

Mr. Evje was united in marriage with Carolina Regina Langhus, who was born in Vernon county, Wisconsin, on September 1, 1866, a daughter of Michel and Serie Christine Langhus. To this union six children have been born, namely: Gertina Christina, Clara Marie, Hans Gabriel (deceased), Constance Louise, Ricka and Josephine Mathilde. Mr. and Mrs. Evje are both consistent and conscientious members of the Norwegian Lutheran church, and in the creed of this denomination they have reared their children. Mr. Evje helped to organize the Zion Lutheran church. Being a progressive farmer, he along with several of his neighbors some years ago recognized the need of better facilities for the marketing of their dairy products and accordingly organized the creamery at Shelly. Even though Mr. Evje has the interest of a good American citizen in the civic affairs of his community, he has never sought after office, but any movement in his neighborhood which has for its purpose the material and social betterment of the community finds in him hearty and loyal support. Mr. Evje is a member of the Republican party, and is a strong advocate of its principles and policies.

CHARLES R. KALL.

Charles R. Kall, a well-known contractor at Moorhead, who gives his particular attention to house-moving, although he also engages in carpentering, is a native of the kingdom of Sweden, but has been a resident of Minnesota since he was two years of age. He was born in 1877, son of P. J. and Caroline Kall, also natives of Sweden, who came to this country in the spring of 1879 and proceeded on out to the Red River valley, arriving at Moorhead on May 2 of that year.

In his native country P. J. Kall had been engaged as a bricklayer, but upon coming here he determined to become a farmer and with that end in view presently homesteaded a tract of one hundred and sixty acres over the river in Cass county, South Dakota, about twelve miles southwest of Fargo. Floods arose, however, sweeping away what early improvements he made on that place and he presently moved over onto the Minnesota side of the river and was there engaged in farming until about twenty years ago, when he gave up the farm and engaged in mason contracting at Moorhead, where he ever since has been thus engaged, doing a general business in brick masonry and cement contracting. He and his wife are members of the Swedish Mission church and to them six children have been born, those besides the subject of this sketch, the second in order of birth, being Elizabeth (deceased),

one who died in infancy, Axel (deceased), Ella (deceased) and Oscar.

As noted above Charles R. Kall was but two years of age when his parents came to this country and he thus has spent all his active life in and about Moorhead. Upon completing his schooling in the schools of that city he continued working on the home farm for a few years and then became an assistant to his father in the brick-laying way. About twenty years ago he equipped himself with an outfit for the moving of houses and has since then been a general contractor in that line, doing the bulk of the business done in a house-moving way in and about Moorhead. He also is a carpenter and works at that trade during the periods not engaged in house moving.

In 1908 Charles R. Kall was united in marriage to Blanche L. Piper, of Minneapolis, and to this union three children have been born, George, Evelyn and Robert.

HANS P. OIEN.

Among the well-known citizens and substantial landowners in the immediate vicinity of Shelly, in Norman county, is Hans P. Oien, proprietor of a fine farm on Marsh river near the village. He also has interests in the local elevator and lumber company at Shelly and in other ways has displayed his public spirit in promoting the development of that community. Mr. Oien is a native of the kingdom of Norway, born on August 10, 1850, a son of P. A. and Gertrude (Lilledahl) Oien, who came to the United States with their family in 1869 and settled in Houston county, this state, where both spent their last days. P. A. Oien was eighty-three years of age at the time of his death. He and his wife had five children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the fourth in order of birth, the others being Ole, Benct M., Margareta and Rogna.

Hans P. Oien was eighteen years of age when he came to Minnesota with his parents in the spring of 1869 and he became a valuable aid in the labors of developing the home place in Houston county. In 1876 he was united in marriage there to Gunil Velker and later came up into the Red River country and bought the land on Marsh river on which he established his home and where he is still living, one of the real pioneers of the north-western part of Norman county. He planted a grove upon settling there and the same is now an attractive feature of the landscape in that section. Mr. Oien has a well-improved farm and has done well in his operations. In addition to his general farming he has given considerable attention to the