

Automobile Tractor School in Sioux City; and Mary M., Anthony G. and Catherine F. E., all at home.

Mr. Kramer and his family are members of the Catholic church and he is identified also with the Modern Woodmen of America, while politically he is a democrat, giving his earnest and unfaltering support to the principles of the party because he believes that its platform contains the best elements of good government. His life has been quietly passed in the conduct of farming interests and he has won a creditable place among the successful agriculturists of Chickasaw county.

#### JOHN E. ERBE.

John E. Erbe, who is the owner of a fine farm of one hundred acres on section 23, Saratoga township, Howard county, was born in that township on the 13th of September, 1880, and is a son of Ernest E. and Elizabeth (Schreiber) Erbe, both natives of Iowa county, Wisconsin, the former born January 16, 1852, and the latter October 16, 1856. They continued to reside in Iowa county, Wisconsin, until their removal to this state in 1876, at which time the father purchased eighty acres of land in Saratoga township, Howard county, a mile west and a mile south of the village of Saratoga. In early life he had followed farming in his native state and continued to engage in the same occupation throughout his active business life. He now makes his home in Saratoga but his wife has passed away, dying at that place on the 5th of January, 1919.

Like most farm boys, John E. Erbe became thoroughly acquainted with agricultural pursuits during his boyhood and during the winter months attended the district schools of the neighborhood. In 1915 he came into possession of his present farm of one hundred acres on section 23, Saratoga township, and has since engaged in its operation. He is an up-to-date and progressive farmer and success has attended his well directed efforts.

On the 14th of August, 1904, Mr. Erbe was united in marriage to Cora Alma Kelsey, whose parents are residents of Todd county, Minnesota. To this union have been born five children: John Edward, Eloise Ethel, Harry Franklin, Franklin Harry and Elma Elizabeth. Mr. and Mrs. Erbe are consistent members of the Congregational church of Saratoga and have many friends in the community where they reside. By his ballot Mr. Erbe supports the men and measures of the republican party but has taken no active part in political affairs, his time and attention being devoted to his farming operations.

#### FRANK W. KOBLISKA, JR.

Frank W. Kobliska, Jr., actively engaged in farming on section 3, Deerfield township, Chickasaw county, of which township he is a native, was born August 2, 1887, his parents being Frank and Barbara Kobliska, who are still residents of Deerfield township. The district schools near his father's home afforded him his early educational opportunities and he also spent seven months as a pupil in a Catholic school at Spillville. His youthful days outside of school hours were devoted to work upon his father's farm and to that task he devoted his energies until the time of his marriage. On the 9th of November, 1915, he was joined in wedlock to Miss Nellie Dunn and the young couple began their domestic life upon the present home farm, comprising ninety-two acres of land which was given to Mr. Kobliska by his father. He has since occupied this place and his efforts and energies have been concentrated upon its further development and improvement. He has brought his fields under a high state of cultivation and all the modern accessories of the model farm property of the present day are found on his land.

Mrs. Kobliska, like her husband, is a representative of one of the old families of this section of the state, her parents being Patrick and Julia Dunn, who are still