

a tract of land in Nelson county, North Dakota, and later he and his wife returned to Norway, where their last days were spent.

John A. Libok was about twenty-three years of age when he came to this country and upon his arrival here engaged in farming and has ever since been thus engaged, having become one of the well-to-do farmers of Good Hope township, where he has a fine farm of three hundred and eighty acres and one of the best farm plants in that neighborhood. He established his home there a year after his marriage in 1890 and has since made many valuable improvements to the place, planting trees and erecting all the buildings that now stand on the place. In addition to his extensive farming operations, Mr. Libok has other interests, having shares in the company operating the elevator and lumber yards at Shelly and stock in the bank at Lockhart. He has ever given a good citizen's attention to the civic affairs of his home community, having served as a member of the board of township supervisors, as a member of the school board in his home district and in other local official capacities, in all giving his most thoughtful and intelligent attention to the needs of the public.

On December 15, 1890, John A. Libok was united in marriage to Christina Flikka, also a native of Norway, who came to this country in 1886, and to this union two children have been born, Albert and Clara, both of whom are living on the home farm with their parents. The Liboks have a very pleasant home in Good Hope township and have ever taken an interested and helpful part in the community's general social activities.

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#### EDWARD E. BJORGE.

Edward E. Bjorge, a well-known and substantial farmer, owner of a compact farm of one hundred and sixty acres of prime land in Spring Creek township, Norman county, for years assessor in the same township and also serving on the school board, is a native of the kingdom of Norway, born in Gudbrandsdalen, December 4, 1867. He is a son of Engbrit and Moren Bjorge, natives also of Norway, who came to America and died at Maplebay, Minnesota. They were the parents of five children, namely, Hans, who lives in Canada; Iver, deceased; Karen, living in Canada; Cecil, deceased, and Edward E., the subject of this sketch.

Edward E. Bjorge, who came to America in 1886, is the only member of his family to settle in the United States. He has followed farming all

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.

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### 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-