

of his life and is now the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of land in Spring Creek township and on which he is actively engaged in general farming, his labors having been always helped by the use of horses in the work. Mr. Bjorge has by his own labor erected a substantial dwelling house on his place; also a barn and other buildings have been put up. The appearance of his holding has been much improved by a grove which he set out, the farm originally being bare of timber. From the commencement of his operations Mr. Bjorge has made a success of his undertaking and is regarded throughout the community as one of the progressive farmers of the township.

On December 28, 1895, Edward E. Bjorge was united in marriage to Maria Norby, born in Norway and who came to this country at the age of five years. To this union the following children have been born: Minnie, Maria (deceased), Oscar, Louise, Palmer, Elmer (deceased), Ida, Alice, Clarence, Clara, Oliver, Ella and Ernest. Many of these children assist in the work of the farm. Mr. Bjorge for several years has been giving close attention to local civic matters and has served as assessor of Spring Creek township for many years and has also been on the school board for a considerable period. He is a member of the Lutheran church and warmly interested in all its good works. He is a stockholder in the Gary Telephone Company at Gary, this state, and otherwise has been identified with the progress of the community in which he resides.

GEORGE C. BAUER.

George C. Bauer, one of the most energetic and progressive farmers of Pleasant View township, owner of four hundred and forty acres of the best of land in that township, was born in Evansville, Indiana, in 1867, but has been a resident of Minnesota since he was six years old. He is a son of Constant Bauer and wife, who came to the state of Minnesota in an early day.

Constant Bauer followed the trade of a carpenter, working at that occupation for forty years in Evansville, Indiana, and at Red Wing, Minnesota, when he took up residence at the latter place. While living at Red Wing he acquired a tract of land, which he later sold. He died about 1875 at the age of forty-two years. His wife died in 1880 at the age of fifty-two years. They were the parents of the following children: Albert, de-

ceased; Ben, married, living in Minneapolis, this state; Yetta, deceased; Lizzie, married, living in Wisconsin; George C., the subject of this sketch, and Emil, married, who owns land in section 16, Pleasant View township.

George C. Bauer was educated in the schools of Red Wing, this state, and was reared in his parent's home in that place. In 1880 he came to Norman county and worked on farms for some time. About 1889, in partnership with his brother, Emil, he bought land and later acquired a holding on his own account, gradually adding to the place, and is now the owner of four hundred and forty acres of prime land, residing in section 14, and also owns land in sections 11 and 15. Mr. Bauer made many valuable improvements on his holdings and is recognized as one of the progressive farmers of the township, carrying on general farming according to the most approved modern methods.

In 1891, at Fergus Falls, Minnesota, George C. Bauer was united in marriage to Bertha Duenow, born in Wisconsin in 1871. To this union the following children have been born: Minnie, Dora, Herbert, Martha and Walter. The Bauer family are members of the Lutheran church, of which Mr. Bauer was at one time a trustee. He takes a general interest in the commercial welfare of the district in which he resides and is a stockholder in the local creamery and elevator and in the Farmers and Merchants bank at Ada. At the present time he serves on the township school board, his interest in educational matters being well known to the people of the township.

JOHANNES PEDERSON LIEN.

Johannes Pederson Lien, a prosperous farmer and well-known citizen of Twin Valley, Fossum township, Norman county, was born in Norway on May 3, 1846, being the only child born to Peter and Maret (Arnesdatter) Ingebrightson, the latter having been married before. The parents, both natives of Norway, heard the call of opportunity in the New World and came to America, settled in Goodhue county, Minnesota, and remained there until 1872. In that year they yoked a team of oxen to a covered wagon in which they had loaded their household goods and a few farming implements, and came overland from Zunibrota township, Goodhue county, to Fossum township, Norman county, the journey taking thirteen days. In the party of immigrants there were, besides the Ingebrightson family, Hans Aamoth and family and a Yankee farmer who left the settlers in Otter