

years. The father died on that place on the 6th of July, 1913, but the mother survives and still occupies the old homestead.

Owen O. Williams was reared upon the old home farm and received a district school education. After his textbooks were put aside he concentrated his efforts and attention upon the development of the fields and continued to work in cooperation with his father until the latter's death and still is in active charge of the farm, which comprises one hundred and thirty acres of rich, fertile and valuable land. He is regarded as a type of the progressive young farmer of the county and his intelligent direction of his labors is producing excellent results. Both he and his mother are consistent and faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal church and in politics Mr. Williams is a republican but while giving loyal support to the party does not seek nor desire office as a reward for party fealty, preferring to concentrate his efforts and attention upon his business affairs, which are bringing to him well deserved success.

WILL BRUGER.

Will Bruger, who carries on general agricultural pursuits on section 15, Jamestown township, has spent almost his entire life in Howard county, although he was born in Germany on the 22d of January, 1889. He is a son of Fred and Sophia (Bruno) Bruger, who were also natives of Germany, whence they came to the United States in 1891, settling first in Blairstown, Iowa, where the father worked for a time by the day at tiling and also at farming. He continued to make his home at Blairstown until about 1901, when he removed with his family to Calhoun county, Iowa, where he purchased a farm and there carried on general agricultural pursuits on his own account for a period of three years. At the end of that time he sold his farm property in Calhoun county and came to Howard county, settling in Jamestown township, where the parents have now resided since 1914.

Will Bruger, spending his youthful days in his parents' home, acquired a common school education in Calhoun county and when not occupied with his textbooks gave his attention to farm work, being thus employed to the time of his marriage. In 1912 he wedded Miss Erma Stilling, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stilling, who came from Germany to the new world. Her father is still living but her mother has passed away. To Mr. and Mrs. Bruger have been born two children: Amanda, five years of age; and Naomi, who is in her second year.

The parents are members of the German Lutheran church of Riceville and loyally follow its teachings, seeking ever the uplift of the individual and the upbuilding of the community at large. Mr. Bruger is identified with the Farmers Equity Association of Riceville but otherwise concentrates his efforts and attention upon his general agricultural interests. He works diligently and persistently in the development of his farm, to which he has added many modern improvements, and as the result of his earnest labor is meeting with a fair measure of success.

GLENN D. KEPPLE.

Glenn D. Kepple is junior partner in the firm of Kepple & Huffman, leading merchants and foremost business men of Ionia. He was born in the city of Chickasaw on the 23d of March, 1889, and is a son of Hon. Presley L. and Lizzie (Raumbaugh) Kepple, both of whom are natives of North Washington, Chickasaw county, and representatives of early pioneer families of this section of the state. The father is the present representative from his district in the general assembly of Iowa and for twenty-five years he was a prominent figure in the business circles of Ionia. He served for several years as postmaster of Ionia and is now for the third term member of the house from his district, his frequent reelections coming to him in recognition of his marked devotion