

given a good citizen's attention to the general affairs of his neighborhood and township, and helped to select the location of the East Wild Rice church and has been a member of that congregation ever since. At the date of the organization of Fossum township he took a practical part in the work of farming the township and has served as township supervisor. He also has been a member of the local school board and for many years was a road boss, and in these several public positions acquitted himself with advantage to the interests he represented. Mr. Jensen was one of the organizers of the Farmers Elevator at Twin Valley, and also lent his aid in the formation of the Twin Valley Creamery Company, and in many other ways he has given evidence of his capacity to help in all useful projects and is regarded as one of the progressive citizens of the township and county, of which he has been a resident for the past forty-five years.

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### HANS HALVORSON.

Hans Halvorson, a well-known and well-to-do farmer of Home Lake township, owner of three hundred and twenty acres of excellent land, in that township, is a native of the kingdom of Norway, but has been a resident of this country since he was seventeen years old, coming with his parents, three brothers having preceded him some time before. Hans Halvorson was born in 1862, a son of Halvor and Christina (Johnson) Peterson, also natives of Norway.

Halvor Peterson was educated in the schools of Norway, later working at farm labor for some years, when in 1879 he decided to immigrate to America, where three of his sons preceded him, the reports sent home by these boys on farming conditions in this state being of a favorable character. After arriving in this country Halvor Peterson spent two years in Fillmore county, Minnesota, and in 1881 he moved to Norman county and homesteaded one hundred and sixty acres of land in section 24, Rockwell township, later acquiring one hundred and sixty acres of a tree claim in the same section, the latter not being now in possession of his survivors. Halvor Peterson was engaged throughout the active years of his life in carrying on general farming and met with success in his agricultural operations. He died in 1896 at the age of seventy-three years and his widow survived until 1915, when she died at the fine old age of ninety years, while living in Twin Valley. They were the parents of the following children: Peter, married,

is the owner of land in Rockwell township; John, married and living in Valley City, North Dakota; Ed, deceased, as also his wife, left a daughter who married Severn Walsted and lives in Rockwell township; Christ, living in Norway; Hans, the subject of this sketch; Seifert, married and living in Valley City, North Dakota, and Julius, who died in 1901 in Twin Valley.

Hans Halvorson was educated in the schools of Norway and at the age of seventeen years he accompanied his parents to America, going first to Fillmore county, this state, and later coming to Norman county with his parents. He worked at farm labor for some years, finally buying land on his own account and is now the owner of three hundred and twenty acres of prime land in section 6, Home Lake township, where he is engaged in general farming and stock raising, being recognized as one of the substantial and progressive farmers of the township. Mr. Halvorson carried out many improvements on his holding since acquiring it and has one of the well-kept places in the neighborhood.

Hans Halvorson was united in marriage to Mrs. John Hall, who was born in Fillmore county, this state, and whose parents are deceased. The following children have been born to Hans Halvorson and wife: John, deceased; Clara, at home; Edwin, married; and Adolph and Mabel, both at home. Mr. Halvorson has ever given a good citizen's attention to public affairs and helped to organize the first school district and served on the school board for many years. He helped in the organization of the creamery at Twin Valley, holding stock in that progressive undertaking, and in other ways he has demonstrated his ability to serve the general community welfare.

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#### JACOB E. MILSTEN.

Jacob E. Milsten, a well-known and substantial farmer and stock raiser of Fossum township, who, during his residence in this state, has given evidence of a versatile and keen business instinct, is a native of the kingdom of Norway, but has been living in the United States since he was twenty years old. He was born on July 28, 1858, a son of Erick Christianson and Kari (Storhugen) Milsten, also natives of Norway, who immigrated to America in 1878.

Erick C. Milsten arrived at Albert Lee, Minnesota, in July, 1878, and worked in that place for two years. He then moved to Norman county via ox team, supplied by his son, Jacob E., and by which the parents and the