

sota, and farmed for five years. In 1913 Mr. Hemming moved onto his father-in-law's old homestead, on which he has since resided and where he contemplates making his permanent home. To Mr. and Mrs. Hemming the following children have been born: Alice M., Gladys B., Helen E., Harry L., Kermit R., Arnold (deceased), Ernest G. and Leona M. The family are members of the Lutheran church and are warmly interested in all its good works. Mr. Hemming was one of the organizers of the Farmers Elevator Company at Fleming and is also interested in the Peoples Supply Company at Gary.

CHESTER S. PILOT.

One of the promising young business men of Clay county is Chester S. Pilot, cashier of the bank at Baker. He was born in Kent, Minnesota, October 20, 1887, and is a son of Sidney S. and Louisa (Kruger) Pilot. The father was born at Osseo, this state, and the mother was born in LeSueur county, Minnesota. Sidney S. Pilot teamed for the government across the wild plains of the Northwest in the early days. He was a teamster in the army of General Custer for some time prior to the massacre at the Little Big Horn in Montana, in 1876, and he was at Ft. Abercrombie when the Indians were disarmed by Captain Potter. About 1880 he came to Minnesota and took up a homestead in Roberts township, Wilkin county, which he developed into a good farm and which he operated with gratifying results until 1900, when he retired from active life and moved to Moorhead, where his death occurred on November 4, 1907. His widow is still residing in Moorhead. She belongs to the Congregational church, of which he was also a member. To these parents the following children were born: Ruby, Chester S., Arnold, Eckly, Alvin and Catherine.

Chester S. Pilot grew to manhood on the home farm in Wilkin county, Minnesota, where he worked during vacation periods. In the winter time he attended district school No. 9, in Roberts township; later was a student at the McCauleyville school, then studied awhile in the schools of LeSueur county, in 1899. After 1900 he went to school in Moorhead and was graduated from the high school there in 1907. During the two years following he worked for a grain company under Colonel Morton, of Fargo, then was in the railroad service with the Northern Pacific, stationed at Dilworth. His services with both the above named companies were eminently satisfactory. The bank at Baker, Clay county, was organized in 1911 by

L. A. Huntoon and on February 16, 1912, the bank was opened for business, with Mr. Pilot as cashier. He has continued to discharge the duties of this responsible position ever since in an able and creditable manner, being alert, faithful and courteous to the patrons of the bank. The growth and prestige of this sound and safe institution have been gradual and satisfactory from the first.

On October 20, 1914, Chester S. Pilot was married to Pearl Brunner, a daughter of Charles Frederick Brunner, of Meadville, Pennsylvania. Mr. Pilot is a member of the Congregational church at Moorhead. Fraternally, he belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Daughters of Rebekah. He is the present treasurer of Alliance township.

MARTIN G. LEE.

Martin G. Lee, a well-known farmer of Hendrum township, where he has lived for thirty-three years, the owner of two hundred and eighty acres of well-improved land, was born in Norway on May 30, 1863, the son of Gulbrand and Marit (Overbee) Lee, both natives of Norway where they were born, reared, married and died, the father being a farmer. They were the parents of eleven children, namely: Gulbrand, who was for fifty years a member of the fire department in Christiania, Norway, and is now pensioned; Iver, whose death occurred in Norway; Abraham, now living in Stevens county, Minnesota; Halstan, still living on the old home farm in Norway; Ole, who died in Polk county, Minnesota; Martin G., the subject of this review; Inger, still living on the old farm in Norway; Bertha, living in Stevens county, Minnesota; Carrie, who lives in Kent, Washington; Marit, who died in Crookston, Minnesota, and Andrew, who died in Morris, Minnesota. The family were all members of the Lutheran church.

Martin G. Lee spent his boyhood and reached maturity on the old farm in Norway, where he received his early education; but in 1883, when he had reached the age of twenty, he decided to become an adopted son of America, and accordingly emigrated to Minnesota in that year, settling in Stevens county, where he was a farm hand for one year. In 1884 he left Stevens county for the county of Norman, where he has continued to live. He first worked there on farms, where he gained a livelihood and much experience in American farming methods which was very valuable to him when he began farming for himself. In 1889 he decided to seize the oppor-