

namely: Hilda, Theressa, Arthur, Edwin, Clarence and Theodore, all of whom are living. Mr. Natwick and his family are devoted members of the Lutheran church, he and his father having helped to organize the North Wild Rice Lutheran church, of which congregation Mr. Natwick and his family are now members.

Mr. Natwick has not limited himself to his agricultural interests, for he is also active in local civic affairs, since he is now serving his first term as county commissioner and has been a member of the township board for fourteen years, most of which time he has been chairman of the board. In addition to his civic and farming interests, he has been active in business, for he helped to organize the Gary and the Wild Rice Telephone companies and has been a director in the latter since its organization.

OLE M. UNDELAND.

One of the enterprising and successful young farmers of Norwegian birth in Lake Ida township, Norman county, is Ole M. Undeland, the owner and proprietor of a fine farm of two hundred and sixty acres, well improved with good and substantial buildings, presenting the appearance of the home of a scientific and up-to-date farmer. Mr. Undeland was born in Norway, the son of Martin O. and Gertie (Olson) Undeland, both of whom were also natives of Norway, who came with their family to America in 1880. After arriving in this country they spent one year in Wisconsin and then decided to move to Minnesota. The father drove over with a team to Norman county, the family following by train. Here the father homesteaded a farm of one hundred and ten acres in section 24, Lake Ida township, and on this farm the family lived for seventeen or eighteen years, at the end of which time Martin Undeland retired from active farm labor and moved with his wife to a timber lot which he had purchased in the same township, and on which he built a house, and here he lived the rest of his life. His widow is still living, now making her home with a daughter in Wild Rice township.

Martin O. Undeland was one of the pioneers of this part of Norman county and took an active part in the community life of the early days. He helped organize the West Wild Rice Lutheran church and was one of its prominent and active members while he lived. He and his wife were the parents of seven children: Ole Martinson, Martha Burg, Ole M., Carrie Anderson, Inga Johnson, Anna Hadal and Andrew M. Undeland.

Ole M. Undeland received his education in the schools of his native land and came with his parents to America in 1880. He remained on the farm with his father until about 1890, when he began life for himself by working as a farm hand on the neighboring farms in Norman county, which he continued for several years, with the exception of one year, which he spent in North Dakota. He then rented a farm in section 15, Lake Ida township, where he lived for four years, after which he lived for two years on a rented farm in the northeastern part of McDonaldsville township. He then purchased the farm of two hundred and sixty acres where he is now living, and here he is engaged in general farming and stock raising, and that he has met with success in his chosen calling is attested by the fact that he has made most of the improvements on his well-kept farm, and has erected all of the excellent buildings on the place.

In March, 1916, Mr. Undeland was married to Mary Skaurud, the daughter of Fred Skaurud and wife. Mrs. Undeland is a native of Norman county, her parents living on a farm in Lake Ida township. Both Mr. and Mrs. Undeland are earnest members of the Lutheran church, and take an active part in the social and religious life of their community. Mr. Undeland has served his township for the past nine years as township treasurer, and no one in his community stands higher in the esteem and respect of his neighbors than he.

HENRY O. HERMANSON.

Henry O. Hermanson, the proprietor of a well-improved farm of two hundred and forty acres which he has operated very successfully for many years in Waukon township, Norman county, a man whose public interest reaches out farther than the immediate present, believing that one of the best investments a community can make is by expending money for education, was born in Houston county, Minnesota, December 6, 1869, a son of Ole and Bertha (Tangen) Hermanson, both natives of Norway, who came to America several years before the Civil War and settled in Houston county, Minnesota, pioneers of that county. He took government land there, a tract of one hundred and sixty acres, whereon he and his wife spent the rest of their days. They were the parents of seven children, namely: Nels, now in Norway; Anna, Mary, deceased; Julia, Arne, deceased; Halvor, deceased, and Henry. The father and mother were devout members of the Lutheran church, and in the early days they were largely instrumental in sowing the seeds of Christianity in the new county of Houston.