peace. He held this office two years, and at the end of his term was elected township clerk, in which capacity he has been serving ever since. He was married on June 17, 1899, to Miss Annie Nelson, a daughter of Erick and Oleanna (Farder) Nelson, a brief sketch of whom appears in this work. Mrs. Anderson was but seventeen at the time of her marriage. She and her husband belong to the Kongsvinger Lutheran church near their home. They have four children, Elmer Johnnie, Oscar Daniel, Alice Doris and Mary Eldora Adeline.

O. T. WOLD.

O. T. Wold, a successful farmer of Badger township, is a native of Norway, born June 9, 1858, and came to the United States in 1877, in his early manhood. He had been trained in the carpentering trade in his own country and worked for a few years at his trade in Wabasha county, Minnesota. After some three years, in 1881, he returned to Norway, remained but a few months and in 1882 again resumed his residence in this country, locating in Grand Forks, North Dakota, where he was employed in carpenter work until 1889, when he availed himself of the opportunity to become a land owner and filed on a homestead in section eight of Badger township in 1883. He entered upon his farming enterprise with but a few dollars and a few head of stock and with unfailing industry and able management has advanced his fortunes to his present prosperous standard. To the original quarter, he added an adjacent eighty acres and now has two hundred acres of his farm under cultivation, some ninety acres of which was devoted to grain in 1915. He is also extensively interested in stock farming, raising cattle for the market and keeping dairy cows. He has recently added alfalfa to his crops. The first house, a log cabin, was replaced in 1900 by a comfortable modern home and in 1912 Mr. Wold erected a fine large barn. Aside from his agricultural activities, he has been associated with local enterprise as a director and stockholder in the cooperative creamery at Erskine and in various offices of public responsibility, having served for a number of years as township supervisor and as a member of the school board. The sport of the hunter has never made its appeal to Mr. Wold and he has never owned a gun. He was married in 1889 in Grand Forks, to Anna T. Sather, who was born in Norway and four children were born to them, two of whom died in early childhood. Talmor Wold resides on the home farm and is a stockholder in the State Bank of Erskine. Magna Wold has been a student in the Erskine high school. Mr. Wold and his family are communicants in the United Lutheran church.

JOHN LETNES.

Mr. Letnes is one of the wide awake and progressive farmers of Andover township, this county and therefore one of the successful ones. He was born in Norway October 30, 1867, of well-to-do parents and emigrated to this country in 1888, located in North Dakota and in 1891 he became a resident of Polk county, Minnesota. When Mr. Letnes came to this county he was a single man. He worked on farms in the vicinity of Climax for several years until he was married. He was prudent and thrifty and had saved up some money. When the railroad came through that part of the county he bought a lot and put up a dwelling in the new village of Climax. While living in Climax, in company with his brother-in-law, Levi Steenerson, he traded in wheat for a while.

During the railroad land boom he bought land, which was the start of farming for himself. First he