

tematically cultivated. Mr. Nokken has made many valuable and costly improvements on his place to bring it up to the standard of modern requirements, and he is now accounted one of the best farmers in this section of the county.

In 1883, Ole P. Nokken was united in marriage to Emlie Hettland, who was born in 1865, and following their marriage, they settled on the farm where they have ever since been living. Mr. and Mrs. Nokken are the parents of the following children: Mabel, who is married; Emma, also married; Anna, Henry, Gilford, Engel, Caroline and Bertha. The Nokken family are members of the United Lutheran church at Salem and are earnestly interested in all its good works, as well as in the general social activities of the community, ever supporting all movements having for their purpose the advancement of the public welfare.

FRED SCHELLAK.

Fred Schellak, owner of a half section of fine land in Elkton township, Clay county, where he and his family are very comfortably situated, is of European birth, a native of western Germany, but has been a resident of this country for the past twenty-five years or more. He was born on September 16, 1864, son of Gustav and Augusta (Parshartus) Schellak, also natives of Germany, the former of whom, a stonemason, died when his son Fred was but six weeks of age. The Widow Schellak was still living in Germany at the time communication was interrupted upon the declaration of war between the United States and that country in the spring of 1917. Gustav Schellak and wife were the parents of two sons, the subject of this sketch having a brother, Carl Schellak, who remained in his native land.

Reared in his native land, Fred Schellak received his schooling there and grew up a practical farmer, remaining there engaged in farming until 1892, when he came to the United States and located at St. Louis, where for three years thereafter he was employed working in a factory. He then decided to take up farming and went to Iowa, where he rented a farm in Buchanan county, that state, and was engaged in farming there for three years, at the end of which time he came up into Minnesota and bought a farm of eighty acres in Elkton township, Clay county. Three years later he sold that place and bought the farm on which he is now living, in that

same township, and has since made that his place of residence, having developed an excellent piece of property there. Mr. Schellak has three hundred and twenty acres of fine land, on which he has an attractive grove and substantial farm buildings, one of the best-ordered farm plants in that neighborhood. In addition to his general farming, he has given considerable attention to the raising of live stock and has done well in his operations.

On June 19, 1898, Fred Schellak was united in marriage to Bertha Wendtland, who also was born in Germany, and who came to this country with her sister, and to this union seven children have been born, Ella, Otto, Herbert (deceased), Eddie, Alma, Elsie and Clara. The Schellaks have a pleasant home on a rural mail route out of Glyndon and take an interested part in the general social activities of the community in which they live.

LELAND C. FOLLETT.

Leland C. Follett, cashier of the First State Bank of Sabin and treasurer of Elmwood township, Clay county, was born at Mapleton, in the neighboring county of Cass, over the river in North Dakota, on January 28, 1891, son of Charles C. and Sarah E. (Ohr) Follett, the former of whom was a native of the state of New York and the latter of Illinois, pioneers of the Red River country.

It was about 1874 that Charles C. Follett came up into this part of the country and settled on a homestead farm in the immediate vicinity of Lisbon, in Ransom county, North Dakota. There he made his home until his removal to Mapleton, in the adjoining county of Cass, where he became engaged in the grain business. Later, however, he moved to Oriska, where he remained until about 1912, when he returned East and is now living, retired, at Williamstown, Pennsylvania. His wife died in 1904. Of the children born to this parentage, three are still living, the subject of this sketch having two brothers, C. O. Follett, of Fargo, vice-president of the Fargo Mercantile Company, and Dr. W. C. Follett, a practicing dentist at Devils Lake, North Dakota.

Leland C. Follett received his schooling at Fargo and, upon the completion of the course in the high school of that city, became employed as bookkeeper and teller in the Dakota Trust Company of Fargo. He remained thus engaged until his appointment on February 1, 1914, as cashier of the First State Bank of Sabin, which position he still occupies, one of