

fessional interests and in a calling where advancement depends entirely upon individual merit and ability he is making steady progress. During the World war he actively participated in the speaking campaigns for Liberty loans, the Y. M. C. A. and other war service.

#### JOHN FISCHBACH.

John Fischbach is the owner of a farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 10, Chickasaw township, Chickasaw county, which he purchased in 1905 and which he has since owned and occupied. He was born in Germany, October 2, 1860, a son of Nick and Gertrude (Wagner) Fischbach, both of whom died in Germany.

John Fischbach spent the first twenty-eight years of his life in his native country and acquired a public school education there. He crossed the Atlantic in 1888 and first made his way to La Crosse, Wisconsin, where he was united in marriage to Miss Mary Becker, a daughter of Christoph and Elizabeth (Molitor) Becker, who were also of German birth and remained residents of their native land until called to their final rest.

Following his marriage Mr. Fischbach worked on the roads at La Crosse, Wisconsin, for six years and then, hoping to find better business opportunities and conditions elsewhere, he removed to Chickasaw county, Iowa, and for seven years resided upon a rented farm in Chickasaw township. He afterward spent three years upon another farm which he leased, and all through this period of a decade he was carefully saving his earnings and utilizing his opportunities in the hope of ultimately becoming the owner of a farm. The year 1905 saw the realization of his dreams in the purchase of eighty acres of the one hundred and sixty acres on section 10, Chickasaw township, constituting his present home property. In the intervening period of fourteen years he has bent every effort to the development and improvement of his farm and has converted it into an excellent place that annually returns to him a gratifying income. He has also become a stockholder in the Ionia Farmers' Creamery Association.

Mr. and Mrs. Fischbach are the parents of four children: Hannah, now the wife of Henry Friedman; Clara Elizabeth, at home; Peter R., who died in France on the 5th of July, 1939, having gone to that country for overseas service in the great war; and Michael C., who is assisting his father. The son, Peter R., went to France with the September automatic replacement infantry troops, arriving at St. Nazaire, October 6, 1918. He later became attached to the embarkation staff at that place and died from disease July 5, 1919.

Mr. Fischbach and his family are members of St. Boniface Catholic church of Ionia. He has served as school director in Chickasaw township but has never been active as an office seeker. His life has been one of unfaltering diligence. He has worked hard and his ceaseless toil and endeavor have constituted the foundation upon which he has built his present-day success.

#### M. J. McARTHUR.

M. J. McArthur has for thirty-five years been identified with the lumber business in Cresco and by reason of his activity in this field is most widely known. He is also serving at the present time as city clerk. A native son of Iowa, he was the first male child born in the city of Davenport, his natal day being May 4, 1840. His parents were Gabriel and Elizabeth (Glaspell) McArthur, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of New Jersey. The parents were married in Cincinnati, Ohio, to which place the mother had removed with her parents during her girlhood days. In August, 1839, they came west to Davenport, Iowa, and were accompanied by the maternal grandfather, James Glaspell. He was in comfortable financial circumstances for a man of that period and was enabled to buy eighty acres of land for his family of eight children. The father