

EMIL LERUD.

Emil Lerud ranks among the younger and more progressive farmers of Home Lake township, Norman county. He was born in 1888, a son of Anton and Mary (Torgerud) Lerud, natives of Norway, the former of whom is deceased and the latter is still living on a farm in Home Lake township.

Anton Lerud was educated in the schools of Norway and accompanied his parents to this country, the other children of the family being: Hans, who lives at Fargo; Mrs. Frank Peterson, living in Home Lake township; Jacob, owner of a farm, also living in the township; Mary and Carrie, twins, the former, now Mrs. Micklebust, living at Fargo, and the latter at Dilworth, a widow; Mrs. Anderson, a widow, living at Fargo; Mrs. Mathia Hanson, who died in the spring of 1917, and Thil (another Mrs. Hanson, of Fargo), died twenty years ago. Anton Lerud was twenty years old when he came to America, on arrival going on out to Lansing, Iowa, where he worked at blacksmithing for two years, which occupation he had to relinquish on account of weak eyesight. He then went to farm labor and later came to Norman county, about 1880, and homesteaded one hundred and sixty acres of land in section 4, Home Lake township, and later bought a quarter section in Wild Rice township and still later made a further purchase of sixty acres in Home Lake township, adjoining the original farm, and carried out many valuable improvements. He died in 1905 at the age of fifty-seven years.

During his active life Anton Lerud was recognized as one of the most enterprising farmers in this part of Norman county, and in addition to his agricultural activities he found time to participate in the public affairs of the township, serving on the school board for some years. He organized the local creamery in Home Lake township, the plant being later moved to Twin Valley. At the time of his death he was the owner of three hundred and twenty acres of prime land. Anton and Mary Lerud were the parents of five children as follow: Julius, married, living in Wild Rice township; Minnie, living on the home place; Mrs. Anna Wold, in Twin Valley. Theodore, a preacher, married and living in Clifton, Texas, and Emil. Mrs. Mary Lerud, who lives on the home farm, is now aged seventy years. Anton Lerud was a member of the Synod church, of which he was trustee for a number of years.

Emil Lerud was educated in the public schools of Norman county and

has lived here all of his life. He worked on the farm for twelve years. In partnership with his mother he is the joint owner of two hundred and twenty acres of prime land, the quarter section in Wild Rice township being owned by his brother, Julius. Emil Lerud carries on general farming and stock raising, having a small herd of full-blooded and Shorthorn cattle. He has kept the farm plant in excellent condition, has carried out extensive repairs and erected a silo and machine shed, and is accounted one of the most progressive farmers in the township.

Emil Lerud was united in marriage in the fall of 1915 to Selma Haugen, born in 1888 in Rockwell township, this county, where her parents still live on a farm. Mr. and Mrs. Lerud are the parents of one child, a boy, Anton Lester, born in April, 1917.

ANTHONY SCHEIE.

Anthony Scheie, one of the first settlers of Anthony township, where he lives, a substantial farmer who owns two hundred forty acres of well-improved land in this township, Norman county, and a veteran of the Civil War, was born at Muskego, Wisconsin, September 29, 1844, the son of Andrew and Inger Scheie, both natives of Norway, from which country they came to America in 1839 or 1840. At first the elder Scheie located in Rochester, New York, where he remained for one year working at the cooper's trade, but, being a true pioneer, gradually worked his way with his family westward until he settled in Muskego, Wisconsin, in the early days when there were only twelve houses in Milwaukee. He acquired a holding of forty acres of timber land near Muskego, Wisconsin, a part of which he cleared and farmed. Later he left Wisconsin and moved over into Minnesota and settled for a short time in Fillmore county, that state. In 1876, feeling that a better opportunity awaited himself and family farther north in Minnesota, he moved to Norman county, located in Halstad township, and bought a farm where he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives. Andrew Scheie and family were devoted adherents to the Lutheran denomination, he being in his later life a minister of that creed and among the first in this section of the country. He was the guiding spirit in the organization of the Augustana Lutheran congregation in Halstad township and was numbered among its early pastors. To him and his wife were born seven children, namely: Ellen Christina, Anna, Hannah, Melvina, Caroline and John, all