

Their son, H. P. Nehl, was educated in the district schools but his opportunities in that direction were very limited, as he was able to attend only three months in the year after reaching his eleventh year. He remained upon the home farm until 1891 and during the latter five years of that period had charge of and operated the farm. Desirous of establishing a home of his own, he was married in 1891 to Miss Mary M. Hentges, of Dubuque county, Iowa, and after his marriage he took up his abode upon a farm in Washington township which he purchased at that time. This property he continued to further develop and cultivate until 1905, when he removed to New Hampton and turned his attention to the real estate business, concentrating his efforts upon the buying and selling of farm lands in North and South Dakota and in Iowa. He now has extensive land holdings in the Dakotas and for the past fourteen years has been one of the large land dealers of New Hampton. He has closely studied every phase of the real estate business in the line in which he specializes and has so directed his labors that success in substantial measure has come to him.

To Mr. and Mrs. Nehl have been born four children, Agnes, Lena, Justina and Martha. All are graduates of St. Mary's College at Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin. Mr. Nehl and his family are communicants of St. Mary's Catholic church and he is also identified with the Knights of Columbus. In politics he maintains an independent course, nor has he ever been ambitious to hold office, preferring ever to concentrate his time and energies upon his business affairs, which have been carefully directed and have brought to him the substantial measure of success which he now enjoys. He is regarded as a thoroughly reliable real estate man and his enterprise and progressiveness have been dominant features in the attainment of his present prosperity.

#### FRANK J. PANOS.

Frank J. Panos, busily engaged in general farming on section 12, Utica township, Chickasaw county, was born on the old family homestead in this township, May 5, 1883, his parents being Albert and Barbara Panos, who are mentioned in the sketch of their son, James L. Panos, on another page of this work. The district schools afforded Frank J. Panos his educational opportunities and on the 29th of May, 1906, having arrived at years of maturity, he was married to Miss Fannie Shileny, a daughter of Frank Shileny, a native of Bohemia, who established his home in Winneshiek county during the period of its early development and who has now passed away.

In the spring after his marriage Mr. Panos engaged in farming on his own account, taking up his abode upon the place where he still resides, which was then owned by his father, who deeded the property to him at the time of his marriage. It comprises one hundred and twenty acres of very fertile and valuable land and responds readily to the care and labor bestowed upon it by the owner, who in his farm work manifests a most progressive spirit. What he undertakes he accomplishes, and his fields now present a neat and thrifty appearance, promising large harvests.

To Mr. and Mrs. Panos have been born four children, of whom three are living, George, Louis and William. In religious faith the parents are members of the Catholic church, and in his political views Mr. Panos is a democrat. He concentrates his efforts and attention, however, upon his farming interests and has made for himself a place among the substantial agriculturists of Utica township.

#### W. C. BAETHKE.

W. C. Baethke, who carries on general farming on section 18, Saratoga township, Howard county, was born in Germany, March 24, 1889, a son of C. F. and Minnie (Johlas) Baethke. The parents came to the United States in 1898 and made their way at once to Iowa, establishing their home in Saratoga township. The father worked as a farm hand for two years, but desirous of engaging in business on his own account,