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when he left his native land and emigrated to America, landing at Quebec August 3. He went to Chicago, where he stopped two days, then went to Michigan and was employed in the copper mines for nine months, after which he came to Red Wing, where he was employed as stone mason from 1865 to 1867. He then removed to Leon township, and six months later purchased eighty acres of wild land in Belle Creek township, which he improved, erecting a house, barn and outbuildings. He now does general farming and raises Cylde horses and Shorthorn cattle, owning in addition to his farm seventeen acres of timber land in Vasa township. Mr. Anderson was married June 1, 1868, to Betsy Johnson, daughter of Olaf and Margaret (Paulson) Johnson, natives of Sweden, who came to America in 1858, locating in St. Peter, Minn., where he pre-empted land, and in 1862 was forced by the Indians to leave, losing everything, and he and his family barely escaping with their lives. They then settled in Belle Creek township, where the father died in 1900, the mother having passed away in 1881. Andrew M. and Betsy Anderson had four children: Julia A., married to John Anderson, a business man of Red Wing; Anton F., of Red Wing; Lawrence G., living at home; Arthur A., of Red Wing. February 6, 1889, the mother of these children died, and in the fall of 1894 Mr. Anderson married Hilma Josephine Swanson, daughter of Swan and Lizzie (Larson) Swanson, natives of Sweden, where they were farmers. The father died April 22, 1909, and the mother died December 25, 1904. To this marriage three children were born: Hattie Josephine, Nancy Julia and Clarence Gerhard, all living at home. Mr. Anderson is an independent voter. He has served as town supervisor for nine years, also treasurer for school district 38 for the long period of eighteen years, and road overseer. The family faith is that of the Swedish Lutheran church.

**Anton V. Anderson** was born in Vasa October 31, 1873, son of John and Hannah (Hanson) Anderson, natives of Sweden, who came to America in 1868 and located in Vasa township, where they purchased eighty acres of improved land and carried on general farming until 1875, when they sold, removed to Belle Creek township and bought 120 acres of land, where the subject of this sketch now lives. Here the father built a home and other buildings and carried on farming until his death, December 11, 1882. In 1888 the mother was married to P. M. Ljungren. Anton V. received his education in the public schools of Belle Creek, and afterward took a course at Beeman's Business College, of Red Wing. He also attended the State Agricultural School in 1903 to 1906. During this time, in 1905, he took up farming on the old homestead. He has since continued agricultural opera-

tions on a large scale, raising excellent crops, horses and dairy cattle. He believes in scientific farming, and all his farm machinery is of the latest approved design. His progressiveness is shown by the fact that for the past year and a half he has used a milking machine which milks four cows at a time. Its power is furnished by a fine gasoline engine. Mr. Anderson is an up-to-date farmer in every way, standing in the front rank of those who have endeavored to better farm conditions in this county. February 11, 1907, he was married to Emma Monson, daughter of Charles and Mary (Hobart) Monson, both of whom are living in Belle Creek township. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson have two children: Leonard A., born December 3, 1907, and Edgar J., born January 22, 1909. Mr. Anderson is a Prohibitionist in his political views and has always taken an active interest in the welfare of his community, having held the positions of constable for four years and justice of the peace for the past six years. In 1908 he was a candidate on the Prohibition ticket for the state legislature. He has been president of the Belle Creek Mercantile Co-operative Company since 1904, and of the Belle Creek Creamery since 1901. He is a member of the Good Templar's Mutual Benefit Association of Wisconsin, and he and his family belong to the Swedish Lutheran church.

**Johannes Boraas**, a substantial farmer, of Belle Creek township, was born in Norway March 18, 1850, son of John and Elizabeth (Storset) Boraas, who came to America in 1866 and located in Minneola township, remaining until 1871, when they came to Belle Creek township. Here the father, in partnership with Johannes, purchased 130 acres of land and carried on general farming until his death, in November, 1893, the mother having died many years before. Johannes received his education in the schools of Norway, and came to this country in 1866 with his parents. Since his father's death he has added eighty acres to the original purchase of 130 acres, and on this farm he carries on general agricultural operations. He was married June 30, 1871, to Ellen Anna, daughter of Erick P. and Anna Hegge, natives of Norway, who came to America in 1867 and located in Minneola township, where they engaged in farming for the remainder of their life. To Johannes and Ellen Boraas have been born thirteen children. The oldest, Prof. Julius, is superintendent of county schools; Anna is the wife of Rev. O. J. Marken, of Lac qui Parle county, this state; Lena is the wife of Prof. E. O. Ellingson, of Northfield, Rice county, this state; Ingmar is superintendent of the high school at Ida, Norman county, this state; Joseph, married to Mary Nerison, is a farmer in Belle Creek; Julia, a normal school graduate, is a school teacher; Lydia, Nora, Justinus, Esther, Ethel and Herman are