

nor desired office for himself, but his father served as school director and was road supervisor for fifteen or twenty years. While William M. Kalishek does not desire public office, he is always loyal in matters of citizenship and gives his earnest support to every plan or project for the public good.

M. R. HOFFMANN.

M. R. Hoffmann, actively engaged in general farming on section 24, Washington township, Chickasaw county, was born in Jackson county, Iowa, April 16, 1869, a son of Charles and Susan (Loux) Hoffmann, who were natives of Germany and came with their parents to the new world. They became acquainted and were married in Jackson county, near Dubuque, Iowa, and for many years the father followed farming in that county, meeting with a fair measure of success. He died in Alta Vista, Iowa, December 17, 1913, while his wife survived until October 9, 1915, and also passed away in Alta Vista.

M. R. Hoffmann acquired his education in the parochial schools of Jackson county and remained with his father through the period of his minority, assisting in the farm work from the time that he was old enough to manage the plow until he reached his twenty-eighth birthday. It was then that he was married and rented a farm in Henry township, Plymouth county, Iowa, near Remsen, upon which he lived for a year. He afterward rented land in Nassau township, Sioux county, for a period of seven years and later he took up his abode upon his present home place in 1907, purchasing one hundred and sixty acres of land, which he has since greatly developed and improved. He has erected a beautiful residence, in the rear of which stand substantial barns and outbuildings, some of which have been put up by him. These in turn are surrounded by fields of convenient size which are highly cultivated, so that he annually harvests good crops. He has added to his original quarter section by additional purchase and his farm now comprises two hundred and forty acres of land.

Mr. Hoffmann was united in marriage on his twenty-eighth birthday to Miss Rosa Herbst, by whom he had four children who are living: Florence, Raymond, Elma and Arnold. The wife and mother passed away August 15, 1906, and on the 14th of May, 1912, Mr. Hoffmann wedded Anna Sassen, a daughter of Herman and Mary (Westendorf) Sassen, who now reside at Adrian, Minnesota. Three children have been born of the second marriage: Rosella, Naomi and Louraine.

The family are members of St. Bernard's Catholic church of Alta Vista and Mr. Hoffmann is identified with the Catholic Order of Foresters. He belongs to the Alta Vista Farmers' Equity Association and he gives his political endorsement to the democratic party. The activities and interests of his life have been well balanced, making his an evenly rounded character.

WILLIAM B. RINN.

William B. Rinn, a representative farmer whose home is situated on section 20, Paris township, Howard county, is not only active as an agriculturist but is an influential factor in connection with the public interests of the community. He is serving at the present writing as chairman of the board of township trustees and at all times his aid and cooperation can be counted upon to further measures for the general good.

He was born in Jones county, Iowa, October 11, 1857, and is a son of Peter and Ann (Rowley) Rinn, who were natives of Ireland and came to the United States in young manhood and womanhood. Peter Rinn was accompanied by his father, who, however, died on the voyage across the Atlantic and was buried at sea. Mr. and Mrs. Peter Rinn were among the earliest of the pioneers of Jones county but subsequently removed to Eau Claire, Wisconsin, where they resided for a number of years. Some time later, in the '60s, they came to Howard county, where Mr. Rinn purchased one hundred acres of