

Gilbert Anderson has been operating since his father's death, being recognized as one of the progressive and substantial farmers of the township, conducting his agricultural operations on modern lines and achieving commendable success.

The late Olaf Anderson was ever an active and zealous member of the Lutheran church, the first church of which congregation he helped to organize at West Wild Rice, and he was an earnest supporter of all good movements designed to improve the general social conditions of the township and neighborhood in which he had been for so many years a resident.

JOHN I. SMITH.

John I. Smith, a well-known and prosperous farmer and stockman, chairman of the township board, is a native of the Dominion of Canada, but has been a resident of Moorhead, Clay county, for about forty years, and has thus been a witness to the community development of this part of the state of Minnesota during that time. He was born in the province of Ontario on November 26, 1867, a son of Moses and Mary (Heath) Smith.

Moses Smith was born in Canada in 1839 and came to Moorhead about the year 1879. Mary Heath was also born in Canada, in 1841, and came to Moorhead with her husband, they having been married in Canada. Both are still living in this county. On coming here Moses Smith took up farming and has been following that occupation ever since. He and his wife are well known throughout the community as excellent citizens and are warmly esteemed by a large circle of friends. To Moses Smith and wife the following children were born: John, the subject of this sketch; James, deceased; Mary, who is married, and Emma, also married. These parents are members of the Methodist church and are interested in all neighborhood good works.

John I. Smith left Ontario, Canada, in December, 1879, and came with his parents to Moorhead. He received his early education in Canada and on coming to this county assisted his father with the work on the farm. After the lapse of some years he commenced farming on his own account. He has been living on his present farm in Kurtz township for the past twenty-six years and during that period has carried out many valuable improvements on his land and buildings. He is now the owner of three hundred and twenty acres of excellent land and is engaged with the cultivation of his tract for mixed farming, and has been very successful. He also raises a good strain

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-