

established their home permanently. Here on the old home place he spent his late boyhood and has lived ever since, devoting himself to the development and cultivation of the farm. After his mother's death in 1901, he purchased the home place from the estate and has kept the old farm up to its former high state of improvement, adding several buildings and much modern farming machinery, which have materially increased the agricultural efficiency of the tract. Mr. Lorentz now carries on diversified farming according to the latest methods of scientific agriculture, and is considered one of the up-to-date farmers of the community. He has not married and his sister, Lizzie, lives with him on the home place, keeping house.

In addition to his agricultural activities, Mr. Lorentz is interested in the credit facilities which are extended to the farmers of the township, and is a stockholder in the Farmers and Merchants Bank at Perley. In politics, he is a staunch advocate of Republican policies and principles, and he is keenly interested in the civic affairs of his neighborhood, having served Mary township seven years as assessor. The educational progress of the community has come in for some of Mr. Lorentz's time, as he served as director on the school board for many years, now in his sixth term. In all of his activities in private business or in the discharge of public duty, Mr. Lorentz has always shown himself to be a man of sterling integrity and shrewd business sense. He and his sister, Lizzie, are members of St. Mary's Catholic church in Mary township and take a proper interest in parish affairs.

CARL BJORKQUIST.

Carl Bjorkquist, a well-known contractor of Moorhead, was born in Sweden, October 5, 1854. He is a son of Lars Johnson and Marie (Erickson) Johnson, both natives of Sweden, where they grew up, married and resided until 1885, when they emigrated to America, coming directly to Minnesota and locating at Moorhead, where they spent the rest of their lives. The father was contracting mason and also owned some excellent farming land. He was born in 1809 and died in Moorhead on August 12, 1902. His wife was born in 1817 and died at Moorhead in 1905. To these parents nine children were born, namely: Sophia, born in 1841; Mary, 1843; Anna, 1845, who died in 1872 in Sweden; John, 1848, who was a general contractor and died in Moorhead; Magnus, 1849; Helen, 1852;

Carl, the subject of this sketch; Edward, 1857, who was postmaster at Moorhead for a period of twelve years, and Augusta, 1859. These children were all educated in the public schools in Sweden.

Carl Bjorkquist grew to manhood in his native land and there attended school. As a young man he learned the trade of mason under his father and others. Two of his brothers also took up this line of work. He came to America in 1881, coming on directly to Minnesota and locating at Moorhead, where he has since made his home. His brother John, for whom he began working upon his arrival here, was the first contractor in Moorhead, where he had settled in 1878. Carl became his foreman, remaining with him until 1898, when he began contracting for himself and has continued thus successfully engaged until the present time, enjoying a large and growing business. He is an expert workman and a close observer as well as a student of all that pertains to his line and has therefore kept well abreast of the times in the same. He has erected many public buildings, business houses and residences in Moorhead and elsewhere.

Mr. Bjorkquist was married in 1884 to Hulda Anderson, who was born in Sweden, where she grew to womanhood, attended school and married, Mr. Bjorkquist returning to his native land for her. After their marriage they remained there about two years, coming back to Minnesota in 1886. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Bjorkquist, namely: Lars Gunnar, Hildur Elizabeth, Oscar William and Herbert Hjalmar.

Politically, Mr. Bjorkquist is a Republican. He has always taken an active interest in the affairs of Moorhead and is a member of the Commercial Club, also of the Builders Exchange at Fargo. He belongs to the Swedish Lutheran church.

JOHN E. LEDING.

The late John E. Leding, who was a prosperous farmer of Bear Park township, Norman county, where he was the owner and operator of a fine farm of two hundred acres and where he was the first settler, was born at Sundahl, Norway, a son of Erick and Marit (Mahle) Leding, both of whom were natives of Norway, where they grew up, married, reared their family and died, the father a farmer there.

John E. Leding was reared on the old farm in Norway and there he