

1904; Antonia, born January 4, 1907; Regina and Clara, twins, born August 6, 1909; and Elizabeth, born January 13, 1912.

Mr. Kuhn is a member of the Roman Catholic church and he is connected fraternally with the Catholic Order of Foresters. His political allegiance is given to the democratic party and he has rendered his township excellent service as school director. He is now acting as township trustee and is discharging his duties capably and efficiently, his record reflecting credit upon his energy and his public spirit alike. In Winneshiek county where his entire life has been spent he is well and favorably known as a man reliable in business, progressive in citizenship and faithful to all ties and obligations of life.

NICHOLAS RICHERT.

Nicholas Richert, a progressive agriculturist and an extensive stock breeder and dealer, owns the Prairie Grove stock farm, a fine property of one hundred and twelve acres on section 20, Hesper township. He was born in Alsace-Lorraine, when that country was a French possession, July 29, 1867, a son of Nicholas and Mary (Gitz) Richert, who came to America and Winneshiek county in the fall of 1881. They are now living retired in Decorah.

Nicholas Richert spent his childhood in his native country and was fourteen years of age when he accompanied his parents to America. After his arrival in Winneshiek county he spent a number of years working as a farm laborer, receiving eighteen dollars per month in the summers and ten dollars per month during the winters. By the exercise of thrift and economy he saved a small sum of money and with it purchased a milk route, hauling cream for the Hesper creamery for three years thereafter. After his marriage, which occurred October 11, 1893, at the Locust church, he rented a farm in Hesper township and after operating it for two years purchased his present property. In 1896 he located upon his farm and has maintained his residence there to the present time. He has been most practical and progressive in his methods of operation and his property has come to be one of the most valuable and productive in this locality. Upon it he has made substantial improvements, erecting an excellent residence, fine barns and outbuildings and planting a splendid grove of trees of different varieties. Mr. Richert's stock-raising interests engage the greater part of his attention and he has become well known throughout the county as an extensive breeder and dealer. For a number of years he has raised Poland China hogs and of late years has added Duroc Jerseys, his animals commanding high prices and ready sales. He has recently begun breeding Hereford cattle and has exhibited with great success at a number of fairs. His stock-raising interests are extensive and he keeps in touch with scientific methods of breeding through his membership in the Duroc Jersey Swine Association of America. In addition to his home farm he owns also a fine tract of timber land on section 9, Hesper township, and his affairs are all carefully conducted, bringing him a gratifying measure of success.

October 11, 1893, at Locust church, Mr. Richert was united in marriage to Miss Rosa Kenyon, who was born in Hesper township in August, 1866, a daugh