

bought was entirely unimproved, and by his perseverance and thrift, he has made it what it is, a fine farm well-cultivated and improved by the fine set of buildings and grove. In the early years of his residence on his holding, he used oxen for draught animals, and when he marketed his grain, he was compelled to drive these patient but plodding beasts to Ada, a journey of twenty-three miles, which took an entire day. He has three horses now, and he does most of his farm work with machinery. He carries on a scientific form of diversified agriculture and, in addition to this, he raises some stock.

Mr. Kvidt has never married, but he makes his home here with his father and mother. He is a member of the Wild Rice Norwegian Lutheran church, and takes a proper interest in the affairs of the congregation. Politically, he is an advocate of Republican principles and policies, but he has never sought after public office. This does not mean that he takes no part in the civic, social, business and political affairs of the community, for when any movement is instituted here with the object of bettering the community in any of these phases, it is assured of Mr. Kvidt's hearty support and co-operation. Although he has not sought any office, Mr. Kvidt has served as clerk for his school district for sixteen years and is still holding the office. In 1910 he also took the United States census in Flom township.

MARTINUS AASGAARD.

The late Martinus Aasgaard, for years one of the best-known and most progressive farmers and stockmen of Home Lake township, Norman county, the proprietor of a fine farm in that neighborhood and one of the early settlers of that part of the county, was a native of Norway, born in that country in 1858, but had been a resident of America since he was eleven years old. In 1869 Martinus Aasgaard came to the United States and proceeded on out to Wisconsin, where he was married in 1884 and in April of the following year moved to Home Lake, all his worldly possessions being represented by fifty dollars in cash. His brother, Ole, was teaching school in Home Lake township and he procured a team and he and his wife rode to John Homelvig's place, near Home Lake, where his brother Ole was boarding. He returned the team to Ada, making the return journey to Home Lake on foot, covering twenty-six miles, largely covered by swamps and water.

In the spring of 1886 Martinus Aasgaard homesteaded one hundred and sixty acres of land in section 26, Home Lake township, and in 1898 he bought forty acres adjoining the original tract. He carried out an extensive series of improvements, including new buildings, the erection of fences and the setting out of groves. For several years Mr. Aasgaard had taken a practical interest in public affairs and served as supervisor to the township board and acted as clerk of the school board. He helped to organize the creamery at Home Lake and was a stockholder in that concern. He was a lifelong member of the Wild Rice Synod church and served the congregation as trustee for several years. He died in 1904 at the age of forty-six years.

In 1884 Martinus Aasgaard was united in marriage to Maria Larson, a native of Norway, born in 1863, and who came with her parents to America when she was a child of three years old. Her father died in 1916 and her mother died in 1896. The voyage across the Atlantic occupied thirteen weeks. Mrs. Aasgaard is still living in section 26, Home Lake township, the holding being the original two hundred acres which her husband purchased when he came to Norman county. Martinus Aasgaard and wife were the parents of nine children, of whom two are dead. Mrs. Maria Aasgaard is now fifty-four years old. The first year the Aasgaards spent in this county was one of hardship; credit was difficult to obtain, and money was still more difficult to secure. Lawrence, the oldest of the children, was born on the old homestead, August 30, 1885, and educated in the schools of Home Lake township and was reared on his father's place, where he grew up to the life of a farmer. In 1909 he bought his present farm of one hundred and twenty acres in section 13, Home Lake township, and on which he has effected a number of valuable improvements, and on that place he is actively engaged in general farming and stock raising and is doing very well. Mr. Aasgaard does not confine all his attention to agricultural affairs and gives largely of his time to public interests. He has been clerk to the township board since 1910 and clerk to the school board since the same year, serving the people with ability. He helped to organize the creamery at Syre and is now secretary to that undertaking. He is a director of the Flom Mutual Fire Insurance Company; secretary of the Syre Percheron Horse Company, and president of the Home Lake Farmers Club.

In 1909 Lawrence Aasgaard was united in marriage to Hannah Albertson, who was born in 1887 on her father's farm in Home Lake township, her parents being now residing in Flom township. To this union two children have been born, Milton, born on June 20, 1910, and Alice, June

1, 1913. Mr. and Mrs. Aasgaard take a proper part in the general social affairs of their home community, ever helpful in all ways tending to the welfare of the township and county.

Inez Aasgaard was born on June 24, 1887, and was married in 1908 to Warner Johnson. To this union three children have been born, Melvin, Bernice and Walter. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson own a hundred-and-sixty-acre farm in section 24, Home Lake township, where they are at present farming. Mina Aasgaard was born on April 29, 1891; was married in 1912 to Ole Nysetvold. To this union three children have been born, Gladys, Miles and Orvin. Mr. and Mrs. Nysetvold reside at Twin Valley; Mr. Nysetvold is a carpenter by trade. Joseph Oliver Aasgaard was born on August 2, 1893, and is at present at home on his mother's farm. Almer Melvin Aasgaard was born on July 10, 1895, and is also at present at home, but is drafted and is liable to be called to serve his country at any time. Julia Aasgaard was born on September 17, 1897, and is at home with her mother. Clarence Aasgaard, the youngest child, was born on December 10, 1900, and is also at home with his mother.

CHRIS N. JUHL.

Chris N. Juhl, one of the best known business men of Fossum township, now and for many years connected with the milling industry, manager of the Faith Milling Company, which he helped to organize in 1916, is a native of the kingdom of Denmark, but has been a resident of the United States for the past twenty-five years. He was born on December 26, 1872, a son of N. E. and M. E. Juhl, both also born in Denmark, where the former died in 1915, throughout his active life being engaged in farming, and where his widow is still living.

Chris N. Juhl was educated in the schools of Denmark and in that country learned the flour-milling trade. In 1892, at the age of twenty years, he immigrated to the United States, going, on arrival, to the state of Iowa, where he worked on a farm for one year, at the end of which time he moved to Red Lake Falls, Minnesota, and there worked for Johnson & Marshall in the flour-milling business, remaining in that employment for about seven years. His next move was to Atwater, Minnesota, where he continued in the milling business, and was head miller of the Atwater Milling Company for about ten years, going thence to Terrebonne, this state, and bought a