

the board of supervisors of Howard county, and in 1918 higher political honors came to him in his election to the state legislature, of which he is now a member. Since taking his place in the general assembly he has given earnest consideration to all the vital questions which have come up for settlement and upon any important problem his position is never an equivocal one. Howard county numbers him among her representative and honored citizens.

#### GODLOVE G. LUKES.

Godlove G. Lukes, who follows farming on section 25, Utica township, Chickasaw county, was born February 13, 1892, in the county which is still his home, his parents being Joseph J. and Anna (Nohale) Lukes, the former a native of Winneshiek county, Iowa, and a son of Martin Lukes, who at an early period in the development of that section of the state took up his abode in Winneshiek county, coming to the new world from Bohemia. Joseph J. Lukes after his marriage removed to Chickasaw county, settling in Utica township upon a farm adjoining the town of Protivin. Here he acquired two hundred acres of land, forty of which he owns and farms. The other one hundred and sixty acres of the tract he has sold to his son, Godlove G. Lukes. For many years he has been numbered among the progressive agriculturists of this district, where his carefully directed labors brought to him the measure of success which now enables him to live practically retired.

Godlove G. Lukes was educated in the public schools of Protivin, and his training was that of the farmbred boy who divides his time between the work of the schoolroom, the pleasures of the playground and the cultivation of the fields. When he had attained his majority he was married on the 1st of October, 1912, to Miss Cecilia T. Novak, a daughter of Louis Novak, a native of Winneshiek county, whose father, Thomas Novak, settled in that district when it was largely an undeveloped region, coming to this country from Bohemia. Mrs. Lukes' father now lives retired in Protivin but for a long period was identified with farming interests in this section of the state.

Soon after his marriage Mr. Lukes settled upon his present home farm of one hundred and sixty acres, which he rented from his father that year. In the fall of 1913 he purchased the property and since buying the place has built thereon a large modern barn and other farm buildings and made thoroughly up-to-date improvements, including a wind brake and orchard. He now has one of the excellent farm properties of Utica township and by the consensus of public opinion he is classed with the progressive agriculturalists of this section of the state. He breeds polled Angus cattle and Duroc-Jersey hogs and makes stock raising one of the important features of his business. At same time he annually produces large crops, conducting the development of his fields along the most progressive lines.

To Mr. and Mrs. Lukes have been born four children, namely: Helen T., Robert L., Daniel J. and Joseph G. In his political views Mr. Lukes is a democrat and he has served as a member of the school board but has never been ambitious to hold public office. He and his family are of the Catholic faith and he has membership with the Modern Woodmen of America. A well spent and useful life has gained him classification with the representative citizens and successful farmers of Chickasaw county.

#### JAMES W. ROBERTS.

James W. Roberts, who successfully follows farming on section 17, Forest City township Howard county, was born in Dodge county, Wisconsin, January 18, 1856, a son of William and Jane (Doyle) Roberts, who were natives of Wales and came to the United States in young manhood and womanhood. They settled in Dodge county, Wisconsin, where they were married and resided until called to their final rest. The father devoted attention to agricultural pursuits and was the owner of a farm of two hundred acres,