

are living. The Langseths are members of the Norwegian Lutheran church and take a proper interest in the affairs of the same. They have a very pleasant home and give their interested attention to the community's various social affairs, helpful in promoting all agencies having to do with the advancement of the general welfare of that neighborhood.

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### ALBERT M. HOPEMAN.

Albert M. Hopeman, one of the well known and prominent residents of Moorhead, Clay county, was born at Preston, Minnesota, in 1878. He received his education in the common and high schools of that place, and after completing his education in the latter, he entered the University of Minnesota and was graduated from the department of civil engineering with the class of 1905. After he had completed his work in the university he was with the Chicago & Great Western Railway Company for one and one-half years, after which he served for one year as civil engineer of the city of St. Paul. He then came to Moorhead, where he engaged in the general construction work until the year 1912, when he organized the Hopeman Material Company, and was elected president and general manager of the same. The company does an extensive work in the handling of building material and in construction work. Their territory has covered a large part of the state of North Dakota and the northwestern part of Minnesota. In addition to his large interests in the Hopeman Material Company, Mr. Hopeman, in 1914, organized the Moorhead Hardware Company, and was president of the organization until 1916, at which time he sold his interests in the concern. He was most active in the enterprises in which he was interested and much of their success was due to his untiring effort to make them a success.

It was in the spring of 1907 that Albert M. Hopeman was united in marriage to Lillie Ulg, one of the prominent young women of Moorhead, and to this union have been born two children, Albert and Lillian, both of whom are now attending the home schools. Mr. and Mrs. Hopeman are active members of the Congregational church, and have long been prominent in the social life of their home community. Mr. Hopeman has always taken a very keen interest in local affairs and is now the president of the Commercial Club. He is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, having filled all the chairs of the local lodge, and of the Ancient Order of

United Workmen, of which he is a past master. For the past five years, he has served as a member of the school board, where he has given most efficient service. As a member of the Progress Club, he has done much active work and has given his best service to the home city. Few men in the community have done more for the welfare of Moorhead and the surrounding country than has Mr. Hopeman, whose best efforts have always been exerted for the district in which he has lived and where he is held in the highest regard.

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### OLE P. NOKKEN.

Among the native-born Norwegians who have come to the United States and engaged in general farming and stock raising in Clay county, is Ole P. Nokken, the owner of a fine farm in Moorhead, Kurt township. He was born in Norway in 1852 and is the son of Peter P. and Anna (Quamme) Nokken, the former of whom was born in Sogn, Norway in 1825 and the latter, in 1824, in the same country.

Peter P. Nokken, who is still living at the advanced age of ninety-two years, was a farmer in his native country. He was married in Norway to Anna Quamme, and, in 1870, he and his wife and children immigrated to this country, where he resumed his farming operations and continued in such during the active years of his life. Peter P. Nokken and wife were the parents of four children, as follow: Peter, deceased; Ole, the subject of this sketch; Bertha, deceased, and Sven, who is married and living in North Dakota. His long residence in Clay county has endeared Peter Nokken to a wide circle of friends. He and his wife were earnest members of the United Lutheran church, and were ever interested in all its good works.

Ole P. Nokken was educated in the schools of his native land and for some time afterwards assisted his father in farming operations. At the age of eighteen years he came with his parents to this country, in 1870. On arriving here, the family came on out to Minnesota and, in 1871, Ole P. Nokken came to Clay county, where he acquired a tract of land and commenced farming on his own account. As he prospered in his labors on the farm, he added to his land holdings and finally became the owner of three hundred and seventy-three acres of the choicest land, having purchased the place on which he lives outright in 1882. He is engaged in general farming and is very successful, his land being profitably and sys-