

To Tron and Marie (Holt) Rishof have been born the following children: Theodore, Olaf, Godfred, Edward, Oliver, Abel, Gena, Emilie and Clara, all of whom are living with the exception of the last named. Both Mr. and Mrs. Rishof are prominent members of the Lutheran church, in the faith of which they have reared their children. They have always been liberal subscribers to the support of the local church and have been much interested in the various benevolences of the organization. Having come to the state in an early day, Mr. and Mrs. Rishof have witnessed the transition of the territory from the primeval state to one of the finest sections of the Union. To all this work they have given their best efforts, and to them is due much of the honor for the present condition of things.

Not alone has Mr. Rishof looked to his own interests, but he has ever taken a keen interest in the general affairs of the county in which he has lived for so many years and where he is held in such high regard and esteem. His life has been a worthy one and he and his wife are today recognized as among the influential persons of the district in which they live. Mr. Rishof has in no sense been a seeker after office, yet he has had much to do with the civic life of his home community.

ALBERT E. MOLL.

Albert E. Moll, farmer of Humboldt township, Clay county, was born in Hennepin county, Minnesota, in 1867. He is a son of John and Katherine (Baners) Moll, both natives of Alsace, who came to the United States single, the mother before the Civil War, accompanied by her parents. Her father homesteaded land near Fairbault, Minnesota. He was a soldier in the Civil War and died in the service. John Moll came to America after the war and located in Minneapolis, Minnesota, where he was married, and later took up farming in Hennepin county, south of that city, remaining there until about 1882, when he came to Clay county and took up a homestead of one hundred and sixty acres in Humboldt township. He developed the land into a good farm and established a comfortable home, spending the rest of his life there, dying some time ago. His widow is living in Idaho. She is a member of the Lutheran church, but he was a Catholic. To these parents the following children were born: Albert E., Sophia, John, Louise, Clara, Arthur, Maggie, Louis and Philomin.

Albert E. Moll grew to manhood on the farm and attended the public schools, principally in Wilkin county, just across the line, for there was no school in his district in Clay county when he was a boy. When a young man he began life for himself by buying one-half of section 26, Humboldt township, but later sold out and bought his father's homestead, on which he has since made his home. He has made many important improvements on the same, has erected modern buildings, and has been successful as a general farmer and stock raiser. In 1914 he bought back one hundred and sixty acres of his former half section and has since farmed on a large scale.

In 1891 Mr. Moll was married to Lona Sounier, who was born in Serwomoni, France, in which country her parents lived and died. She came to America about 1889. She is one of three children, namely: Quest, who came to America with his sister Lona and is now a rural mail carrier out of Barnesville, Minnesota; Lona, who was second in order of birth, and Emil, who served three years in the French army in his young manhood, later moved to Mankirk, Switzerland, entered business there and has since operated a café there. The following children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Moll: Nellie, Edward, Elizabeth, Adolph, Walter (deceased), Eugene, Lawrence and Harold.

Mr. Moll helped organize the Farmers Elevator Company at Barnesville and has since been a stockholder in the same. He also assisted in organizing the first creamery in Barnesville, known as the farmers creamery. Politically, he is independent. He is serving as road overseer at this writing, and for the past four years has served as a member of the school board in his district. He and his family are members of the Lutheran church.

LEWIS GARDEN.

Lewis Garden, editor of the *Gary Graphic* and mayor of Gary, one of Norman county's most influential men, was born at St. Peter, in Nicollet county, Minnesota, February 20, 1872, and is the son of Ole L. and Maria (Dahl) Garden, both of whom were born in Norway, where they were reared. The former came to the United States in the year 1868 and the latter in the year 1870, both locating in Nicollet county, Minnesota, where they were later married. After their marriage they established their home in that county and there they resided until 1878. During his early residence in the county, Ole L. Garden worked on the railroad and later as a farm hand.