

ness for a long period. He has won a reputation as a leading stock raiser of his section of the state and he keeps a registered Durham bull and also a Chester White registered boar. His farm is pleasantly and conveniently located a half mile east and three miles south of New Hampton and he has placed two thousand rods of tiling on his land, thus draining it and keeping his fields in excellent condition. He has water works upon the place and every modern convenience to facilitate the work of further developing and improving his land or promoting his stock raising interests.

Mr. Holschlag and his family are members of St. Mary's Catholic church of New Hampton and he belongs to Knights of Columbus Council No. 1697. He is also a member of the Chickasaw County Equity Cooperative Association. In politics he maintains an independent course nor has he ever been ambitious to hold office, for he has always desired to give his attention to his business interests and his progressiveness in this regard has made him one of the prominent farmers and stock raisers of Chickasaw county.

### ORVINE J. McHUGH.

Orvine J. McHugh is well known in business circles at Cresco as an implement dealer and garage owner. He is the senior partner in the firm of McHugh & Lusson, who in addition to conducting an implement house have the agency for the Ford cars and in connection therewith maintain a well equipped garage. Mr. McHugh is numbered among Iowa's native sons, his birth having occurred at Lawler, Chickasaw county, on the 18th of January, 1877. His father, John McHugh, was born at Lindsay, Ontario, Canada, on the 23d of December, 1842, his birthplace being the farm upon which his mother had been reared and also where his father spent his boyhood days. John McHugh experienced the usual hardships and privations of farm life on the frontier and became very proficient in all lines of farm work. He was equally at home in handling the plow, in swinging an axe, in cradling the grain or in caring for the stock. In fact pioneer conditions demanded the development of all one's latent powers and Mr. McHugh proved equal to any emergency. In July, 1863, he married Miss Margaret Falvey and in the following November left the farm to accept the position of governor of the county jail, to which position he was appointed through the influence of his father, who was warden of the county. He continued to serve in that capacity until 1866, when he resigned to come west. In June, 1867, he rented his Canadian farm property and started for Dubuque, Iowa, where he remained for a few months, but not finding a position there to his liking, he continued his way to McGregor, Iowa, and shortly afterward entered the employ of W. and J. Fleming, well known in connection with the lumber trade. He remained with them for one year as foreman of their extensive yard and at the end of that time the firm sent him to Lawler, Iowa, as manager of its interests at that place. With characteristic energy he took up his new duties and proved equal to the occasion. Not only did he win for himself a place as a very substantial and representative business man of that locality but also became a recognized leader in local affairs and during the five years following 1870 he was called to serve in various township offices. He acted as township trustee, as school director, as recorder and was also mayor of the town of Lawler, to which he gave a businesslike and progressive administration. He had always been a stalwart champion of republican principles and in the fall of 1875 his party nominated him for the office of state representative and he was elected to that position by a majority of four hundred. In the same fall he established the Bank of Lawler in company with D. R. Kirby and in November, 1877, he opened the Howard County Bank at Cresco. He figured prominently in financial circles as one whose word was above question and whose methods were always enterprising and progressive. Forceful and resourceful, he extended his efforts into various fields and became proprietor of the Kendallville Roller Mills, which he operated in addition to his banking, commercial and official interests. He also entered the stock raising business, keeping a herd of fine shorthorn cattle, and he was an enthusiastic stock man. He did