

children have been born: Clara, Mary, Edward, August, Jr., Fred, Frank, Herbert, William and Claude.

Mr. Fischer is a Democrat. He served as justice of the peace for four years, as village treasurer for four years, as health commissioner for six years and as clerk of his school district for thirteen years. He has been active and influential in public affairs since locating at Georgetown and as a public servant he has discharged his duties in an able and conscientious manner. He is a member of the Catholic church, in which he was reared.

JOHN H. NORTHROP.

John H. Northrop, farmer and grain buyer of Georgetown, Clay county, was born in Allegan county, Michigan, May 18, 1865. He is a son of Stephen and Mary (Osterhout) Northrop. The father was a native of the state of New York and when young he went to Allegan county, Michigan, where he engaged in farming until 1882, when he removed with his family to Minnesota, and settled on a farm in Moland township, Clay county, where he continued farming until 1885, in which year he moved to Aitkin county, this state, and there he spent the rest of his life on a farm. His wife died in 1873. Their family consisted of five children, Charles, Albert, Alice, John H. and May, the last named of whom died when she was a child.

John H. Northrop grew to manhood on the farm in Allegan county, Michigan, being eighteen years old when he came with the family to Minnesota. He received his education in the rural schools near Troy, Michigan. During the crop seasons he worked with his father raising the various crops adapted to this latitude. When nineteen years old he began farming for himself in Kragnes township, Clay county, and he has continued general agricultural pursuits ever since, raising grain and live stock and his efforts have been amply rewarded. In 1889 he moved to Cass county, North Dakota, just across the river from Clay county, remaining there until 1903, when he moved back to Clay county, locating at Georgetown and this has been his place of residence ever since. Since 1902 he has been local manager of the St. Anthony elevator and has built up a large and growing business with the surrounding country, making this one of the leading and popular elevators in the county. He is owner of two hundred and twenty acres of valuable and well-improved land in section

30, Georgetown township, but he maintains his residence in the village, where he has a comfortable home.

Mr. Northrop was married in 1890 to Belle Northrop, who was born at Dowagiac, Michigan, a daughter of Charles D. and Charlotte (Sarbnier) Northrop, natives of that same place. Mr. Northrop is a Democrat and is the present president of the town council of Georgetown. He has done much in building up his home town, whose interests he has ever had at heart, ever seeking to promote the same along all legitimate lines. In his fraternal relations Mr. Northrop is a member of the Modern Brotherhood of America.

RANDOLPH M. WEUM.

Randolph M. Weum, a successful merchant at Georgetown, Clay county, and postmaster of that village, was born in Norway, March 27, 1879. He is a son of Mons V. and Johanna (Landgaard) Weum, natives of Norway, where they lived and died. They were parents of six children, namely: Ellen, Edward, Mikel, John, Randolph M. and Jennie.

Randolph M. Weum grew to manhood in Norway and there he received a common-school education. He immigrated to America in 1900 and located at Gardener, Cass county, North Dakota, just across the Red River of the North from Clay county, Minnesota, and there he worked out as a farm hand for two years, in the crop seasons. During the winter time he attended Concordia College, at Moorhead. In 1902 he came to Georgetown and began clerking in the general store of M. T. Weum and S. S. Dalen, proving to be an alert, wide-awake, faithful and reliable employee. He continued as a clerk, saving his wages and mastering the various ins and outs of the general-merchandising business until 1909, when he purchased a third interest in the business and has since devoted his attention to the building up of the store, which is one of the well-known and popular mercantile establishments of Holy Cross township. He is the only member of the firm living at Georgetown. A large and carefully selected stock of goods is carried, including everything used by the farmers and citizens of Georgetown. The firm name is Weum, Dalen & Company.

Mr. Weum has been postmaster at Georgetown for the past nine years and has given entire satisfaction in this capacity to both the people of his community and to the postoffice department, being prompt, faithful and painstaking. He is a member of the Norwegian Lutheran church.