

Larrabee., of Fayetteville, Arkansas; Mrs. Fannie Beard, who is living on the old Ashley homestead in Chickasaw county; and William L. of this review.

The last named has spent his entire life in Chickasaw county and in the district schools obtained his education. He was married in Charles City, Iowa, March 15, 1894, to Miss Alice Louise Ferguson, a daughter of William Henry and Ida Joanna (Snyder) Ferguson. The young couple took up their abode upon his present home farm of one hundred and fifty-one acres, and he has since further developed and improved the property, which is now under a high state of cultivation and is equipped with all modern accessories and conveniences. Here Mr. and Mrs. Ashley have since resided and here they reared their only son, George Dewey Ashley, who is now farming the old home place. He wedded Etta Marie Rodamaker and they have one son, Thomas Williams Ashley, who is of the fourth generation of the family to live upon this farm. Mrs Ashley was a teacher prior to her marriage and devoted seven years to educational work.

Mr. Ashley is a member of the Beaver Valley Farmers Equity Association. He is also identified with the Modern Woodmen of America and gives his political support to the republican party. He is widely and favorably known throughout this section of the state and has long been regarded as one of the representative, progressive and successful farmers of Deerfield township.

#### EDMUND DUGSTAD.

A spirit of modern business enterprise finds expression in Edmund Dugstad, a dealer in lumber and building materials at Chester. He ranks with the foremost business men of the town and his activities have been an element in its commercial development. Mr. Dugstad was born near Spring Valley, Minnesota, on the 4th of March, 1880, a son of Sever S. and Caroline (Johnson) Dugstad, the former a native of Norway, while the latter was born on a farm near Harmony, Minnesota, her parents having emigrated to this country from Norway. Sever S. Dugstad carried on general farming near Spring Valley, Minnesota, up to the time of his death. In the spring of that year he started on a visit to Norway and died in Liverpool, England, ere reaching his destination. His remains were brought back home for interment. His widow is still living and now resides in Spring Valley.

Edmund Dugstad was reared upon the home farm and early became familiar with all the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the farm-bred boy as he divides his time between the attainment of a public school education, the pleasures of the playground and and the work of the fields. He attended the district schools and afterward became a student in the Decorah (Ia.) Institute. When twenty-one years of age he removed to Chester and during the summer months worked in the lumberyards of Bratrud Brothers. In the winter seasons he continued his education in the Decorah institute and following the completion of his studies he gave his entire time to the lumber business in connection with yards at Chester. On the 26th of December, 1903, formed a partnership with John Bratrud, a brother of the former owner, and purchased the business of Bratrud Brothers. For six years they conducted the yards under the firm style of Bratrud & Dugstad, but in 1910 Mr. Dugstad purchased the rest of his partner and has since been sole owner of the business. He has a large lumberyard, carrying an excellent stock of lumber and builders' supplies, and his less has reached gratifying proportions. On the 27th of June, 1906, Mr. Dugstad was married to Miss Harriett Halver, of Chester, a daughter of William Halver, a well known stock buyer of the town. To Mr. and Mrs. Dugstad have been born two children, Donald E. and Evelyn G.

In his political views Mr. Dugstad is a republican and has served as mayor of his city and also as member of the town council, taking active interest in promoting the welfare and upbuilding of the city through the exercise of his official duties. Fraternally he is connected with Chester lodge, No. 444, I. O. O. F., and also with the Modern Woodmen of America. He belongs to the Lutheran church and is interested