

ship with the Knights, of Columbus. To Mr. and Mrs. O'Donnell has been born a son, Leo A., who is with the Buck Mercantile Company of Sioux City, Iowa.

Mr. O'Donnell is recognized as one of the alert and energetic young business men of Elma. He was in charge of Red Cross work during the World war and how well he succeeded with the aid of his able lieutenants constitutes an important chapter in the history of Elma, indicating the patriotic support of the government by the district and the most efficient organization work done by the one in charge. In his political views Mr. O'Donnell is a republican but is an American first and a partisan afterward.

ANTON J. KUBIK.

Anton J. Kubik, who follows farming in Paris township, is a native son of Howard county, his birth having here occurred August 4, 1875. His parents, Vincent and Antoinette Kubik, were natives of Bohemia and came to the United States in the spring of 1875, the year in which their son Anton J. was born. They established their home in Howard county and the father engaged in farming for several years. Subsequently he bought one hundred and sixty acres in Paris township and afterward purchased another farm of one hundred and fifteen acres. Still later he made investment in the farm of one hundred and sixty acres which his son Anton now owns. He came to this country a poor man, borrowing money with which to pay his passage across the Atlantic. He was unable to meet the payments on the first team which he bought and therefore had to forfeit the team, but he was undaunted and his courage and perseverance at length enabled him to triumph over hardships and difficulties. He is now the possessor of a handsome competence as the reward of earnest, persistent and honorable labor. His first wife died in 1888 and he afterward married Miss Anna Voves. They are now making their home with his son Anton.

In the district schools Anton J. Kubik pursued his education and after his schooldays were over he worked with his father until he reached the age of twenty-nine years, assisting him in the work of making the payments upon his purchases of land. In 1901 he bought the present home farm of one hundred and sixty acres but did not take possession thereof until 1905. The following January he was united in marriage to Miss Elenore Falada, of Paris township, and they have three children, John, Adolf and Alois.

Mr. and Mrs. Kubik are consistent members of the Catholic church. In politics he is a democrat and keeps well informed concerning the questions and issues of the day but does not seek nor desire public office, preferring to give his undivided attention to his farming interests. He has worked diligently in the development of his fields and his energy has brought to him well merited success.

THEODORE ROTHS.

For more than a quarter of a century Theodore Roths has made his home in Chickasaw county and is now busily engaged in farming on section 13, Chickasaw township. He was born in Jo Daviess county, Illinois, July 13, 1874, and is a son of Mathias and Katherine (Trappen) Roths, both of whom were natives of Germany, where they were married, crossing the Atlantic to the new world in the '60s. They first settled in Jo Daviess county, Illinois, where the father worked as a farm hand for a time. He later engaged in the cultivation of rented land and in 1892 brought his family to Iowa, settling in Chickasaw township, Chickasaw county, where for two years he again cultivated a rented farm. He afterward bought property, on which he spent his remaining days, his death occurring in Chickasaw township in 1909. For about two years he had survived his wife, who passed away on the old homestead in 1907.