

farm, remaining upon it for a similar period of time. Upon its expiration he bought one hundred acres on section 32, Madison township, and upon this he has since resided. He has cleared twenty acres of this place and has made some substantial improvements, the farm reflecting everywhere his careful supervision and practical methods in its cultivation.

In June, 1906, Mr. Boe was united in marriage to Miss Randina Neste, a daughter of Peter K. and Sarah (Thorgeson) Neste, of whom further mention is made elsewhere in this work. Mr. and Mrs. Boe have two children: Palmer T., aged five, and Myrtle S. R., aged four. Mr. Boe is a member of the Lutheran church and is a republican in his political views, cooperating heartily in measures and projects to promote the permanent interests of the community. His entire life has been spent in this township and he has an extensive acquaintance within its borders, being recognized as a young man of energy and ability whose continued advancement is assured.

TOLLEF THRONDSOEN.

In the sudden death of Tollef Throndsen, which occurred June 3, 1898, Madison township lost one of its most honored and respected citizens, a man who had ever been deeply interested in the welfare of the community in which he had so long lived and labored. Mr. Throndsen was born in Norway, October 24, 1835, a son of Thron and Engri (Peterson) Throndsen, who were likewise natives of that country. The father followed farming throughout his entire life and lived and died in the land of his nativity.

Tollef Throndsen was reared and educated in his native land and remained there until he attained his majority, when, believing that opportunities awaited him in America, which he could not enjoy in Norway, he came to the new world. His destination was Wisconsin but he remained there for only a short time and subsequently came to Winneshiek county. He began life in the new world in a humble manner, working out for several years at farm labor. He lived economically in the hope of saving sufficient money to permit him some day to become the owner of land, and his hopes were realized, when, in 1880, he became the possessor of one hundred and sixty acres. He later added to this a tract of forty acres, making two hundred acres, located on section 36, Madison township. He improved the place with substantial buildings, made a close study of the soil, planting crops best adapted to it, and each year he gathered rich harvests as a reward for the labor he bestowed upon the fields. He died very suddenly of heart failure, June 3, 1898, having led an active life up to that time.

It was in August, 1880, that Mr. Throndsen was married to Mrs. Ragnild (Week) Olson, a daughter of Toster and Segriell (Guttonuson) Week. Mrs. Throndsen was born in Norway, in January, 1848, and accompanied her parents on their emigration to America in 1866, the family home being established in Winneshiek county. The father was well advanced in years at the time of his emigration to this country, so that he practically lived retired in Iowa. His death occurred in 1894, but the mother lived only a few years after coming to