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by falling from a windmill in his own yard, injuring himself so severely that he passed away within an hour from the time of the accident. His wife had preceded him in death, her decease occurring January 18, 1907. He was of old American stock and his wife was a native of Canada, born near Lake Champlain, but she also was of Yankee extraction. To their union were born four children: Mrs. Alice G. Fisher and Mrs. Alta M. Boughton, both of Chicago; Byron A., of this review; and a son who died in infancy.

Byron A. Chandler acquired his education in the Decorah schools and early in life began to assist his father with the work in the store. He subsequently became a partner in the business at the time when Mr. Chandler bought out Mr. McMasters and carried on the enterprise after his father's demise. Several years ago both he and his father began also to engage in the plumbing and heating business and of late years Byron A. Chandler is devoting his entire time to that line. The business of which he is the owner is one of the foremost of its kind in the city and the large trade which he enjoys is but the result of his fair methods, his close attention to the task in hand and his industry and energy. He is one of the substantial men of Decorah to whom credit is due not only for the success which he has attained but for his public-spirited citizenship, which connects him with all measures and movements inaugurated to promote the city's advancement along material as well as intellectual lines.

In 1897 Mr. Chandler married Miss Hannah D. Gellerman, a daughter of William Gellerman, who is engaged in draying in Decorah. Mr. and Mrs. Chandler have two children: Fred, aged fourteen, who attends the Decorah high school; and George, who is twelve years of age and attending public school.

Mr. Chandler gives his political adherence to the republican party, stanchly upholding its principles and candidates. Both he and his wife attend the Congregational church and fraternally he is a member of the blue lodge of the Masonic order and the Modern Woodmen of America, belonging to Decorah lodge. Mrs. Chandler is well known in the Order of the Eastern Star. A son of a pioneer, Mr. Chandler has worthily carried on the family name and has become a forceful element in his community, where he is widely and favorably known, enjoying the high regard and confidence of all who come in contact with him in a business or social way.

O. C. HILDAHL.

A native of Winneshiek county, O. C. Hildahl is to be numbered among its most successful agriculturists, owning a highly profitable farm of one hundred and fifteen acres on section 10, Springfield township. He was born November 10, 1872, and is a son of Annie and Christe Hildahl, both natives of Norway, the father coming to America and Winneshiek county during the pioneer days of this section. He began his career by working out by the month, and by thrift and energy acquired the means to purchase one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 10, part of which farm our subject now owns. He diligently-set himself to the task of clearing and improving his property and operated the