

First National Bank of Litchfield, North Dakota; Peter C., who operates the old homestead; Trena, who married Bert Davis and is now residing at Fertile, Minnesota; Martha, living with her brother and mother on the home place; Clara, the wife of Theodore Nordheim, and is now a resident of Godfrey township, Polk county, Minnesota; John, at home, and Joseph, who is assistant cashier of Security Bank of Temple, North Dakota.

Peter C. Sundet, who now lives with his mother on the home farm, which he operates very successfully, is a well-known farmer of the vicinity. He is now township supervisor and has served the community in that capacity for some years.

GEORGE HERBERT MELBYE.

George Herbert Melbye, well-known educator, superintendent of schools in Lockhart, interested in the coaching of boys bands and farm clubs, and otherwise identified with the general progress of educational affairs in and about Norman county, has the distinction of being the first child born in Ulen, Minnesota, his birth occurring on August 26, 1887. He is a son of O. C. and Anna (Bergeson) Melbye, natives of the kingdom of Norway.

O. C. Melbye immigrated to the United States in 1875 and came on to Ulen, where he settled and where he became the owner of a tract of land, which he later sold to advantage. He served the public for a time as postmaster and also successfully conducted an implement and general store. At the present time he is living retired, but nevertheless takes a keen interest in passing events. To O. C. and Anna (Bergeson) Melbye the following children were born: C. A., an engineer; O. W., deputy state board inspector; H. A., a farmer, living at Ulen; Hilda, the wife of Gill Fevig; Minnie, who married N. W. Murphy, a telegraph operator; George Herbert, the subject of this sketch; A. E. O., a former newspaper man, now at Camp Dodge; Carl, telegraph operator at Hawley; Ragna, the wife of C. Swensen, living at Flom; C. Bennett, who graduated from the Ulen high school and is now a member of Battery F, at Moorhead.

George H. Melbye was educated in the schools of Ulen and early developed a capacity for the teaching profession, to which he has since devoted his life, beginning his teaching career at the early age of fifteen. He prepared for the work of teaching by attending the normal school at Moorhead and taught school between times until he finished the course at



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the normal. Later he attended the University of North Dakota and is now at the University of Minnesota. Mr. Melbye became the first superintendent of the first consolidated school in Norman county and also helped to put up the school. He is an acknowledged authority in the administration of school affairs and has made a study of the work of conducting consolidated schools, with a view to their successful operation, his efforts in this direction being admitted by all classes engaged in educational work.

In addition to his labors in connection with scholastic matters, Mr. Melbye takes a warm interest in the work of organizing boys and girls state industrial clubs, and is county leader in that work, and also is state organizer for the Farm Boys Cavaliers. He has always taken an active part in farm club organization, and lectures at intervals throughout the county in the formation of these clubs. His efforts also extend to the coaching of bands in and about the county and he has been directing bands for the past eight years, his work including the organization and coaching of the band at Ulen. A band also was formed at Lockhart under his guidance, and is rapidly making progress and promises to be one of the best musical organizations in the county. Altogether, Mr. Melbye's efforts for the advancement of the youth of the county along sound lines cannot be too highly commended and it is conceded on all sides that he has done and is doing useful and enduring work.

In 1916 George H. Melbye was united in marriage to Leona Clayton, a native of Jacksonville, Illinois, and a daughter of Herbert and Alice (Parkins) Clayton, natives of the United States, of English descent.

S. N. LEE.

S. N. Lee, the subject of this sketch, was born in Norway on the 7th of April, 1860; he came to the United States with his parents in May, 1866, and settled in Iowa county, Wisconsin. In the fall of 1868 the Lee family moved to Goodhue county, Minnesota. In 1878 they again moved; this time to Clay county, Minnesota, where his father had previously taken up a homestead.

Mr. Lee received a common-school education, and while farm work has always been his favorite occupation, he has also spent a number of years behind the counter in dry-goods and grocery stores. He is a staunch believer in the old philosophy that the overalls is more becoming to the real man than