

For twenty years Mr. Anderson served as road supervisor, doing much towards promoting good roads in this section and early recognizing the importance of having good transportation facilities. He also served as trustee of the township, as constable and as president and director of the school board. He gives his adherence to the republican party, upholding its principles stanchly and endorsing its candidates. His religious faith is that of the Lutheran church, to which his family also give their allegiance. Coming here at an early date in the history of the county, Mr. Anderson has seen much of its growth and development and has in no inconsiderable way contributed thereto. He enjoys, in a large measure the respect and esteem of all who know him for he is a man of high principles whose success has been entirely built upon industry and honesty.

JOHN CREMER.

Farming interests of Winneshiek county find a progressive and worthy representative in John Cremer, who owns and operates the Cremer homestead of two hundred acres on section 7, Military township. His entire life has been spent upon this property and upon it his birth occurred July 25, 1872, his parents being William and Paulina (Henneke) Cremer, natives of Germany. The father came to America in 1847^m company with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Cremer, and their family, the other children being Henry, Mrs. Gertrude Fleischer, Mrs. Caroline Schultze, Mrs. Francis Holthaus and Joseph W., all of whom are now deceased. The family settled in Wisconsin, where the father of our subject remained until the spring of 1852, when he removed to Iowa, buying land on section 7, Military township, whereon he continued to reside until his death, February 16, 1889. His wife survived him several years, her death occurring on the 18th of February, 1900. To them were born six children: John, of this review; William, a priest in Calmar, Iowa; Frank, who resides in North Dakota; Mary, the wife of Peter Theland of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Catherine, who married A. F. Dessel of Ossian; and Andrew, of North Dakota.

John Cremer spent his childhood upon his father's farm, assisting with its operation during the summer months and in the winters attending the parochial schools. He has never left the homestead, which he purchased in 1901, and since that time he has steadily carried forward the work of its development, the results of his labors being evident today in its excellent condition and attractive appearance. He owns two hundred acres of fine land on section 7, Military township, and upon it engages in general farming and stock-raising, meeting with the success in both branches which always reward earnest and persistent labor when guided by sound judgment.

On the 10th of October, 1905, Mr. Cremer was united in marriage to Miss Matilda Holthaus, a daughter of August and Caroline (Kleisart) Holthaus, the former a native of Germany and the latter of Iowa. Her parents had six children: Henry, a priest in Dubuque, Iowa; Joseph, a resident of Winneshiek county; Matilda, the wife of the subject of this review; Felix, of Washington township; Monica and Gustaf, who live at home. Mr. and Mrs. Cremer became the