

of cattle and contemplates adding Red Polled cattle to his herd. By hard work and the exercise of a wise economy Mr. Smith has been enabled to attain to his present position as one of the substantial and progressive farmers of Clay county.

John I. Smith was united in marriage to Nettie Brown, who was born in Minnesota in September, 1869, and to that union the following children have been born: Howard, who lives in Bismarck, North Dakota; Harold, Lister, Ethel and Jennette, all living at home with their parents. The Smith family are Presbyterians and are earnestly interested in all local good works.

In politics, Mr. Smith is a supporter of the Republican party. He has served as township supervisor for eighteen years and is chairman of the board at present. He is also a director of the school board, and in many other ways has given of his time and energy to all good causes calculated to improve the condition of the public in the community in which he has resided for so many years.

FRANCIS EDWARD SHAIDE.

Francis Edward Shaide, a recent settler in Mary township, Norman county, where he owns a quarter section of well-improved land, on which he carries on general farming and stock raising, was born near Clifton, Illinois, December 2, 1881, a son of Jacob and Mary (Wiersbeck) Shaide, the former a native of Switzerland and the latter of Prussia, both coming to America in 1856, and settling near Clifton, Illinois, on a farm, well-known and respected citizens of the community. Jacob Shaide was born in March, 1832, and died on the home place in Illinois in 1915, at the advanced age of eighty-three years. The death of his wife occurred in 1906 when she was fifty-six years old, she having been born in 1850. To these parents seven children were born, those besides the subject of this review, who is the sixth in order of birth, being: Emma, deceased; Louise, wife of Matt Bannon and living in Chicago; Julia, who married Charles Schultz and now resides in Clifton, Illinois; William, who is living here in Mary township, where he is the proprietor of one hundred and sixty acres of land in section 23; Bertha, the wife of Edward Trevis, now living in New York state, and Walter, who lives on the old home place in Illinois.

Francis E. Shaide was reared to manhood on the old home place in Illinois, where he received his common-school education in the district schools of the community, and he remained on the old farm rendering valu-

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.