

Lee J. Chestek supplemented his district school education by a course of study in the Nora Springs Commercial College at Nora Springs, Iowa. In his boyhood and youth he assisted in the work of the farm and his training well qualified him for later duties and responsibilities. After his marriage he rented land in Floyd county, near Charles City, and there carried on farming for a year. He then returned to the old homestead, his father removing to Bassett, and took charge of the farm which he has since operated. In June, 1919, he purchased the place, which comprises one hundred and forty-two acres of rich and productive land. He is carefully cultivating his fields and his progressive methods are manifest in the excellent appearance of the place.

On the 25th of July, 1907, Mr. Chestek was united in marriage to Miss Florence Tibbitts, a daughter of Nelson Tibbitts, of Floyd county, Iowa. They now have four children, namely: Thelma A., Leland N., Robert W. and Bernald E. In his political views of Mr. Chestek is a republican and he is numbered among the progressive citizens and representative farmers of Deerfield township. He has never sought or desired office, but his support can always be counted upon to further any plan or measure for the general good.

#### ROGER FOGARTY.

Roger Fogarty is busily engaged in the further development and improvement of his farm, which is situated on section 14, Howard township, in Howard county. He is a native son of this county, his birth having occurred within its borders March 22, 1874, his parents being John and Mary (Richards) Fogarty, both of whom were natives of Ireland. Coming to America, they established their home in this state and the father passed away in Afton township, Howard county, on the 14th of May, 1918. To him and his wife were born the following children, the brothers and sisters of Roger Fogarty being Mrs. Mary Beaumeister, Mrs. Kate Conley, Mrs. Hannah Conley, John, Mike and Patrick. Another son, Edward G., was killed in the World war in France in 1918 and his brothers, Patrick and Roger, were made trustees of the estate for ten years, at the end of which time the property will come to them.

In the district schools near his father's home Roger Fogarty pursued his education and in the summer months he worked in the fields, early acquainting himself with the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops. He has always carried on farming and in 1900 purchased eighty acres of his present farm property, while upon the death of his father he came into possession of an eighty acre tract adjoining, so that he is now the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of good land, which he has brought under a high state of cultivation and to which he has added various modern improvements. He uses good machinery to facilitate the work of the fields and everything about the place indicates his careful supervision.

Mr. Fogarty is a member of the Catholic church at Elma. His political endorsement is given to the democratic party but he has never sought nor desired office, preferring to concentrate his energies and attention upon his business interests, and his diligence and determination have been the basis of his success.

#### JOHN MIKES.

John Mikes, of the firm of Mikes Brothers, proprietors of the Fredericksburg Meat Market, was born in Lisov, Bohemia, Austria, on the 15th of May, 1867, a son of Matthias and Antonia (Hanzel) Mikes, both of whom passed away in Bohemia. The son was educated in the public schools of that country and upon reaching manhood entered upon an apprenticeship to the butcher's trade. Later he served three years in the Austrian army and in 1890 came to the United States, settling first at Bristow, Iowa, where he had a brother engaged in the butchering