

able assistance in the cultivation of the same until he reached the age of twenty-six years. In 1905 his brother, William, came northward into Minnesota, where he bought a quarter section in Mary township, Norman county, and his success in farming up here in the Red River valley country exerted no small influence in the coming of his brother, the subject of this review, into this section in 1907. When he arrived in Norman county, Francis E. Shaide made his home for a short time with his brother William, but soon he bought one hundred and sixty acres in section 22, Mary township, not far from his brother's holding. At first the tract was entirely unimproved, bearing a close resemblance to the land which greeted the eyes of the earliest settlers in this county, as it had never been plowed and was not supplied with any kind of farm buildings, but the task confronting this young man of twenty-six years merely whetted his industry and the reward for his efforts is his present excellent farm of one hundred and sixty well-improved acres on which he carries on general mixed farming and stock raising, owning two registered stallions and one blooded bull.

On October 23, 1911, Francis Edward Shaide was married to Hattie A. Schaefer, on this farm. Mrs. Shaide was born in Des Plaines, Illinois, July 1, 1891, a daughter of Henry and Minnie (Cook) Schaefer, the latter of whom was a native of Germany, who came to this country with her parents when she was three years of age. Henry Schaefer was born in Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Shaide are the parents of three children, Tremain, Lovell and an infant. They are members of the St. Mary's Catholic church and in the affairs of the local parish they take a proper interest. Politically, Mr. Shaide is a member of the Republican party, and is serving as chairman of the township board, which official position he has occupied for seven years, with complete satisfaction to his neighbors.

TORGER OLSON SUNDET.

Torger Olson Sundet, one of the early settlers of Norman county, living here for thirty-seven years, the owner of a fine farm of two hundred acres in Bear Park township, is a native of the kingdom of Norway, born in that country on October 20, 1836, but has been a resident of the United States since 1867. He is a son of Ole Olson and Ingeborg (Halvorsdatter) Sundet, also born in Norway and who lived and died in that country. They were the parents of the following children: Marit, Ole, Halvar, Krjerste, Peder, Anne and Torger.

Torger O. Sundet was educated in the schools of Norway and was reared to manhood on his father's place. At the age of thirty-one, in 1867, he decided to try his fortune in America and in that year immigrated to Fillmore county, Minnesota, where he worked on farms until 1880. In the latter year he moved via horse team to Norman county and took one hundred and sixty acres of homestead land in section 28, Bear Park township, on which he erected some log buildings and carried on general farming until 1903. He then moved to his present place in section 21, Bear Park township, where he has two hundred acres of excellent land, which is set out to general crops and from the very beginning of his operations he has met with a large measure of success, being considered one of the best husbandmen in the farming community.

Torger O. Sundet has been three times married. His first wife was Olena Guansta, a native of Norway; no children were born to that union. His second wife was Mrs. Marie (Jelleberg) Jelleberg, the widow of Herman Jelleberg, who died soon after their arrival in Fillmore county, Minnesota. By her marriage to Mr. Jelleberg she was the mother of one son, Olas H., born on February 2, 1868, and who came with his parents to America the following year, 1869. Mr. Sundet's third marriage was to Jodda Johnsdatter Sennepen, who is still living. Mr. Sundet is a member of the Ness Lutheran church, which he helped to organize and in whose good works he is actively interested. He also assisted in the organization of Bear Park Mercantile Company. Mr. Sundet is not the father of any children, but his stepson, Olaus H. Jelleberg, has taken the name of Sundet, and all live together on the home farm.

EDWARD M. EVANS.

Edward M. Evans, a well-to-do and progressive farmer, owner of three hundred and sixty acres of excellent land, connected with various township offices and with the local telephone and creamery companies, is a native son of Minnesota, born in Fillmore county, July 11, 1858. He is a son of Nels and Gunhild (Tostensen) Evans, both of whom were born in Norway, the former coming to America, while yet a single man, in 1846, and, in 1856, settling in Fillmore county, where they were married some time later. Gunhild Tostensen came with her parents, Tostensen and Astrí (Sverie) Larson, in 1857, and who also settled in Fillmore county.