

of organizing two churches in Sundahl township and also helped to organize the creamery at Sundahl.

Since the death of her husband Mrs. Hanson has been living on the farm, her sons Henry and Helmer renting the place from her. The sons carry on the work with the same spirit of enterprise that characterized their father's work. In addition to cultivation of crops they also breed a fine strain of Shorthorn cattle. The wagon which brought the family to the county is still in use on the farm, being prized as a kind of family heirloom, though of antiquated pattern.

G. C. LUCHAN.

G. C. Luchan, a prosperous farmer of Green Meadow township, Norman county, where he owns a fine farm of two hundred eighty acres, a part of which is the old homestead, was born in Goodhue county, Minnesota, March 17, 1869, a son of J. P. and Jessie (Augustine) Luchan, both of whom were natives of Germany, where they were reared and married. Along in the early fifties they decided to come to America, and after they had landed here about that time, they located in Goodhue county, Minnesota, where the subject of this review was born. The family resided here until 1882, but two years previous the father came northward to Norman county, where he took a tree claim, near where the son, G. C., now lives, in Green Meadow township. Two years later his family followed him to Norman county. However, the father did not prove up his claim and he and his wife made their home with their son Henry on the place where G. C. Luchan now lives, and here he and his wife died.

G. C. Luchan spent his boyhood in Goodhue county, where he received a part of his common school education and after the family's removal to Norman county he continued his formal education for a while longer. He has always made his home on the place where he now lives since he came to this county with his mother in 1882, contributing a goodly share of the thrift and industry to the development and cultivation of the farm. After the death of his parents, he purchased the farm from the estate and he has added to his holdings until he now is the proprietor of two hundred eighty acres of well-improved land on which he carries on general farming. Some years ago, he decided that the original buildings were inadequate for the

then bountiful production of his holding, hence he replaced them with entirely new buildings, all of which comprise an excellent farm plant.

In 1898, Mr. Luchan was united in marriage with Hattie Duemke, who was born in Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Luchan are the parents of four children, namely: Raymond, Alice, Gladys and Wallace, all of whom are living. The parents are well-known members of the Congregational church and in the affairs of this denomination they have always evinced a conscientious and consistent interest. Mr. Luchan has always evinced a strong interest in the civic affairs of the locality in which he lives, and has served the people of Green Meadow township as supervisor and is now a member of the township board. Not only is Mr. Luchan interested in the civic betterment of the community in his official position, but when any movement is inaugurated for any kind of civic or social improvement, it is assured of his unstinted support.

ANDREW HAMRE.

Andrew Hamre, one of the younger, progressive and energetic farmers of Spring Creek township, owner of a well-kept farm of one hundred and sixty acres, is a native of the state of Minnesota, born in Goodhue county, September 9, 1879, a son of Albert J. and Susie (Enerson) Hamre, both born in Norway and who came in later life to America.

Albert J. Hamre located first in Goodhue county, this state, and from there enlisted in the Union army and served during the Civil War for four years, at the end of which service he returned to Goodhue county and worked on farms for some years. In 1880 he came north, traveling by team and bringing a bunch of horses with him, which he sold in the vicinity of Ulen, Clay county. He homesteaded a quarter section of land in Garfield township, Polk county, about two and one-half miles east of Fertile. Later, he bought and moved onto another place, also in Polk county, and here he spent the remainder of his active life engaged in farming, his death taking place in 1916 and that of his wife in 1915. Mr. Hamre and his wife were earnest members of the Lutheran church, which he helped to organize at Fertile. He devoted a good portion of his time and attention to local affairs of a public character and served on the board of Garfield township for many years. He was one of the earliest to buy wheat at Fertile for the P. V. Elevator Company, the first elevator at Fertile. Later, he helped to organize the Farmers Elevator and the creamery at Fertile, and was always active in