

extension of credit facilities of this section, but he has also been instrumental in providing better marketing facilities for the farmers as he helped to organize the Farmers Elevator and the creamery at Lake Park. Mr. Olson has had time in his very busy life to take an active part in the civic affairs of his community, for he has served on the town council of Lake Park for two terms and is at this time a director of the Lake Park Orphans Home.

In 1866 Christian Olson was united in marriage to Marie Rask, in the same year he and she came to America. Mrs. Olson is a native of Norway, born on February 6, 1843, a daughter of Halvor and Jorand Rask. To this union twelve children were born, namely: Christian, who lives in Lake Park, Minnesota; Hannah, the wife of Petter Ruster, now living in Crosly, North Dakota; Julia, who married O. W. Davis, and now lives two miles from Lake Park; Olaf, a prominent farmer living in Lee township, Norman county; Josephine and Caroline, both deceased; Helen, the wife of Ed. Ingebretson, living on the old homestead in Becker county; George, who also lives on the old place; Minnie, living with her parents; four daughters and one son, deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Olson are devoted members of the Lutheran church and in the faith of this denomination they have reared their children, Mr. Olson being at present a trustee of the congregation of which the family are members.

JOHN THOMAS LUSSENDEN.

The late John Thomas Lussenden, who was one of the more recent comers to Norman county, where he carried on farming operations in Green Meadow township, was born in Boltenville, Wisconsin, March 26, 1856, a son of George and Lydia (Marcellus) Lussenden, the former a native of England and the latter of Ohio, who came out to Wisconsin in an early day. There they settled in Boltenville, where they remained until death, well-known and respected pioneers and influential citizens of the community. They were the parents of four children, of whom the subject of this review was the third in order of birth, the others being: Willet, Phoebe and Rosetta, deceased.

John T. Lussenden was reared to manhood in Boltenville, Wisconsin, under frontier conditions, and in his boyhood he had all the experiences common to pioneer boys. Sometime after he had reached man's estate, he

left the parental roof and struck out independently into farming operations near the place of his birth, and in this venture he experienced substantial success. When he reached the age of twenty-eight years he married and settled near Boltenville attending to his farming interests until 1904, in which year he and his family decided to make a change. Feeling that they could find better opportunities in Minnesota in the Red River country, they came to Norman county and settled in Green Meadow township where the father farmed with much success until 1910, when his death occurred on January 29, of that year.

On May 22, 1881, Mr. Lussenden married Mary Kenney, who was born in Boltenville, Wisconsin, September 26, 1857, a daughter of James and Katherine (Burns) Kenney, both natives of Ireland, from which country they came to America in 1848. They settled in Boltenville, Wisconsin, where they lived until the death of Mr. Kenney in 1881, after which time the widowed mother removed to Norman county, where she now makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. John T. Lussenden. Mr. and Mrs. Lussenden were the parents of the following six children: John Joseph, Rose Marie, George James, who operates the home farm; Stella Josephine, deceased, and Luella and Albert M. Since the death of Mr. Lussenden his widow has continued to make her home on the old farm in Green Meadow township. The former was, as is Mrs. Lussenden, a devoted member of the Catholic church, in the faith of which denomination they reared their children. Although Mr. Lussenden's residence in Norman county was comparatively short, his ready support and co-operation with all movements which had for their purpose the social and material betterment of the community in which he lived made for him a place among the progressive and public spirited citizens of the county.

OLE WENNEVOLD.

Ole Wennevold, one of the pioneer homesteaders in Sundahl township, Norman county, and for the past eight or nine years grain buyer for the Cargill Elevator Company at Flaming, is a native of the kingdom of Norway, but has been a resident of this country since he was eighteen years of age and of Norman county since 1887. He was born on June 20, 1854, eldest child and son of Ole and Anna (Haaven) Wennevold, also natives of Norway, farming people, who spent all their lives in their native land.