home. Hendry married Miss Ida Johnson and died at the age of thirty-four. His widow and two children, Clarence and Walter, are living with his father-in-law. Sigvart was killed by lightning at the age of twenty-six. Carl died at the age of twenty-five. Emma, who was the wife of Peter Mattson, died at the age of thirty.

JAMES O. HOVLAND.

This esteemed citizen of Polk county, who has been a prominent farmer in Northwestern Minnesota for many years and is now president of the Farmers’ State Bank of Winger, was born in Rock county, Wisconsin, May 25, 1861, and is a son of Lars J. and Ingeborg Hovland, who were born and reared in Norway and came to the United States in 1857, locating in Goodhue county, Minnesota, and remaining there until 1882, when they moved to Norman county, where the father took up a soldier’s homestead. He had served nine months in the Civil war as a private in Company M, First Regiment, Minnesota Volunteer Artillery, and after his location in Norman county he continued to live there until his death in 1908. He was a faithful and consistent member of Faaberg Lutheran church.

James O. Hovland got his academic education at St. Olaf’s school at Northfield and afterward pursued a course of special instruction in a business college in Rochester. In 1884 he moved to Rindal, in this county, where he opened a general store in partnership with Martin Anderson. As the firm had only $2,000 capital the store was a small one, but the sales were large, and the venture was profitable. Mr. Hovland sold his interest in the business at a profit at the end of three years, and then opened a store at the old Winger postoffice one mile and a half east of the site of the present village of Winger. The goods for this store had to be hauled from Beltrami, a distance of 37 miles, and the freeze of 1888 injured the farmers’ crops to such an extent that they were unable to pay their bills. In consequence of these difficulties the store was closed.

Mr. Hovland’s next move was the purchase of his father’s farm in Norman county, which he still owns and has enlarged to 400 acres. He operated this farm until 1908, and since then it has been cultivated by a tenant, but Mr. Hovland made his home on it until 1914, when he changed his residence to Winger. In connection with his farming industry he bred graded cattle for dairy purposes and also raised numbers of O. I. C. hogs, of which he still owns a fine drove. He also erected substantial and commodious buildings on the farm and equipped it with every modern machine needed for its advanced and progressive cultivation.

In 1912 Mr. Hovland conceived the project of reorganizing the old state bank at Winger and induced many farmers to take stock in the enterprise. The reorganization was effected under the name of the Farmers’ State Bank of Winger with Mr. Hovland as its president. He has since devoted a part of his time and energy to the affairs of this institution, and it is flourishing vigorously under his prudent and energetic management, taking rank as one of the strongest and best managed fiscal institutions of its class in this part of the state of Minnesota.

HANS O. LEE.

Hans O. Lee, of Badger township, a prominent farmer of the county and proprietor of the Badger Valley Farm, is a pioneer of this region, having located in Wisconsin in the early seventies. He was born in Norway, April 30, 1858, and came with his parents, Ole and Martha Lee to Grant County, Wisconsin, when ten years of age. There the father died. He assisted in the clearing of the timber land in Wis-