

Mr. Palmer has been twice married. In 1880 he wedded Miss Clara King, a daughter of James and Ann King, who were natives of Indiana. Her father was a blacksmith by trade but at the time of the Civil war put aside all business and personal considerations and responded to the country's call for aid, enlisting in 1861 as a member of the Union army. He served for almost five years and participated in a number of hotly contested engagements. With a most creditable military record he returned to his home and took up his abode in Hopkinton, Iowa, where he continued to follow his trade until his demise. His wife has also passed away. Their daughter, Mrs. Palmer, died in 1902, at the age of forty-two years, leaving two children, Maud L. and Lorena. Mr. Palmer has since married again, his second union being with Miss Jennie G. Rensiek, a native of Wisconsin and a daughter of John Rensiek. Her parents were natives of Holland and in early life came to the new world. The father was a farmer, devoting his entire life to agricultural pursuits, and both he and his wife have now passed away. Mr. Palmer is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and his political allegiance is given to the republican party, which he strongly supports, yet he does not seek nor desire office as a reward for party fealty. He prefers concentrating his energies and attention upon his business affairs and his well directed efforts are bringing to him deserved and gratifying success.

#### JOHN KUBIK.

John Kubik, devoting his time and energies to general farming in Paris township, Howard county, has always resided within the boundaries of this county, his birth having here occurred March 8, 1885. The record of his parents is given in the sketch of Anton Kubik on another page of this work. No event of special importance occurred to vary the routine of farm life for John Kubik in the days of his boyhood and youth. He pursued his education in the public schools and when not busy with his textbooks aided in the work of the farm, so that he was well trained to the labors of the fields when he began farming on his own account. He worked diligently and persistently and his land is now highly cultivated, bringing forth rich harvests.

On the 14th of June, 1909, Mr. Kubik was united in marriage to Miss Stella Mrcek, of Chickasaw county, Iowa. They now have five children, namely: Clarence, Raymond, Gertrude, Helen and Arthur.

Mr. Kubik attends the Catholic church of Protivin and he gives his political endorsement to the democratic party. He is well known in Howard county, where his entire life has been passed, and his energy and enterprise have stood him in good stead in the development of his business affairs, while his sterling qualities have gained for him the warm friendship and respect of many with whom he has been brought in contact.

#### CHARLES KALISHEK.

Charles Kalishek is the proprietor of the High View Farm, a valuable property situated on section 26, Utica township, Chickasaw county. He is numbered among the native sons of Winneshiek county, Iowa, his birth having there occurred August 19, 1878. His parents, Martin and Elizabeth (Novotny) Kalishek, were natives of Bohemia and came to the United States with their respective parents in childhood. They were married in Winneshiek county and settled on a farm four and a half miles southeast of Protivin, where the father still owns two hundred and twenty acres of rich and productive land. He continued to reside upon that farm until April, 1918, when he retired from active business life and removed to Protivin, where he now resides. In the meantime he had acquired a substantial competence as the reward of his industry and diligence and well deserved success has come to him.

Charles Kalishek was educated in the district schools and was reared in the usual