

vester Company in Plain, Illinois, and was formerly interested in the Farmers Elevator at Gary until it burned. While living in Hendrum township Mr. Ellingson served as road overseer for several years. In Bear Park township he has served as road overseer two or three terms, and is regarded throughout the township as an enterprising and public-spirited citizen.

CARL K. OLSON.

Carl K. Olson, a substantial farmer of Anthony township, Norman county, where he owns two hundred acres of good farming land, and a well-known resident of this community, was born in Halstad township, Norman county, December 29, 1877, a son of Knut and Olena (Helbrud) Olson, both natives of Norway, who came to America and settled in Fillmore county, Minnesota, where the father worked during 1872-73. In the last year mentioned, Knut Olson yoked a team of oxen to a covered wagon into which he loaded his household goods and farming implements, with his family joined two other families, and drove directly through from Fillmore to Norman county. One of the members of this party was Ole E. Olson, now deceased, who was one of the pioneers of Halstad township, Norman county. Soon after Knut Olson arrived in the county, he homesteaded eighty acres in Halstad township, and his mother, who came with him, also homesteaded a tract of equal size nearby. There he lived on his holding until his death occurred, and during his life he entered actively into the affairs of the new community. As soon as the population of what is now Halstad township reached the requisite size, he and his neighbors organized it into the present civil unit, and he served his community as township supervisor. Not only was he interested in the initiation of the civil existence of the township, but he was also instrumental in the establishment of the Augustana Lutheran church. He and his wife, who now lives his widow on the old home place, were the parents of nine children, namely: Ole K., John, Mary, Albert, Carl, the subject of this review; William, Bertha, Emma and George B., the latter deceased.

Carl K. Olson, being born and reared in Norman county, received here his common-school education, and later he entered Concordia College, at Moorhead, graduating from the same. Soon after the completion of his higher education, he left the parental roof and went to Anthony township, where he has since lived after starting for himself in farming. As the year passed,

prosperity smiled upon him in his endeavor and he now is the owner of two hundred and forty acres of excellent land on which he has placed modern farm improvements. In addition to his general farming operations, he breeds thoroughbred Poland China hogs and thus contributes much to the improvement of stock in his county.

In 1906, Mr. Olson married Linda Anderson, who was born in Anthony township, Norman county, the daughter of O. J. Anderson and wife, who came to this county. To this union have been born the following children: Clifford, Florence, Roy and Grace. Mr. Olson and family are conscientious and consistent members of the Lutheran church, and in the affairs of this denomination they are imbued with deep interest. Mr. Olson has found time in his very busy career on his farm to take a good citizen's interest in the civil affairs of his community, having served for many years on the township board of which he is still a member. He is also a director of the Halstad Fire Insurance Company.

SEVERT S. LURA.

Severt S. Lura, a substantial and progressive farmer, owner of a fine farm of three hundred and twenty acres and also engaged in the raising of stock, is a native of the kingdom of Norway, born there on July 23, 1861, but has been a resident of Norman county since his arrival in this country in 1882. He is a son of Severt and Sebela Lura, who were born in Norway and spent all their lives in that country.

Severt Lura, father of the subject of this sketch, was educated in the schools of Norway and was brought up to the calling of a ship carpenter. He died when his son, Severt S., was two years old. His wife, Sebela Lura, remained in Norway and died in 1914 at the great age of ninety-three years. They were the parents of five children, those besides Severt S., who was the fourth in the order of birth, being Salver, Isaac, Hannah and Mary, all of whom are still living. The parents of these children were earnest members of the Lutheran church and their children were reared in the same faith.

Severt S. Lura was educated in the schools of Norway and worked as a farm laborer there for several years, at the end of which time he decided to try his fortune in America. In 1882, at the age of twenty-one he immigrated to the United States and on arrival at the port of entry he pro-