

the Twin Valley Synod. During his active lifetime he has given a good citizen's attention to public affairs and was a member of the township board for several years in Wild Rice township. He helped to organize school district No. 77 in 1903, when the community became an independent district, and he has been a member of the school board ever since. Mr. Bakke helped to organize the Farmers Co-operative Creamery of Twin Valley and is still interested in that undertaking, and in many other ways he has given evidence of his ability to assist all projects designed to forward the material interests of the community.

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#### CHRISTIAN BREDEMEIER.

Christian Bredemeier, a substantial farmer of Humboldt township, this county, was born in the state of Illinois, but has been a resident of this county since he was twenty-three years of age. He was born in 1857, a son of William B. and Sophia Bredemeier, both of whom were natives of Germany, but who came to this country in an early day.

William B. Bredemeier was born in Germany in 1825 and was educated in the schools of that country, subsequently following the life of a farmer. He immigrated to America in 1845, at the age of twenty, and commenced to work on farms in Illinois and later became the owner of a tract of land, which he too continued to operate for the remainder of his active life, his death occurring in 1893 at the age of sixty-eight. His wife, Sophia Bredemeier was also a native of Germany, born in that country in 1826, and when twenty years of age, in 1846, came to America and in the following year, 1847, met and married Christian Bredemeier at Chicago. They were the parents of the following children: William, John, Fred, Herman, Christian, Mary, Sophia, Louisa, Emma and Amelia. The mother of these children is still living in Cleveland, Ohio. William Bredemeier and his wife were active and influential residents of the district in which they made their home and were warm supporters of all good causes tending to the welfare of the community.

Christian Bredemeier was educated in the schools of Illinois and was reared on his father's farm where he was a valuable assistant in the labors of developing and improving the home place. In 1880 he moved from Illinois to Clay county and in May of the same year he bought a holding containing two hundred and forty acres of choice land, located in section 16, Humboldt township, fifty acres of which he gives over to the cultivation

of potatoes. He carries on general farming and since the commencement of his operations he has been successful, everything about his farm being in excellent condition. Since acquiring this holding Mr. Bredemeier has been to considerable expense in carrying out substantial improvements, and his place is ranked among the best in the township. He is also the owner of three hundred and twenty-acres of fine land in Wilkin county.

In 1884 Christian Bredemeier was united in marriage to Marion Fankhanel, who was born in Germany in 1864 and came to America in 1882. To this union the following children were born Cecelia, who is married; William, married; Alfred, a farmer, also clerk of district school board No. 31; Thelma, married; Lilly, Martha and Walter. Mr. and Mrs. Bredemeier take a proper interest in the general social activities of the community in which they live, helpful factors in the promotion of all causes having for their object the common good of the neighborhood and township.

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#### BORRE HOVEN.

Borre Hoven, a substantial and energetic farmer and breeder of high-grade stock, owner of three hundred and twenty acres of prime land in Winchester township, Norman county, chairman of the local school board and otherwise identified with the public life of the township, is a native of Gudbrandsdalen, Norway, born in 1857, but has been a resident of this country for thirty-five years, having immigrated in 1882. He is a son of John and Mary Hoven, also born in Norway, the former a farmer, and both of whom are deceased, Borre Hoven being deprived of his mother when he was but eighteen months old.

In 1882, Borre Hoven, who had been married in the previous year, came to this country with his wife and proceeded to the state of Minnesota, locating at Crookston, where he remained for six months. He then homesteaded a quarter section of land in section 10, Winchester township, and later bought another quarter section in section 9, same township, and here he is engaged in general farming and stock raising and since the commencement of his agricultural operations he has been uniformly successful. Mr. Hoven has effected many substantial improvements on his holdings and his farm buildings are well built, his fences being one of the well-kept features of the place, and his farming operations are carried on along modern lines.