

During the time of his residence in Moorhead Michael Higgins was united in marriage to Agnes Peterson, who was born in the kingdom of Norway in 1862 and who came to America when twenty-five years of age and who was married the year after her arrival here. To that union seven children have been born, Alice, Myrtle, Francis, Mabel, Edna, Howard and Alta, all of whom are at home. The Higginases are members of the Catholic church and take a proper interest in parish affairs. Mr. Higgins gives a good citizen's attention to local civic affairs and is a director on the school board in district No. 78.

AUGUST JULIUS LUEDKE.

August Julius Luedke, one of Norman county's pioneer farmers and landowners, now living retired at Ada, the county seat, is a native of Germany, but has been a resident of Minnesota since 1882, in which year he came with his bride and established his home on a homestead farm in Wild Rice township, Norman county, later settling on a farm which he bought in section 36 of Lockhart township, where he lived until his retirement and removal to Ada. He was born on July 16, 1856, a son of Gottlieb and Christina Luedke, who were the parents of five children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the third in order of birth, the others being Wilhelmina, Martin, Paulina and Othelia, the first two of whom are still living in Germany and the two latter of whom are married and living in Minnesota. The mother of these children died in her native land and the father afterward came to this country and here spent his last days.

Reared in Germany, August J. Luedke received his schooling there and remained there until after his marriage. He was married on June 7, 1879 to Pauline Andree and straightway he and his bride took their departure for America. They proceeded on out into Minnesota and in 1882, settled on a homestead farm in Wild Rice township, Norman county. Later Mr. Luedke bought a farm in section 36 of Lockhart township and moved onto the same, creating there a fine piece of farming property, on which he made his home until his retirement from the active labors of the farm and removal to Ada, where he and his wife now reside, their second son now managing the farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Luedke have six children, Wanda, Jennie, Albert, August, Lizzie and Willie, the last-named of whom is working in a garage at Ada.

Wanda is married and the others remain on the home place. Mr. Luedke formerly had an interest in the creamery at Green Meadow and during the days of his active labors took an interested part in the work of development along all lines in the neighborhood in which he lived for so many years. Mrs. Luedke is the daughter of Christian and Elizabeth (Arnt) Andree, the former of whom was a laborer in Germany. After Mr. Luedke had settled here in Norman county he sent for his wife's parents and, in 1884, they came to this country and spent their last days with their daughter, the father dying in 1893, at the age of seventy-five years. The mother lived to the remarkable age of ninety-one years and died at her son's place in Green Meadow township, February 1, 1917. They were earnest members of the Lutheran church, to which Mr. Luedke and his family also belong.

P. S. VISTAUNET, M. D.

Dr. P. S. Vistaunet, well-known physician at Shelly and one of the best-schooled practitioners in Norman county, is a native of the kingdom of Norway, but has been a resident of this country since shortly after reaching his majority. He was born on November 9, 1868, son of Sivert P. and Louisa (Petersdatter) Vistaunet, also natives of Norway, both of whom were born in August, 1843, and the latter of whom is still living in her native land. Sivert P. Vistaunet was a farmer in Norway. In 1898 he and his wife came to this country with those of their children who had not preceded them here, and presently located at Fargo, with the intention of making his permanent home in this country, but in 1907 he and his wife returned to their old home in Norway and there he spent his last days, his death occurring in 1916. His widow is still living there. They were the parents of twelve children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the second in order of birth, the others being Marie Magdaline (deceased), Peter L., Anton (deceased), Laura, Mary Ann (deceased), Anthonie, Signe, Gunder, Magnus, Johnson and Olaf, who died in infancy.

Reared on the home farm in his native Norway, P. S. Vistaunet received his early schooling in the schools of that country and remained there until after reaching his majority, when, in 1891, he came to the United States, locating at Lake Park, in Becker county, this state. In that vicinity he worked on a farm for about two years, at the end of which time he went to Fargo, where he remained from 1893 until 1901,