

interest, and since then has extended the borders of his farm until it comprises two hundred and ninety acres of well-cultivated land, on which he has raised excellent buildings and to which he has added the modern equipment of a farm plant. As a side line to his agricultural activities, Mr. Malme has been operating a threshing outfit. All the prosperity which Mr. Malme has enjoyed here, has not made him forget his old friends and relatives in distant Norway, and to which he has made three voyages back to his old home, one in 1890, one in 1912 and another in 1914, just before the outbreak of the World War.

On December 30, 1890, Johan M. Malme was united in marriage to Berit Anna Aura, who was born in Norway on August 17, 1870, the daughter of Ole Anderson and Karen Sande, and to this union five children have been born, namely: Emma, who married Stanley Holte, and has four children, three of whom are Alva, Eunice and Morlan, and Alga, Charles, Clara and Arthur. Mr. and Mrs. Malme are devoted members of the Augustana Norwegian Lutheran church, in the faith of which denomination they have reared their children.

Mr. Malme is a staunch Republican and has for seven or eight years served as township treasurer. In the co-operative agencies of his community Mr. Malme has evinced his great interest by helping to organize the Farmers Elevator Company at Halstad.

JOHN W. JACKSON.

Among the well-known and prominent residents and business men of Lockhart, Norman county, is John W. Jackson, who was born in the state of Illinois on March 13, 1868, the son of Andrew and Lydia (Cooper) Jackson, natives of England and of the state of New York, respectively. They in time located in Illinois, where they resided on a farm until 1882, in which year they decided to locate in the state of Iowa, where they felt that they would have a better opportunity to make a home for themselves and those dependent on them. On their arrival in the state of Iowa they purchased three hundred and twenty acres of land in Webster county, and there they established their home amid pioneer conditions. A house was erected and there the parents felt that they were to make a home in a new land. The farm was later developed and improved and in time became an ideal country home. Mr. Jackson met with much success in his ven-

ture, and engaged in general farming and stockraising for many years, at the end of which time he retired to Cass, Lake county, Iowa, later going to Baker City, Washington, where he died. His wife died some years later at Lake View, Iowa. They were a most excellent couple and had much to do with the physical development of the territory in which they had settled as pioneers. During their time and with their assistance, the wild plains and wooded tract were transformed into blooming fields of golden grain, with splendid homes and thriving villages. Schools and churches were established, roads built and improved and the moral and social conditions raised to a high standard. To those people who, as did Mr. and Mrs. Jackson, enter into the precincts of the forest or scan the wild prairie for a home, and by their efforts and a life of hardship, transform all into one of the finest farming districts of the United States, is due all the honor and praise of the present generation. To them the state and the nation owe a lasting debt of gratitude for the noble work that they have done. Their life was not an easy one, and well did they know that to them would not come the fullest measure of success. Their greatness is demonstrated by the fact that they knew that they were building and preparing for a future generation.

John W. Jackson, one of a family of six children, received his education in the schools of the states of Illinois and Iowa. He grew to manhood on the home farm, where during his life as a lad and young man he worked as a farmer. On reaching manhood he entered the livery business at Gowrie, Iowa, where he remained for two years, after which he retired from the livery business and for the next two years lived in Pipestone county, Minnesota, where he worked on a large horse farm. He then returned to Gowrie, Iowa, where he ran a dray for two years, after which he engaged in general farming in Noble county, Minnesota, and operated a hotel for five years. He then came to Norman county, where he engaged in general farming for twelve years, after which he established a livery and garage at Lockhart, in connection with the hotel business, where he has met with much success.

On December 29, 1888, John W. Jackson was united in marriage to Mary DeLong, a woman of high ideals and one who is held in the highest regard by her many friends. To this union two children have been born, Glenn and Brant. Mr. and Mrs. Jackson are active members of the Presbyterian church and are prominent in the activities of the town. They have long been prominent in the social, civic and business affairs of the place. Mr. Jackson is a business man of ability. His genial disposition and

pleasing address have made for him many friends among his business associates. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of the Modern Woodmen of America, in the affairs of both of which orders he takes a keen interest. His life has been a busy one and he is known as one of the hustlers of his home town.

HALVOR BEKKERUS.

Halvor Bekkerus, a substantial and progressive farmer, living in Humboldt township, Clay county, owner of a fine tract of two hundred acres of choice land in that township, is a native of the kingdom of Norway, but has been a resident of this country since he was twenty years old. He was born on September 23, 1866, a son of Torjus and Ingeborg (Sorenson) Bekkerus, who came to America some years after their son.

Torjus Bekkerus was educated in the schools of Norway and was married in that country, where he followed the occupation of a farmer. On his arrival in America he came on out to Minnesota and settled in Moland township, Clay county, and about 1905 he took a homestead claim of eighty acres—the last homestead tract that was open for entry. On this holding he commenced the active life of a farmer and made a success of his labors, being recognized as one of the best small landholders in the vicinity. Torjus Bekkerus died about 1907 in Clay county and his widow still lives in Moland township. They were the parents of six children, namely: Soren, living in Norway, originally a mechanic, now a farmer; Drang, of Marshall county, Minnesota; A. T., of Moland township; Sena, living at Devil's Lake, North Dakota; Halvor, the subject of this sketch, and Ole, living in Herdsville, North Dakota. Torjus Bekkerus and wife were members of the Lutheran church and their children were reared in the same faith.

Halvor Bekkerus was educated in the schools of his native land and was reared on his father's place. At the age of twenty, in 1886, he decided to try his fortune in America and left Norway in that year. He came to Minnesota and commenced to work on farms in the Glyndon neighborhood; he took up carpentry work, which he had partly learned in the old country, and followed that trade for about ten years in the vicinity of Glyndon. Mr. Bekkerus then bought a quarter section of land in Humboldt township, and has lived there ever since, engaged in general farming, and has added to his holding until he is now the owner of two hundred acres of excellent land. He