

prosperity smiled upon him in his endeavor and he now is the owner of two hundred and forty acres of excellent land on which he has placed modern farm improvements. In addition to his general farming operations, he breeds thoroughbred Poland China hogs and thus contributes much to the improvement of stock in his county.

In 1906, Mr. Olson married Linda Anderson, who was born in Anthony township, Norman county, the daughter of O. J. Anderson and wife, who came to this county. To this union have been born the following children: Clifford, Florence, Roy and Grace. Mr. Olson and family are conscientious and consistent members of the Lutheran church, and in the affairs of this denomination they are imbued with deep interest. Mr. Olson has found time in his very busy career on his farm to take a good citizen's interest in the civil affairs of his community, having served for many years on the township board of which he is still a member. He is also a director of the Halstad Fire Insurance Company.

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#### SEVERT S. LURA.

Severt S. Lura, a substantial and progressive farmer, owner of a fine farm of three hundred and twenty acres and also engaged in the raising of stock, is a native of the kingdom of Norway, born there on July 23, 1861, but has been a resident of Norman county since his arrival in this country in 1882. He is a son of Severt and Sebela Lura, who were born in Norway and spent all their lives in that country.

Severt Lura, father of the subject of this sketch, was educated in the schools of Norway and was brought up to the calling of a ship carpenter. He died when his son, Severt S., was two years old. His wife, Sebela Lura, remained in Norway and died in 1914 at the great age of ninety-three years. They were the parents of five children, those besides Severt S., who was the fourth in the order of birth, being Salver, Isaac, Hannah and Mary, all of whom are still living. The parents of these children were earnest members of the Lutheran church and their children were reared in the same faith.

Severt S. Lura was educated in the schools of Norway and worked as a farm laborer there for several years, at the end of which time he decided to try his fortune in America. In 1882, at the age of twenty-one he immigrated to the United States and on arrival at the port of entry he pro-

ceeded on out to Minnesota and came to Ada, Norman county, where he has ever since resided. He worked for about twelve years in Ada and Halstad, respectively, for a lumber company and having exercised thrifty habits, he had accumulated enough money to enable him to buy one hundred and sixty acres of land in Hegne township, and on this holding he has since remained, engaged in general farming and stock raising, his efforts from the very commencement of his agricultural operations having been successful. Mr. Lura has effected some considerable improvements on his holding, having erected substantial farm buildings and set out a nice grove, which enhances the value of the property. Since acquiring the original quarter section he has added another one hundred and sixty acres, and is generally regarded as one of the energetic and progressive farmers of the township.

In 1898 Severt S. Lura was united in marriage to Hannah P. Hood, who was born in Norway and came to America at the age of eighteen years, alone, going on arrival to Halstad, this county. To the union of Mr. and Mrs. Lura have been born as follow: Clara, Selma, Inga, Pearl, Mary, Ollie, Lillie, Inez, Ruby and Clarence, all of whom are living. The Lura family are members of the Lutheran church and are active in all its good works. Mr. Lura gives a good citizen's attention to public affairs and has held offices in connection with the schools of the township and is now serving on the local school board.

Mrs. Lura's parents were Peter and Carolina (Hood) Peterson, both of whom were born in Norway, Peter Peterson dying in that country when his daughter (Mrs. Lura) was eleven years old. The mother is still living in Norway. They were the parents of five children as follow: Nettie, Tina, Hannah, Bertina, deceased, and Gena. When Mrs. Hannah Lura came to America she took the name of Hood, which was her mother's family name.

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#### P. A. GRANDE.

P. A. Grande, at present working for the Twin Valley Hardware and Implement Company at Twin Valley, and owner of a quarter of a section of land up in Beltrami county, is a native son of Minnesota and has lived in this state all his life. He was born on a farm in Houston county on January 25, 1867, son of A. P. and Annie (Peterson-Quale) Grande, natives of the kingdom of Norway, the former born in Trondjhem and the latter in