

profitable and important, and he gives practically all of his time to the improvement of the farm which today reflects his careful supervision in its excellent condition and attractive appearance.

On the 7th of September, 1897, Mr. Holtey married Miss Paulina Becker and they have become the parents of eight children: Theodore, deceased; Marie, who lives at home; Henry, who has passed away; Beata, Joseph, Adelia, William and Rosella, all of whom are still with their parents.

The family are members of the Roman Catholic church and fraternally, Mr. Holtey is affiliated with "the Knights of Columbus and the Order of Foresters. He gives his political allegiance to the democratic party and has been called upon by his fellow citizens to fill various positions of trust and honor, proving always loyal and faithful in the discharge of his duties. He has been trustee of Military township and is now serving as township assessor, discharging his duties in a capable and farsighted manner and to the satisfaction of his constituents and the public at large. He has gained a high place in the business and official life of his native township and his record is a credit to a name that has long been an honored one in this part of Iowa.

GEORGE HOVE.

Among the younger agriculturists of Sumner township, Winneshiek county, is George Hove, a native of this township, who owns a valuable farm of one hundred and twenty acres, well improved. He was born June 8, 1884, a son of John and Ella (Fardahl) Hove, the father a native of Winneshiek county and the mother a native of Norway. The father died in 1897, but the mother still lives at the old home place in Sumner township. They became the parents of eight children, as follows: Oscar, of North Dakota; Henry, of Madison township, this county; George; Elmer, who died in infancy; John Elmer, who resides on the home farm and a sketch of whom appears on another page of this work; Lawrence, of Madison township; Ida, who married Herman Albertson, of Sumner township; and Amanda, at home.

George Hove was reared under the parental roof and received his education in the schools of the neighborhood. He was early grounded by his parents in the old-fashioned virtues of industry and honesty, and his present prosperity is proof that he has put the same to good use. He learned agricultural methods upon the home farm and has followed agricultural pursuits all his life. In 1907 he bought forty acres of the old homestead and has since added thereto eighty more acres on section 2, Sumner township. He carries on diversified farming and stock-raising, following modern methods, and has installed up-to-date equipment to facilitate the labor of the farm. All of his buildings are kept in good repair and he has also placed a silo upon the farm.

Mr. Hove was united in marriage to Miss Sadie Thompson, and of this union have been born three children: Everett, whose birthday is June 1, 1908; Newman, born February 20, 1910; and Melvin, whose birth occurred March 25, 1912.

Mr. Hove is independent politically, preferring to follow his own judgment in supporting candidates, whom he considers more in the light of their quali