

Lewerenz, who was born in this country and whose parents have a farm in the vicinity of Paynesville, in Stearns county, this state, and to this union two children have been born, Chester and Lillian. Mr. and Mrs. Robertson are members of the Lutheran church, and take a proper part in the general good works of the community in which they live. They have a pleasant home, the surroundings of which have been beautified by the planting of shade and fruit trees since they entered upon the possession of their place, and have made for themselves a substantial place in the community.

EDWARD C. SCHROEDER.

Edward C. Schroeder, farmer, of Glyndon township, Clay county, was born on the home farm in Elmwood township, this county, June 14, 1880. He is a son of Henry Schroeder, a sketch of whom appears on another page of this work.

The subject of this sketch grew up on the home farm, where he worked during the crop seasons, attending the district schools in the winter time, and later was a student in Concordia College at Moorhead. He also attended the Dakota Business College at Fargo. In 1902 he began farming for himself on his present farm in Glyndon township, and he is owner of one of the choice farms of Clay county, consisting of five hundred and seventy acres, which is regarded as one of the best improved farms in the county. It is in a fine state of cultivation and everything denotes thrift, prosperity and good management. Mr. Schroeder has an attractive modern home in the midst of beautiful surroundings, and also a large group of substantial convenient outbuildings, all modern in arrangement. He is not only a close observer and a man of original ideas, but is a diligent student of the best literature relating to advanced agricultural methods. He raises a vast quantity of grain, a large part of which he feeds to live stock, preparing a number of carloads of cattle and hogs for the market annually. He is a breeder of registered Holstein cattle, and he keeps a dairy herd that is unsurpassed in the northwest. He has bred several cows which have won first honors in world tests. He has been offered and refused twenty thousand dollars for the male Holstein that heads his fine herd. His stock always bring fancy prices when offered for sale, owing to their superior qualities and are greatly admired by all who see them. He is widely

known over the country for his herd of thoroughbred cattle, and also for his first-class potato seed. He raises a large acreage every year of Red River valley seed potatoes. He built an extensive potato warehouse on his farm near the Northern Pacific tracks, which road runs through his farm. However, the warehouse is reached by a private siding. His potatoes are shipped to many states and find a good market everywhere. He has made a special study of this line and understands every phase of raising and handling Irish potatoes. Mr. Schroeder employs on an average of about twenty men on his farm, all of whom are housed and fed on the place, whose homes together with the dwelling of the proprietor, barns and other out-buildings constitute a little village. The dwelling of Mr. Schroeder is in the midst of a large attractive grove and lawn.

Mr. Schroeder was married in 1902 to Magdelina J. Kuchl, a daughter of Denis Kuehl, a sketch of whom will be found elsewhere in this volume. To this union five children have been born, namely: Irene, Edward, Carl, Elenora and Ruth.

Mr. Schroeder is president of the Dilworth Dairymens Association, and takes an active interest in its affairs. He has done much to encourage better dairying and better stock raising in this section of the country. He is a member of the Lutheran church. He is public-spirited, neighborly, a man of progressive ideas and is held in high esteem by all who know him.

IVER O. HAGEN.

Another son of the kingdom of Norway is Iver O. Hagen, owner of two hundred acres of fine land in Bear Park township, Norman county, and identified with the business life of the township for several years. He was born in Norway, a son of Ole G. and Kari (Lovenstuen) Hagen, natives also of Norway and who came to America in 1869.

When Ole G. Hagen arrived in this country he pushed on out to Minnesota and settled in Freeborn county, where he worked on farms and in 1882 moved to Norman county, where he has been living ever since. He homesteaded a tract of one hundred and sixty acres of land in Bear Park township, where Iver O. Hagen, his son, is now living and where Mrs. Kari Hagen died some years ago. They were the parents of one child, Iver O., the subject of this sketch. During his active life Ole G. Hagen was a good farmer and a good citizen, ever concerned for those things best calculated