

pleasantly and conveniently situated about three miles northeast of Ionia. He has splendid buildings upon the place, furnishing ample shelter to grain and stock, and the equipment of his farm is up-to-date in every particular.

On the 25th of November, 1902 Mr. Schwickerath was united in marriage to Miss Christina Diederich, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Diederich, the former now living at North Washington, Iowa, while the latter passed away there in 1916. Mr. and Mrs. Schwickerath have seven children, three sons and four daughters: Gertrude, Margaret, Marie, Lucille, Clarence, Norbert and Jerome, all yet under the parental roof.

The family are adherents of St. Boniface Catholic church of Ionia. In politics Mr. Schwickerath maintains an independent course, voting according to the dictates of his judgment. He has recently joined the Knights of Columbus Council No. 1697 at New Hampton and he has always given his aid and support on behalf of those projects and interests which have to do with the common weal. In business affairs he is most alert and energetic and his close application and unfaltering industry have resulted in the attainment of very substantial success as one of the leading stock raisers of northern Iowa. He is a member of the Chickasaw County Equity Cooperative Association of New Hampton.

#### JOHN BOUSKA.

John Bouska is one of the conspicuous figures in connection with the history of New Oregon township and the town of Protivin, his progressive spirit constituting a dominant element in the work of general development and upbuilding. He has retired from farming, with which he was actively connected for many years, but is still the vice president of the Bohemian Savings Bank of Protivin. He was born in Bohemia in July, 1827, a son of Frank and Josephine (Kouldaka) Bouska, who came to the United States in 1853 and after spending six months in Cleveland, Ohio, continued their westward journey to Iowa. They took up their abode in Winneshiek county, where the father secured a homestead claim of eighty acres in Sumner township. Later he preempted forty acres and subsequently purchased a tract of eighty acres, thus owning two hundred acres in Winneshiek county. In the '90s he purchased three hundred and twenty acres of land in Howard county and some time later in the same decade removed to his Howard county property and remained thereon to the time of his death, which occurred in 1900, when he had reached the venerable age of ninety years. His wife died in 1908 at the age of eighty-eight years.

Mr. Bouska of this review was a lad of seven years at the time of the emigration of the family to the new world. He has since lived in Iowa, where he was reared and educated, attending the district schools, although his opportunities in that direction were somewhat limited, and his lessons of life have been largely learned in the school of experience. It was only in the winter months when farm work was practically over for the year that he found opportunity to attend school. He worked in the fields from the time of early spring planting until crops were harvested in the late autumn and he continued to assist in the further development and improvement of the home farm to the time of his marriage, which was celebrated in 1874. In that year he wedded Anna Fencl, a daughter of Frank Fencl, who came to Winneshiek county, Iowa from Bohemia in 1856. Immediately following his marriage Mr. Bouska removed to Howard county, settling on land which his father had previously purchased adjoining the townsite of Protivin, and for forty years he was actively engaged in general agricultural pursuits. He was very successful in his undertakings during that period and acquired as the years passed extensive landed possessions, embracing over thirteen hundred acres in Howard and Winneshiek counties. His investments were most judiciously made and his holdings made him one of the prosperous men of this section of the state. In late years he has divided his property among his children save that he retains a twenty acre tract of land as his home place. Mr. Bouska was one of the founders