

old stand next to the north bridge in Moorhead. He owns six hundred acres of valuable land in Clay county, and four hundred and twenty acres in Cass county, over the river in North Dakota. Most of Mr. Aske's time during the crop seasons is taken up with the management of his land. He carries on general farming on a large scale.

Mr. Aske was married in 1903 to Rosella Schill, a native of Marion township, Norman county, and a daughter of Lambert Schill and wife. To this union three children have been born, Jerome, Egienia and Wendal. Politically, Mr. Aske is a Republican. Fraternally, he belongs to the Improved Order of Red Men and to the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

OLE MARTINSON.

Ole Martinson was born in Norway, January 19, 1847, a son of Martin Anderson and Olava Jerswald, both natives of Norway, where they lived their entire life, the father being a farmer. Their children were: Erick, Bergette, Anna, Nickolena, Karlen Marie, Ole and Olena.

Ole Martinson was educated in the schools of Norway. He worked on his father's farm during the summer season, and in the winter engaged in the business of cod fishing which was a common and remunerative vocation of the people in that community. With a view of seeking a larger opportunity for a livelihood, he followed the footsteps of many others of his neighborhood and nationality and came to America in 1872. He landed in New York, May 23, of that year, and came directly to Minnesota, locating first in St. Peter, Nicollet county, where he remained for three years. He then went to Minneapolis, where he found employment for about seven years in a planing mill. In 1882 he came to Moorhead, Minnesota, where he has made his home since that time. For more than twenty years Mr. Martinson was engaged in the mercantile business here, conducting a grocery and crockery store, but in 1904 he sold this store and retired from business.

Mr. Martinson was one of the organizers of the First State Bank of Moorhead, and served as vice-president of this institution for several years. He finally sold his interest in the bank and retired from official connection with this institution. For about sixteen years he has been a stockholder in the Moorhead National Bank and is at present one of the directors of this bank. Mr. Martinson is also interested in farming. He is the owner of a half section of land in Kurtz township, Clay county, Minnesota, a

tract of land well-adapted for general farming and stock raising, in which Mr. Martinson is largely engaged.

The maiden name of Mr. Martinson's wife is Christine Otto. Three children have been born to them: Mollie, who is at the head of the piano department in Concordia College; Eric and Oscar. Mr. Martinson and family are members of Trinity church, Moorhead, Mr. Martinson being one of the organizers and charter members of this church, of which he was the first church treasurer. He has served several terms as school director in Moorhead.

Eric Martinson, son of O. Martinson, was born in Moorhead, Minnesota, October 11, 1888, and was educated in the public schools of that city. He afterward attended the North Dakota Agricultural College, from which he graduated as a civil engineer in 1912. For the first three years after graduating he was employed in engineering work in St. Paul, Minnesota. In 1915 he returned to Moorhead and was appointed district engineer of Clay county, which position he holds at present. He is a member of the Norwegian Lutheran church, and a member of the Commercial Club of Moorhead.

CLARENCE I. EVENSON.

Clarence I. Evenson was born in Moorhead, January 17, 1890, a son of Even and Olena (Anderson) Evenson, both natives of Norway. The father came to America in the spring of 1882 and located first in Decorah, Iowa, where he remained for four years, at the end of which period he came to Moorhead, Minnesota, and has since made this his home. He is the father of three children: Alvina E., Clarence I., subject of this sketch, and Ethel. His church relationship is with the Norwegian Lutheran church, at Moorhead.

C. I. Evenson was educated in the public schools of Moorhead, and found employment, as a boy, in working for a grocery firm in Moorhead, delivering groceries. Later he held the position of a clerk in the same store and was thus employed for eight years. On November 9, 1912, he started in the grocery business for himself and has continued in this enterprise since. He handles an extensive general grocery line and has established a good trade in the town and surrounding country.

Mr. Evenson is a member of the Norwegian Lutheran church, in the affairs of which he takes a deep and consistent interest. He is fraternally