

board of supervisors of Hawley township. He also served two terms as justice of the peace at Hawley, and was special census agent for the United States in 1915, covering ten counties. As a public servant he has discharged his duties in an able, faithful and highly acceptable manner.

BERNHART ASCHBACH.

Bernhart Aschbach, one of Norman county's best-known and most substantial pioneer farmers, now living retired at Ada, secretary and treasurer of the Ada Creamery Association and secretary of the Norman County Fair Association and for years actively identified with the development of those useful enterprises, is a native of Germany, but has been a resident of Norman county since the days of his young manhood, having come out to this part of Minnesota early in the days of the settlement of this section.

Born on May 13, 1858, Bernhart Aschbach was reared in his native Germany and there received his schooling and learned the trade of shoemaker. When twenty-one years of age he married and two years later, in 1881, he and his wife came to this country and proceeded on out to Minnesota and settled in Norman county, which has been their home ever since. That was the year in which Norman county was organized as a civic unit and the country hereabout was very sparsely settled. Not long after his arrival in Ada Mr. Aschbach bought a tract of eighty acres in McDonaldsville township and there established his home, improving and developing the place and remaining there for eight years, at the end of which time he bought a half section of unimproved land in Winchester township. On this latter place Mr. Aschbach made his home from 1889 to 1913, in which latter year he retired from the active labors of the farm and moved to Ada, where he and his wife are now living and where they are very comfortably situated. Mr. Aschbach improved his farm of three hundred and twenty acres in excellent shape, putting up fine buildings, and has there one of the best farm plants in the county. In addition to his general farming Mr. Aschbach gave much attention to dairying and when the Ada Creamery Association was organized in 1903 was made secretary and treasurer of the same and has ever since occupied those positions, doing much to help promote the dairy interests of this section of the state. He also for years has given his earnest attention to the affairs of the Norman County Fair Association and is now the secretary of that

useful and influential organization. During his long residence in Winchester township Mr. Aschbach gave proper attention to the civic affairs of that township and served for some time as township assessor. He also was clerk of his local school district and did much to advance the work of the school, while in other ways he also did what he could to advance the common welfare.

It was in 1879, two years before he came to America, that Bernhart Aschbach was united in marriage to Matilda Glaesner, who also was born in Germany, and to that union eight children have been born, Olga, Oscar, William, Otto, Clara, George, Hilda and Elma, all of whom are living. The Aschbachs are members of the Lutheran church and have ever given their earnest attention to church work.

JULIUS BAKER ASKE.

One of the large landowners of Clay county is Julius Baker Aske, who resides in Moorhead. He was born in Fillmore county, Minnesota, December 13, 1878, a son of Lars and Martha (Bersagel) Aske. The mother also was a native of that county, but the father was born in Norway, from which country he came to America when a young man, locating in Fillmore county, this state, where he married. About 1882 he moved to Norman county, bringing his family and household effects overland by ox-team and wagon. He located on a homestead of one hundred and sixty acres, four miles northwest of Ada, later selling out and buying another farm in the same vicinity and there he remained a number of years. He worked hard developing the raw land and by perseverance became very comfortably established, continuing farming during his active life. His wife died on the farm in Norman county, but he died in California. Their family consisted of five children, Lewis, Louise, Julius, Anna and Ella.

Julius B. Aske attended the early-day schools in Norman county, being four years old when his parents located there. He assisted his father with the work of improving and cultivating the homestead. As a young man he engaged in the ice and drayage business at Ada, then followed the saloon business two years, after which he spent one year in Twin Valley, in the same business; then came to Moorhead and continued in that line until 1906, since which year he has been interested in a saloon in Minneapolis. In 1916 he started a pool hall and soft-drink business at his