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**Joseph M. Lupfer**, member of the firm of **Lupfer & Bower**, well known general merchants of Bellwood, Pa., who on April 1, 1905, succeeded the firm of **Ira Wentzell & Company**, has been identified with the business interests of this borough since 1889. He was born September 13, 1869, in Huntingdon County, Pa., a son of **Joseph M.** and **Lydia A. (Wentz) Lupfer**, the former of whom, a tanner by trade, died in 1875. Seven children were born to the parents of our subject: **Maria M.**, who married **C. G. Minick** of Ridgeway, Pa.; **Daniel A.**, a resident of Reading, Pa.; **Jacob W.**, deceased, who was a resident of Lewiston, Pa.; **Ruth E.**, the wife of **W. M. Bower** of Bellwood; **Frances J.**, who married **N. F. Evans** of Loysville, Pa.; **Joseph M.**; and **Israel**, a resident of Blaine, Pa.

**Joseph M. Lupfer** was reared and educated in Perry County, Pa., where his parents located when he was about six years old. After finishing his schooling he taught one term and worked on the farm until 1889. He then came to Bellwood, where he began driving a delivery wagon for **Ira Wentzell**, and in 1901, after having taken a business course at the Bryant-Stratton Business College at Buffalo, N. Y., became a member of the firm, which was afterwards known as **Ira Wentzell & Company**. On April 1, 1905, **Mr. Lupfer** formed a partnership with his brother-in-law, **William M. Bower**, who at that time came from Perry County, and they became successors to the firm of **Ira Wentzell & Company**. **Lupfer & Bower** have met with uninterrupted success, and carry a full line of groceries, dry goods, and general merchandise. **Mr. Lupfer** is a member of the I. O. O. F. and holds membership with the Lutheran Church. He has served on the borough school board, and was a member of the board of health five or six years.

On June 26, 1895, **Mr. Lupfer** was joined in marriage with **Margaret E. Glasgow**, youngest daughter of **James P.** and **Elizabeth M. (Esterline) Glasgow**, and they have one son, **James Robert**, aged fourteen years, who attends the schools of Bellwood.

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