

Richert's attention centers upon his stock-raising interests and he has been remarkably successful in breeding Hereford cattle and Chester White and Poland China hogs. He has exhibited at almost all of the local fairs and in 1912 had several entries in the International Stock Show at Chicago. He belongs to the Hereford Cattle Association of the United States, in which he is also a stockholder, and in this way he keeps in touch with the latest and most scientific-methods of breeding.

On the 30th of November, 1889, Mr. Richert was united in marriage to Miss Cora B. Smith, who was born in Hesper township, November 17, 1870, a daughter of Walter A. and Samantha (Hazel) Smith, the former a native of England and the latter, of Pennsylvania. Her father has passed away and his widow makes her home with the subject of this review. Mr. and Mrs. Richert are the parents of a son, Lloyd W., who lives at home.

Mr. Richert is a devout member of the Lutheran church and is independent in politics, taking an especial interest in educational affairs. He has done able work as secretary of the school board for the past seven years and has held various other important school offices. For thirty-two years a resident of Winneshiek county, he is recognized as a substantial and representative citizen by those with whom he has long been associated and one who from the beginning of his career has been deeply interested in the material, mental and moral welfare of the community.

EINAR KIPPE.

A young man of great ability and promise, Einar Kippe is prominently connected with business and financial interests of Burr Oak as half owner of a general store there and as cashier of the Burr Oak Savings Bank. He was born in Stenkjar, Norway, April 6, 1880, and is a son of John and Carrie Kippe, who still reside in that locality, the father engaging in school teaching. In their family are seven children, of whom the subject of this review is the fourth in order of birth. Two others came to America, namely: Olaf, who is engaged in the paint business in Amhurst, Minnesota; and Magne, a railroad contractor of Cordova, Alaska.

Einar Kippe acquired his education in the public schools of Norway and after laying aside his books clerked in a general store for three years. Seeking a wider field and better opportunities, he crossed the Atlantic in the spring of 1902 and settled in Mabel, Minnesota, where he worked as a painter with his brother. He afterward spent a similar period of time on railroad construction work and then turned his attention to farming, following this occupation until 1906. In that year he came to Burr Oak and entered a general store owned by F. C. Schink. He afterward was employed by Mr. Schink's successors, Juell, Meyer & Company, and in 1912 he formed a partnership with John A. Thompson. They purchased the store in which Mr. Kippe now owns a half interest and they have developed the business to gratifying proportions, serving a large and representative patronage at the present time. Mr. Kippe has been connected with the Burr Oak Savings Bank since 1912, in July of which year he was made