

## **HORACE E. BUTLER**

One of the fine homestead farms of Root Township is owned and occupied by Horace E. Butler, whose place in the agricultural history of Adams County is not difficult to define, since he has been at once successful and thoroughly progressive and alive as a public spirited citizen to all the needs and demands placed upon him in community affairs.

Mr. Butler was born in Adams County September 10, 1870, son of Jesse and Catherine (Earhart) Butler . His father was a native of Wayne County, Indiana, and his mother of Pennsylvania , and after their marriage they lived for a time on a farm in Wayne County , then pioneered to western Iowa and settled in Page County , and after developing a farm there traded it and all its improvements for 200 acres of land in Adams County , Indiana . Jesse Butler was one of the prominent farmer citizens of Adams County , was well known as a stock dealer in later years, was an exceptionally diligent worker and faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and his name everywhere is spoken with the respect it deserves. He and his wife had children named: Mary, Edna, Albert, Benj. F., William, John, Samuel, Melvin J. and Horace E.

Horace E. Butler was educated in the common schools of Root Township and has made farming his chief business throughout his entire career. In 1914 he located on his present place of 140 acres, and here has the facilities, the soil and the individual Experience necessary for the growing of bountiful crops of all kinds. Mr. Butler is a republican voter, a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and is affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America.

September 10, 1892, he married Miss Ella O. Fisher, daughter of William and Sarah Fisher. Mrs. Butler has brothers named Daniel, Lemuel, Jonas and Amos and one sister named Mary. The three children of Mr. and Mrs. Butler are Velma, Clyde and Naomi. The daughter Velma is now the wife of Giles Porter of Adams County and they have one daughter, Vera.