

business of the Moorhead Ice Company, which he operated with success until 1916, when he sold out. In 1914 he bought the People's Ice Company at Moorhead, which he also sold in 1916. He then bought the Scandia Hotel at Moorhead which he still operates. His hotel is one of the popular hostelries in this section of the Northwest, the traveling public finding Mr. Olson an obliging and courteous host and his hotel modern and comfortable in every detail. He also owns the Lyceum Theater which he built in 1913. He is still engaged in the ice business, being a stockholder in the Fargo Ice Company. He owned the Independent Ice Company of Fargo for eight years, selling out in 1915.

Mr. Olson was married in 1904 to Julia Thompson, of Twin Valley, Minnesota, and a daughter of P. P. Thompson and wife. She received a good education and prior to her marriage taught school for some time in Twin Valley. To Mr. and Mrs. Olson six children have been born, all living at this writing, namely: William, Irwin, Carrol, Waswold, Alice and Julia.

Mr. Olson is now serving his second term as alderman from his ward. He belongs to the Lutheran church, and fraternally is a member of the Improved Order of Red Men and the Ancient Order of United Workmen.

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### DAVID EMIL CARLSON.

David Emil Carlson, one of the skillful and painstaking carpenters of the city of Moorhead, was born in Sweden, October 7, 1879. He is a son of Carl and Clara Josephina (Svenson) Larson, both natives of Sweden, where they grew to maturity, married and established their home and where the father still resides. The mother died some years ago. In his early life Carl Larson followed commercial fishing and later bought a farm, which he operated until retiring from active life several years ago. He and his wife had seven children, namely: Adolph, deceased; Emil, deceased; Anna and Agnes, both of whom still reside in Sweden; Arvid, who lives in New York City; David E., the subject of this sketch, and Claus, of Moorhead.

David E. Carlson grew to manhood in Sweden and there attended the public schools. In 1903 he immigrated to the New World, coming directly to Minnesota, reaching Moorhead on October 14 of that year. Desiring a higher education he attended the Minnesota State Normal at Moorhead for two years. As a young man he learned the carpenter's trade, at which

he became quite an expert in due course of time, and he has continued to follow the same ever since, being an adroit, prompt and honest workman his services have always been in demand and his work is satisfactory in every respect.

The subject of this sketch, who is unmarried, makes his home with his brother, Claus Carlson, or rather they live together in the same home. Claus Carlson was born in Sweden, February 21, 1881, and there he attended the common schools. He came to Moorhead with his brother, David E., and here he has since resided. He attended the State Normal School here about two years. As a young man he learned the cement business, which he has since continued with gratifying results. About 1898 he returned to Sweden for his bride, Hildur Carlson. After their marriage they remained in the old country about a year, then he came back to Minnesota and established his future home at Moorhead. To their union two children have been born, namely Martin: and Gustav. The Carlsons attend the Swedish Lutheran church.

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#### FRANK JOHNSON.

Cultivation of the soil began with the desire on the part of the cultivator to destroy weeds or plants not desired—plants that were likely to crowd out and injure the ones in which he was interested. But we now know that the destruction of weeds is a matter of secondary importance. We now cultivate to conserve moisture and to promote chemical and biological activity. One of the up-to-date farmers of Highland Grove township, Clay county, is Frank Johnson, who was born in Sweden, November, 8, 1861. He is a son of John and Anna Breta (Anderson) Anderson, both natives of Sweden, where they grew to maturity, married and established their home, and there the father spent his life, dying many years ago. His widow subsequently came to the United States with her son Frank. But illness overtook her en route and her death occurred about a week after arriving in Clay county, Minnesota. She had six children, named as follow: Andrew, deceased; Edward is living; Juel and Carl, deceased; Frank, of this sketch, and Anton, deceased.

Frank Johnson grew to manhood in Sweden and there received a common school education. He came to America in 1880, when nearly twenty years old, coming direct to Clay county, Minnesota. Besides his mother, his brother Juel accompanied him. Frank Johnson worked out in Clay county