

young for a man in a position of such responsibility, he has become generally recognized as an able banker and is well informed upon all financial transactions and situations, making use of his intimate knowledge in the interest and upbuilding of the banking house of which he is at the head. Politically Mr. Linde is a republican, and his religious adherence is given to the Lutheran church. If his early success is any indication of what the future holds in store for him, a conspicuously brilliant career may be prophesied for him—a career that will result not only in his individual prosperity but will play a role in the commercial advancement and development of Winneshiek county and particularly of his locality.

OLE E. BAKKE.

Iowa offers a splendid opportunity to the farmer, for the land is rich and productive and responds readily to the care and labor bestowed upon it. One of the excellent properties in Frankville township is known as The Oaks. It is a place of four hundred acres, in the midst of which stands a large, fine residence erected by Ole E. Bakke, who was the owner of the place. It was upon this farm that he was born July 22, 1856, his parents being Erick O. and Gunhilda Ramsey Bakke, both of whom were natives of Norway. The father was born April 1, 1824. They were married in their native land, in Urlandvangers church, on the 30th of October, 1849, and in the spring of 1851 crossed the Atlantic to America. They remained for a brief period in Dane county, Wisconsin, and then came to Winneshiek county, Iowa, settling in Frankville township. Mr. Bakke had a little money which he had saved when in his native land. That gave him a start and in the course of years he became a wealthy farmer. He purchased land in Frankville township and continued to make his home thereon until after the death of his wife, which occurred on the 10th of March, 1903, when she was eighty-five years of age. Mr. Bakke passed away on the 29th of January, 1908, at the age of eighty-three years, nine months and twenty-nine days. In their family were four children: Anna, the deceased wife of Gilbert Ness; Isabella, the deceased wife of Andrew Traaserud; Ole E.; and Carolina, the widow of T. O. Storla of Decorah township. The parents were members of the Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran church and their remains now rest in Washington Prairie cemetery.

Ole E. Bakke was reared on the old homestead and in his youthful days supplemented his public-school education by a course in Luther College at Decorah and in the State University at Madison, Wisconsin. He also pursued a commercial course at Valparaiso, Indiana. He was reared to the occupation of farming and made it his life work. He owned four hundred acres of land and his place, known as The Oaks, has ever been regarded as one of the finest farms of Winneshiek county. He carried on general farming and stock-raising and his fields brought forth rich harvests, owing to the practical and progressive methods which he utilized. As a stock dealer, too, he conducted an extensive business, purchasing considerable stock which he took to the Chicago market and there sold. He was active along many lines and all that he did brought to him success. He was a member of the creamery firm of Ramsey, Johnson &