

He is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and his political views are in accord with the teachings and principles of the democratic party. He has served as township trustee for the past three years, so that he has now entered upon the second term in that position. His entire life has been passed in this section of the state and the worth of his character is widely recognized by those with whom he has been associated. He holds to high standards of manhood and citizenship and in all public affairs has proven himself one hundred per cent American.

FRANK ZOBECK.

Frank Zobeck, a resident farmer of Howard county, his home being on section 24, Howard township, was born October 19, 1893, on the farm which he now owns, his parents being Joseph and Barbara (Mashek) Zobeck, both of whom were natives of Bohemia. They came to the United States in early life. The father was a young man when he crossed the Atlantic and was accompanied by his parents. The mother came alone to the new world in young womanhood, her parents having died in Bohemia. Both Mr. and Mrs. Zobeck established their home in Howard county and later were married here. Joseph Zobeck afterward bought the farm upon which his son now resides, becoming owner of one hundred and sixty acres of land, which he carefully cultivated and improved throughout his remaining days. He passed away January 22, 1917, having for a number of years survived his wife, who died in 1906.

Frank Zobeck, spending his youthful days under the parental roof, entered the district schools at the usual age and this constituted his educational opportunities. His training at farm labor was not meager, for as soon as old enough to manage the plow he took his place in the fields and thus he had gained valuable practical experience when he started out as a farmer on his own account. On the death of his father he inherited a part of the home property and acquired ownership of the entire farm by the purchase of his sisters' shares in the estate. He is now busily engaged in its further development and cultivation and has added various modern improvements to the place, which is now an excellent farm, bringing forth substantial harvests as a reward for the care and labor bestowed upon it. Mr. Zobeck is also a stockholder in the Maple Leaf Creamery Company and is accounted one of the progressive young farmers and business men of Howard township.

In his political views Mr. Zobeck is a democrat and is well informed on the questions and issues of the day but does not seek nor desire office as a reward for party fealty. The high principles which govern his life are manifest in his membership in the Catholic church.

AMOS E. BARKER.

Amos E. Barker is an attorney of Howard county and the efficient mayor of Cresco, guided in all that he does for the city by a most public-spirited devotion to the general good. He was born in Indiana on the 23d of April, 1854, a son of Jeremiah and Jane (Kerlin) Barker, the former a native of Indiana, while the latter was born in Tennessee. They were married in the Hoosier state, to which Mrs. Barker had removed during her girlhood days with her parents. In 1857, Jeremiah Barker came to Iowa with his family and purchased a farm in Howard county about a mile east of the present site of Cresco. He later acquired several other farms and became one of the heavy landholders of the county. In all of his business affairs he displayed keen discrimination and sound judgment and prospered in whatever he undertook. He died in the year 1858, while his wife passed away in 1877.

Amos E. Barker was educated in the district schools of Howard county and in the high school of Cresco and after completing his course there he took up the profession of teaching, which he followed for several years in Howard and Winneshiek counties and