

Everything about the place is in excellent condition, substantial improvements have been made and the entire property reflects in its neat and attractive appearance the careful supervision and practical methods of its manager, who is a progressive and able agriculturist.

On the 6th of August, 1892, Mr. Weiler married Miss Jessie Thompson and to their union has been born a daughter, Geraldine, whose birth occurred on the 18th of May, 1910. Mr. Weiler is a republican in his political views. He is an energetic man and, having always been inspired by a spirit of progress, his success and prosperity are due entirely to his own efforts.

#### JOHN A. OLSON.

No farmer in Winneshiek county has achieved greater success in agricultural pursuits and stock-raising than John A. Olson, who has lived in this part of Iowa during practically all his life and is now cultivating a portion of the homestead upon which he was born on the 20th of February, 1858. He is a son of Asbjorn Olson and Guro (Nelson) Holkesvig, natives of Hardanger, Norway, where their marriage occurred. With their eldest child they came to America, settling first in Wisconsin, whence they moved to Winneshiek county, Iowa, and the father purchased land in Pleasant township. From time to time he added to his holdings, which finally aggregated two hundred and forty acres, and upon this farm the remainder of his life was passed, his death occurring when he was over eighty years of age. He and his wife became the parents of ten children: Rachel, the widow of H. P. Johnson and a resident of Decorah; Nelson Holkesvig, a farmer in Canoe township; Ole Olson, engaged in merchandising in Fargo, North Dakota; Henry Holkesvig, who is employed by his twin brother Ole; John A. Olson, of this review; Aaron, of Groton, South Dakota; Nellie, the wife of Frank Sampson, of Decorah; Albert, of Crookston, Minnesota; Anton, who resides at Devils Lake, North Dakota; and Edward, who passed away at the age of nineteen years. As will be seen, some of these children use the name of Olson and the others that of Holkesvig.

John A. Olson was reared at home and from his early childhood assisted with the work of the farm, becoming thoroughly familiar with the best agricultural methods and all the details connected with farm operation. He spent three years in Fargo, North Dakota, working in a general store, but with this exception has resided continuously in Pleasant township, where he is now numbered among the progressive and able agriculturists. He purchased from his father one hundred acres of the old homestead on section 21 and he has developed this along modern and progressive lines, making substantial improvements in the buildings and installing the necessary farm implements. He carries on general farming and stock-raising and both branches of his business have proven profitable and important under his able management. He is a stockholder in the Ice Cave Creamery Company of Decorah and in the Farmers Cooperative Company, and his ability is widely recognized in business circles.

On the 8th of September, 1897, Mr. Olson was united in marriage to Miss Anna Serdahl, of Halland, Norway, who was born December 26, 1875. When