

In 1878, in Mankato, Minnesota, Hans L. Norby was married to Anna Thoreson, who was born in Norway in 1852, and who came to America in 1876 with Mr. Norby's father, two brothers and a sister. To Mr. and Mrs. Norby nine children have been born, namely: Theodore, who has a farm in North Dakota; Inga, who is married and lives in Colorado; Alma, who died in 1889, when four years of age; Albert, who lives at home; Alma the second, who works in North Dakota; Oscar, who is at home; Laura, who is married and lives in Montana; John, who is married and has a jewelry store in Clear Brook, Minnesota, and Nellie, who is at home.

Mr. Norby has been supervisor of Goose Prairie township at intervals for twenty years. He belongs to the Norwegian Lutheran church, of which he has been a trustee for fifteen years, and has ever given proper attention to neighborhood good works.

ROBERT L. SCOTT.

Some farmers who have cropped their soils from year to year, taking everything off and returning nothing, when their crops fall off in yield until there are no profits, begin to realize that they will have to adopt a new system or else abandon their farm. Those who are wise look ahead and take proper steps to prevent such a deplorable state of affairs from ever coming. Robert L. Scott is one of the young farmers of Viding township, Clay county, who believes in conserving the soil elements, in keeping his land from ever wearing out.

Mr. Scott was born at Polo, in Ogle county, Illinois, February 6, 1881, a son of J. W. and Bessie (Lawson) Scott, who remained in Illinois, on the home farm. He grew to manhood on the farm near Polo, assisting with the general work on the same when he became of proper age, and received his education in the schools of Polo, graduating from the high school there. He remained on the farm with his parents until he was twenty-two years old, then, in the spring of 1903, he came to Minnesota and located on a farm in Viding township, Clay county, and here he has remained to the present time. He operates eleven hundred and twenty acres, carrying on general grain farming and potato raising on an extensive scale, specializing in Red River Valley seed potatoes, which he produces in great quantities every year. He understands every phase of successful

potato raising and his fine tubers find a very ready market owing to their superior quality.

On December 18, 1902, Robert L. Scott was married to Emma Elizabeth Brantner, who also was born at Polo, in Ogle county, Illinois, and to this union three children have been born, Bessie Mabel, Jasper Michael, and Joseph Winfield. Mrs. Scott is one of the eleven children, two sons and nine daughters, born to Joseph M. and Anna (Nye) Brantner, both of whom were born in Ogle county, Illinois, the former at Polo and the latter at Mt. Morris. Mr. Brantner is now a prominent farmer at Lime Springs, Iowa. Of the eleven children born to him and his wife all are living.

Mr. Scott is an advocate of advanced farming methods and keeps well read along these lines. He is vice-president of the Clay County Farm Bureau and has done much to make that influential organization a pronounced success. He was formerly township supervisor and has also held offices on the school board. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Politically, he is a Republican.

BERNARD F. TENNEY.

Bernard F. Tenney, cashier and general manager of the First State Bank of Ada and for years one of the leading business men of Norman county, is a native of the old Buckeye state, but has been a resident of Minnesota practically all the time since his childhood. He was born in Sandusky, Ohio, May 1, 1868, son of Major Luman H. and Frances D. (Andrews) Tenney, natives of that same state, who later came to Minnesota and became prominent and influential residents of this part of the state in pioneer days.

Major Luman H. Tenney, who took a very active part in the development of this part of the state during the time of the early settlement of this section, was reared in Ohio and was little more than a boy when the Civil War broke out. He enlisted as a private in the Second Ohio Cavalry and served with that command until the close of the war, being mustered out as a brevet major. Upon the completion of his military service Major Tenney married and made his home in Sandusky, Ohio, until 1869, when he came to Minnesota and located at Duluth, where he engaged in the real estate and insurance business. In 1872, about the time of the organization of Clay