

and Ellen (Headington) Wohlford, the former of whom went from Illinois to Ohio and later to Iowa. He died in Decorah, this state, at the age of forty-five, and his wife now makes her home in that city. Mr. and Mrs. Van Vliet have become the parents of a son, Harry Maxwell. Mr. Van Vliet is a member of the Yeomen and acts as secretary of the Farmers Institute. He is a republican in his political beliefs and is serving at the present time as justice of the peace, discharging his duties in a capable and conscientious way. During the many years of his residence in Winneshiek county he has proven himself a capable business man and a progressive agriculturist and he has gained widespread respect and esteem as a desirable and useful citizen.

CARD J. POSHUSTA.

Among the very youngest members of commercial life in Calmar is Carl J. Poshusta, who although but twenty years of age successfully holds the important position of bookkeeper in the Calmar Savings Bank, having already made a decided step in the right direction towards the goal of success. A member of a pioneer family, he was born in Spillville, this county, July 18, 1893, a son of Leo C. and Matilda (Mockels) Poshusta, natives of Winneshiek county. The father was also born at Spillville, May 16, 1868, and is a son of Charles and Barbara (Cekl) Poshusta, natives of Bohemia. The grandfather came to America and in an early day in the history of Winneshiek county located near Spillville, where he purchased land which he cleared and improved, gradually transforming his holdings into a valuable farm. He devoted his life's labors to its cultivation and there passed away on January 1, 1881, his wife surviving until March, 1884. The father was reared and educated in this county, attending the district schools near the home farm and there remaining until his father's death in 1881. He was then but thirteen years of age, but at once started out to make his own living. He learned the cabinet-maker's and carpenter's trades in Spillville and subsequently followed these occupations for about two decades. In 1899 he came to Calmar and, erecting a store building, engaged in the furniture business, with which he is still connected. In 1910 he added a new department by opening a stock of small goods and notions in an adjoining building. He is the owner of the only furniture and notion stores in Calmar and carries large and complete lines in both establishments. As the years have passed he has built, up a gratifying patronage, resulting in a substantial income to him. Mr. and Mrs. Leo C. Poshusta were married October 6, 1892, and to them were born six children: Carl J., of this review; George, who died in 1899 at the age of four years; Martha, aged fifteen; Clara, aged thirteen; DeSales, aged eight; and Joseph, aged four. The father is a democrat in politics and fraternally a Knight of Columbus.

Carl J. Poshusta was reared and educated in Calmar, attending the public and parochial schools in the acquirement of his education. He rounded out his learning by a course in St. Joseph's College at Dubuque and then, laying aside his text-books, accepted employment in a grocery store in Calmar, becoming a short time later connected with the Calmar Savings Bank in the capacity of bookkeeper. Giving diligent and faithful service to his employers, he has readily