIE J. GUNDERSON.

Bennie J. Gunderson, a prosperous and progressive young farmer, owner of two hundred and seventy-eight acres of choice land in Moland township, Clay county, was born on a farm in section 20 of that township, January 18, 1886. He is a son of Gunder B. and Anna Gunderson, natives of the kingdom of Norway, the former of whom was born in 1854 and the latter in 1865.

Gunder B. Gunderson came to the United States in 1861 in company with his father, Benedik Gunderson, who homesteaded one hundred and eighty acres of land in section 28, Moland township, Clay county, in 1871. On this tract Benedik Gunderson farmed for the remainder of his life and died in March, 1911. Gunder B. Gunderson subsequently acquired land in section 20, Moland township, and in 1892 moved to a farm in section 19, where he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring in 1908. His wife, Anna Gunderson, also a native of Norway, came to