

principal planks in its platform. For one term he served efficiently as councilman from the first ward, ably representing his constituency in the city government and making a record which identified him with a progressive policy in regard to the city's affairs. The business record Mr. Engbertson has made is highly creditable, his course being marked by steady progress gained through ready utilization of every opportunity that has presented itself, and his success is such that his methods are of general interest, an analyzation of his life record showing that he has always based his actions upon rules of strict and unswerving integrity and unflagging enterprise. He is a business man of the modern type, shrewd, able, progressive and straightforward, careful of his own interests, considerate of those of others and influenced at all times by the thought of the broader effect which his work has on the growth of his community.

HANS L. HANSON.

The record of many of Winneshiek county's worthy citizens reflected credit not only upon the state but also upon their native land of Norway. Such was the life history of Hans L. Hanson, who was born in the land of the midnight sun December 7, 1867, and passed away on his farm in Canoe township, April 26, 1907. His parents were Hans and Anna (Olson) Hanson, who in the year 1871 came to the United States, making their way direct to Winneshiek county. They settled first in Hesper township and afterward removed to Canoe township. The father was not long permitted to enjoy his new home, passing away in the year in which he arrived in the new world. The mother, however, survived until 1911. In their family were three children: Andrew and Hans, both of whom are residents of Canoe township; and Christine, the deceased wife of Jacob Budahl.

Hans L. Hanson spent his entire life in Canoe township from the age of four years, having been reared on the old homestead, while soon after his marriage he took up his abode on the farm which is still owned by his widow, which comprises one hundred and sixty-three acres of land on section 23 and is known as the Canoe Dairy Farm, being devoted to the live stock and dairy business, making a specialty of Holstein cattle. Mr. Hanson developed the farm according to modern methods and carefully and systematically tilled the soil, bringing the land under a good state of cultivation, while his stock-raising and dairy interests constituted also a most important feature of the place.

On the 2d of June, 1892, Mr. Hanson was married to Miss Bertha L. Haugen, who was born December 6, 1858, on the farm which is still her home, her parents being Peter L. and Anna Haugen, who settled upon this place in 1854, being among the pioneer residents of this section of the state. Mr. and Mrs. Hanson became the parents of five children, Anna, Christina, Amanda, Bennie and Peter, all of whom were born upon the farm which the family still occupies.

In his political views Mr. Hanson was a republican, always voting for the men and measures of the party, yet never seeking nor desiring office for himself. He held membership in the Evangelical Lutheran church and his was a well spent life, whereby he gained the respect, confidence and good-will of his fellowmen.