

and gratifying trade, his annual sales bringing to him a substantial profit. He is also a stockholder in the Farmers Cooperative Creamery Company of Saratoga.

Mr. Kakac was married in Chicago, as previously stated, to Miss Mary Fischer, whose parents have passed away. By her marriage she has become the mother of five children: Anna Rose, who is the wife of Fred Vagts; Elsie Mae, the wife of Frank Wallace; Thomas John, who was with the Twentieth Infantry Headquarters Band as a member of the American army but is now at home; Mildred B., who is now a nurse in the Michael Reese Hospital at Chicago; and Mae Julia, who is attending high school at Cresco.

Mr. Kakac filled the office of justice of the peace for eighteen years in Saratoga township, continuing in that position until 1911. He had been postmaster of Saratoga since 1906. His political endorsement has always been given to the republican party, for he is a firm believer in its principles. Both he and his wife attend the Presbyterian church of Saratoga and are highly esteemed throughout the community in which they reside. For twenty years Mr. Kakac has been a faithful member of the Masonic fraternity, belonging now to Relief Lodge, No. 211, A. F. & A. M., at Riceville, Iowa, while his wife is a member of the Eastern Star. Mr. Kakac is also connected with the Modern Woodmen camp at Saratoga and has been clerk thereof since 1906. He likewise belongs to the Modern Brotherhood of America at Mason City, Iowa, and has been treasurer of the local lodge since 1913. He is likewise a member of the C. B. Z. J., a Bohemian secret organization of Cedar Rapids, with which he became connected in 1914. His interests are thus broad and varied. He is a forceful and resourceful man, displaying ready adaptability and keen discrimination in business affairs and at all times standing for the welfare, benefit and progress of the community in which he makes his home.

#### F. P. WENTZ.

P. P. Wentz is a representative of the automobile trade of northern Iowa as the head of the Wesp Motor Company of New Hampton, agents of the Buick, the Cadillac and the Chevrolet cars. Iowa numbers him among her native sons, his birth having occurred in Winneshiek county, March 9, 1872, his parents being William and Anna M. (Dietrich) Wentz, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania, where they were reared, while their marriage occurred in that state in 1866. Three years later they made their way westward to Calmar, Iowa, and settled upon a farm near the town. Later the father engaged in the butchering business in Calmar and in 1891 he removed to a farm near New Hampton, whereon he continued to engage in general agricultural pursuits until 1906. He then retired from active business cares and took up his abode in the city of New Hampton, where he resided to the time of his death in 1910. His widow survived him for almost a decade, passing away on the 23d of January, 1919.

F. P. Wentz was educated in the parochial and public schools of Calmar and Ossian, Iowa, and remained at home until he reached his twenty-fifth year, when he rented land and began farming on his own account. He cultivated leased land for seven years and in 1902 removed to New Hampton to accept a position with the firm of Wesp & Gray, dealers in agricultural implements. Six months later he resigned this position to engage in building and land speculation and has since been prominently identified with business of that character. In 1913 he also entered the automobile field, organizing the firm of Wentz & Rosaner, but in 1917 he sold his automobile interests. A year later, however, he bought a half interest in the business of A. H. Wesp, organizing the Wesp Motor Company, one of the leading business houses of New Hampton. They handle the Buick, Cadillac and Chevrolet cars and sell a large number annually. Their business has now reached very substantial proportions and their success is due to their thorough understanding of the cars which they handle, their enterprising methods and reliable dealings.

On the 25th of January, 1902, Mr. Wentz was united in marriage to Miss Estella Emiessy, of New Hampton township, Chickasaw county, and they have become parents