

useful and influential organization. During his long residence in Winchester township Mr. Aschbach gave proper attention to the civic affairs of that township and served for some time as township assessor. He also was clerk of his local school district and did much to advance the work of the school, while in other ways he also did what he could to advance the common welfare.

It was in 1879, two years before he came to America, that Bernhart Aschbach was united in marriage to Matilda Glaesner, who also was born in Germany, and to that union eight children have been born, Olga, Oscar, William, Otto, Clara, George, Hilda and Elma, all of whom are living. The Aschbachs are members of the Lutheran church and have ever given their earnest attention to church work.

JULIUS BAKER ASKE.

One of the large landowners of Clay county is Julius Baker Aske, who resides in Moorhead. He was born in Fillmore county, Minnesota, December 13, 1878, a son of Lars and Martha (Bersagel) Aske. The mother also was a native of that county, but the father was born in Norway, from which country he came to America when a young man, locating in Fillmore county, this state, where he married. About 1882 he moved to Norman county, bringing his family and household effects overland by ox-team and wagon. He located on a homestead of one hundred and sixty acres, four miles northwest of Ada, later selling out and buying another farm in the same vicinity and there he remained a number of years. He worked hard developing the raw land and by perseverance became very comfortably established, continuing farming during his active life. His wife died on the farm in Norman county, but he died in California. Their family consisted of five children, Lewis, Louise, Julius, Anna and Ella.

Julius B. Aske attended the early-day schools in Norman county, being four years old when his parents located there. He assisted his father with the work of improving and cultivating the homestead. As a young man he engaged in the ice and drayage business at Ada, then followed the saloon business two years, after which he spent one year in Twin Valley, in the same business; then came to Moorhead and continued in that line until 1906, since which year he has been interested in a saloon in Minneapolis. In 1916 he started a pool hall and soft-drink business at his

old stand next to the north bridge in Moorhead. He owns six hundred acres of valuable land in Clay county, and four hundred and twenty acres in Cass county, over the river in North Dakota. Most of Mr. Aske's time during the crop seasons is taken up with the management of his land. He carries on general farming on a large scale.

Mr. Aske was married in 1903 to Rosella Schill, a native of Marion township, Norman county, and a daughter of Lambert Schill and wife. To this union three children have been born, Jerome, Egienia and Wendal. Politically, Mr. Aske is a Republican. Fraternally, he belongs to the Improved Order of Red Men and to the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

OLE MARTINSON.

Ole Martinson was born in Norway, January 19, 1847, a son of Martin Anderson and Olava Jerswald, both natives of Norway, where they lived their entire life, the father being a farmer. Their children were: Erick, Bergette, Anna, Nickolena, Karlen Marie, Ole and Olena.

Ole Martinson was educated in the schools of Norway. He worked on his father's farm during the summer season, and in the winter engaged in the business of cod fishing which was a common and remunerative vocation of the people in that community. With a view of seeking a larger opportunity for a livelihood, he followed the footsteps of many others of his neighborhood and nationality and came to America in 1872. He landed in New York, May 23, of that year, and came directly to Minnesota, locating first in St. Peter, Nicollet county, where he remained for three years. He then went to Minneapolis, where he found employment for about seven years in a planing mill. In 1882 he came to Moorhead, Minnesota, where he has made his home since that time. For more than twenty years Mr. Martinson was engaged in the mercantile business here, conducting a grocery and crockery store, but in 1904 he sold this store and retired from business.

Mr. Martinson was one of the organizers of the First State Bank of Moorhead, and served as vice-president of this institution for several years. He finally sold his interest in the bank and retired from official connection with this institution. For about sixteen years he has been a stockholder in the Moorhead National Bank and is at present one of the directors of this bank. Mr. Martinson is also interested in farming. He is the owner of a half section of land in Kurtz township, Clay county, Minnesota, a