

it and from his fields he now annually gathers abundant harvests. He is also a stockholder in the Farmers Elevator of Colwell.

As the years have passed Mr. and Mrs Tjaden have become the parents of seven children: Anna, Ludwig, Bernard, Meta, Jacob, Ernest and Leonard, all yet at home. Mr. Tjaden and his family are members of the German Lutheran church of Alta Vista and his political allegiance is given to the republican party, which he supports at the polls, hut otherwise he is not active in politics. His farm claims his entire attention and he works diligently in the further development and improvement of the property, which he has converted into one of the excellent farms ol Deerfield township.

#### ANDREW BARNES.

One who has any appreciation for the wonders of nature cannot but be pleased with the sight of the Evergreen Hill Farm, a property of two hundred acres on section 31, Utica township, which is owned and cultivated by Andrew Barnes. There the rich soil responds readily to the care and labor bestowed upon it and golden harvests are annually gathered. Excellent improvements have been put upon the farm and everything presents a neat and thrifty appearance, indicating the systematic methods and practical supervision of the owner.

Mr. Barnes is a native of Howard county, Iowa, born February 9, 1870, his parents being Sylvester and Catherine (Ferry) Barnes, who were natives of Canada and of Buffalo, New York, respectively. They were married at Strawberry Point, Iowa, to which place they went for the ceremony from Howard county, for the Barnes and Ferry families had been established in Howard county in pioneer times. At that period both the father and mother of Andrew Barnes were children and in Howard county they were reared. After their marriage they settled upon a farm in Vernon Springs township, three miles southwest of Cresco, and there twelve children, ten sons and two daughters were born to them. They were carefully reared upon the old homestead and the family record is a notable one in that all of the sons and daughters are yet living. There are also fifty-eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. The old Barnes homestead was a farm of one hundred and sixty acres, but Mr. Barnes acquired other lands which he afterward deeded to his children when they reached adult age. The grandfather, James Barnes, served as a soldier in the Civil war. The maternal grandfather of Andrew Barnes was John Ferry, who was a miller in New York but followed farming after coming to Iowa, From the period of early development in Howard county the Barnes family has been closely associated with the upbuilding and improvement of this section of the state. Sylvester Barnes remained an active farmer to the time of his death, which occurred in 1911, when he had reached the age of seventy-three years. His widow survives and resides with her son James in Cresco.

After mastering the branches of learning taught in the district schools Andrew Barnes remained upon the home farm and assisted his father in the cultivation of the fields up to the time of his marriage. On the 16th of June, 1897, he wedded Miss Mary Hand, a native of Chicago and a daughter of James and Catherine (Smith) Hand, who came to Chickasaw county, Iowa, during the infancy of their daughter. They settled on the farm which Mr. Barnes now owns. In the year of his marriage Mr. Barnes purchased a tract of land of one hundred and twenty-six acres near Jerico in Chickasaw county and resided thereon for a year, at the end of which time he sold the property and bought the old home of his wife's parents, Mr, Hand having died several years before the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Barnes. By this marriage there have been born the following children: Ethel, Florence, Evelyn, Alvin, Gertrude, Donald, Arline and Charles. All are still under the parental roof.

Mr. Barnes is deeply interested in the cause of education and as soon as his children complete the district school course they are sent to high school in Lawler.