

In his political views Mr. Elwood is a republican but not an office seeker, preferring to concentrate his efforts and attention upon his business affairs, which have been carefully, wisely and profitably conducted.

ERNEST SCHULTZ.

Ernest Schultz, who carries on general farming on section 30, Washington township, Chickasaw county, was born August 17, 1880, on a place two miles south of his present home. His parents, Herman and Johanna (Glienke) Schultz, were natives of Germany, where they were reared and married. In 1874 they came to the United States and first established their home in Chicago, where the father worked as a mason for about four years. He then removed to Chickasaw county and took up his abode on what is now known as the old Schultz homestead—the place upon which Ernest Schultz was born. The father's first purchase of land made him the owner of forty acres and he thereon engaged in general farming to the time of his death. Both he and his wife spent their remaining days in Washington township, the latter dying in 1910 and the former in 1913.

The youthful training and experiences of Ernest Schultz were those of the farm-bred boy, for when quite young he began to assist his father in the tasks of plowing, planting and harvesting as the farm work was carried forward from one season to another. He determined to continue in the same line of work on reaching adult age and originally purchased fifty acres of land from his father. He has increased his holdings until his farm now comprises one hundred and twenty acres and the place is now carefully and profitably cultivated and developed. The fields give promise of substantial harvests and the methods followed in the cultivation of the crops are of the most progressive character. In addition to his farming interests Mr. Schultz is a stockholder in the Farmers Lumber Company of Alta Vista, also in the Farmers Creamery of that place and in the creamery company he is one of the directors.

On the 21st of February, 1906, Mr. Schultz was joined in wedlock to Miss Ida Glienke, a daughter of Henry and Alvina (Schmidt) Glienke, who are now residents of Alta Vista. Mr. and Mrs. Schultz have become parents of two daughters and a son: Luella, born September 9, 1907; Ada, born July 28, 1909; and Harry, March 13, 1916.

The parents belong to the German Lutheran church of Alta Vista, and at the polls Mr. Schultz gives his political allegiance to the republican party. Diligence and thrift have constituted the foundation upon which he has built his present prosperity. His life has been quietly passed, his attention being always given to his farming interests, and thus concentrating his efforts along a single line, he has won the merited reward of labor. At the same time he is actuated by a progressive spirit that has led him to study business conditions and opportunities and made him a cooperant factor in the lumber company and in the creamery of Alta Vista.

S. H. SIMMONS.

S. H. Simmons, a retired farmer residing in Nashua, where he now conducts a pool and billiard parlor, is numbered among the worthy native sons of Chickasaw county, his birth having occurred in Richland township on the 19th of January, 1872. His parents were Julius J. and Mary (Cooper) Simmons, the former a native of Pennsylvania, while the latter was born in the state of New York. They were married in Kane county, Illinois, where the father had taken up his abode as an orphan of eleven years and to which place the mother had accompanied her parents in girlhood. Following his marriage Julius J. Simmons devoted his attention to farming in Kane county, Illinois, for a few years and in 1866 came west to Chickasaw county, Iowa. He purchased a farm