

to serve in that responsible dual capacity, rendering an excellent service in behalf of the farmers of that neighborhood. Mr. Aanenson also has given thoughtful attention to local civic affairs, has rendered service as a member of the village council and for the past fifteen years has been a member of the local school board, performing a valuable service in behalf of the schools of Shelly, which have been raised to a high grade of excellence.

On November 3, 1894, A. G. Aanenson was united in marriage to Martha Marie Olson, daughter of Knute Olson, and to this union seven children have been born, Arthur Bennett, Cora Olene, Hannah Christine, Alma Charlotte, Alvin Morris, Bernice Jeroma and Ardell Arnot, all of whom are living. The Aanensons have a very pleasant home at Shelly and take an interested part in the village's general social activities. Mr. and Mrs. Aanenson are members of the Lutheran church, in the various beneficences of which they ever have taken an active interest, and Mr. Aanenson is a member of the board of trustees of the local congregation. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the local society of the Sons of Norway and takes a warm interest in the affairs of that organization.

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#### OLAF SOLWOLD.

Olaf Solwold, a substantial and progressive farmer of Keene township, Clay county, owner of two hundred and forty acres of excellent land and raiser of a good grade of live stock, is a native of the kingdom of Norway, but has been a resident of this country since he was eighteen years old, coming here in 1880. He was born in 1862, a son of Peter and Anna Solwold, natives of Norway, who immigrated to America in 1880, accompanied by their son, the subject of this sketch. Peter Solwold is now living in Keene township at the advanced age of three score and ten. His wife, Anna Solwold, died in 1906. They were the parents of the following children. Andrea (deceased), Carrie, Olaf, Harold (deceased in Norway), Annie, Harry and Enger.

Olaf Solwold was educated in the schools of his native Norway and at the age of eighteen years, in 1880, immigrated with his parents to this country and on arriving in Minnesota located on the homestead of one hundred and sixty acres in section 22, Keene township, the latter being later sold. He was a valuable assistant to his father in the work of improving and developing the home place. He bought on his own account a homestead

tract of one hundred and sixty acres in section 14 and in course of time bought eighty acres in section 23. Mr. Solwold is now engaged in general farming and stock raising and is regarded as one of the progressive farmers of this part of the township. He raises oats and barley as well as other crops. He has carried out many substantial improvements on his holding and has made an addition to the dwelling house, and his agricultural operations are conducted according to modern farming methods.

Olaf Solwold was united in marriage to Anna Marie Olson, born in Norway in 1872, and who, at the age of eighteen, came to America in company with Olaf Solwold, who went back to Norway in the fall of 1889, returning in the spring with his bride-to-be. To this union the following children have been born: Peter, who is married and rents the Albertson place, in the south part of Keene township; Marion, who is married and lives in the state of Washington; Susie, who is visiting with Marion; Ida, who is married and lives on a farm east of Keene township; and Olaf, Bernard, Hannah, Laura, Agnes and Edna, living at home. Mr. Solwold is a member of the Synod church and is an earnest attendant on its services. He and his wife take a proper part in the general social and cultural affairs of the neighborhood in which they live, ever ready to assist in all worthy movements intended to promote the best interests of the community.

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#### O. G. FARSDALE.

O. G. Farsdale, head of the Farsdale Land Agency at Glyndon, a substantial landowner and one of the best-known men in this section of the Red River valley, is a native of the kingdom of Norway, but has been a resident of this country and of Minnesota since he was fourteen years of age. He was born at Faersdalen, two Norwegian miles from the village of Meraker, in the stift of Trondjhem, October 8, 1851, son of Guttorm Olsen and Ingeborg (Kirkeby) Farsdale, the former of whom also was born at Faersdalen and the latter at Meraker, who became pioneer residents of Minnesota and in this state spent their last days.

Guttorm Olson Farsdale was a road builder in his native land. In 1865 he crossed the Atlantic with his family, the voyage requiring seven weeks in the making, and landed at Quebec, from which port he came to this state and settled on a farm in Goodhue county, where he spent the rest of his life, one of the substantial and influential pioneers of that county.