

resided, carrying on general farming and stock raising with most gratifying results. He has made many improvements on his place, including the erection of a barn and granary. He is also interested in the Farmers Creamery at Hawley, being one of the stockholders since it was first organized.

Mr. Engen was married in January, 1898, to Ragna Hieberg, a daughter of Soren P. and Maren Hieberg, natives of Norway, where they grew up and married. They immigrated to America about 1880 and homesteaded one hundred and sixty acres in Skree township, Clay county, which they improved and on which they established a very comfortable home, where her death occurred over twenty years ago. Mr. Hieberg is still living on his fine farm there, which consists of two hundred and eighty acres. He has two children, Hilda, wife of Hans Alm, and Ragna, wife of the subject of this sketch. To Mr. and Mrs. Engen ten children have been born, namely: Trace, deceased; Helena, deceased; Tilda, Selvin, Theodore, Lillian, Helena, Herbrand, Jr., Norman and Vernon are twins.

Mr. Engen has served as justice of the peace and as road overseer, discharging his duties as a public servant in an able, faithful and highly satisfactory manner. He is a member of the Lutheran church.

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#### EMIL EUREN.

Emil Euren, for many years a leading contractor of Moorhead, Clay county, was born in Sweden, September 13, 1859. He is a son of Per and Clara (Hendricksdatter) Euren, both natives of Sweden, in which country they lived and died. The father was a farmer; he also followed the trades of bricklayer and plasterer. His family consisted of thirteen children, eight of whom are still living, namely: Lars, Erick, Aren, Louisa, Sophia, Emil, Gust and Theodore.

Emil Euren grew to manhood in Sweden and there attended the public schools and learned the trades of brick mason and plasterer under his father. He was twenty-one years old when, in 1880, he made the long trip from Sweden directly to Fargo, North Dakota, where he soon found work at his trades. In 1881 he located in Moorhead, where he has since made his home, remaining at his present location for thirty-six years. He built the home where he lives—a comfortable, modernly appointed residence that would be a credit to towns much larger than Moorhead. He continued working at his trades until about 1887, when he began contracting for

himself, both in bricklaying and plastering. He is an expert in each and his services have been in constant demand, for his work has always been high-class and promptly and honestly done. He has always been a close student of modern methods in his line of work.

Mr. Euren was married in 1881 to Marie Hallquist, a native of Sweden and a daughter of Gust and Henrietta (Rasmusson) Hallquist, both natives of Sweden, where they established their home on a farm and where the mother still resides, the father dying some time ago. To these parents six children were born, all still living, namely: Marie, wife of the subject of this sketch; Caroline, who lives in Sweden; Henrietta, who also resides in the old country; Sophia lives in Boston, Massachusetts; Alga lives in Sweden, and Anna makes her home in Boston.

Mrs. Euren came to Fargo in 1880. She has borne her husband eight children, all of whom survive at this writing, namely: Oscar, Alga, who is the wife of G. E. Freburg; Eddie, Signe, Hjalmer, Iver, Conrad and Gertrude. Mr. Euren has been a member of the city council from his ward at two different periods. He is a member of the Swedish Mission church.

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### JOHN C. FOSTER.

John C. Foster, a well-known and successful farmer and stockman of Lockhart township, Norman county, was born in England on October 1, 1859, a son of Frank and Elizabeth (Collins) Foster. His parents were also natives of that country, and highly respected people, who lived and died in the land of their nativity.

John C. Foster received his early education in the schools of England, where he lived until he was eleven years of age, when in 1870 he came to America alone. On his arrival in this country he proceeded to the state of Illinois and located at Jacksonville, where he continued to reside until 1915, when he came to Lockhart, Minnesota, and purchased the old Lockhart farm of one thousand two hundred and four acres.

In 1874, John C. Foster was united in marriage to Emma Parkin, of English parents, but she was born and reared in Scott county, Illinois. To this union the following children have been born: Charles, Richard, Bert, Roy, Leslie and Bessie. Mr. and Mrs. Foster are active members of the Methodist Episcopal church and are prominent in the activities of the com-