

Albert J. Mikesh was reared on the old homestead and worked with his father on the farm to the age of seventeen years, when he took up carpentering, devoting his energies to that trade for twenty years and thus being identified with many important building operations in the county. On the expiration of that period he established a general store at Protivin and now has an excellent store, which he has been successfully conducting for twenty-six years. He carries a large and well selected line of goods and his enterprising methods, his reliability and his earnest desire to please his patrons have been potent elements in his continued success.

When twenty-five years of age Albert J. Mikesh married Miss Mamie Novak, a daughter of Tom and Verona Novak, of Spillville, and they have become the parents of three children: Nellie, the wife of Ben Bouska, of Schley; and Edith and Leo, at home. The family attend the Catholic church at Protivin.

Mr. Mikesh gives his political allegiance to the democratic party. He is a representative of one of the old pioneer families of Iowa and his entire life, covering a period of fifty years, has been passed within this state, so that he has been a witness of much of the growth and development of this section of the country. At all times he has borne his part in the work of general progress and improvement and is regarded as one of the substantial citizens of Protivin.

#### G. H. MILLENBAUGH, D. O.

Dr. G. H. Millenbaugh is a well known osteopath of New Hampton, where he has successfully practiced his profession since 1916. He was born in Putnam county, Ohio, on the 27th of June, 1891, a son of Joseph and Anna (Yocklin) Millenbaugh, the latter a native of Germany, while the former was born in Ohio of German parentage. Dr. Millenbaugh attended the common schools of his native county in the acquirement of an education and in 1913 entered upon preparation for his chosen life work as a student in the American School of Osteopathy at Kirksville, Missouri, from which he was graduated as a member of the class of 1916. He then located at New Hampton, where he has continued throughout the intervening period of three years and where he has built up an extensive and gratifying practice that is steadily growing as his skill is becoming more and more widely recognized.

Dr. Millenbaugh is a communicant of St. Mary's Catholic church, and also belongs to the Knights of Columbus. He is popular in both professional and social circles of the community in which he makes his home and has already gained an enviable measure of success for one of his years.

#### G. M. SPENCER.

A well known representative of business enterprise in Chester is G. M. Spencer, who is conducting a general contracting business. He was born in the state of New York, March 7, 1875, a son of Ransom and Anna (Fox) Spencer, who were born, reared and married in the Empire state. In 1876 they removed westward to Iowa and took up their abode upon a rented farm near Lime Springs in Howard county. The father there engaged in cultivating the soil for eleven years and in 1887 removed to Chester, where he has since made his home and is now living retired from active business, enjoying well earned rest.

G. M. Spencer was an infant of but a year when his parents came to Howard county, so that practically his entire life has been passed here. He acquainted himself with the elementary branches of learning as a pupil in the district school near his father's home and later he attended the public schools of Chester. As early as his fifteenth year he took up the work of carpentering, possessing natural mechanical skill and ingenuity, so that he took readily to the use of tools. It was but a comparatively short time until he was a master carpenter, and by the time he reached his