stad High School and Concordia College. In 1964 she married Milan Ingman, who is Senior Pastor at Disney, Montana. Barbara and Milan have two boys, Bradley and Stuart. Karen is also a graduate of Halstad High School and attended Concordia College. Karen married David Holslin in 1966. They are presently living in Anoka, Minnesota. David teaches Social Sciences at Centennial High School. Circle Pines, Minnesota.

Karen and David have two sons, Kirk and Christopher.

Britta Skifton, and settled in Rushford, Minnesota. Hans and Bertha were married in Chester, Iowa, July 12, 1893. After their marriage they went to Nielsville, Minnesota where they engaged in farming. They were lifelong members of St. Petri Lutheran church at Nielsville. The church was first built in Old Nielsville about one and one-half miles northeast of the present site. Hans was one of the members who helped move the church to the present site in Nielsville. He was trustee and deacon for many years there. Bertha was a member of the Ladies Aid as it was called at that time. Hans passed away July 15, 1940, at the age 82 years. Bertha died May 2, 1930, at the age of 68 years. They were buried in St. Petri cemetery near Nielsville.

Four children were born to them: Gusta, Josephine, Oscar and Henry. Gusta, the older daughter, spent most of her time as housekeeper at home, besides teaching parochial school and release time school for many years. Josephine taught in village schools and for several years taught in the public schools of Detroit, Michigan. Oscar worked on the farm until 1924 when he went to Chicago, Illinois, to work for the Western Electric Company. He married Clara Carthew in Chicago, Illinois, November, 1930. She died in March, 1938. After his wife's death, Oscar returned to Nielsville to work on the farm with his brother until his sudden death from a heart attack in April, 1968. Henry spent all his time on the farm. In 1940 and 1943, more land was purchased and he continued farming until his retirement in 1973. The Olausons sold the farm in July, 1973. After retiring, Henry and his sisters moved to Moorhead, Minnesota to live.

**HANS THORVALD OLAUSON**

Hans Thorvald Olauson was born September 20, 1857, in Drammen, Norway. His father's name was Olaus, born in Drammen. His mother's name was Gurine, born in Tuedal, Telemarken, Norway. Hans was nine years old when his father passed away; consequently it became Hans' task to help his mother provide for the family. He had three sisters, Andrine, who was married and remained in Norway; Helene, who was married to John Evje, and left Norway for America a few years earlier than Hans; the third sister, Stina Simonson, and her two children came with Hans and his mother to New York, where Martin Simonson met them and there they boarded the train for Ada, Minnesota in May, 1882.

Martin Simonson, Stina's husband, was a seaman and sailed between Europe and South America before he came to United States.

Conrad Evje met them in Ada and they lived with him in Norman county for awhile and with other friends, where Hans and his mother helped with the work. After five years Hans bought a farm, the northwest quarter in section 21 in Hubbard township, Polk county, where he farmed.

Hans' wife was Bertha Skifton, who was born December 7, 1861, in Selland, near Stavanger, Norway. She was three years old when she came to America with her parents, Jonas and

**ENGBRET C. ONSTAD**

Engbret C. Onstad was born in Gudbrandsdalen, Norway in 1865. He emigrated to the United States at the age of 16 and came to the Crookston-Nielsville vicinity in Polk county, where he worked at various jobs. Mr. Onstad married Olive Myland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Even O. Myland. Trall county pioneers of Belmont, North Dakota, in 1892. She was born at Blooming Prairie, Minnesota in 1870. After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Onstad lived at Old Nielsville, located about one and one-half miles north-west of the present site of Nielsville.

Three children were born to the Onstads: Elmer in 1895, and Myrtle in 1897, both born at Old Nielsville; and Evelyn born at Esmund, North Dakota, in 1903.

Mr. and Mrs. Onstad owned a hardware goods store in Old Nielsville, and the goods were shipped by boat on the Red River to Fisher Landing or other nearby landing points, and then hauled by wagon and horses to town.

When the Great Northern Railroad was built into Polk county, Old Nielsville was moved to the present site, and the store and house were moved into town. The old store was later sold and a new store built in 1899. Besides the hardware goods, there were furniture, stoves, farm machinery, and windmills sold. About 1910, a gasoline burner, used to heat a soldering iron, exploded and demolished the store. It was rebuilt the same year. Mr. Onstad owned one of the first cars in the community — a "case" car.