

to duty, his high ideals of citizenship and his statesmanlike qualities. He is indeed one of the most distinguished of Ionia's citizens.

Glenn D. Kepple was educated in the public schools of Ionia, being graduated from the high school with the class of 1906. He afterward attended the Capital City Commercial College at Des Moines and when he had completed his business course he received his initial practical training in his father's store. In 1910 he engaged in business on his own account as a member of the firm of Rink & Kepple and a year later his father purchased Mr. Rink's interest in the business, at which time the firm style of Kepple & Son was assumed. During the following year Joshua Huffman purchased the interest of the father in the store and the name of the firm was then changed to Kepple & Huffman, under which style the business has since been conducted with splendid success. In June, 1917, the firm purchased a store in Floyd, Iowa, and Mr. Huffman took charge of the Floyd establishment, while Mr. Kepple manages the Ionia store. Their business has steadily increased and has now assumed very gratifying proportions, the partners being progressive and representative business men of this section of the country.

In 1910 Mr. Kepple was united in marriage to Miss Edith Peterson, of Nashua, Chickasaw county, by whom he has two children, Merrill L. and Margaret E. In politics Mr. Kepple is an earnest republican and has always been keenly interested in political questions and well informed concerning the issues of the day. He is now serving as township constable and is also a member of the Ionia school board. Fraternally he is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America and the Brotherhood of American Yeomen. He has made for himself a creditable place in business circles and his position in regard to public questions is always on the side of progress and improvement.

JAMES L. PANOS.

James L. Panos, whose time and energies are concentrated upon general farming on section 2, Utica township, Chickasaw county, is numbered among the native sons of the county whose continuous connection with this region throughout the entire period of their lives indicates the attractiveness of northern Iowa as a place of residence, for among the citizens are many men of ambitious and progressive spirit who would seek homes elsewhere if they felt they could have better advantages.

Mr. Panos was born August 17, 1891, in the township where he still resides and is of Bohemian descent. His parents, Albert and Barbara Panos, were natives of Bohemia, the former coming to the new world in young manhood, while the latter crossed the Atlantic with her parents in her girlhood. Both became residents of Chickasaw county and some years later were married. They settled upon what has since been known as the old home place on section 11, Utica township, and the father still survives, now making his home with his son, A. J. Panos, who today owns the farm. The father first purchased eighty acres of land and as the years passed and his financial resources increased added to his possessions until his holdings aggregated five hundred and forty acres. This he has since divided among his children, enabling them to share in his prosperity. His wife passed away in 1900, her death being the occasion of deep regret to her family and to many friends,

At the usual age James L. Panos entered the district schools and therein masters: the lessons constituting the common school curriculum. His training in farm labor was not meager, for from an early age he assisted in the development of the fields on the old home place and when he had attained his majority he began farming on his own account, well equipped by previous training and experience for the responsibilities and duties that now devolved upon him. He rented from his father his present home farm of one hundred and twenty acres and as time passed he was able to save from his earnings a sum sufficient to enable him to purchase the farm about 1914.

On the 17th of August, 1916, Mr. Panos was married to Miss Emma Teepy, of Winneshiek county, a daughter of Michael and Anna Teepy, who was one of the early settlers of that county. Mr. and Mrs. Panos have two children, Viola and Clarence. The parents