

with the class of 1906. To better prepare himself for a business career he then attended Valder Business College and subsequently entered the Iowa State University of Iowa City, where he took up an engineering course. Returning to Decorah he then accepted a position as deputy county surveyor under F. E. Cratsenberg, working in that capacity for two months, when, Mr. Cratsenberg resigning, Mr. Lee was appointed by the board of supervisors county surveyor on August 24, 1910. At the regular election of November 8, 1910, he was elected to that position and has served as such ever since although in fitly, 1911, by a new law, the name of the office was changed from that of surveyor to that of engineer. On the 1st of May, 1913, Mr. Lee was also appointed county highway engineer.

Mr. Lee makes his home with his mother at 603 East Main street, Decorah. He is a member of the local fire department and politically is a republican, while his religion is that of the Lutheran church. While yet a young man he has made a notable record in an important county office and has demonstrated abilities which foretell a bright and prosperous future.

OLE P. ODE.

Holding a foremost position in the financial circles of Winneshiek county, Ole P. Ode has been in many ways instrumental in the general upbuilding of his locality. Not only is he cashier and manager of the Winneshiek County Bank of Calmar, in which he is also a director and stockholder, but is interested in a number of other important financial institutions in the county. Moreover, he has given evidence of his public spirit by acceptably filling various positions of trust, serving on the school board and doing efficient work as treasurer of Calmar and member of the council. Born in Springfield township, Winneshiek county, Iowa, on November 15, 1867, the parents of Mr. Ode are Peter G. and Jorend (Riesty) Ode, natives of Norway. The father came to America in the '50s and, locating in Winneshiek county, purchased land in Springfield township, which he cleared and improved indefatigably. He devoted himself to this labor, overcoming obstacles and enduring the hardships of pioneer life, his industry and energy carrying him to success, and he now owns in that section a valuable property which he has ever since operated. He is seventy-eight years of age and the mother is also living at the age of seventy-three.

Ole P. Ode attended the district schools **near his father's** farm and Brecken-ridge Institute at Decorah in pursuing his education. He made himself useful on the farm and assisted his father until he reached the age of twenty-five, when he went to Decorah in order to enter the employ of the Winneshiek County Bank as bookkeeper on October 1, 1892. He remained in that capacity for two years, at the end of which time he was appointed assistant cashier, holding this position for two and a half years, when on June 1, 1897, he came to Calmar as cashier and manager of the Winneshiek County Bank, a branch of the Decorah institution, and has held that position ever since, being also a director and stockholder. The bank is capitalized for twenty-five thousand dollars and he was one of its organizers. The wonderful growth of this institution is largely due to the Vol. II—4