

and have continued thus ever since. They are general merchandise dealers and have also a potato warehouse business in connection with their store.

In 1902, Peter B. Moore and Helma Fevig were united in marriage, and three children have been born to this union: Ruby, Fern and Ray. Mr. Moore is a member of the United Lutheran church, and also a member of the Modern Woodmen of America.

SMITH WESLEY McEVERS.

Smith Wesley McEvers, former member of the board of supervisors of Elmwood township, Clay county, former assessor of that township and the proprietor of a fine farm of six hundred and thirty-seven acres in the vicinity of Baker, where he has made his home since his marriage in 1883, is a native of the Dominion of Canada, but has been a resident of Minnesota since he was twenty-five years of age. He was born on a farm in the province of Ontario in 1855, son of Hiram and Elizabeth (Grieves) McEvers, the former of whom also was born in Ontario and the latter in Scotland, whose last days were spent on their well-kept farm in Ontario. Hiram McEvers and wife were the parents of eleven children, Jane, John, Elizabeth, Mary Ann, Hiram, William, Stephen, Benjamin, Emily, James and Smith Wesley, all of whom are now deceased save the three last named.

Reared on the home farm in Ontario, Smith W. McEvers received his schooling in the schools of his home neighborhood and remained there until he was twenty-five years of age, when, in 1880, he came down into the States and located at St. Paul, where for three years he was employed in the establishment of E. B. Stickney & Company. In 1883 he married and, seeking a place to establish a permanent home, came up into the Red River country and bought the farm on which he is now living, in Elmwood township, Clay county, and has ever since made his home there, having created there one of the best farm plants in that part of the county. Mr. McEvers has a well-improved place of six hundred and thirty-seven acres, on which he is engaged in general farming, potato raising and stock raising, making a specialty of his fine Percheron horses, and has done well in his operations. From the time of the beginning of his residence there, Mr. McEvers has given a good citizen's attention to local civic affairs and has served his township as a member of the board of supervisors and as assessor.

In 1883, the year in which he settled in Clay county, Smith W. McEvers



SMITH W. MCEVERS AND FAMILY.

was united in marriage to Bessie Larson, who was born in the kingdom of Norway and who had come to the United States in 1866, when but a small child, with her parents, Andrew and Marian Dorothy (Halverson) Larson, the family settling in Wisconsin, where Andrew Larson and his wife spent the remainder of their lives. They were the parents of five children, those besides Mrs. McEvers being Mary, Lars, Hans and Josephine. Of these children but two are now living, Mrs. McEvers and her brother Lars. Mr. and Mrs. McEvers have five children, Charles A., George W., Joseph S., Stephen and Daniel L., all of whom are living. The family are members of the Presbyterian church and take an interested part in church work and in the general good works and social activities of the neighborhood, helpful in many ways in promoting movements having to do with the advancement of the common welfare.

O. C. MARTINSON.

O. C. Martinson was born in Moorhead, Minnesota, December 27, 1890, a son of O. Martinson, who was a native of Norway, born on January 19, 1847.

O. C. Martinson was educated in the public schools of Moorhead, and after the completion of his elementary studies, he attended Concordia college, at Moorhead, and graduated from that institution in 1909. Later he engaged in business, and with a view of fitting himself for the profession of optometrist, he attended an optical school, at Minneapolis, where he took a full course of instruction, passed the required examination and received a certificate as a registered optometrist in the state of Minnesota.

In 1911 O. C. Martinson, associated with J. Quale, purchased the jewelry store of Sweningsen & Company, in Moorhead, and engaged in that business under the firm name of Quale & Martinson. In March, 1916, Mr. Martinson purchased his partner's interest and has since conducted the business alone. He carries a full line of jewelry and optical goods and has a good trade among the substantial people of the town and county.

Mr. Martinson is a member of the Trinity church of Moorhead, and a member of the church quartette. He is a baritone singer and is prominent in musical circles. Mr. Martinson is not married and makes his home with his parents.