

ALVIN ANNIS.

Alvin Annis, resides on section 12, Fond du Lac township. He was born in Dodge county, Wisconsin, April 14, 1879, and is the son of Julius B. and Lissina (Schneider) Annis. The father was born in the highlands of Scotland, July 21, 1848, and came to Wisconsin with his parents when he was two years of age. He received his early education and spent his youth and early manhood in De Pere. He followed agriculture during his active years and retired in 1895,

emigrated to America in boyhood with his parents, who located in Wisconsin.

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since which time he has resided in Milwaukee. The mother of our subject was born in Pennsylvania and came to Wisconsin with her parents when she was still a child. The journey was made in the early days of pioneer settlement and the train of which Mrs. Annis was a member traveled in camp wagons. She was united in marriage to Julius B. Annis in Dodge county, Wisconsin, and to their union were born six children: Adelbert, who married Miss Lizzie Schultz, by whom he has one child, Edna; Clarence, who married Miss Gertrude Wiles, by whom he has seven children; Jessie, the widow of M. Madden, who met death by an accident in 1899; Cecil, the wife of Jacob Fitzpatrick and the mother of two children, Orphia and Ethel; Alvin, our subject; and Adaline, the wife of Joseph Bruns and the mother of one child, Kenneth.

Alvin Annis was the son of poor parents and what education he acquired he gained for himself by hard work and incessant application. He was obliged to work during all but the winter months and at this period of the year he pursued his studies. Even in his early childhood his energy and ability were marked characteristics and his power of concentrated industry carried him through many difficult positions in his life. When he laid aside his books he assisted his father in the work of the farm until the latter retired in 1895. In that year Alvin Annis engaged in agriculture in the employ of others and carried on farming in this capacity for some years. He was later made a member of the Fond du Lac Fire Company and was successful in this line of activity for four years. He spent one season as city weed commissioner and in January, 1912, started upon his active career as a farmer.

On November 16, 1897, Mrs. Annis was united in marriage to Miss Josephine Rochelle, a daughter of William and Agnes Rochelle, of Fond du Lac. The father came to this county in the early days of its settlement and was the oldest tailor in the district. He and his wife were the parents of thirteen children, eight of whom are still living. Mrs. Annis and Mr. Annis are the parents of two children, Floyd and Ormia.

In his political affiliations Mr. Annis is a firm democrat and takes an active interest in the movements of the local organization although he has never sought public office. His only other affiliation is his connection with the National Union and he is active in the affairs of that organization. He holds membership in St. Patrick's Catholic church, in which faith he was reared and in which he is educating his children. He is one of the progressive and representative farmers of Fond du Lac county and his success has been entirely the result of his energetic and honorable qualities. He has made his own career by hard work and indefatigable industry and has achieved at an early age an enduring prosperity.