

L. A. Huntoon and on February 16, 1912, the bank was opened for business, with Mr. Pilot as cashier. He has continued to discharge the duties of this responsible position ever since in an able and creditable manner, being alert, faithful and courteous to the patrons of the bank. The growth and prestige of this sound and safe institution have been gradual and satisfactory from the first.

On October 20, 1914, Chester S. Pilot was married to Pearl Brunner, a daughter of Charles Frederick Brunner, of Meadville, Pennsylvania. Mr. Pilot is a member of the Congregational church at Moorhead. Fraternally, he belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Daughters of Rebekah. He is the present treasurer of Alliance township.

MARTIN G. LEE.

Martin G. Lee, a well-known farmer of Hendrum township, where he has lived for thirty-three years, the owner of two hundred and eighty acres of well-improved land, was born in Norway on May 30, 1863, the son of Gulbrand and Marit (Overbee) Lee, both natives of Norway where they were born, reared, married and died, the father being a farmer. They were the parents of eleven children, namely: Gulbrand, who was for fifty years a member of the fire department in Christiania, Norway, and is now pensioned; Iver, whose death occurred in Norway; Abraham, now living in Stevens county, Minnesota; Halstan, still living on the old home farm in Norway; Ole, who died in Polk county, Minnesota; Martin G., the subject of this review; Inger, still living on the old farm in Norway; Bertha, living in Stevens county, Minnesota; Carrie, who lives in Kent, Washington; Marit, who died in Crookston, Minnesota, and Andrew, who died in Morris, Minnesota. The family were all members of the Lutheran church.

Martin G. Lee spent his boyhood and reached maturity on the old farm in Norway, where he received his early education; but in 1883, when he had reached the age of twenty, he decided to become an adopted son of America, and accordingly emigrated to Minnesota in that year, settling in Stevens county, where he was a farm hand for one year. In 1884 he left Stevens county for the county of Norman, where he has continued to live. He first worked there on farms, where he gained a livelihood and much experience in American farming methods which was very valuable to him when he began farming for himself. In 1889 he decided to seize the oppor-

tunity to become a landowner in his own right and bought one hundred and sixty acres of Hendrum township land, on which farm he has since lived. As his holding was nothing but the bare prairie, much labor was entailed to make the needed improvements and to place it under cultivation. Nothing daunted by the size and difficulty of the task, he set to work, planted a grove and erected excellent buildings and now has a well-kept and profitably cultivated farm, where he carries on general farming.

On November 30, 1889, Martin G. Lee was united in marriage to Gunhild Brown, who was born in Wisconsin, May 3, 1871, the daughter of Ole and Olia Brown, natives of Norway, the former of whom emigrated to America in 1852, and the latter in 1860. Mr. and Mrs. Martin have nine children, all of whom are living, namely: Gena, Oscar, Lawrence, Adolph, Gilmer, Clifford, Minnie, Ida and George. The family are stanch adherents to the Lutheran church, of which denomination they are active and earnest members.

Mr. Martin is a member of the Socialist party and has been deeply interested in the civil affairs of his community, being a member of the Hendrum township board for nine years. In addition to his interest in the government of the township, he is also closely connected with the business interests of the community, having helped organize the Farmers Elevator Company at Halstad, a similar company at Hendrum and the creamery and the Farmers State Bank at Hendrum, and is also connected with the State Bank of Hendrum.

ANDREW HOLES.

The memorial annals of Clay county carry no more interesting and far-reaching account of any one of its citizens than is to be found in a brief recital of the life of the late Andrew Holes—teacher, farmer, gold prospector and real-estate man. He was born in Ithaca, New York, February 10, 1836, and died at Moorhead, this county, August 1, 1903, a son of James and Mary (Hibbert) Holes, natives of England.

James Holes was educated in the schools of his native England and in 1834 he and his family immigrated to the United States, going to Bradford county, Pennsylvania, where he later became the owner of a farm of land, which he operated for some years. He later moved to Tioga county, New York, where he died some years later. His wife, Mary Hibbert, also a