and a representative man among its people. His life began on his father’s farm in Liberty township June 23, 1891, and he continued to live there until he reached the age of twenty years, obtaining a common school education at the school in the neighborhood of his home. He also worked on the farm from the time when he was big and strong enough to do it until he left the parental roof-tree and started out in life to make his own way in the world.

Mr. Halvorson is a son of Hans and Hannah (Gulickson) Halvorson, the former a native of Norway and the latter of Iowa but of Norwegian parentage. They were among the early settlers of Liberty township, this county, where the father entered a homestead in the early days and has since been engaged in farming. Seven children were born of their union, and of these their son Harry was the fifth in the order of birth. When he left home he rented a farm for a year in Scandia township and then took charge of one in Rice township for a few months. In December, 1913, he purchased the livery business and outfit of J. I. Hamre in Fertile, and to the management of that business he has since devoted himself with constant industry, good ability and profitable results. He is an excellent citizen and esteemed as such throughout the community.

THORVAルド A. BYDAL.

Thorvald A. Bydal, of East Grand Forks, a well known citizen and leading merchant of that place, was born in Norway, May 8, 1865. He remained in his native land until twenty years of age, when he came to the United States and for a year resided in Portage county, Wisconsin. In 1886 he removed to Polk county and became associated with the grocery trade as a clerk in a store in East Grand Forks and continued in that employment for a number of years, making his independent venture in the commercial world in 1907. In May of that year he opened a grocery store under the firm name of Bydal & Bydal and has since devoted his attention to the successful management of that business. This store is one of the largest and most attractive in that locality, furnishing the town with excellent trading facilities and enjoys a steady prosperity and lucrative patronage which attests to the ability and integrity of its management. Aside from his commercial activities, Mr. Bydal is interested in farm lands, owning three hundred and twenty acres of North Dakota land. During the many years of his residence in the county, he has given his ready support to every project which tends to public betterment and has taken an active interest in the affairs of the community. He is an influential member of the Commercial club and one of its directors. Also vice president of the Retail Merchants association of East Grand Forks and Grand Forks. Mr. Bydal was married in Minneapolis, October 12, 1903, to Anna Leewy, who, like her husband, is a native of Norway. They have one child, Laila.

WILLIAM STREET.

Being one of the extensive, progressive and successful farmers of Rice township, this county, William Street is a useful and stimulating force in the part of the county in which he lives and has done a great deal toward helping it to progress to its full development and most advanced improvement. He also handles live stock extensively, and in this branch of his industry he is an additional help to the industrial and commercial activities of his township and the Northwest in general.

Mr. Street was born near the town of Ringwood, Hampshire, England, November 6, 1845, and was reared on his father’s farm there and educated at the school in the neighborhood. From his boyhood he