

of supervisors, nine years chairman of the same, and has always discharged his duties in a manner befitting the upright man that he is, and with complete satisfaction to his neighbors. Mr. Olson is also closely connected with the local co-operative business interests of his community, being a director of the creamery company at Perley, of which he was at first president and secretary.

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### GEORGE J. V. MAYER.

Among the young business men of Lockhart, Norman county, Minnesota, who have met with success and are known as among the prominent and highly respected people of the town, is George J. V. Mayer, a well-known grain buyer, who was born in Logan county, Illinois, in the year 1890 and is the son of George and Louisa (Unger) Mayer, who were born in Germany, and who had come to America during childhood with their respective parents. After his marriage George Mayer remained in Illinois until 1904. He had early entered into the spirit and life of his new surroundings and he and his wife were identified with the social, civic and religious affairs of their Illinois home. Mr. Mayer identified himself with the Republican party and became an influential member of the county central committee, in which position he rendered efficient service. He was elected road commissioner for his district and his ability in this line of endeavor was of much value to the district in which he lived. Roads were built and improved in a manner in keeping with his high regard for his duty to the people and his ability in this line of public service. He also was for some years village alderman and likewise rendered good service as a member of the local school board, a position for which he was well suited, owing to his education and training.

On leaving their home in the state of Illinois, the Mayer family came to Minnesota and here George Mayer operated the Lockhart farm in Norman county, until the year 1912, when he moved to the farm where he now lives, two miles west of Ada, where he is still engaged in general farming and stockraising with success. He is progressive and a firm believer in thorough cultivation of the soil and the keeping of good stock, and is today recognized as one of the substantial and successful men of the county. He and his wife are active members of the Lutheran church and are known as among the most highly respected people in the district. They are the parents of the following children: Maria, Dora, George J. V., Lucia, Gertrude, Ethel, John, Clyde, Agnes and Sadie. Mr. and Mrs. Mayer have long been mem-

bers of the Lutheran church and are prominent and active in the work of that denomination.

George J. V. Mayer received his education in the schools of Illinois and was reared in the family home. In 1904 he came, with his parents, to Minnesota and later engaged in general farming five miles east of Lockhart, where he remained for a time, after which he moved to a farm west of Ada, where he continued to engage successfully in agricultural work until January 1, 1916, at which time he became manager of the J. S. Cuisick elevator at Lockhart, which position he is still filling with entire satisfaction. Being a young man of excellent judgment and possessed of ability and integrity, he has won the confidence of his employer and the community in general.

In 1912 George J. V. Mayer was united in marriage to Wilhelmina Kreun, who was born and reared in Norman county, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Kreun, who are well known and highly respected people of the county. Mr. and Mrs. Mayer are among the prominent and popular young people of their home town and take a proper part in the social life of the community.

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#### CHARLES M. AAGAARD.

Charles M. Aagaard, a well-known farmer and stock raiser of Hendrum township, Norman county, and organizer and director in the progressive enterprises of the community, was born in Norway, April 28, 1862, the son of Carl and Johannah Aagaard, both natives of Norway where they grew up and were married. Soon after the birth of Charles M., the mother died, and later the father married again, and he with his family left the land of their nativity, came to America, and settled on a farm in Allamakee county, Iowa, in 1866, where his second wife died. After farming in Iowa for fourteen years, the family came northward into Minnesota, in 1880, and settled in Polk county, where Carl Aagaard took a homestead of one hundred and sixty acres of the wild prairie land, and remained there until his death on August 22, 1895. By his first wife he had nine children, namely: Albert, John, Mattie, Olena, Gustava, Johanas, Stenus, Lewis and Charles M.; and to the second union was born one child, Johannah. The Aagaard family were devoted members of the Lutheran church, the father having helped to organize the first church and the first school in his community in Polk county, Charles M. Aagaard helping to haul the lumber for each building from Crookston.