

year 1918, the amount reaching five hundred and ninety-five thousand two hundred and twenty-five pounds.

On the 9th of June, 1896, Mr. Cagley was united in marriage to Miss Edna Sloat, of Chickasaw township, who passed away in 1905, leaving two children, Doris and Faith. In 1907 Mr. Cagley was again married, his second union being with Miss Elva Groell, of Jackson county, Michigan. Mr. and Mrs. Cagley are members of the Baptist church and guide their lives according to its teachings. They are recognized as people of sterling worth and the hospitality of the best homes of this section of the state is freely accorded them. In politics Mr. Cagley is a republican and for several years he filled the offices of township trustee and township clerk. He is now chairman of the township republican central committee. For a quarter of a century he has served as a member of the school board and has ever taken the keenest and most helpful interest in the cause of education, recognizing the fact that the public school system is one of the nation's bulwarks. He has therefore put forth earnest effort for the advancement of the standards of education and in so doing indicates that he is a man of clear vision who readily recognizes the true values of life and its opportunities. He was active in war work, serving as chairman of township committee during Liberty Loan and United War Work campaigns.

ARTHUR W. WENTWORTH.

Arthur W. Wentworth established the first garage in Cresco and is still engaged in the business as senior partner of the firm of Wentworth & Burr. Their place of business is situated next to the opera house and is one of the finest garages of this part of the county. In the conduct of his business Mr. Wentworth is alert, progressive and sagacious and whatever he undertakes he carries forward to successful completion. He is one of Cresco's native sons, born in 1879, his parents being Alpha and Maria (Whitney) Wentworth. The father was a native of Richmond, in the province of Quebec, Canada. His wife was also born in that locality, where they were reared and married, and in 1877 they crossed the border into the United States and made their way to Iowa, becoming residents of Cresco, where the father worked at the blacksmith's trade, which he had previously learned in Canada. He was also employed as foreman of labor on the Chicago & Milwaukee Railroad but afterward engaged in blacksmithing on his own account in Cresco, conducting his smithy to the time of his death, which occurred in 1913. His widow followed him to the grave in March, 1918. His political support was given to the democratic party and he held membership in the Mystic Toilers. His life was one of activity and his persistency of purpose led to the development of high skill in his trade. He therefore was accorded a liberal patronage and became one of the substantial citizens of his community.

Arthur W. Wentworth spent his boyhood days in Cresco, his youth being largely devoted to the acquirement of a public school education. On account of his health, believing that the outdoor life would prove beneficial, he hunted and trapped in various parts of the country. Later, however, he entered the employ of J. L. Henley, proprietor of a bicycle shop in Cresco, and with him remained for a number of years, his work in that connection developing his mechanical skill. Later he went to Chicago, where he worked in an automobile and bicycle shop for a year, after which he returned to Cresco and established a shop on his own account in this city, continuing the business from 1908 until 1913. At that date he entered into partnership with Fred Burr and built a fine garage. He has since enjoyed a splendid business in this connection and is agent for the Reo automobile, also for the Chevrolet car and for the Moline tractor. He has built up a good business in the sales department as well as in the garage, where he does all kinds of high grade repair work. He carries a well selected line of auto accessories and supplies and year by year his business has increased.

In March, 1916, Mr. Wentworth was united in marriage to Miss Lydia Weber, a daughter of William Weber. Her parents were natives of Germany and came to the