

Reared on the old homestead amid the busy activities and wholesome environment of the farm, Paul E. Egge has devoted his entire life to agricultural pursuits. He has continued to reside on the old home farm upon which he was born and in the operation of which he has been most successful. He is now the owner of two hundred and fifteen acres all located on section 6, Frankville township with the exception of fifteen acres of timber land in Decorah township. This property includes the old homestead of one hundred and sixty acres upon which his father first located on coming to Winneshiek county and which he brought to a high state of development prior to his demise. The original home of the family, built by the father in 1850, still stands on the place. It is a log house fourteen by sixteen feet and this Paul E. Egge has given to Dither College, and it will be moved to Decorah. Mr. Egge divides his time between general farming and stock-raising, in both of which branches he has been most successful for he has ever followed practical, modern methods. He possesses keen business sagacity and has always been actuated by a progressive spirit guided by sound judgment.

Air. Egge was married in 1902 to Miss Helena Bratbaken, who was born in Frankville township and is a daughter of Christian and Helen Bratbaken, natives of Norway. The father is deceased but the mother survives and now makes her home with her daughter. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Egge have been born three children, Helena Elizabeth, Esther Alarie and Erick. Reared in the Lutheran faith, Air. Egge has ever given his support to the church of that denomination and its teachings have formed the guiding influence of his life. He is a man of high purpose and honorable principles, and during the period of his residence in Winneshiek county, covering his entire lifetime, he has won a large circle of warm friends who hold him in high esteem and regard.

ERNEST L. YARWOOD.

Farming has claimed the attention of Ernest L. Yarwood throughout his entire business career, and he is today the owner of one hundred and eighty-eight acres, located on section 1, Calmar township. He is a native son of Winneshiek county, born on the home farm, of which he is now the owner, in September, 1881. He is a son of George W. and Maria (Dee) Yarwood, the former born in England, while the latter was a native of Wisconsin. Upon his emigration to the new world, the father located in New York, but in 1855 he came to Winneshiek county and bought land in Calmar township, continuing to cultivate his land until the time of his death, which occurred in the fall of 1901. His wife survived for a few years, departing this life November 28, 1908.

Ernest L. Yarwood took up the tasks of the home farm at an early age and as the years passed he assisted more and more in the work of the fields. He acquired his education during the winter seasons in the district schools near his home. In 1905 he rented the home place and became so successful that in 1911 he was able to buy his brothers' interest, so that he is now the owner of one hundred and eighty-eight acres. He has improved the place to some extent and now has a farm that is a credit to his labors.