

Mr. Enger was elected to the state legislature in 1910, was reelected in 1912 and is now serving, his record as a member of that body being most creditable and honorable. In the thirty-fifth general assembly he was chairman of the committee on public health and was a member of the committees on appropriations, on elections, on printing and constitutional amendments. He belonged also to the committees on federal relations, on the conservation of resources and on state educational institutions and he left the impress of his political ability, his energy and high standards upon the legislative history of the state. He still continues active in the conduct of his business interests in Decorah and these are proving exceedingly profitable, a fact which indicates his sound judgment and clear business discernment.

On the 10th of February, 1880, Mr. Enger was united in marriage to Miss Bertha Myran, a daughter of Ashley and Astri (Nelson) Myran, natives of Norway. The father came to America in 1849 and located in Muskego, Wisconsin, where he worked in the lead mines until 1853. He then came as a pioneer to Winneshiek county, Iowa, and took up government land. He remained, however, only a short time and then returned to Norway, where his marriage occurred. In 1855 he returned to Winneshiek county and, having shot enough deer to pay for forty acres of land, purchased a tract of this size in Madison township and set about the work of its improvement and development. He remained active in agricultural pursuits upon this property during the remainder of his life, dying in 1894. His wife survived him some years, passing away in 1900. Mr. and Mrs. Enger have become the parents of three children: Melvin, aged thirty-two, who is a professor in the University of Illinois; Norval, aged thirty, county engineer of Grant county, Washington; and Arthur, assistant engineer at the experiment station of the State University at Tucson, Arizona. He is an expert on road construction and travels all over the state in this capacity.

Mr. Enger is a devout member of the Lutheran church and gives his political allegiance to the republican party. He is a member of the Norske Selskab Club and the Symra Club and is well known in social circles at Decorah. He is a man of varied interests but all are along lines of progress and improvement. While in business affairs he has achieved a gratifying measure of prosperity, he has at the same time wrought along lines of the greatest good to the greatest number, his activities in political and business fields proving of benefit to the community at large.

CHARLES PHILIP HEXOM.

The name of Hexom has long been prominently connected with commercial interests of Decorah, and Charles Philip Hexom, partner in the firm of J. C. Hexom & Son, worthily carries onward the family tradition. Born in Decorah, Iowa, in December, 1884, he is a son of John C. and Julia (Swenson) Hexom, of whom more extended mention is made in another part of this work. Charles P. Hexom was reared amid the surroundings of a well-to-do home and received the advantages of a thorough education. He graduated in 1904, from the