

has since owned and operated. He carries on general farming and stock-raising and has met with a most desirable success in both branches, his prosperity coming as the direct result of his energy, practical methods and untiring industry.

On the 14th of June, 1898, Mr. Howard was united in marriage to Miss Luana Stockman, a daughter of John W. and Sarah (Eddy) Stockman and a representative of a well known Winneshiek county family. Mr. and Mrs. Howard become the parents of a son, Edward Eugene, who was born May 8, 1900.

Mr. Howard is a devout member of the Roman Catholic church and is connected fraternally with the Modern Woodmen of America, the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Order of Foresters. He is a democrat in his political beliefs and is now serving as assessor of Orleans township and as president of the school board, the cause of education finding in him a loyal and earnest supporter. His has been a most commendable record and he has the goodwill and confidence of his business associates, and in other relations of life he enjoys to the fullest extent the respect and confidence of those with whom he is brought in contact.

FRANK KUNT.

Frank Kunt is successfully engaged in general farming and stock-raising upon a fine property of two hundred acres lying on sections 8 and 9, Jackson township, and in addition to the work of its cultivation and improvement is serving in a capable and able way as township assessor. He has proved himself far-sighted and discriminating in business and progressive in citizenship and, although he is still a young man, has already made his influence felt upon local agricultural and political development.

He was born on a portion of the farm he now occupies April 7, 1884, a son of Mike and Anna (Hrezda) Kunt, natives of Bohemia, who came to America about the year 1871 and located in Chicago, Illinois, where for seven years the father engaged in the lumber business. He went from there to Pocahontas county, where he spent three years engaged in farming, coming at the end of that time to Winneshiek county, Iowa, where he resided until his death, which occurred on the 21st of January, 1901. His wife survives him and makes her home with the subject of this review. To their union were born five children: John J., of Jackson township; Mary, the wife of Joseph Slifka, of Howard county; Tena, who married Joseph Kalishek of Chickasaw county; Anna, the wife of William Swhela, of Mason City, Iowa; and Frank, of this review.

The last named was reared upon his father's farm in Winneshiek county and in his childhood aided with the work of its operation. He remained under the parental roof until he was twenty-two years of age and then turned his attention to railroad work as a fireman, engaging in this occupation for a short time and eventually resigning his position in order to return to the farm, where he has since resided. He owns two hundred acres of fine land lying on sections 8 and 9, Jackson township, and upon this property carries on general farming and stock-raising, success steadily rewarding his well directed labors. His farm is improved with a fine residence and excellent barns and outbuildings and it re-