

a livery and also a feed and sale stable, buying and selling horses, although he does no shipping.

On January 9, 1907, Mr. Kornmeyer was united in marriage to Miss Theresa Benkert, of Cincinnati, Ohio, in which city the ceremony was performed. The following children were born to this union: Leonard, born October 24, 1907, who attends kindergarten in the Decorah public schools; Odelia, born October 4, 1909; and Ritta, born May 14, 1912.

The religious faith of the family is that of the Roman Catholic church, of which they are devout communicants. Politically Mr. Kornmeyer is a democrat, keeping well informed upon all public issues and questions although he cares not for public office. He is also well known in fraternal circles, being a member of the Woodmen of the World and the Brotherhood of American Yeomen. A public-spirited man, Mr. Kornmeyer stands for all that is going to make Decorah a greater and better city, giving his warm-hearted support to any worthy public enterprise. He is well and favorably known in the city and highly respected and esteemed on account of his many high qualities of mind and character.

JOHN J. ALBERS.

Among the native sons of Winneshiek county who have gained well deserved success in agricultural pursuits is John J. Albers, who since 1909 has carried on general farming upon the old Albers homestead. He was born, June 24, 1870, in Canoe township and is a son of Henry and Elizabeth (Herr) Albers, natives of Germany and early settlers in Winneshiek county, where the father spent practically his entire life engaged in farming. He was well known in this part of Iowa and served for several years as road supervisor. His death occurred in Cresco, February 1, 1910. His wife survives him, making her home in that city. To their union were born eleven children: George, of Lake Benton, Minnesota; Anna, the wife of Albert Reinhardt, of Howard county, Iowa; Ida, who became the wife of John Bender and is now deceased; Henry J., engaged in farming in Lincoln township; John J., of this review; Clara, the wife of John Kuntz, of Luck, Wisconsin; Emma R., who married Frank Blackburn, of Lincoln township, this county; Albert, of Cresco; Fred W., a resident of the same locality; a child, who died in infancy; and Edward R., of Cresco.

John J. Albers was reared at home and from his early childhood has been familiar with farm operation, having spent a great deal of time aiding his father with the work of the homestead. After beginning his independent career he worked at farm labor for ten years and then rented one hundred and twenty acres of land in Lincoln township. After one year upon this property he began working by the day but eventually rented the homestead, operating this for three years thereafter. At the end of that time he rented another farm of one hundred acres and after one year rented an eighty-acre tract, upon which he continued to make his home for three years. He then returned to the homestead and has now been renting this property for four years, carrying on gen