

the school board and was ever interested in matters pertaining to general welfare and progress.

John C. Webster spent his boyhood days upon the old home farm in Fremont township and early became familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops. He remained in Winneshiek county until he reached the age of twenty-two years and during that period pursued his education in the district schools, while for a time he was a student in the Breckenridge University at Decorah, Iowa. Later he took up the profession of teaching at Granger, Minnesota, and for a time was also a teacher in the country schools of Fillmore county, Minnesota, after which he was elected to the position of superintendent of schools in Riceville, Iowa. Later he became superintendent of the schools of Howard county and at a subsequent period he turned his attention to the real estate business, handling farm loans and also conducting an abstract business. He became president of the American Loan & Investment Company at Cresco in which connection an extensive business was built up. His clientage was large and the interests which he conducted were most important. Throughout his entire career Mr. Webster was actuated by a progressive spirit that enabled him to make good use of his time, his talents and his opportunities and he became well established in a profitable and growing business in Cresco.

In 1917 occurred the marriage of Mr. Webster and Miss Anna E. Trumbull, a daughter of William H. Trumbull, of Howard county, Iowa, who was one of the early merchants of Cresco and a representative pioneer citizen who aided in laying broad and deep the foundation upon which has been built the present progress and prosperity of the community. His widow still survives and is living in Port Townsend, Washington.

Mr. Webster was a staunch supporter of the republican party, always having voted with it after attaining his majority. He was a Mason of high rank, having attained the Knights Templar degree in the commandery, while with the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine he crossed the sands of the desert. He held membership in the Congregational church, to which his wife also belongs and they occupied an enviable position in those social circles where intelligence and true worth are received as the passports into good society.

JOHN TIETJEN.

On the roster of county officials in Chickasaw county appears the name of John Tietjen, who was elected sheriff in 1918 and is now ably discharging the duties of that position. The period of his residence in the county covers more than a quarter of a century and prior to his election to public office he had been a prominent factor in the business life of the community. His birth occurred in Jackson county, Iowa, on the 25th of June, 1873, his parents being Albert and Marie (Timmerman) Tietjen, both of whom were natives of Hanover, Germany. They crossed the Atlantic to the United States as young people and took up their abode in Bellevue, Jackson county, Iowa, where their marriage was celebrated. They began their domestic life on a farm which the father purchased in that county and continued to reside thereon throughout the remainder of their lives, Mr. Tietjen passing away in 1891, while his wife was called to her final rest in March, 1900.

John Tietjen pursued his education in the district schools of his native county and when twenty years of age started upon an independent career, coming to Chickasaw county and beginning the cultivation of a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Washington township which his father had purchased for him. He worked earnestly and untiringly to develop the property and the well tilled fields annually yielded golden harvests in return for the care and labor which he bestowed upon them. In 1911 he disposed of the farm and removed to Alta Vista, where he was engaged in the hardware business for four years. On the expiration of that period he became proprietor of a garage and also had the agency for the Oldsmobile, winning a gratifying patronage in this connection. After seven years' identification with the business