

on an extensive scale and success has steadily rewarded his well directed labors, his business being today of large proportions and the trade which he controls important. He resides upon a fine farm of fifty acres just adjoining the corporation limits and this he has provided with substantial improvements, erecting upon it a fine modern brick house, fine barns and outbuildings and installing the necessary labor-saving machinery. He is well known throughout the township as a progressive and practical farmer as well as a reliable and far-sighted business man and he holds the confidence and esteem of all who are in any way associated with him.

Mr. Meyer was united in marriage to Miss Dora Meyer, a second cousin, a daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Leiman) Meyer, natives of Germany. The father has passed away but the mother survives, making her home in Des Moines, Iowa. To Mr. and Mrs. Martin A. Meyer have been born four children: Euphemia, whose birth occurred on the 9th of October, 1903; Legories, born November 6, 1905; Dennis, born July 26, 1908; and Margaret, born on the 14th of February, 1911. Mr. Meyer is a devout member of the Roman Catholic church and gives his political allegiance to the democratic party. He is, however, not active as an office seeker, preferring to concentrate his attention upon his business affairs in which he is meeting with a gratifying and well deserved measure of success.

#### JOHN C. KUBESH.

John C. Kubesh is a public-spirited man, whose service has frequently been solicited in the interests of the public and who is numbered among the substantial citizens of Calmar township, where he owns and operates a tract of land comprising one hundred and twenty-five acres. He is a native of this township, his natal day being April 26, 1863. His parents, Andrew and Jennie (Valenta) Kubesh, were both natives of Bohemia, and are now deceased. The father sought his fortune in the new world, emigrating to America in 1854 and choosing Winneshiek county as his destination. He and his wife were among the first settlers of Calmar township, where the father purchased land. He followed farming throughout the remainder of his life, passing away in Calmar township on the 27th of January, 1890. The mother survived nearly thirteen years, departing this life in December, 1902.

John C. Kubesh was reared and educated in the community which has always been his place of abode and with the exception of three years spent in North Dakota in the threshing business, he has always made his home on the homestead farm. In 1884 he returned from the north and purchased the home farm of one hundred and twenty-five and a quarter acres, located on sections 27 and 28, Calmar township and his time has since been largely devoted to the cultivation of his fields. On the place are found good buildings which are carefully kept in repair and altogether the place presents a neat appearance.

Mr. Kubesh chose as a companion and helpmate Miss Annie Vacha, whom he wedded June 9, 1885. Her parents, Albert and Magdalena Vacha, were likewise natives of Bohemia. The father was a shoemaker by trade, being thus