

everything that he has undertaken. This has made him a successful farmer as well as a capable blacksmith.

While still a resident of Wisconsin, Mr. Jewert was married at Beloit Corners, in Milwaukee county, on the 26th of January 1894, to Miss Elizabeth Palmersheim and in 1899 they removed to Howard county, Iowa, taking up their abode in Afton township. They were then parents of two children, who had been born in Wisconsin. Mr. Jewert at the time of his arrival in this state had but sixty dollars in cash and during the first few years of his residence here he found it very difficult to gain a start. For four years he engaged in farming rented land on the shares and during that period very carefully saved his earnings, practicing strict economy as well as industry. During the succeeding eight years he rented land for cash and in 1911 he saw his way clear to make his first purchase of land and became owner of eighty acres on section 22 in Afton township. He lived upon that farm for three years, after which he sold the property and in the fall of 1913 bought forty acres of his present home place. Two years later he purchased an adjoining forty acres and in 1918 bought a third forty-acre tract, so that his present holdings comprise one hundred and twenty acres. He has one of the finest improved farms in Afton township and he has erected all of the buildings upon this place. He is one of the progressive and substantial residents of his part of the county and his success is directly attributable to his labors and perseverance. The buildings stand as a monument to his capability and the farm in its neat and thrifty appearance attests the practical and progressive methods of the owner.

Mr. and Mrs. Jewert have become the parents of eight children: Mollie; Anna; Martin; Evelyn and Leroy, twins; Mabel; Edna; and Cecelia. All are yet under the parental roof. The family are members of the Catholic church and Mr. Jewert is also a member of the Catholic Order of Foresters and of the Modern Woodmen of America. In politics he maintains a non-partisan stand, preferring to vote according to the dictates of his judgment without regard to party ties. For twelve years he has served as a member of the school board. His interest and activity, however, are chiefly concentrated upon his business affairs and by reason of his close application he has become one of the representative farmers of Afton township. He is also a stockholder in the Howard County Cooperative Equity Association and a stockholder in the Elma Cooperative Creamery Company and through these agencies materially adds to his income. His life record may well serve as an example to others, proving what may be accomplished notwithstanding the handicap of limited means in early manhood.

GEORGE P. HOCKSPEIER.

The birthplace of George P. Hockspeier, now a prosperous farmer of Chickasaw county, living on section 5, Washington township, was a log cabin which was built by his parents when they first settled in this section of the state. The pioneer dwelling stood upon the farm which he still occupies and there he first opened his eyes to the light of day, December 10, 1873. His parents were John and Rosa (Bauer) Hockspeier, who came from Germany in early life with their respective parents. They became acquainted and were married in Chicago, their wedding day being July 9, 1858. In September of the same year they drove across the country from Chicago to northern Iowa and established their home in Washington township, Chickasaw county. The journey was made with oxen and wagon and when they reached their destination they settled a mile and a half southwest of Devon. The father afterward purchased one hundred and sixty acres of government land, for which he paid a dollar and a quarter per acre. It was entirely destitute of improvements and bore little resemblance to the highly cultivated farm upon which his son, George P. Hockspeier, now resides. The father served for eleven months in the Civil war as a member of Company I, Thirteenth Iowa Infantry, and at all times he was ready to do his part in matters of public-spirited citizenship. In his business he prospered as the years passed, becoming a well-