

volds are members of the Lutheran church and take an active interest in the affairs of the same, Mr. Rostvold having been for years one of the deacons of the local congregation. The family have a pleasant home and have ever taken a proper interest in the general social activities of the community in which they live.

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### EMIL AUGUST MENGE.

Norman county has many native sons who have won distinction in the various walks of life, and who with their families have had much to do with the general progress and development of the district, which today is one of the great farming and business centers of the United States. Not the least among these worthy people, who have had so much to do with the prosperity and growth of the county, is Emil August Menge, a successful farmer and stockman, living one-half mile west of the town of Lockhart, in Lockhart township, Norman county, who was born on November 8, 1882, and is a son of August and Fredericka (Malakowsky) Menge.

August and Fredericka (Malakowsky) Menge were born in Germany, and there they received their education, and there they were reared and in 1868 were united in marriage. August Menge was born in the year 1842 and is the son of Carl and Fredericka (Steinerans) Menge, both of whom were natives of the fatherland, where they died many years ago. After their marriage, August and Fredericka Menge continued to live in Germany for ten years, when they decided that they would seek a home in America. Here many of their neighbors and friends had located and were meeting with success. On their arrival in the United States in the year 1878, they at once proceeded to Minnesota, and located at Red Wing, where they remained for four years. In 1882 they came to Norman county, and here Mr. Menge took a homestead of one hundred and sixty acres of land, in Lockhart township, and here he and his wife made their home until they retired from the more active duties of life in 1913, and moved to Ada, where they have a pleasant and substantial home, and are enjoying some of the comforts of life to which their many years of hard work entitle them.

At the time Mr. and Mrs. Menge located on their homestead, they were among the early pioneers of the section and their tract of land was an unbroken prairie. A small house was erected in which the family lived for a number of years. The farm was developed, and in time Mr. Menge

became a successful and prosperous farmer. His farm was under a high state of cultivation and splendid buildings had been erected. Where once was a wild waste of land, then blossomed fields of golden grain, and the pasture lands were dotted here and there with herds of the finest of cattle and horses and droves of hogs. Another quarter section of land had been added and the farm then consisted of three hundred and twenty acres, all of which was placed under cultivation and was well improved.

August and Fredericka Menge, in their struggle for a home, were ever mindful of their duty to their family and the community in which they were living. They were earnest members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in the services of which they took great interest. Their efforts were ever exerted toward the extension and perfection of the schools of the district, and in the erection of churches in which to worship. They are the parents of the following children: Agnes, Christ, Paul, Emma, Richard, Emil August, Ernest, Merie, Benjamin and Lewis. Mr. Menge is a man of ability and force of character and has had an influential life in his adopted state. His worth as a man and his excellent judgment have been recognized by the people of his home township, who elected him to the important position of township supervisor, as well as to other of the offices of the district. He always gave the same care and attention to the affairs of the public that he gave to his own business, and at all times he has held the confidence and the respect of the people, and today he and his wife are held as among the most worthy people of their home community.

Emil August Menge received his education in the local schools of Lockhart township and was reared on the home farm, where he as a lad and young man learned the art of farming and the care of stock. On reaching his majority he engaged in general farming just across the road from the home place. There he remained for a year, since which time he has operated the father's farm of three hundred and twenty acres, and is today known as one of the progressive and successful farmers and stockmen of the county. He believes in modern methods of farming and the care and attention of stock, and has met with much success. He is systematic in his work, and thorough in all the duties on the farm.

In 1908, Emil August Menge was united in marriage to Dorathea Mayer, daughter of George and Louisa (Ungerer) Mayer. Her parents were natives of Germany and were married in Illinois, where they continued to reside until 1904, when they came to Norman county. They are a highly respected people and influential in the community in which they live, two miles west of Ada. There Mr. Mayer is successfully engaged in general

farming and stockraising, on his well-established farm. Mr. and Mrs. Menge are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and they are active in the social and religious life of the township. They are the parents of the following children: Elsie, Wilma, Roswald, Louise and Morris.

Mr. Menge has always taken a keen interest in all local affairs, and because of his progressive spirit and business qualities, he has been honored with many positions of trust and honor. For six years he has been a member of the township board, which position he still holds. His father assisted in the organization of the Lockhart Creamery Association, of which Emil A. Menge was for a number of years a director, and of which he is now the efficient president. He was always enthusiastic in the matter of good schools, and his constant endeavor has always been to place them on the highest plane possible. For four years he served as clerk of the school board, and is now a member of that board at Lockhart. He was a strong advocate of the consolidation plan of operating schools, feeling that by so doing, a better and more efficient system could be inaugurated. His influence had much to do with the present consolidated system now in vogue in the town, and to him is due much of the honor for the splendid modern school building.

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#### ANTHONY G. SWANSON.

Anthony G. Swanson, one of the most progressive young farmers in Alliance township, Clay county, who is managing the two-hundred-acre farm left there by his late father and who is the owner of half a section of land in Barnesville township, is a native son of Clay county and has lived there all his life. He was born in the city of Moorhead in 1886, but has lived on the farm since he was about ten years of age, his father, the late John Swanson, having established his home on the Alliance township farm in 1896.

The late John Swanson was a native of the kingdom of Sweden, born there in May, 1840, and there became engaged in the railroad service, remaining there until 1871, when he came to the United States and for a time thereafter was engaged in railroad service here. In 1873 he came out here into the Red River country and located at Moorhead, where in 1882 he married Mary Erickson, also a native of Sweden, born in March, 1852, and who had come to this country in 1880. In 1896 John Swanson bought a farm of two hundred acres in section 13 of Alliance township and there established his home, remaining there the rest of his life, his death occur-