

cative of the excellent care which he bestows upon the farm and he has made the property profitable to both himself and the owner. His career is an interesting one, for at the age of seventeen years he left home with the intention of seeing something of the world before settling down in life. He visited every state of the Union and in 1902 enlisted in the regular army and while in the service was in China, Japan, the Philippines and the Hawaiian islands. His wide travels have given him a broad view of life and have supplemented his meager school opportunities. An eminent thinker has said that a year's travel abroad is equal to a four year's college education, so that it is easy to see that Mr. Caudill is a well informed man.

To Mr. and Mrs. Caudill have been born two children, Earl A. and Leo J. The parents are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and Mr. Caudill is identified with Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 528, A. P. & A. M., of Elma, with Lovington Lodge, No. 593, I. O. O. F., of Lovington, Illinois, and the Modern Woodmen camp at Elma. His political endorsement is given to the republican party and his position upon vital questions of citizenship and public concern is never an equivocal one as he stands loyally by what he believes to be right and for the best interests of the country at large.

#### JOHN HEIT.

John Heit, a dealer in agricultural implements, machinery, automobile tires and accessories and in fact handling everything in connection with farm machinery, has won a place among the leading business men of Ionia. He has always made his home in Chickasaw county and throughout his life has been actuated by the spirit of western enterprise and progress. He was born in New Hampton township, September 19, 1878, and is a son of William and Margaret (Pappenheim) Heit, the former a native of Germany, while the latter was born in Wisconsin. The father was brought to the United States when a child of but two years by his parents, who landed at New Orleans, where they remained for a brief time. Subsequently they made the trip up the Mississippi and Ohio rivers to Cincinnati, Ohio, and a year or so later removed to Iowa, establishing their home at Dyersville. There the father occupied the position of section boss on the railroad for sixteen years. William Heit, the father of John Heit, spent his early life at Dyersville, Iowa, and as a youth worked as a clerk in a general store. In 1870, at the age of eighteen years, he removed to Nashua, Iowa, his father having previously purchased a farm in Chickasaw county. William Heit walked from Nashua to the farm—a distance of sixteen miles, and taking up his abode thereon, made it his home for forty-five years, being long classed with the representative agriculturists of his section of the state. At length, he removed to New Hampton in 1915 and has there since lived retired, enjoying a rest which he has truly earned and richly merits. He still owns two hundred and forty acres of land in New Hampton township, which is one of the well improved farm properties of that section of the county.

John Heit was educated in the district schools and in a business college at New Hampton, after which he returned home and assisted in the further development and improvement of his father's farm for four years. On the 12th of November, 1903, he was united in marriage to Miss Lizzie Kleinfehn, of New Hampton township, and they began their domestic life upon a farm of eighty acres adjoining his father's place. This Mr. Heit had previously purchased and thereon he engaged in farming for ten years. In 1913 he purchased the implement business of Dominick Gilbert of Ionia and took possession thereof in October of that year. In the intervening years he has prospered and has built up the business to one of the leading commercial interests of Ionia, his sales reaching a large figure annually. He handles agricultural implements and everything that has to do with farm machinery, also automobile tires and accessories, and his trade is of a most substantial character.

To Mr. and Mrs. Heit have been born three sons: Gallus, Roman and Virgil. In his political views Mr. Heit is a democrat where national questions and issues are