

age; Frank, who married Elizabeth Lukesh, of Howard county, and is farming with his father; and Mary T., who married James Svoboda and is also farming in Howard county.

Mr. Moudry sold his farm to his son Frank and now makes his home in Protivin. He attends the Catholic church and he gives his political allegiance to the democratic party. He has served as school director in New Oregon township for a year and has always been interested in the welfare and progress of the community in which he makes his home and in which for many years he was numbered among the successful and enterprising agriculturists. His former toil and activity have constituted the basis upon which he has built the prosperity that now enables him to live retired.

#### R. W. OESTRICH.

R. W. Oestrich, who carries on general farming on section 9, Jamestown township, Howard county, was born in Wisconsin on the 4th of July, 1872, a son of Henry and Albertina Oestrich. Their parents were natives of Germany but came to the United States many years ago, taking up their abode in Wisconsin, where they lived until their removal to Iowa. Coming to this state, they established their home in Howard county, and the father purchased the farm on which his son, R. W. Oestrich, now resides. Henry Oestrich devoted his time and attention to the cultivation and improvement of his place throughout his remaining days and the mother also passed away on the old homestead.

R. W. Oestrich acquired a common school education in Iowa and in the period of his youth his time was divided between the duties of the schoolroom, the pleasures of the playground and the work of the fields. When his schooldays were over he concentrated his time and attention upon the task of assisting his father in the work of the home farm and ultimately he came into possession of the property. He now has eighty acres of land which he carefully cultivates, and to his place he has added many modern improvements. He uses the latest improved farm machinery to facilitate the work of the fields and annually gathers golden harvests as a reward for the care and labor which he bestows upon the place.

After reaching man's estate Mr. Oestrich was married to Miss Grace Bywater, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Bywater, who were natives of England. Mr. and Mrs. Oestrich have two children, Bessie and Pearl, both at home.

The religious faith of the family is that of the Congregational church and they are loyal to its teachings, their lives being guided by high purposes and principles. Mr. Oestrich is identified with the Farmers Equity Association of Riceville. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and for six terms he served as school director in Jamestown township, the cause of education ever finding in him a stalwart champion.

#### FRED P. JOACHIM.

One of the finest farm properties of Chickasaw county is that owned by Fred Joachim, situated on section 31, Washington township. Its splendid buildings, its beautiful trees, its highly cultivated fields and many improvements are all indicative of the progressive spirit which characterizes him in the conduct of all of his interests.

Mr. Joachim comes to Iowa from Illinois. He was born in that state, March 3, 1864, a son of Charles and Mary (Schultz) Joachim, who were natives of Germany. Coming to the United States, they settled at Proviso, Illinois, and there became acquainted and were married. Subsequently Mr. Joachim carried on farming for a time in that section of the country but in the year 1884 removed with his family to Iowa, establishing his home in Washington township, Chickasaw county, a short distance north of Alta Vista. His place was on the county line and was known as Mike Falgetter's farm. Mr. Joachim purchased two hundred and forty acres of farm land and twenty acres of timber land and continued to own, develop and occupy that place until his retirement from active