

served as road boss, and his father was road supervisor for a number of years. Mr. Svestka of this review has also been one of the school directors and is keenly interested in everything that has to do with the progress and welfare of the community in which he makes his home.

#### GEORGE N. WALKER.

George N. Walker is one of the substantial and well known farmers of Vernon Springs township, Howard county, residing on section 4, where he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land in 1905. He was born in Connecticut on the 13th of March, 1863, his parents being John R. and Mary A. (Palmer) Walker, who spent their entire lives in that state.

George N. Walker acquired a limited district school education and when but fourteen years of age left home and came west to make his own way in the world. Locating at Big Rock, Illinois, he there secured employment on a farm at a wage of five dollars per month and he continued a resident of Big Rock for a period of twenty- six years, working by the month as farm hand and later carrying on agricultural pursuits on his own account as a renter. In 1900 he came to Iowa and settled at Manson, Calhoun county, where he remained for five years. On the expiration of that period, in 1905, he made his way to Howard county, purchasing his present home farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 4, Vernon Springs township. Thereon he resided continuously until March, 1918, when he leased the property and took up his abode in Bonair. After a year's residence in town, however, the call of the land brought him back to his farm and he is now again actively engaged in tilling the soil. The carefully cultivated fields annually yield good crops and his labors as an agriculturist have been attended with a well merited measure of success.

In October, 1895, Mr. Walker was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary Tripp, of Kane county, Illinois, by whom he had three children, as follows: Grant, who follows farming in Howard county; Myrtle, who is the wife of William Fisk and resides with her father; and Ruby, who is employed in Cresco. The wife and mother passed away in April, 1915, and her demise was deeply deplored by all who knew her.

In politics Mr. Walker is a staunch republican, exercising his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of that party. His life has been characterized by intense and well directed industry and he deserves mention among the enterprising and representative citizens of his community.

#### FRANK A. PECINOVSKY.

The attractiveness of Chickasaw county as a place of residence is indicated in the fact that many of her sons have remained within her borders, confident that the advantages here offered are equal to those to be secured in any other section of the country. To this class belong Frank A. Pecinovsky, who now follows farming on section 15, Utica township, Chickasaw county, and who is a native of Howard county. He was born in New Oregon township of the latter county, April 14, 1873, a son of John and Frances (Chyle) Pecinovsky, who came from Bohemia with their respective parents and removed to the middle west. They were married on this side of the Atlantic and for many years the father was identified with farming interests in Howard county, spending his last days in New Oregon township, where he departed this life in 1875. His widow survives and yet makes her home in that township.

Upon the old homestead farm Frank A. Pecinovsky was reared and in his youthful days mastered the branches of learning taught in the district schools near his father's place. He was married on the 23d of February, 1896, to Miss Anthony Blazek and they became the parents of four children: John, Bennie, Mary and