

year the First National Bank liquidated and Mr. Case opened a private bank under the firm style of A. G. Case & Company, making Mr. Getsch his bookkeeper. On the 1st of June, 1895, the latter was made cashier of the bank and served in that capacity for fifteen years, after which he was elected vice president and remained in that office for two years, when he was chosen president. On the 1st of January, 1915, the institution was reorganized and incorporated as the Commercial State Savings Bank and Mr. Getsch continues as its president. The development of the bank has been attributable in no small measure to his efforts, his comprehensive knowledge of banking and his progressiveness. At the time Mr. Getsch became cashier of the bank the deposits amounted to one hundred thousand dollars. Something of the growth of the business of the institution is indicated in the fact that today the deposits approximate five hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

On the 6th of June, 1900, Mr. Getsch was united in marriage to Miss Helen Dexter, of Nashua, who at that time was a teacher in the public schools of Cedar Falls. They have become the parents of a son and a daughter, Gertrude M. and William C.

Politically Mr. Getsch is an earnest republican and has served as a member of the town council but cannot be said to be a politician in the sense of office seeking. In matters of citizenship, however, he has always stood on the side of progress and improvement. He was a member of the Liberty Loan committee during the Victory Loan drive and had been active in all the former loans. Fraternally he is connected with Bradford Lodge, No. 129, A. F. & A. M., Almond Chapter, No. 53, R. A. M., of Charles City; Joppa Commandery, No. 55, K. T., of Charles City; El Kahir Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Cedar Rapids; and De Molay Consistory, A. & A. S. R., of Clinton, Iowa. Both he and his wife are members of Nashua Chapter, No. 248, O. E. S., and they are also members of the First Congregational church. He is deeply interested in Masonry and is a loyal follower of the teachings and purposes of the craft, exemplifying in his life its beneficent spirit. He is recognized as a man of high personal worth whose splendid traits of character have brought him to the front not only in business but also in the regard of his fellow townsmen. In July, 1918, when the Chickasaw County Bankers' Association was organized, Mr. Getsch was honored by being elected the first president of the association. This is indicative of his high standing in business circles and of the prominent position which he occupies among his fellow townsmen. His worth is widely recognized and his value to the community is acknowledged by all.

HENRY FAUST.

Henry Faust is the proprietor of the Forest View Stock Farm of three hundred and forty-five acres. This is situated on section 13, Stapleton township, Chickasaw county, and is one of the fine farm properties of northern Iowa. Mr. Faust is a native of Palatine, Illinois, born September 11, 1852. His father, Henry Faust, Sr., was a native of Prussia, Germany, while the mother, who bore the maiden name of Margaret Willman, was born in Alsace, France. Each came to the United States in early life and settled in Cook county, Illinois, where they became acquainted and were married. They took up their abode upon a farm which later became the townsite of Palatine when the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad was built through that district. Some of the first trains run over the road killed some of his cattle and Mr. Faust sold his farm and came west to Iowa. It was subsequent to this time that the town of Palatine was founded and had he remained the sale of town lots would have made him financially independent. He removed to Iowa with three prairie schooners drawn by oxen and brought with him forty head of cattle, arriving in Chickasaw county on the 4th of July, 1855. From the government he entered three hundred and twenty acres of raw land upon which not a furrow had been turned nor an improvement made. This is now the home farm of his son and namesake, the land never having passed out of the possession of the family. The father's first habitation here was constructed of poles covered with wild hay. During the following winter, that of 1855-6, the cold was intense. In fact it is a memorable winter in the history of Iowa and the family suffered many hard