

the position of deputy auditor of Clay county and moved to Moorhead, where he since has made his home. For eight years Mr. Houghlum occupied the position of deputy county auditor and during that time made such an admirable record for public service that he was elected county auditor and has since been retained in that office by the people of the county, his successive elections never having been contested. In addition to his official connection Mr. Houghlum also has an interest in the Houghlum Furniture Company, of Moorhead, and is a member of the Moorhead Commercial Club. He has for years given close attention to the affairs of the County Auditors Association of this state, was formerly treasurer of the same and is now a member of the committee of that association engaged in the labor of codifying and revising the laws relating to drainage. Mr. Houghlum from the days of his youth has enjoyed singing, is an active member of the Norrona Singing Society, of which for two years he was president, and is vice-president of the Scandinavian Singers Association of the Red River Valley. He is a member of the local lodges of the Modern Woodmen of America and of the Royal Arcanum. He is now in the military service of the United States, having first served as one of the three members of the registration board for Clay county, and is now a commissioned member of the local board for said county in connection with the military draft.

In 1905 Andrew O. Houghlum was united in marriage to Sophia Ebeltoft, daughter of Peter Ebeltoft and wife, of Lake Park, and to this union four children have been born, Celest, who died at the age of four years, and Muryel, Virgie and Audrey. Mr. and Mrs. Houghlum are members of the United Lutheran church.

OLAUS OLSON.

The viewpoint of the twentieth-century farmer has changed greatly with his increased knowledge and he has discarded many of the early-day methods of tilling the soil. One thing he has learned to bear in mind is that it is often quite as important to do a thing at the right time as it is to do it at all. One of the careful farmers of Highland Grove township, Clay county, is Olaus Olson, who was born in Detroit township, Becker county, Minnesota, December 13, 1872.

Mr. Olson is a son of Ole D. and Ragna (Ingebrihtsdatter) Olson,

both natives of Hallingdale, Norway, where they grew to maturity, married and continued to reside until in May, 1872, the father proceeding directly to Becker county, Minnesota, but the mother spent a few months in St. Paul before joining him there. His brother, Christ Olson, preceded him to Becker county by five years. Christ is now a resident of Lake Park. Ole D. Olson took up a homestead in section 8, Cuba township, Becker county, in 1873 and there he has since made his home. His wife died on the homestead there, January 14, 1916. He has developed an excellent farm from the wild prairie, planting a large grove and erecting a substantial group of buildings. He now owns three hundred and twenty acres. He formerly owned more, but sold one hundred acres some time ago. He has been one of the leading men of his township. He helped organize the school district in which he lives and served as treasurer of the same from its organization in 1882 until 1911. He also helped organize the Conference congregation (Lutheran) of Cuba township and was treasurer of the same from the time of its organization for many years. Later he affiliated with the United Lutheran church. To Ole D. Olson and wife nine children were born, namely: Olaus, Edolph, Mary, Carl, Minnie (deceased), John (deceased), Minnie (second), John and Julia.

Olaus Olson grew to manhood on the home farm in Becker county, working on the farm during the crop seasons. He attended the district schools of his home community and also attended school at Lake Park and at Detroit, Minnesota. He remained at home until he was twenty-two years old, when he began farming for himself on rented land in his native county and later bought eighty acres in Cuba township, Becker county. He continued general farming there until 1901, when he moved to Highland Grove township, Clay county, buying one hundred and sixty acres of raw prairie land, which he has developed into a good farm and on which he still makes his home. He planted a large grove and erected good buildings, and has met with encouraging success as a general farmer and stock raiser. Mr. Olson assisted in organizing the Hitterdal Farmers Co-operative Creamery, and was a member of the board of directors of the same from the second year of its organization until 1917. He has been financially interested in the company from the start.

On October 19, 1901, Mr. Olson was married to Gundhild Midtdahl, a native of Norway and a daughter of Jorgen and Chestine (Moen) Midtdahl, both natives of Norway, where they spent their earlier years, immigrating to America in 1881, locating in Highland Grove township, Clay county, where they took up a homestead of one hundred and sixty acres

and there they still reside. Their family consists of five children, Lewis, John, Gundhild, Sarah and Lena. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Olson, namely: Ole, Clara, Gladys (deceased), and Gladys (second). Mr. Olson and family belong to the Norwegian Lutheran church. Politically, he is independent.

AUGUST CEDERBERG.

A farmer when he has raised his crop has performed only half his duty; the other half is in selling, which determines his profit for the year's work. It is just as important for the agricultural producer to know what the markets are as it is for the lumberman, the ore producer or the manufacturer to know what his goods are worth in the market and what competition he must meet in his selling. One of the farmers of Highland Grove township, Clay county, who understands both the production and sale of his crops is August Cederberg, and therefore he has been successful.

Mr. Cederberg was born in Sweden on November 9, 1857, and was one of five children born to his parents. These parents spent all their lives in their native land. August Cederberg grew to manhood in his native land and there attended the common schools. As a young man he worked on the farm until immigrating to America in 1882. He located in Meeker county, Minnesota, but remained there only six months, then moved to Hawley, Clay county, and worked on the Northern Pacific railroad as a section laborer, being boss of the section gang part of the time. He saved his earnings and finally bought eighty acres in section 32, Highland Grove township, which he improved and farmed so successfully that he was subsequently enabled to buy three "forties" in section 5, Eglon township. He is now owner of two hundred acres of excellent and well-improved land in Highland Grove township, having made all the improvements himself. His fields are well fenced and his land well tilled. He has a cosy dwelling and convenient outbuildings. In connection with general farming he raises graded stock, making a specialty of Shorthorn cattle. Besides the grains adapted to this latitude he raises several acres of potatoes each year.

Mr. Cederberg was married to Anna Anderson, in Sweden on March 25, 1882, shortly before his departure for the New World. She was born in 1858 in Sweden, of which country her parents were natives, and there she grew to womanhood and was educated in Sweden. Ten children have