

and, at the present time, one of his important crops is potatoes, of which he has about sixty acres in cultivation. He is regarded as one of the progressive and substantial farmers, following modern methods in his work.

In 1887, George F. Fuchs was united in marriage to Lena Gutjahr, who was born in 1862. They are the parents of five children, as follow: George M., who is married; Carl F., Archie, Jennie and Emily, who are at home with their parents. The Fuchs family are members of the Lutheran church and take a proper interest in the affairs of the same, as well as in the general social activities of the community in which they live. Mr. Fuchs gives a good citizen's attention to public affairs, having been treasurer of the school board for ten years and is now serving as township trustee, in which office he is giving general satisfaction.

ALFRED OSS.

Alfred Oss was born in Keene township, Clay county, Minnesota, March 27, 1893, a son of John and Johanna (Wenner) Oss, both natives of Norway.

John Oss came to America in 1882 and located in Atlanta township, Becker county, Minnesota, where he engaged in farming. In 1886, he came to Keene township, Clay county, and took a homestead of one hundred and sixty acres of government land. He built him a home and improved this land and continued to live there until 1896, when he returned to Becker county, Minnesota, and bought a farm of eighty acres. Later he sold this farm and bought a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in section 33, Atlanta township, where he lived, actively engaged in farming until 1914, when he sold out and removed to Hitterdal, Clay county. For fourteen years, while living in Becker county, he was county surveyor; he also served twenty years on the school board, and for two years as township assessor. A more extended sketch of John Oss appears in another place in this work.

Alfred Oss was educated in the public schools of Atlanta township, Clay county. He learned the barber trade, when a young man, and followed that occupation for three years. In 1915, he and his sister, Helga, started a general grocery store at Hitterdal, which they operated jointly until his sister married Julius Schloesser, and then he assumed entire control of the business. Mr. Oss was appointed postmaster in 1914 and now holds that position. On October 5, 1915, he married Lillian Tingdahl, daughter of Theodore Tingdahl. Mr. Oss is a member of the Synod Lutheran church.