

Bakke, of Glenwood township, and he had interests in Wharton county, Texas, still in possession of his family. In all of his business affairs he displayed notable enterprise, keen discernment and capable management, and he carried forward to successful completion whatever he undertook. Moreover, he was strictly honorable and reliable in all his dealings and the most envious could not grudge him his success.

On the 25th of October, 1883, Mr. Bakke was united in marriage to Miss Ellen Marie Sander, who was born in Decorah township, October 3, 1857, a daughter of B. and Karen (Huseby) Sander, who were natives of Norway and were reared and married there. They came to the United States about 1850 and spent their remaining days upon a farm in this county. Their family numbered three sons and four daughters. Mr. and Mrs. Bakke became the parents of nine children: Isabella Antoinette, Clara Gunhilde, Erick Arthur, Elmer Orlando, Philip Henry, Ruth Elizabeth, Vernon Lorenzo, Esther Lillian and Ole Ernest. The two sons Erick and Philip are now studying in the State Agricultural College at Ames. Erick and Orlando spent four years in Luther College at Decorah, while Philip had a commercial course in Decorah. The daughter Clara is a graduate of the high school at Decorah and is now engaged in teaching.

In his political views Ole E. Bakke was a republican and held various township offices, the duties of which he discharged with promptness and fidelity. He held membership in the Lutheran church and he led an upright, honorable life, guided by his Christian belief. He was always a resident of Winneshiek county, spending his entire life upon the old homestead farm in Frankville township, and that his record was ever a commendable one is shown by the fact that many of his stanchest friends were those who knew him from his boyhood. He died at Elkader, Iowa, July 13, 1902, and his death was an occasion of deep regret to all with whom he had been brought in contact.

JACOB L. HAMRE.

One of the most valued and representative of the younger generation of business men in Decorah is Jacob L. Hamre, the owner of a large shoe store, in connection with which he operates a shoemaking and repairing department. His birth occurred in Vestre Stedre, Valdres, Norway, February 12, 1883, and he is a son of Lars H. and Berit (Halden) Hamre, natives of Norway. The father was a farmer by occupation, continuing in that line of work until his death, which occurred in 1900. His wife survives him and makes her home in Norway.

Jacob L. Hamre acquired his education in the public schools of his native country and after laying aside his books learned the shoemaker's trade, following this line in Norway until 1902. In that year he emigrated to America and located in Winneshiek county, where for one year he worked upon a farm. He then moved into the city, where he obtained employment in a tailor shop, remaining in this connection for four years thereafter. At the end of that time he established himself in business as a shoemaker, concentrating his attention upon this line of work until 1909, when he added a complete stock of shoes, owning