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**REP. ODEAN ENESTVEDT**

23rd district—Renville county

Renville county's Rep. Odean Enestvedt has two consuming interests—agriculture and politics.

He puts them in that order. He's a stalwart Democratic-Farmer-Laborite, tracing his liberal streak to his father, who Enestvedt toiled for the cause of the Nonpartisan league that once dominated agricultural western Minnesota. Enestvedt thus was wooed early in life to political activity, first with the Farmer-Labor party and then with the DFL. *Mpls. Star*



With his two younger brothers, he and his family occupy the farm settled by their grandfather, a Norwegian immigrant who left in his heritage the slight accent Enestvedt voices in his not infrequent house speeches.

Enestvedt, 47, primarily raises and sells hybrid corn on his 360-acre farm in partnership with his brothers. It was natural he should head the house agriculture committee in the 1955 session when liberals were in control and also serve on the interim committee on agriculture.

He attended a rural school near Sacret Heart, then the West Central school of agriculture at Morris. Active in community affairs, Enestvedt was chairman of the Renville county territorial centennial committee in 1948. He and his wife have one son, Timothy, who is seven.

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