Tilda Ostling. No buildings had been erected on the tract and but thirty-five acres cleared, and there were a number of acres of useless slough land. With an adequate drainage system he has converted this into fine meadow land. Mr. Hagan has devoted his entire attention to the operation of this farm since his removal here in 1908 and with creditable industry and ability has made rapid progress in developing its resources, having put some ninety-five acres under cultivation, and equipped it with modern buildings and improvements. He engages in general farming pursuits and dairy farming. Aside from his private enterprises Mr. Hagan is prominently identified with the advancement and success of important business activities in the county. He was one of the promoters of the organization of the cooperative creamery at Olga and has capably directed its affairs as president and treasurer of the company since its incorporation in 1906 with sixty-two stockholders. This enterprise has met with steady and marked prosperity and during the nine years of its operations has distributed a quarter of a million of dollars among its one hundred and twenty patrons. Mr. Hagan is also a stockholder in the Farmers Elevator Company at Fosston; also president of Cooperative Live Stock Shipping Association. He is a member of the Democratic party and is actively interested in all questions of public moment and is giving his efficient services in the office of township supervisor. One of the original members of the Salem Lutheran church at Olga, he has continued to give it his faithful and generous support. Mr. Hagan was married, June 30, 1910, to Mabel Clara Martinson. She was born in Clay county, Minnesota, in 1888 and is the daughter of Carl Martinson, a farmer of Eden township.

ANDREW M. EATON.

Andrew M. Eaton, a well known farmer of Brandsvold township and one of the first settlers in the Thirteen Towns, is a native of Switzerland, born May 6, 1852. He was brought to this country when two years old by his parents, who made their first home in Chicago and later removed to Milwaukee and then to Iowa. In 1862, just before the Indian outbreak of that year, they settled on land in Stearns county, between St. Cloud and St. Joseph. When he was seventeen years of age Andrew Eaton left his father's farm and went to Ottertail county, where he took squatter's rights to a tract of land but did not file on it. Some years later he went to Becker county, and was living in Frazee in 1878 when he was visited by John A. Flesch and Herman Eikens, who were enroute from their home in Douglas county to a new location in the section known as the Thirteen Towns, which had just been opened for settlement. A month later Mr. Eaton joined them in their new home, taking a claim on section nineteen of what is now Rosebud township. Of the eight men who were the first settlers of this district, four still reside here, Herman Eikens, John Flesch, Andrew Eaton and George Herschberger. Edward Lebree removed to Canada, W. J. Hillegoss now lives in Tacoma, Washington, and Jerome Thayer and Matt Portz are dead. Several others who took claims about this time gave up their land when the region was withdrawn from the market by the government. During the first years these pioneers struggled with all the privations and hard labor of frontier life. For a time they lived in the open, using their wagons for shelter, and a clock belonging to Mr. Flesch and fastened to a balm of Gilead tree, marked the passing of the days. Mr. Eaton hired a few acres of prairie land broken for cultivation and in the spring of 1879 brought his family to the wilderness home. The first house was built of oak logs, with the floor of hewed poplar, and roofed with elm bark. In 1883 the land was reopened and rapidly settled and a church and school established. Before that time a small store, known as the Wild Rice trading post, was kept on the Flesch