

life and is still so engaged. Mr. and Mrs. John Huber became the parents of eleven children: Anton, of North Dakota; Joseph, of Sumner township; William and Henry, deceased; Rosie, the wife of William Huber, of Cresco, Iowa; Julia, who married Joseph Skode, of Sumner township; Frances, the wife of John Zoulek, of Sumner township; John J., our subject; Tillie, who married John Zohasky, of Sumner township; George C, of Sumner township; and Frank C, also a resident of this township.

John J. Huber was reared under the parental roof and remained with his father until his marriage, early becoming acquainted with agricultural pursuits. For eight years after his marriage he engaged in farming but in 1910 bought one hundred and sixty acres on section 11, Sumner township, to which he has ever since given his whole attention. He follows diversified methods and to some extent engages in stock-raising. His fields show careful attention and his buildings are kept in good repair.

Mr. Huber married Miss Caroline Zalisky, a daughter of Frank and Katherine (Fisher) Zalisky. She passed away on March 12, 1912, leaving two children: Richard George, born August 30, 1902; and Viola Mary, born August 18, 1904. Mr. Huber is a democrat in his political affiliations and for six years efficiently served as township trustee. He now holds the position of clerk of Sumner township. He is a devout member of the Catholic church and fraternally is connected with the Woodmen. He takes a deep interest in the welfare of his locality and in achieving success for himself sets agricultural standards and contributes to the general prosperity.

HERBERT G. WARD.

One of the most popular and able young men of Burr Oak is Herbert G. Ward, postmaster of the town and prominently connected with its business interests as a barber and a general merchant. He is also business manager of the Burr Oak Leaf, a monthly newspaper, and has other important business relations.

Herbert G. Ward is a native son of the town, born February 28, 1884, his parents being Benjamin and Lavina (Briggs) Ward, natives of Ontario, Canada, the former born June 27, 1835, and the latter July 2, 1842. The father is numbered among the pioneers in this part of Iowa, having resided here since 1854. He is a son of Charles and Cynthia (Craig) Ward both of whom were born in New York and who married in Canada. The former engaged in farming all during his active life and moved to Iowa at an early date, dying in this state. The mother passed away in Dubuque. They were the parents of nine children, of whom three are still living: Benjamin, father of the subject of this review; Charles, who is practicing medicine in Kansas; and Mrs. Rachel Sage, of South Dakota. Benjamin Ward came to Winneshiek county with his parents in 1854 and has resided in Burr Oak and its vicinity since that time. He learned the carpenter's and joiner's trades and followed these in connection with building until 1893, when he entered the general merchandise business, conducting a large and profitable enterprise of this character for ten years. After