

Mr. and Mrs. Ambuel are devoted members of the Lutheran church, and according to the precepts of this denomination they have reared their children. Politically, Mr. Ambuel is independent. Despite his very busy life on the farm, he has had time to devote some of his energies to the civic affairs of the community, and has served as township supervisor for a number of years.

JOHAN MATHIAS MALME.

Johan Mathias Malme, a well-known and substantial farmer of Halstad township, Norman county, where he owns and operates a fine farm of two hundred and ninety acres, was born in Romsdalen, Norway, on September 11, 1862, a son of Knut Olson and Ellen Arnesdatter (Malme) Malme. Both of the parents were born on the Malme farm, near the point that later was the birthplace of their son, Johan, in Norway, and there they grew to maturity, married and reared their family. The mother died in Norway, and the father, wishing to spend the rest of his days among his children in the New World, came to America in 1903 and made his home with his son, Johan, until his death occurred in 1915. Knut and Ellen Malme were the parents of nine children, namely: Ole, who has remained living in his native Norway, in Trondjhem; Andreas and Gertina, who are dead; Johan M., the subject of this review; Berit Martha, who still lives in From, Romsdalen, Norway; Karen, Knut A. and Carl, all living in Norman county, Minnesota; and Karen, who is deceased.

Until he was twenty-five years of age, Johan Mathias Malme remained on the old home place in Romsdalen, Norway, where he acquired a common-school education and later attended an educational institution equivalent to the American high school for six months. During this time he learned the carpenter's trade, which stood him in good stead when he came to this country. The fact that so many of his countrymen had come to Minnesota and had here become comfortably situated, induced in him the desire to follow them, and in 1887 he came. In the latter part of February of the year of his arrival he located in Ada, the county seat of Norman county, and there began working at the carpenter trade. Three years later, in 1890, Mr. Malme, in partnership with Knut Strain, bought one hundred and sixty acres of land which was not very well improved, since the tract had on it only a log house and a small grove of poplar and willow trees, but they began to improve the holding. In 1892, Mr. Malme bought his partner's

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 stanch 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-