

making her home at Missouri Valley, Iowa. To Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Cerwinski have been born three children: Maurine, six years of age; Joseph, aged three; and Sheldon, who is one year old.

After the death of his father Mr. Cerwinski carried on the home farm in connection with his brother for five years and then began farming on his own account in Floyd county. In 1913 he removed to his present farm in Chickasaw township, Chickasaw county, and made purchase of eighty acres of land, which he is now carefully cultivating according to improved and modern methods of agriculture. His labors are bringing about good results and his success has placed him among the substantial young farmers of this section of the state. His property is located just south of the corporation limits of Bassett and he is engaged extensively and profitably in the breeding of registered Poland China hogs.

In his political views Mr. Cerwinski is a stalwart republican and is now serving for the second term as mayor of Bassett, giving to the town a businesslike and progressive administration. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias and he and his family hold membership in the Methodist church of Bassett. His fellow townsmen attest the sterling worth of his character and class him with the leading and representative residents of his section of Chickasaw county. He has ever been imbued with the spirit of enterprise and progress that has been the dominant factor in the upbuilding of the west and this spirit has been manifest in his connection with public affairs as well as in the control of his private business interests.

WILLIAM M. KALISHEK.

William M. Kalishek is actively identified with commercial interests in Protivin as a dealer in groceries and meats. He has built up a business of substantial proportions and his trade is constantly and steadily growing. Mr. Kalishek is a native of Winneshiek county, Iowa, his birth having there occurred November 11, 1881. His parents were natives of Bohemia. His father came to the United States when a youth of twelve years and was employed on a farm in Winneshiek county for a number of years, during which time he carefully saved his earnings until his industry and economy had brought him sufficient capital to enable him to purchase property. He invested in farm land in Winneshiek county, becoming owner of two hundred and twenty-seven acres, which he carefully and successfully cultivated for a considerable period. Several years ago he retired from active business life and he and his wife removed to Protivin, where they are residing at the present time. From his farm he secures a good rental which supplies him with all of the necessities and many of the luxuries of life. In early manhood the father, Martin Kalishek, wedded Elizabeth Novotny, who had come to Iowa from Bohemia with her parents when quite young, the family home being established in Winneshiek county.

William M. Kalishek of this review was reared to farm life, early becoming familiar with all of the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the farmer. He assisted his father with farming until he was about twenty-five years of age, when he was united in marriage to Miss Carrie Kovarik, a daughter of John and Barbara Kovarik, of Spillville, Iowa. Following his marriage Mr. Kalishek removed to North Dakota and purchased a farm near Lisbon, that state. He continued to cultivate the property for seven years, after which he rented his land in North Dakota and removed to Protivin, where he purchased a meat market. This he has conducted for the past five years and has built up a business of substantial proportions. He has a thoroughly modern store in its equipment—a credit to the town of Protivin. He is a progressive and enterprising business man and is well liked by the community.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kalishek has been born a son, Richard, who has enjoyed the advantages of the public schools. It was such training that qualified Mr. Kalishek of this review for life's practical and responsible duties, for he was educated in the schools of Winneshiek county. He and his family attend the Catholic church at Protivin and he gives his political allegiance to the democratic party. He has never sought