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FRANKLIN AUGUSTUS SEIBERLING

The inspirational value of the life history of Franklin Augustus Seiberling cannot be overestimated, neither can his force and his resourcefulness. A capitalist and an outstanding figure in the world's rubber manufacturing interests, there have been times when disaster has seemed to overtake him, but in his vocabulary there is no such word as fail, and disaster really only comes to the man who acknowledges defeat. This Mr. Seiberling has never done. He has arrayed his industry, enterprise and business judgment against obstacles and adverse conditions and has become known as "the little Napoleon of the rubber industry." Today as president of the Seiberling Rubber Company he is developing a business that is constantly growing in scope and volume, and Akron acknowledges her indebtedness to him for his contribution to the city's substantial growth and upbuilding. He certainly deserves much credit for what he has accomplished and his life record should serve to encourage others.

Ohio is proud to number Franklin A. Seiberling among her native sons. He was born on the old family homestead at Western Star in Norton township, Summit county, October 6, 1859, his parents being John Frederick and Catherine (Miller) Seiberling. The family is of German lineage and was established in America by Michael Seiberling, who came from Stuttgart, Germany, in 1741 and settled near Lynnville, Pennsylvania. Since that time representatives of the name have played an important part in the development of the various communities in which they have lived. John F. Seiberling, father of Frank A., became a noted inventor and manufacturer of agricultural implements, and among his other inventions were the Excelsior and Empire mower and reaper and a twine binder.

A more extended mention of John F. Seiberling will be found elsewhere in this work.

At the usual age Frank A. Seiberling, as he is generally

known, entered the public schools, supplementing his course in the grade schools by two years' study in Heidelberg College at Tiffin, Ohio, but when in his junior year, he put aside his textbooks in order that he might become an active factor in the business world, joining his father, who at that time had just entered upon the manufacture of the Empire harvester. Under his father's direction his business training was thorough and comprehensive, and with the organization of The J. F. Seiberling Company in 1884 he was chosen secretary and treasurer. He thus gained valuable knowledge in the school of experience, for in the manufacture of mowers and reapers the company employed three hundred men, while its annual business amounted to one million dollars. With the passing years his activities broadened in scope and he became identified with various important productive industries either as an organizer or stockholder, including the Akron Twine & Cordage Company, the Werner Printing Company, the Superior Mining Company, the Canton Street Railway Company, the Zanesville Street Railway Company, the Akron Street Railway Company, the manufacturers Mutual Fire Insurance Association, the Thomas Phillips Paper Company and the National City Bank. In 1894 Mr. Seiberling was one of the promoters of the first long-distance electric line in the world. It extended from Akron to Cleveland and for many years was known as the A. B. C. line.

In the meantime his interest was directed to rubber manufacturing and in 1898 he decided to establish a factory. His plans saw their fulfillment in June and in December, 1898, he founded the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, establishing the business with borrowed capital amounting to thirty-five hundred dollars. The history of this corporation, now the largest of its kind in the world, is a familiar one to those who know aught of the rubber industry. For twenty-three years Mr. Seiberling remained chief executive of that company and under his direction its sales in the year 1920 amounted to two hundred and five million dollars. Then came the memorable slump in rubber in 1920 and 1921 and brought disaster to the company. In May of the latter year Mr. Seiberling resigned, but he had no intention of quitting the field. He knew that obstacles and difficulties give way to determined effort, intelligently directed, and from his experience he learned lessons of value. In November, 1921, he announced the organization of the Seiberling Rubber Company, with factories at Barberton, Ohio, and New Castle, Pennsylvania.

The success of this organization within a short space of years is one of the most interesting stories of the rubber industry and is mentioned elsewhere in this work. The losses of the Goodyear Company had left him with great indebtedness. He did not take advantage of any law that would release him from these obligations but set to work through the development of a new organization to meet all indebtedness and by January, 1928, he had accomplished the gigantic task, having wiped out obligations totaling five million, three hundred thousand dollars. When this was done he was asked if he intended retiring from active participation in the rubber industry and replied: "Not until the last bell has rung!" This was characteristic of the man. In February, 1921, his wealth had been reduced from an estimated amount of fifteen million dollars to practically nothing. Today he is again numbered among the capitalists of Ohio and one of the foremost representatives of its industrial activity, and he has come through with an untarnished name and with the added confidence, trust and respect of all. The Seiberling Rubber Company, of which he is now the head, is a prosperous and rapidly growing industry, and its trade relations are gradually expanding, while the outlook for the future is certainly bright. Moreover, Mr. Seiberling has not only been the outstanding figure in an executive capacity in connection with the rubber industry but has made other notable contributions to the business. In 1903 he invented a tire building machine and in the same year invented the straight side tire. In 1905 he perfected the detachable rim and was a pioneer in the development of the cord tire. His labors, too, along other lines have been of great benefit to business as a whole, for he was a factor in the establishment of the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World for better advertising and is a member of the national vigilance committee of the Better Business Bureau. Aside from his association with the Seiberling Rubber Company he is now general manager of the Akron Rubber Reclaiming Company, a director of the Ohio State Bank & Trust Company and the Bankers Guarantee Title & Trust Company. The world acknowledges him a man of wisdom, of notably broad vision and of unfaltering purpose, and his life story is the romance of achievement.

Notwithstanding the extent and importance of his business activities Mr. Seiberling has found time for most valuable public work. During the World war he was regional director of the United States Chamber of Commerce for Wisconsin, Illinois and

Ohio. He was one of the founders and is now president of the Lincoln Highway Association and was chairman of the highways committee of the United States Chamber of Commerce, doing much to further the development of the great thoroughfare which links the east and the west. He gave to Akron the Seiberling athletic field, which, rivaling the athletic fields of the nation's largest universities, bears further witness of Mr. Seiberling's belief that business efficiency is reflected directly from physical fitness, and is but another evidence of his many philanthropies. Goodyear Heights, a model community of two thousand homes, was conceived by Mr. Seiberling and has been used by many other American industries which have entered sociological welfare work. Each home is built on a separate plan and is different from the others. Goodyear workers during Mr. Seiberling's presidency were enabled to purchase these homes and pay for them on a basis approximating rent. So inter-related and complex are the conditions of modern business that no man can be responsible to himself alone. It was due to Mr. Seiberling's realization of this important principle that Goodyear, during his presidency, introduced numberless social welfare innovations which are merely suggested by the housing program spoken of above. The welfare of the individual worker has been a cardinal principle of Mr. Seiberling's throughout his business career. He has been a stanch friend and champion of educational progress, serving as a trustee of Buchtel College and assisting in the organization of the Akron Municipal University, which succeeded the former school. He is also president of the board of trustees of the Lincoln Memorial University at Cumberland Gap, Tennessee, and a trustee of Heidelberg University in Tiffin, Ohio. His political allegiance has always been given to the republican party.

On the 12th of October, 1887, Mr. Seiberling was married in Willoughby, Ohio, to Miss Gertrude F. Penfield, a daughter of James Penfield. They have become parents of six children: John Frederick, Irene Henrietta, Willard Penfield, James Penfield, Gertrude Virginia and Franklin Augustus, Jr. The family has always occupied a prominent social position in Akron, and Mr. Seiberling is identified with the Akron City Club, the Portage Country Club and the Fairlawn Heights Golf Club. Mrs. Seiberling is prominently known in musical circles and was one of the organizers of the National Federation of Music Clubs. She has given liberally of time, effort and money toward the advancement of musical education and the promotion of a higher musical taste,

and as president of the National Federation of Music Clubs she traveled over sixty thousand miles and was largely responsible for the installation of chapters in eleven hundred cities with a total membership of more than four hundred thousand. In 1887 she aided in organizing the Tuesday Musical Club of Akron, which has brought to the city the best talent from the great musical centers, and with her retirement from the presidency of the Tuesday Musical Club she was made honorary president for life. At Stan Hywet Hall, the Seiberling home, many of the leading musicians and artists of this country and the world have been entertained and have received from Mrs. Seiberling most loyal encouragement and support. Thus the name of Seiberling figures in connection with the cultural and intellectual as well as material progress of Akron, and the activities of Mr. Seiberling have made him a world figure in the rubber trade. His career in its achievements, in its comeback after disaster, in its scope of purpose and broad vision, is a most notable one and all of his fellow townsmen are proud of what he has accomplished.

FRED W. ADAMS

Fred W. Adams, secretary and treasurer of the Mayfield-Adams Company, is one of the best known men in investment security circles in Akron, where for more than a decade he has been prominently identified with the city's investment and financial interests. Mr. Adams was born in Toledo, Ohio, January 20, 1893, a son of William C. and Alice (Metzger) Adams, both of whom were also natives of that city, where they always resided, the father having been engaged in the wholesale grain trade to the time of his death. The mother is still living. She has two sons and a daughter: Willard, who is a resident of Auburn, Indiana; Fred W.; and Mrs. John F. Reeder, of Detroit, Michigan.

Fred W. Adams acquired his early education in the public schools of Toledo, and received his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Pennsylvania, with the class of 1916. He began his business career with Prudden & Company, a municipal bond house of Toledo, but in 1917 his activities were interrupted by his enlistment in the artillery branch of the United States Army, in which he was commissioned a second lieutenant.

ant. He was stationed at various camps, including Camp Hancock, Camp Taylor and Fort Shelby, and remained in the service for one year.

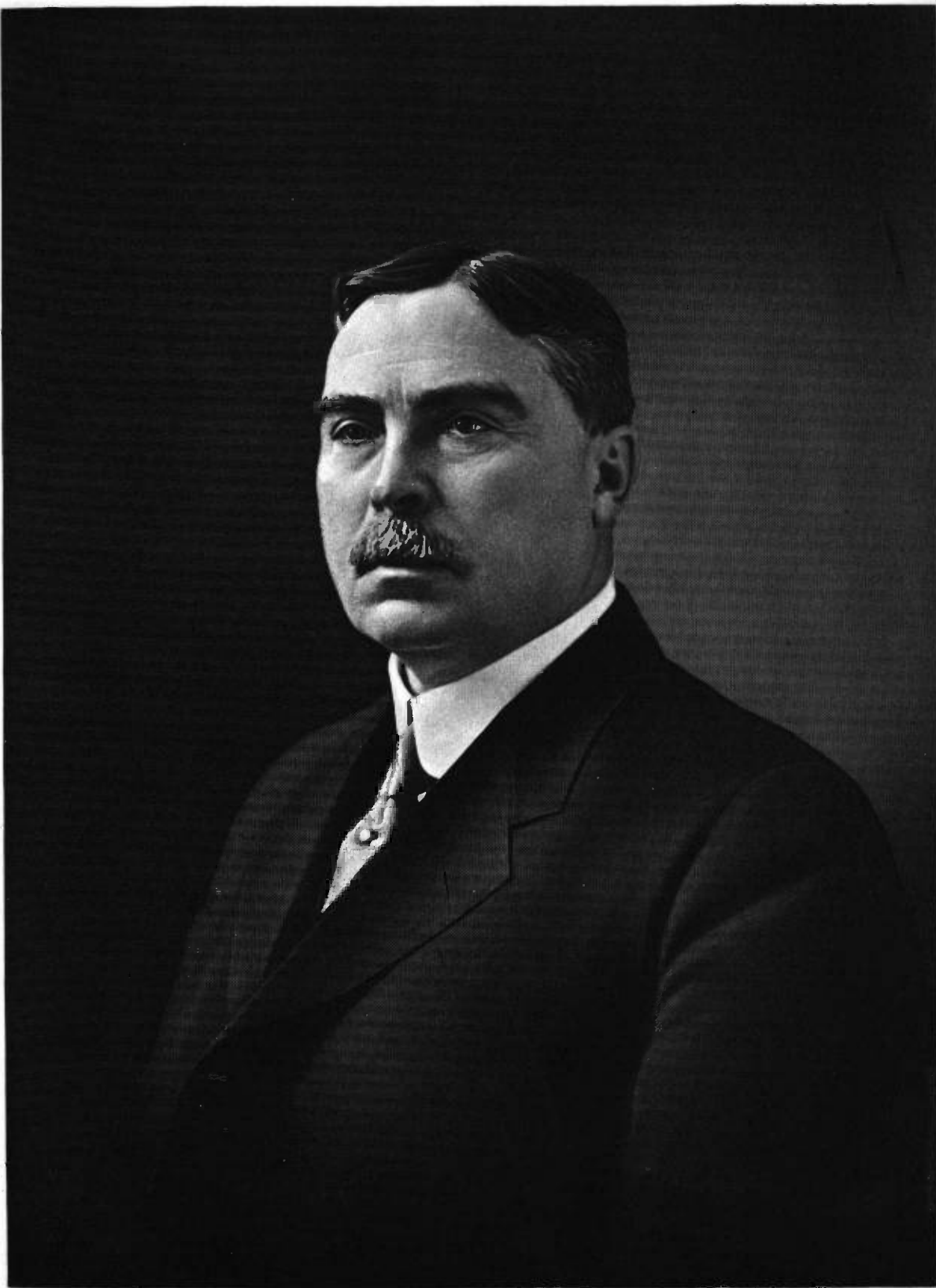
After receiving his honorable discharge from the army Mr. Adams again entered the employ of Prudden & Company, with whom he remained until September, 1919, when he came to Akron, here entering into active association with the Borton & Borton Company, handling municipal bonds and investments. He remained in that connection until 1922, at which time he became associated with Fred A. Mayfield in organizing the Mayfield-Adams Company for the purpose of handling investment securities and municipal bonds, with Mr. Mayfield as president and Mr. Adams as secretary and treasurer. This has become one of the outstanding firms in its line in Akron and enjoys one of the most representative clienteles of any investment security house in the city. Among his other interests, Mr. Adams is a director of the National City Bank of Akron, of the Mogadore Insulator Company and the Biggs Boiler Company. He has a wide acquaintance among financial men and investors in this part of the state and has gained a high reputation in general business circles. He is accorded a most creditable position among Akron's best citizens.

On the 15th of February, 1919, Mr. Adams was married to Miss Ferne Langmade, of North Baltimore, Ohio, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Loren D. Langmade. Mr. and Mrs. Adams have two daughters, both natives of Akron: Eugenia H., born January 17, 1922; and Barbara Lee, born June 29, 1926.

In religious faith Mr. Adams is a Presbyterian. He belongs to the University Club, of which he is a past president, and is also a member of the Portage Country Club and the Akron City Club. His residence is on Wheaton road, Fairlawn.

ANDREW HALE NOAH

There is no story which so thrills and inspires the American public as does that of the man who has made his way from obscurity to prominence and success. This is due undoubtedly to the fact that each individual knows that opportunity in the new world is never hampered by caste or class and that persistent effort, intelligently directed, will gain its full reward. Andrew



A. H. Noah

Hale Noah is numbered among those who as architects of their own fortunes have builded wisely and well, and, moreover, he commands the respect, confidence and gratitude of the public by reason of the generous use which he has made of his wealth, particularly in the matter of assisting young men to gain an education and thus qualify for life's practical and responsible duties.

Mr. Noah was born on a farm in Bath township, Summit county, February 18, 1858, and is a representative of one of the pioneer families of this section of the state, his grandfather, Joshua Noah, having located here during the period of early settlement and development. His son, Elmas H. Noah, was born at Oak Hill in Summit county and during the Civil war enlisted in a Michigan regiment for defense of the Union, giving his life to the service of his country. His wife bore the maiden name of Esther Mott.

Andrew H. Noah was a very little lad when his father died, leaving the family a good name but nothing else. His educational opportunities were those afforded by the country schools until he earned the means wherewith to meet the expenses of an advanced course. For three years he taught school in the winter months and in the summer seasons attended Oberlin College, which at that time had its long vacation during the winter months, and throughout his entire life he has utilized every means that would promote his knowledge and advance his efficiency, being ever an apt pupil in the school of experience. After spending two years as a teacher at Steel's Corners, another year at Boston and a third as a teacher at Chittenden's Corners, all in Summit county, he turned his attention to the real estate and abstract business in 1885, becoming a member of the firm of Wilcox & Noah. Each step in his career has been a forward one, bringing him a broader outlook and wider opportunities. His experience in the real estate field brought him something of an understanding of the banking business and in 1886 he organized the Akron Savings & Loan Company. From that time forward he has figured more and more largely in the financial circles of this section of the state. It was also in 1886 that he organized the Bruner, Goodhue, Cooke, Cranz Company and thus promoted one of the largest fire insurance agencies of the state. He remained the secretary of the Akron Savings & Loan Company from its organization until 1897, when he resigned to enter the manufacturing field by becoming general manager of the Diamond Rubber Company, of which he was later elected treas-

urer. When that corporation merged with the B. F. Goodrich Company he was offered the office of treasurer of the latter but declined, although he still remains one of its directors. He was formerly a representative of the directorate of the First-Second National Bank and of the Peoples Savings & Trust Company and he still retains his connection with the Akron Savings & Loan Association as its vice president. He was formerly president of the Cleveland Hotel Company, a director of the Portage Hotel Company, the Jahant Heating Company and the Jahant Foundry Company and was also president of the Rubber City Clearing House Company. His cooperation has been eagerly sought because of the recognition of his sound judgment and enterprising spirit. In determining the value of a business situation or its possibilities his opinions have seldom, if ever, been at fault and his wise counsel has been a potent element in the success of many of the leading business interests of Akron and Summit county.

On the 29th of December, 1880, Mr. Noah was united in marriage to Miss Kittie B. McGill, of Urbana, Ohio, who is a daughter of James and Susannah McGill and is of Scotch lineage. Her grandfather became one of the early settlers of Champaign county, Ohio, and her father was a well known manufacturer of Urbana. Mr. and Mrs. Noah became the parents of one son, Robert, who is a well known architect of this city, and has a son, Robert Andrew, born April 21, 1922.

In his fraternal relations Mr. Noah is a Mason, having attained the thirty-second degree in the order. He has membership in the Portage Country Club, the City Club, the Shaker Heights Country Club and the Congress Lake Club. He maintains a winter home in Florida, as well as his beautiful home in Akron, and one of his recent benefactions was a gift of one hundred thousand dollars to Oberlin College, where he had studied many years before, this sum to be used in the promotion of a plan for the erection of residential halls for men at Oberlin. For several years he was a trustee and also treasurer of Buchtel College and later was elected a member of the board of trustees of Oberlin College. Mr. Noah established the first fund at Oberlin to be loaned to worthy and needy students in finishing their studies. In matters of citizenship his attitude is one of progressive helpfulness and at all times he has labored consistently to promote Akron's upbuilding not only along commercial and industrial but also along intellectual and moral lines. In every great movement for the betterment of the city he has responded. His purse

has been open at all times for hospitals and the appeals of charity. A contemporaneous writer has said of Mr. Noah: "He is a great friend of the boys and is ever helping them. One of his biggest contributions to boyhood is the purchase and gift of ten acres at the Big Reservoir for a camp for the boys of the entire county. This property has a lake frontage of eleven hundred feet. Nothing gives him more real pleasure than to visit the camp and mingle with 'his boys.' In all his work for the boys he remembers the time when he was a boy down in the valley. And even now he loves that old valley. 'I like to go down there once in a while and look around,' he said. 'There are many memories down there for me. It's a beautiful valley and there should be a great boulevard through the valley connecting up Cleveland with Akron. I have seen many beautiful places but there are few valleys more beautiful than the Cuyahoga.' " His influence has been a potent factor in furthering high standards and ideals and particularly in stimulating young manhood in the attainment of that which is best in life. Mr. Noah is regarded as a strong man, strong in his ability to plan and perform, strong in his honor and his good name.

ERNEST A. BROWN

The manifold branches of trade and commerce and the complexity of business life in the present age make it almost essential that those who would attain success must have thorough and systematic business training, and by reason of this condition there have been established at various places in the country institutions of learning that are prepared to give the young efficient instruction in business methods and procedure. It is in this connection that Ernest A. Brown has become widely known, for through seventeen years he has been the president of the decades ago. Under his direction many students acquired Actual Business College of Akron, which was founded three knowledge that has enabled them now to hold outstanding positions in commercial and financial circles and Mr. Brown is widely recognized as a leader among educators. In every way he keeps in touch with the spirit, the thought and the progress of the times and his progressive methods are manifest in the school.

Mr. Brown was born in Logan, Ohio, May 28, 1884, and is a son of Albert M. and Salome (Welty) Brown, who were also natives of Ohio, where the father has spent his entire life, devoting many years to public school teaching but now living retired. The mother has passed away. In their family were five children: Joseph and Jessie, both residents of Logan; Jennie, living in Barberton, Ohio; and Mrs. Emma Hyatt, of Oak Hill, Ohio.

The other member of the family is Ernest A. Brown, who after attending the public schools of Logan spent one year as a student in the Ohio State University, while later he pursued his college course in Columbus, Ohio. He then entered upon the profession of teaching in connection with the public schools but after a year thus passed became a teacher in the Canton Business College, where he remained for a year. He came to Akron on the 1st of August, 1907, and entered into active connection with the Actual Business College, which at that time had only a few students and now has an enrollment of between four hundred and fifty and five hundred. A keen student of business administration and practice, he has carefully built up his college, keeping courses of study and training always in gear with improved business methods. Through constant endeavor to increase the effectiveness of business training Mr. Brown has had the satisfaction of seeing the Actual Business College made an early member of the National Association of Accredited Commercial Schools for which rigid standards of training are laid down and supervised by the United States Bureau of Education at Washington. In this school every branch of learning may be pursued that has to do with actual business management, control or service and today its students are filling important clerical, secretarial or executive positions in various parts of the country.

On the 13th of October, 1906, Mr. Brown was married to Miss Millie I. Guthrie, a daughter of James M. and Elizabeth Guthrie, of a prominent family of Logan, Ohio. They have two children: Jane Guthrie, born in Akron, March 30, 1919; and Donald Ernest, born June 13, 1921. Both are attending school. The family residence is on Overwood road, Fairlawn, Ohio. The parents are members of the First Methodist Episcopal church and Mr. Brown is identified with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks at Akron and also has membership with the Kiwanis Club, the Fairlawn Country Club, the Akron Automobile

Club and the Akron Chamber of Commerce. He is interested in all that has to do with the city's development and with the advancement of municipal standards, and he has contributed in large and effective measure to the public good through the conduct of the institution of which he has long been the head and in which he has ever maintained the highest standards of service and of excellence.

EVA FOWLER BECK, M. D.

In no profession has woman demonstrated her ability to a larger degree than in the practice of medicine, for here not only her intellectual power but her natural intuition and broad, kindly sympathy have full play, leading to results that are most desirable. Dr. Beck is a native of Churchville, New York, and a daughter of Elmer and Jennie (Fitch) Fowler, the former a general contractor. Through the Fowler family her ancestry is traced back to Benjamin Scott, who served as a sergeant under Captain Jim Parker with the Minute Men in the Revolutionary war. This Benjamin Scott, born in 1724, was a minute man and marched forth on the Lexington alarm which was sounded on the 19th of April, 1775. He was an uncle of General Winfield Scott.

In the district school of Churchville, New York, Eva Fowler began her education and later she attended the grammar and high schools at Buffalo, New York, while subsequently she became a student in the University of Buffalo, which in due course of time conferred upon her the M. D. degree, as she had completed the prescribed course with the class of 1911. She then served as interne for one year in the Erie County Hospital of Buffalo and later went to Philadelphia, where she did postgraduate work. Subsequently she went abroad and in London devoted a year to taking special work on the treatment of diseases of the eye. Following her return to her native land she entered upon the general practice of medicine in Buffalo, where she remained until 1918, when she came to Akron. She had a most interesting experience in industrial work, having been a physician for four years at the Goodrich plant and for two years at the Firestone plant. She not only practiced internal medicine in this connection but was able to respond to the call of any department for

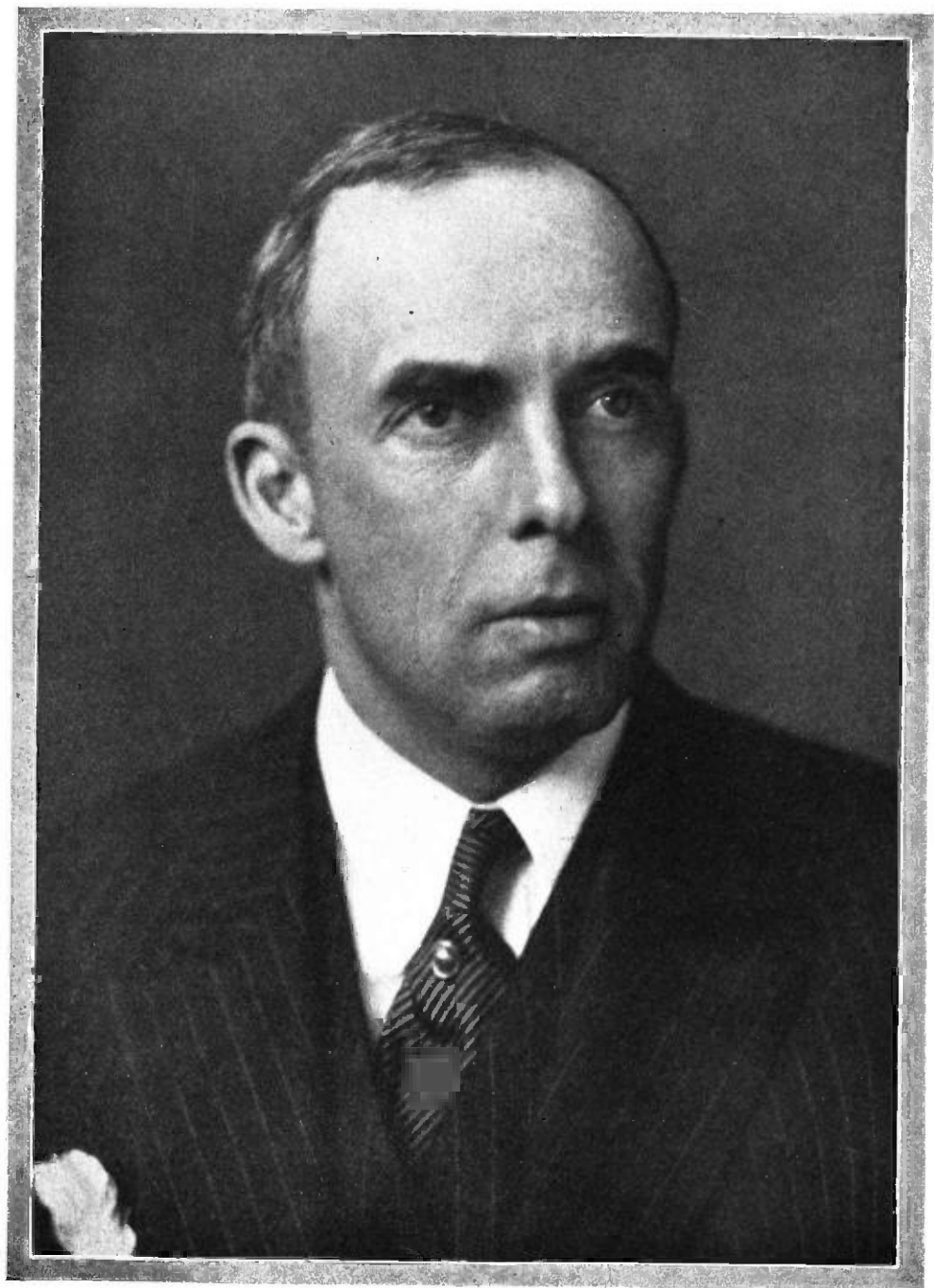
medical or surgical assistance. She is still frequently called in for emergency work, although at the present time she is devoting her attention to a general private practice. Another interesting experience in her career covered the period from 1916 until 1918, when she was teaching in a medical school in Canton, China, prior to entering upon her work with the rubber companies of Akron. She was compelled to learn the Chinese language in order to properly administer medical aid, and she gained most comprehensive understanding of the Chinese people, their methods and their motives, during her residence in the Orient. It was after this that she devoted two years to practice as representative of the Firestone Company and four years to the Goodrich Company, during which period she gave full time to the plants, having no outside practice. Today her work is steadily increasing in the private practice of medicine and surgery and her patronage is continually growing.

It was in 1919 that Eva Fowler became the wife of J. Arnold Beck and she has one son, Preston Ellsworth, born May 2, 1921. Dr. Beck is a member of the Woman's Benefit Association, of the Business Women's Club of Akron and of the Eastern Star, while along strictly professional lines she is associated with the Summit County Medical Society, the Ohio State Medical Society and the American Medical Association, thus keeping in touch with the trend of modern professional thought and methods.

ALLAN FARRELL AYERS

Allan F. Ayers, president of the Ohio State Bank & Trust Company, is one of Akron's best known bankers and occupies a foremost position among the city's leading bank executives. His experience as a banker began at the very outset of his business career more than twenty-eight years ago and includes a prominent connection with financial institutions of the middle west before coming to Akron.

Mr. Ayers was born in Cass county, Illinois, April 18, 1880, and comes from two of the real pioneer families of that state, as well as two that include three generations of bankers. His parents, Walter and Mary A. (Farrell) Ayers, were both natives of Illinois, and the Ayers family was established there in 1800, when settlement was made at Jacksonville, Illinois. Walter



ALLAN F. AYERS

Ayers became a prominent figure in banking circles at Jacksonville, as was his father Marshall P. Ayers, who opened the fourth bank in Illinois. Walter Ayers is still living, but his wife has passed away. They were the parents of a son and two daughters: Allan F.; Mrs. Margaret A. Eaton and Gertrude.

Allan F. Ayers was reared in Jacksonville, Illinois, and received his early education in the schools of that city, later graduating from Whipple Academy, and he concluded his education at the Illinois College of Jacksonville, where he obtained his A. B. degree in 1900. He began his business career with the F. G. Farrell & Company, bankers of Jacksonville, where he remained for a decade, in the position of cashier. He later went to Denver, Colorado, where he became vice president of the Continental Trust Company and remained in that connection until early in 1916, when he came to Akron, to become secretary-cashier of the newly organized Ohio Savings & Trust Company. This institution was opened for business on the 31st of March, 1917, with a capital of one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars. In 1922 it was consolidated with the State Savings & Trust Company, into the Ohio State Bank & Trust Company, Mr. Ayers becoming president of the new bank, and he has since remained in that capacity.

The growth and development of the Ohio State Bank & Trust Company, with its more than fourteen millions of resources, is one of the outstanding achievements in Akron's banking circles and is a magnificent tribute to its management. A more extended review of its activities will be found under its own caption in the chapter on Financial Institutions.

Mr. Ayers has other banking and industrial connections, being president of the Mogadore Savings Bank, president of the Macedonia-Northfield Banking Company, a director of the Akron Morris Plan Bank, a director of the Akron, Canton & Youngstown Railway Company, a director of the Akron, Canton & Youngstown Terminal Properties Company, vice president and director of the A. C. & Y. Company, president and director of the Akron Standard Mold Company, president and director of the State Foundry and Pattern Company and a director of the Fageol Motors Company. His interests and activities are broad and varied and have been a contributing factor to the steady growth and business development of this section of the state.

On the 3d of June, 1905, Mr. Ayers married Miss Lucy Hamilton, a daughter of General E. B. Hamilton, of Quincy, Illinois,

and of a family widely known in that section. Mr. and Mrs. Ayers have a son and daughter, both born in Jacksonville, Illinois: Mary Hamilton, now attending school in Boston; and Allan F., Jr., who is a student at Amherst College, member of the class of 1930. The family are Episcopalians and well known in Akron's best social circles. Fraternally Mr. Ayers is a Knight Templar Mason and Shriner and also belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Appreciative of the social amenities of life, he is a member of the Portage Country Club, the Akron City Club, the University Club, and Portage Riding Club.

Mr. Ayers is a man of well balanced capacities and powers, whose sound judgment and even paced energy have carried him steadily forward to an outstanding position in his field of activity, and he is an excellent example of the type of banker developed in the present age, quick to perceive an emergency and equally quick in devising a plan to meet it. He is one of the forceful and resourceful figures in Akron's banking circles and has a wide acquaintance among financial men throughout the country.

His residence is at Fairlawn Heights, Akron.

HERMAN FERBSTEIN

If one could turn back the hourglass of time for more than a half century to the year 1871, he would find among the emigrants to the new world a youth who had come from Hungary without capital other than his resolve to try his fortune in America and win success if it could be accomplished through industry, perseverance and determination. With the lapse of years this emigrant boy has become one of the notably successful business men of Akron, controlling extensive interests as a tobacco dealer. Such in brief is the life history of Herman Ferbstein, but it tells little of the struggle against difficulties and obstacles that has resulted eventually in supremacy for position and prosperity. Born in Hungary, December 25, 1856, he is a son of Leo and Betty (Rosenberg) Ferbstein, who were natives of that country, where they spent their entire lives, the father devoting his attention to the occupation of farming. There were two brothers in the family, David and Herman, who came to the United States.

The latter attended school in his native land and made the

long voyage across the Atlantic in 1871. He was then fourteen years of age and he traveled steerage. His people were proud people and had access to the homes of the nobility, but their fortunes were depleted and Mr. Ferbstein came to this country in the hope of having better business opportunities than he could secure in his native land. The voyage lasted two weeks and he landed in New York, where he was put on an immigrant train for Cleveland, where he was to be met by his brother, David, who had preceded him to the new world. That immigrant train was four days in getting from New York to Pittsburgh, where Mr. Ferbstein got off the train and, being exceedingly hungry, started to look for something to eat. He knew not where to go, nor could he speak any English. A man stepped up to him, however, talking to him in German, and when told by the lad that he was hungry bought for him some food, not allowing him to pay for it. Mr. Ferbstein's cash capital was thirty-two dollars. The train stayed on the tracks in Pittsburgh until the next day and then started for Cleveland, where he was met by his brother, David, who said he was selling goods from a pack carried on his back and who obtained for Herman a pack filled with notions. They then went about the country, selling their wares, but those were hard days for Herman Ferbstein, as he had difficulty in making people understand him. The first night he crawled under a haystack to sleep and there were many days when he was hungry, but at times he found people who were kind to him and finally those days of bitter experience passed. In the meantime his brother established a little wholesale tobacco house in Akron and after a year he became a partner of his brother, David Ferbstein, in the wholesale tobacco business here and through the intervening period down to the present time has been associated with this commercial undertaking. His trade has increased with the growth and development of the state until it has assumed mammoth proportions, being one of the foremost enterprises of this kind in Ohio. The brothers were associated in the conduct of the business until 1898, when David Ferbstein retired from the business, since which time Herman Ferbstein has been sole owner of the business and has attained a gratifying measure of wealth, resulting from his careful and reliable business methods and his wise investments. His course would at all times bear the closest investigation and scrutiny and he has not only won wealth but has also gained the unqualified respect and esteem of his fellowmen. At different periods he has been active in con-

nection with various industries of Akron and is still a director of the City Laundry Company.

In 1884 was celebrated the marriage of Herman Ferbstein and Miss Bertha Sicherman, of Hungary. He returned to his early boyhood's home for his sweetheart, who was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sicherman, and establishing their home in the new world, they soon made for themselves an enviable position in the social circles of Akron and here they have reared their family of four children, the eldest being Mrs. Fannie F. Greiff, who was born at Akron, was educated at Wellesley College near Boston, Massachusetts, and now resides in New York with her husband and one child, Robert. Harry, the second of the family, was born in Akron and after attending the public and high schools continued his education in the Case School of Applied Science, pursuing a course in mining engineering, but is now with his father in the wholesale tobacco and cigar business. He wedded Josephine Riegelhaupt, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and they have two daughters, Betty Lee and Joan Evelyn. Sidney J. Ferbstein pursued a high school course in Akron and afterward attended Cornell and Pennsylvania universities, completing his education in 1915. He is now associated in business with his father. He married Bessie Epstein, of Akron. The fourth member of the family is Leopold J., who is also a high school graduate of Akron and who after attending the Harvard Law School is now filling the position of assistant prosecuting attorney in Summit county.

Mr. Ferbstein is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of the Akron Chamber of Commerce and of the Akron Automobile Club. He is always social, genial and approachable and he possesses many sterling traits of character which have won him the admiration and good will of all who know him. He has been especially interested in the welfare of his city and has given generously to the furthering of many projects for the public good. Coming to the United States in his youth, he has never had occasion to regret his determination to establish his home on this side of the Atlantic, for here he found the opportunities which he sought and, steadily advancing, he has reached a position among the prosperous residents of his adopted state and has also gained the confidence, good will and high esteem of all with whom he has been associated. One thing that his early experience did for him was to awaken his sympathy with others who are struggling to make a start and on

many occasions he has reached out a helping hand to those who have needed assistance. For more than a half century he has resided in Akron and has witnessed its substantial and continuous growth. He was among the first to show faith in the future of Main street, and when he removed his business from Howard, then the chief commercial thoroughfare of Akron, he met the criticism of friends who prophesied that such a move would never pay. Main street at that time was little more than a canal or ditch, and Mr. Ferbstein is among those who have transformed it into Akron's greatest commercial center. His memory goes back to the time when there were no telephones here and when there was little to indicate that great changes were coming. With remarkable prescience he foresaw much of what the future had in store for the city and he builded according to his belief in its future. Akron owes much to him and gained a most valued resident when he decided to take up his abode within its borders. His upright life, as well as his marked industry and notable business management, has gained for him the honor and the friendship of all.

RAY EMERSON MORTON

An able and successful lawyer and loyal and public-spirited citizen, Ray E. Morton is numbered among the leading and influential citizens of Barberton, where for fifteen years he has been actively engaged in the practice of his profession. He was born at Sherman, Summit county, Ohio, on the 4th of September, 1889, and is a son of W. A. and Sarah (Boden) Morton, who are now living in Barberton. Mr. Morton secured his early education in the public schools, graduating from the high school at Barberton, and then entered the law school of Ohio State University, from which he was graduated in 1912. In June of that year he was admitted to the bar and immediately entered upon active work of the profession at Barberton, in which he has continued with marked success to the present time. He conducts a general practice and is regarded as a forceful and effective pleader and sound and safe counselor.

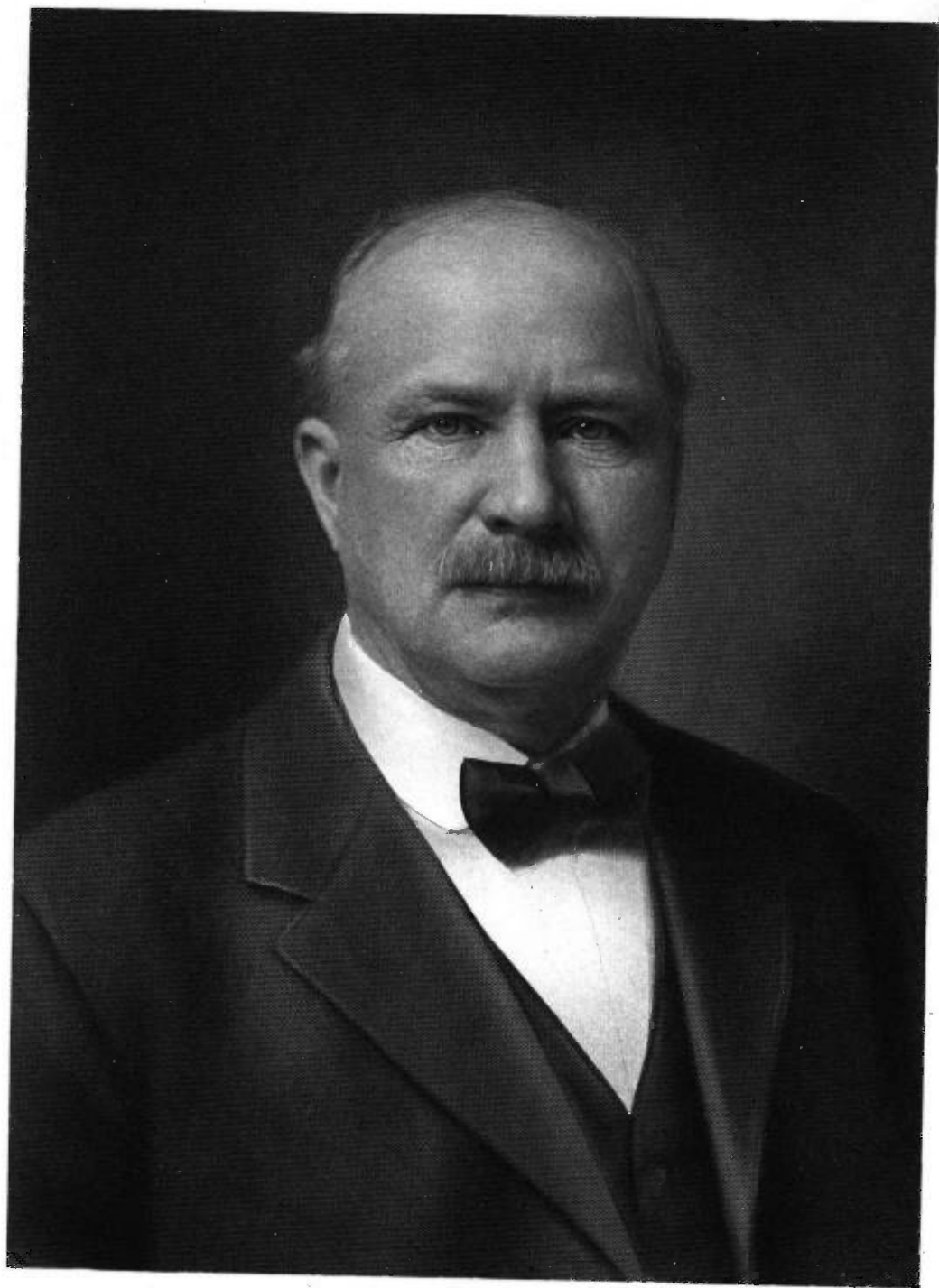
On June 17, 1914, Mr. Morton was united in marriage to Miss Eva M. Wyre. He is a democrat in his political views and has served two terms as city solicitor of Barberton. Fraternally

he is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he has attained the degree of Knight Templar; the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He is likewise a Rotarian and a member of the Brookside Country Club. He also belongs to the Summit County Bar Association and the Ohio State Bar Association. His career has been marked by a strict adherence to the ethics and traditions of his profession and his success therein ranks him with the able members of the Summit County Bar. He has not been unmindful of his obligations to the community in which he lives and has been an earnest champion of those things which most contribute to the advancement of public interests. Because of this, as well as for his splendid personality, he has a large circle of warm and loyal friends and is greatly esteemed by all who know him.

FRANK A. WILCOX

The late Francis Albert Wilcox was one of Akron's notable men—notable for what he accomplished in business matters and in social and civic affairs. For nearly a quarter of a century he was closely identified with every movement inaugurated for the benefit of the city and her institutions, and he was a vital force in the progress and development of Akron and thus won for himself a place among the city builders—those men who have served notably and have gone to their reward.

He was born in Richfield township, Summit county, Ohio, May 17, 1852, and died at Akron, Ohio, November 16, 1916. He came of good old Puritan stock and had the blood of several prominent English families mingled in his veins. His great-grandfather, Sadoce Wilcox, was ensign of a company from Connecticut in the Revolution. There is an ancient document appointing him to this office signed by Jonathan Trumbull, captain general of the English Colony of Connecticut, bearing date of June 20th Anno Domini 1776. The mother of Frank A. Wilcox had a facsimile of the document made and framed and was very proud of it, as well as of the original document as a family relic. At Simsbury, Connecticut, the Wilcox estate granted by the government to the early settlers of that family was held by some of its members up to the year 1900.



F. A. Wilcox

The grandfather, Dr. Jeremiah Wilcox, was born in December, 1760, in Simsbury, Connecticut, and engaged in the practice of medicine at Hartford for some time. He was one of the commissioners sent from Connecticut under the leadership of Moses Cleaveland in 1796 to lay out lands in Ohio granted by the government to Connecticut to compensate for the loss of lands and property during the Revolutionary war. These lands, called "the fire lands," formed a part of the Western Reserve. The land owned by Dr. Wilcox, known as the Wilcox tract, comprised sixteen thousand acres in the Western Reserve. He drew a large tract in Summit county and another in Trumbull county. On his removal to this state in 1806 he located at Vernon in Trumbull county, and there he died in 1824.

Dr. Jeremiah Cullen Wilcox, son of Dr. Jeremiah and father of Frank A., was born in Hartland, Connecticut, December 6, 1790, and died in Richfield township, Summit county, Ohio, January 26, 1873. He was graduated from Jefferson College in 1813; prepared for the medical profession under his father and for twenty years was a successful practitioner in Trumbull and Summit counties. At length he gave up active practice on account of failing health and removed his family to Hudson, Ohio, where he engaged in mercantile business. He was twice married, first to Lorena Bushnell, who died in 1832. On the 1st of October, 1839, in Ravenna, Ohio, he married Mrs. Julia A. (Wilder) Pettee, who was born in Johnstown, New York, September 19, 1814, and died in Akron, September 6, 1906. She was a woman of strong personality and remarkable attainments. In early womanhood she became a teacher of French and mathematics at the seminary in Granville, Ohio, then the foremost institution of education for young ladies in this section of the country. It was there that she became acquainted with Dr. Wilcox. In the spring of 1840 they located on a farm in Richfield township, Summit county, which had descended to Dr. Wilcox from his father, this being part of a grant of land in the Western Reserve drawn by the latter from the government. This farm was located on what is now called "East Hill," two and a half miles east of Richfield Center.

Among the maternal ancestors of Frank A. Wilcox were the Robinsons, the Websters and the Wilders, all of whom together with the Wilcoxsons (later spelled Willcox and later Wilcox) emigrated to America between 1634 and 1700. Among the Robinsons was Samuel Robinson, a captain of Provincials who served in the French and Indian war and in the Revolutionary war.

When it was ascertained by the settlers in New Hampshire that their lands were being granted from under them by the governor of New York a petition signed by over one thousand citizens was prepared and Captain Robinson was appointed agent to bear the important document and lay it before the King of England. He accomplished his mission but never reached home, having died of smallpox in London. While in London he purchased a Bible, written in old English and bound in brown leather, which was sent, together with his other effects, after his death to his widow. This ancient volume of the Scriptures had descended from mother to daughter through successive generations down to the present and is now owned by Mrs. Stella H. Plate, a sister of Frank A. Wilcox.

Among the members of the Webster family through whom Mr. Wilcox traced his descent were Noah Webster, compiler of the dictionary, and Daniel Webster, statesman and orator. Among those of less renown was Captain Isaac Webster, great-grandfather of Mr. Wilcox, who took part in the battle of Bennington, Vermont, August 16, 1777. An interesting account of his capture by Indians during the war is also part of the family records.

Among the Wilders from whom Mr. Wilcox was directly descended through his mother was Nicholas Wilder, a military chieftain in the army of the Earl of Richmond, subsequently King Henry VII, who for valiant service at the battle of Bosworth Field, 1485, rewarded him with a landed estate and a knighthood. The history of the Wilder family in this country dates back to the year 1636, when the ship Confidence sailed from Southampton, England, with emigrants for Massachusetts Bay. On the list of passengers was Martha, widow of Thomas Wilder. Thomas Wilder was one of Mr. Wilcox's ancestors.

Frank A. Wilcox spent his early life on the home farm, attended district schools and the academy at Richfield Center. Later he attended Oberlin College, from which he was graduated with the class of 1878. He paid his way through college with money earned by teaching in the country schools.

Leaving college, Mr. Wilcox began reading law in the office of Hon. Theodore E. Burton at Cleveland, and after a year's study accepted the position of superintendent of the Glenville public schools near Cleveland, and continued at the head of those schools for three years, during which time he also served as a member of the village council. His sister Miss Stella Wilcox was

a student with him in school work there, and his mother and sister had moved from the farm to Glenville in 1880. Mr. Wilcox came to Akron in 1882 and bought a half interest in the Summit county abstract books. Three years later he became sole owner of the books, and for fifteen years following he did the abstract business of Summit county. Forming a partnership with Andrew H. Noah, Mr. Wilcox engaged also in the real estate and insurance business under the firm name of Wilcox & Noah. In 1896 Clarence I. Bruner was admitted to the firm, which then became Wilcox, Noah & Bruner, which firm was in time succeeded by the Bruner-Goodhue-Cranz Company. From active participation in this business Mr. Wilcox withdrew in 1898 and became secretary of the India Rubber Company at Akron and thus became identified with the rubber industry of the city. In 1899 he withdrew from the India Rubber Company to accept the position of vice president, treasurer and general manager of the Pennsylvania Rubber Company at Erie, Pennsylvania, and he removed his family to that city. Three years later that company was removed to Jeannette, Pennsylvania, Mr. Wilcox going with it.

Leaving the Pennsylvania Rubber Company in 1907, Mr. Wilcox returned to Akron and engaged in the general contracting and real estate business. He erected a number of fine business blocks and dealt extensively in city and farm property. He plotted and opened "Overlook Heights" additions to the city and opened Belvidere street and erected several residences thereon.

Mr. Wilcox served from 1885 to 1887 as a member of the Akron city council. He was an official member of the Maccabees and one of the founders of that order in Akron. He was past grand of Akron Lodge No. 547, I. O. O. F., and was a member of the Order of Elks. He was vice president of the International Wilcox Association and attended the annual reunion of that body in Rhode Island the summer before his death. He was also active in the Chamber of Commerce and as a member of the First Congregational Church taught a boy's class in the Sunday school.

Mr. Wilcox was recognized as one of Akron's progressive and influential men and patriotic citizens. He was popular in all circles, for his characteristics were such as win and hold friendships. His business associates had implicit confidence in his judgment and integrity; his intimates loved him and the people in general respected and admired him. His life was so full of activity and so unselfishly lived that he left his impress upon the history

of the city of the present generation, and his death was universally regarded as a public loss.

On November 23, 1893, Mr. Wilcox was united in marriage with Miss Della M. Doyle, daughter of the late William B. Doyle and sister of Judge Dayton A. Doyle and former Mayor William B. Doyle of Akron. Mrs. Wilcox was educated in the city schools and at Westminster College at New Wilmington, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Wilcox had a son, Doyle, who died at Erie, Pennsylvania, when but five years of age, and a daughter, Margaret, who is now Mrs. Donfred Gardner. Mr. and Mrs. Gardner have one child, Ann Margaret, born April 17, 1927. Mr. and Mrs. Wilcox also reared an adopted daughter, Elizabeth L., who was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dean L. Doyle.

JUDGE AUGUSTIN FRANCIS O'NEIL

Judge Augustin Francis O'Neil, attended Columbia Law School, entered upon the active practice of his profession in Akron in 1914 and through the intervening period has enjoyed an enviable reputation as a member of the bar, while his work in the courts has also included service as judge of the first municipal district. Moreover, he deserves mention as a worthy representative of one of the most prominent families of this city. He was born here April 20, 1887, his parents being Michael and Patience Jane (Mahar) O'Neil. His father was one of the foremost merchants, manufacturers and business men of this section of the state and is mentioned at length on another page of this work.

After attending the parochial schools Augustin F. O'Neil entered Holy Cross College at Worcester, Massachusetts, and following his return to his native city spent two years in connection with the extensive dry goods business of which his father was proprietor. It was his desire, however, to become a member of the bar and he later entered the Columbia Law School, from which in due course of time he was graduated. He then passed the required bar examination and entered upon active practice in 1914. Through the intervening period he has devoted his labors untiringly to professional interests and duties, and a recognition of his ability on the part of his fellowmen is indicated by the fact that he was chosen to serve as one of the first judges of the municipal court, occupying that bench for a term of four years. In 1920

he sought the nomination for the supreme court and was defeated by only eighty votes. Not only has his record reflected credit and honor upon his chosen calling but in other ways, too, he has rendered able service in a public capacity. He is a director and president of the First Savings & Loan Company at Fivepoints and is attorney for the General Tire & Rubber Company. In 1917 he enlisted for service in the World war and in 1918 was called to duty with the United States naval aviation forces, being on duty with the navy as ensign and as junior lieutenant, receiving his honorable discharge in 1919.

On the 17th of November, 1915, Judge O'Neil was married to Miss Marie A. Kramer, of Canton, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Kramer, of a prominent family of Canton and of Steubenville. There are now six children in the family: Mary, born in 1917; Robert, in 1920; James, in 1922; Patience Jane, in 1923; Donald, in 1925; and Alice Marie, in 1927.

The religious faith of Mr. O'Neil is that of the Roman Catholic church and he is a fourth degree member of the Knights of Columbus. He belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Fraternal Order of Eagles and to the American Legion. His social nature finds expression in his connection with the City Club and the Portage Country Club. He is also identified with the Chamber of Commerce and is a staunch advocate of all the projects instituted by that organization for the city's benefit and improvement. He belongs to the American Bar Association and he is a thorough student of the law and of the cases entrusted to him. He is equally a thorough student of the vital questions and issues of the day and his attitude concerning such is a progressive one based upon thorough understanding of conditions, of obligations and of opportunities. He possesses marked oratorical ability and is frequently called upon to deliver public addresses. His attitude to his country is shown in the following brief excerpt from a speech which he made at the unveiling of the Soldiers' Monument in Rose Hill cemetery: "Though the heavens fall right must prevail and wherever the flag of America goes, there goes victory, there goes right and there goes peace. Along the frontiers of freedom, our Star Spangled Banner floats today. It floats as of old, ever proudly and triumphant. The blue of its field, the color of the azure firmament, always holds the stars of hope. The red of its folds still speaks the blood of our heroes and the white of its bars the color of God's sunlight, the tint of the lily and the texture of the snowflake still means the sweet word—

Peace." He has been particularly earnest in his efforts to arouse public opinion against inequitable and overburdening taxation and also to awaken the public conscience as to child labor. In fact his entire career has been marked by intense, intelligent and effective effort in the lines of progress, reform and improvement.

JOHN FREDERICK SEIBERLING

No history of Akron and of Summit county would be complete without extended reference to John Frederick Seiberling because of the important part which he took in the development of manufacturing interests and commercial upbuilding here. Moreover, the qualities which he displayed in his business career and in his social connections made him a man whom to know was to esteem and honor, for in every respect he measured up to the highest standards of both manhood and citizenship. For almost a century the Seiberling family has been represented in this section of the state, for it was in 1831 that Nathan Seiberling took up his abode in Norton township, Summit county. He was born in Northampton county, Pennsylvania, on the 14th of April, 1810, and was a son of John F. Seiberling, a grandson of Frederick Seiberling and a great-grandson of Christian Seiberling, all of whom were natives of the Keystone state. As in Pennsylvania, so in Ohio, the family has taken prominent part in the substantial upbuilding and progress of this section. Nathan Seiberling devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits, developing an excellent farm, and thereon John F. Seiberling was born on the 10th of March, 1834.

The first twenty-two years of his life were passed on the old homestead with the advantages of a public school education and with thorough training in the work of the fields, but agricultural pursuits were not altogether to his liking and in 1856 he took up his abode in Akron, where he secured a clerkship in a drug store. Three years later he returned to the home farm and while operating his father's sawmill he invented the Excelsior mower and reaper, on which he secured a patent and to which he afterward added another invention of his own—a "dropper." Believing that he had perfected a machine of value to the agricultural world, he established a factory at Doylestown, Ohio, in 1861, and began the manufacture of his mower and reaper there. The



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enterprise prospered from the beginning and with the steady growth of the business he established an additional plant at Massillon, Ohio, in 1864, while in 1865 he came to Akron and organized the J. F. Seiberling Company, which took over the entire manufacturing of the Excelsior mowers and reapers in this plant. In 1873, having disposed of his interest in that machine, he organized the Empire Mower and Reaper Works, having in the meantime invented and patented the Empire mower, reaper and binder, which he continued to manufacture as the head of the company until 1896, when he withdrew from that undertaking. His inventive genius was of great worth and his efforts were a vital element in the promotion of agricultural interests. In other fields, too, he took an important part in developing the business enterprise and trade relations of Summit county. In 1871 he was associated with others in organizing the Akron Strawboard Company and was active in its management until the sale of the business to the Strawboard Trust in 1887. In 1884 he had organized the Seiberling Milling Company in East Akron, which afterward became the Akron Cereal Company and which eventually sold out to the trust operating under the name of the Great Western Cereal Company and which was later absorbed by the American Cereal Company, now known as the Quaker Oats Company, Mr. Seiberling remaining one of the stockholders in this corporation to the time of his demise. Moreover, he was closely associated for a number of years with the development and control of the Akron City Railway, in which he acquired a controlling interest in 1888, occupying the presidency thereof for ten years and largely promoting its success during that period by reequipping, expanding and improving the system. In 1898 he disposed of his holdings to the Northern Ohio Traction & Light Company and withdrew from that field. Mr. Seiberling was moreover enrolled among the financiers of Ohio through his connection with the Bank of Akron, which later merged with the Second National Bank, of which he was vice president for many years. All through his life his inventive genius expressed itself in activity that resulted in the patenting of one hundred and fifty practical inventions.

On the 6th of September, 1857, Mr. Seiberling was united in marriage to Miss Catherine L. Miller, of Norton township, and they became the parents of eleven children, of whom John Frederick and Maud M. died in infancy. The others are: Anna A., the wife of Samuel Miller; Frank A. and Charles W., president

and vice president, respectively, of the Seiberling Rubber Company; Cora D., the widow of Lewis T. Wolle; Harriet M., the widow of Lucius C. Miles; Grace I., who became the wife of Dr. William S. Chase; Catherine G., the wife of Luther H. Firey; Mary B., who wedded Henry B. Manton; and Ruth J., the wife of Ernest A. Pflueger. In 1866 Mr. Seiberling erected a handsome residence on Market street, where the family resided for nearly a half century. He passed away September 3, 1903, and was survived by his wife until May 10, 1911.

In his death Akron and in fact the entire state mourned the loss of an honored and representative citizen. Not only as an inventor, manufacturer and financier did he contribute to the city's growth and improvement but took a most helpful interest in its cultural development and in the advancement of its civic welfare. In 1871 he built the Akron Academy of Music and he bore half the cost of erecting the Trinity Lutheran church on Prospect street, of which society he was a member from its organization. He gave generously to the poor and needy and to the benevolent and philanthropical institutions of Akron. In a word the world is better for his having lived. He fully met every duty and obligation as well as every opportunity of life and he was a splendid type of that class of citizens who laid broad and deep the foundation upon which the present progress and prosperity of Akron rests.

ALFRED HERBERICH

Passing years have chronicled the continual advancement of Alfred Herberich, member of the Akron bar, whose capability and loyalty to the interests of his clients have brought him to a position of distinction as an Akron attorney. He is also a representative of a family that has made valuable contribution to the development and upbuilding of city and state, representatives of the name having through many years done much to further the welfare of Summit county. Born in Akron on the 28th of January, 1892, he is a son of David and Lena (Fuchs) Herberich, both of whom were natives of Germany, whence they came to America in early life, settling in Akron in 1882. The father engaged in the insurance business here for thirty-five years and is mentioned at further length in connection with the sketch of

his son, Charles Herberich, on another page of this work. He passed away in 1923, having for a decade survived his wife, who died in 1913. They were the parents of twelve children, of whom eight are yet living: Charles, Walter, Mrs. J. C. Glather and Mrs. John Metzger, all of Akron; Mrs. Charles Sprague, living in Brimfield, Ohio; Mrs. James Black and Mrs. G. C. Walker, also of Akron; and Alfred, of this review.

The last named attended the Spicer School of Akron and the Central high school, after which he entered Buchtel College, from which he received his Ph. B. degree in 1911. He next entered Harvard University as a law student and at his graduation in 1914 the LL. B. degree was conferred upon him. He then returned to Akron, where he immediately entered upon active practice following his admission to the bar. Since that time he has given his attention to the duties of a constantly growing practice. In November, 1916, he entered into partnership with Edmund Burroughs and later the firm became Herberich, Burroughs & Bailey. For some years Mr. Herberich's practice has been extensive and of an important character, connecting him with much of the important legal business in the community. Aside from his chosen profession he has connection with a number of the leading business enterprises of the city, being a director and assistant secretary of the Depositors Savings & Trust Company, a director and vice president of the Herberich-Hall-Harter Company, a director of the Guarantee Acceptance Corporation, a director and assistant secretary of the Herberich Realty Company and a director and vice president of the Ohio General Fire Insurance Company. He is a director and secretary and treasurer of The Villa Groves, Inc., a Florida corporation, and is a director and secretary of The Endowment Association of the University of Akron, an organization formed by Mr. Herberich in cooperation with former President Dr. Parke R. Kolbe for the benefit of the University.

On the 25th of May, 1916, Mr. Herberich was united in marriage to Miss Agnes LaRoe, a daughter of James Albert and Katie LaRoe, representatives of a prominent family of Terrell, Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Herberich have become parents of three sons, all born in Akron: Edward Alfred, who was born October 19, 1920; Robert Walter, November 5, 1922; and Frederick David, November 8, 1925. They have resided at 1322 West Exchange street since 1923.

Mr. Herberich is well known in the social organizations of

his city, being a member of the Akron City Club, the University Club, the Portage Country Club and the Turkey Foot Lake Club. He is also a thirty-second degree Mason, a member of the Grotto and of the Shrine and a member of the Masonic Club. His religious belief is indicated by his connection with the First Church of Christ Scientist. Along strictly professional lines he is identified with the Summit County, Ohio State and American Bar Associations and his professional duties and activities claim the major part of his time and attention, his thorough study, devotion to duty and a conscientious regard for the highest ethical standards of the profession having gained for him an enviable position among Akron's leading attorneys.

WILLIAM H. EVANS, JR.

Various business interests have felt the stimulus and profited by the cooperation of William H. Evans, Jr., one of the well known figures in Akron's financial and business life, his interests being of wide extent and importance and at all times of a character that contributes to public progress and prosperity as well as to individual success. He is widely known as the president and organizer of the Dime Savings Bank and for more than thirty-seven years has been identified with the financial life of the city.

William H. Evans, Jr., was born in this city, August 8, 1878, a son of William H. and Carrie May (Ranney) Evans, the former a native of Herkimer, New York, while the latter was born in Boston township, Summit county, Ohio, a daughter of Luther B. Ranney, and a granddaughter of Comfort Ranney who was one of the real pioneers of Boston township, where he settled in 1820. William H. Evans came to Summit county in early life, worked his way through college, and in entering on his business career in Akron attained a position of prominence in financial circles that ranked him with the city's strong and able business men. He established and successfully conducted the Dime Savings Bank, also the William H. Evans Building & Loan Association. He was also the founder of the business now carried on under the name of the William H. Evans & Sons Company and was associated with many other worthy enterprises which were

a direct force in the substantial development and progress of his adopted city. He likewise contributed to the intellectual and moral progress of the community, was a member of the board of education and held other offices of trust and responsibility. He passed away June 14th, 1923, at the age of seventy-five years, having for several years survived his wife, whose death occurred on the 1st of March, 1916. They were the parents of five children: David R., Clyde A., Ethel E., now Mrs. H. O. Hazard, all residents of Akron; Lida, the wife of A. S. Veirs of Boston township, Summit county; and William H. Jr.

William H. Evans, Jr., was reared in Akron, attended the grade and high schools, and concluded his education at Buchtel College where he pursued his studies for two years. It was then that he made his initial step in the business world by entering the employ of the William H. Evans Building & Loan Association in 1891. He was associated with that business until 1900, when he perfected plans that resulted in the organization of the Dime Savings Bank, of which he has been president since 1925. The growth and development of this institution is a fine tribute to its management, and its classification as a Roll of Honor Bank is one of the reasons why it is accorded a prominent position among Akron's strong and ably managed financial institutions. A more extended mention of the Dime Savings Bank will be found elsewhere in this work.

Mr. Evans' activities, however, cover a much wider scope and at all times he has proven a man of good sound business judgment, of keen discrimination and unfaltering enterprise. He is the executive head of the William H. Evans & Sons Company, doing an extensive business as real estate, loan and steamship agents. He is also the president of the Evans Agency Company, and vice president of the William H. Evans Building & Loan Association—organizations that are important factors in the city's business development.

On the 29th of August, 1901, Mr. Evans was married to Miss Flora J. Goodwin, daughter of Alfred D. and Lucina C. Goodwin, of a prominent Akron family. Mr. and Mrs. Evans have six children, all born in Akron: Robert W., born in 1904, is a graduate of the Culver Military Academy and took a four-year course at the University of Arizona; Maurice G., born in 1906, is a graduate of Colgate University; Flora Josephine, born in 1908, is a graduate of Highland Hall, Miss Mason's school for girls at Tarrytown, New York; Ruth L., born in 1910, is also a

graduate of Highland Hall; May Helen, born 1918; and Elizabeth May, born 1920.

Fraternally Mr. Evans is connected with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, while socially he is well known as a member of the Portage Country Club and the Akron City Club. He is also a member of the Akron Automobile Club. His religious connection is with the First Congregational church.

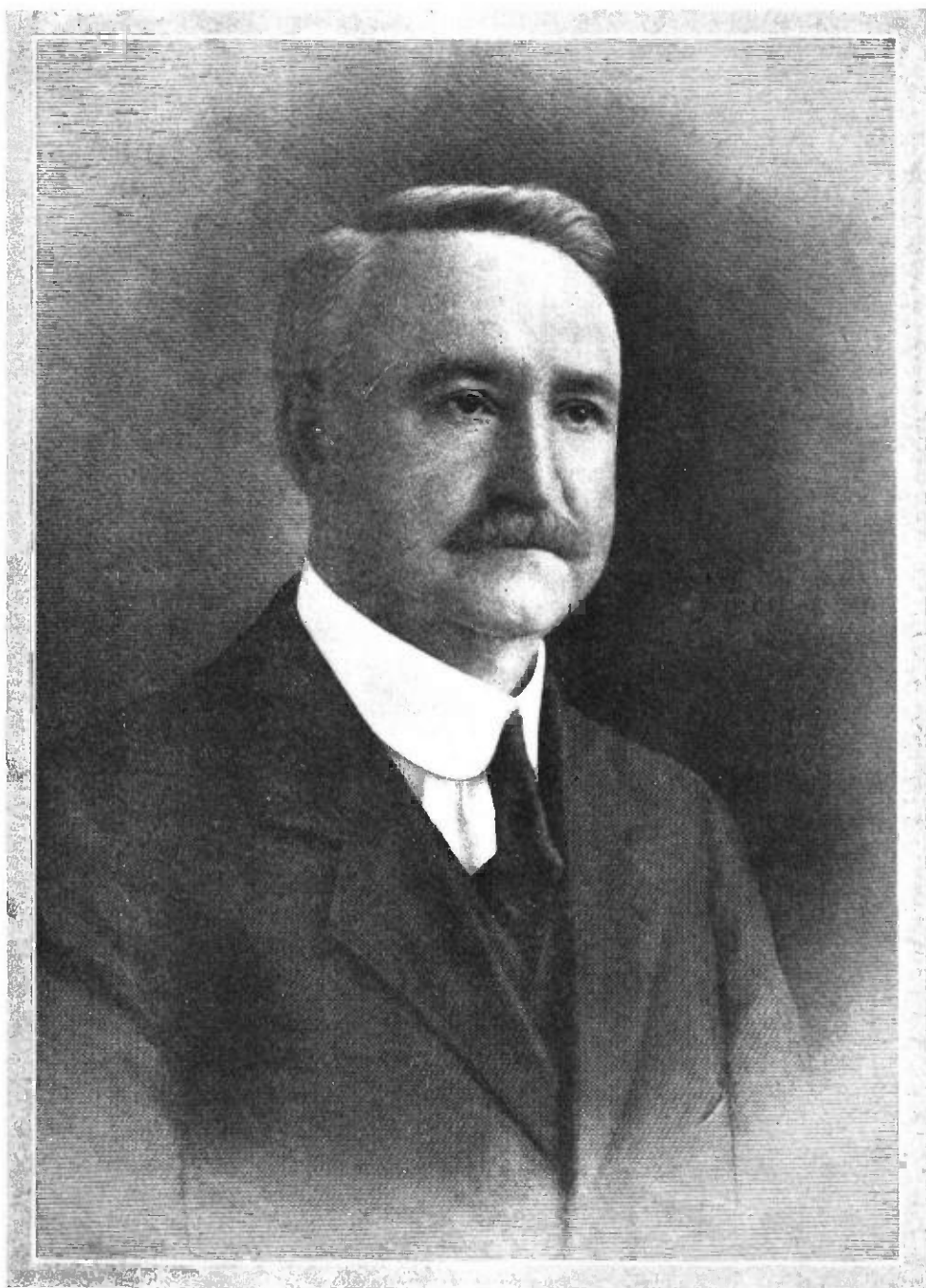
Mr. Evans' interest in civic welfare and progress is manifest in his connection with the Akron Chamber of Commerce and his support is readily extended to every plan and project for the general good.

Gifted with a keen business insight and a ready grasp of affairs, Mr. Evans has had a career of unusual activity and success. The elements were happily blended in the rounding out of his nature; for he unites the refinements of life with the sterner qualities of manhood and his efforts have been resultant factors in every thing that he undertakes. His residence is at No. 40 Byers avenue, Akron, Ohio.

ALEXANDER ADAMSON

For forty-five years Alexander Adamson has been a resident of Akron and throughout the entire period has contributed to the business development of the city, where for many years he has conducted a successful industrial enterprise as president and general manager of the Adamson Machine Company. Steadfast purpose, indefatigable energy and laudable ambition have carried him far and success in substantial measure has been his for many years. Moreover, his life illustrates what can be accomplished by determined purpose, for he started out in the business world empty-handed and has steadily worked upward through sheer force of character and the development of his innate powers and talents.

Mr. Adamson is a native of Scotland, his birth having occurred in the land of hills and heather November 20, 1861. His parents, William and Janet (Beveridge) Adamson, were also natives of Scotland, where the father engaged in business as a stationary engineer until 1869, when he came to the new world, settling in Mercer county, Pennsylvania, where he continued to follow his trade throughout his remaining days, his death occur-



ALEXANDER ADAMSON

ring in 1900. He had long survived his wife, who passed away in Scotland in 1867.

In his youthful days Alexander Adamson joined his father in America, crossing the Atlantic when a lad of nine years. He attended the schools of Mercer county, Pennsylvania, and under the direction of his father learned the engineering trade. His identification with Ohio dates from 1876, at which time he took up his abode in Palmyra, where for seven years he was employed as a coal mining engineer. In 1883 he came to Akron, being at that time a young man of twenty-two years. Here he entered upon an apprenticeship to the machinist's trade with Webster, Camp & Lane Company and continued to follow the trade in the employ of others until March 1, 1892, when he determined to engage in business on his own account and did so, forming a partnership with J. W. Denmead, a shopmate. On the present site of the Doyle block on South Main street they opened a machine shop and the business prospered from the beginning, so that after eight months Mr. Adamson was able to purchase his partner's interest. Not all days in his career, however, have been equally bright. At times he has seen the storm clouds gathering, but he has managed to turn threatened failures into victories and the passing years have chronicled the steady growth of his business. In 1897 he erected a brick block, fifty by one hundred feet, on West Exchange street, and later added thereto, doubling the capacity of the plant. He also built a foundry and in 1907 incorporated his interests under the name of the Adamson Machine Company, of which he has since been president and general manager. In 1910 he built the first unit of his present large manufacturing plant, the initial building being a two-story brick structure eighty by one hundred and sixty feet. In 1912 this was enlarged by an addition two hundred and forty feet in length and in 1915 the size of the foundry was doubled. The equipment of the plant is thoroughly modern and in the foundry iron and steel castings are made, while the Adamson Machine Company manufactures all kinds of rubber machinery, molds, general machinery and castings. It has the largest capacity for making molds and cores of any factory in the world and from two hundred to three hundred skilled workmen find employment in the plant, which stands as a monument to the ability and enterprise of Mr. Adamson, whose success is as honorable as it is enviable.

On the 3d of July, 1881, Mr. Adamson was united in marriage to Flora Ellen Burnett, who was born at Mineral Ridge, Ohio, a

daughter of Calvin Burnett. They have two children, Cecil F., and Vera. The latter is a graduate of the University of Michigan and is now a missionary at Laoag, in the Philippine islands, where she has been for ten years. Cecil F. Adamson, who was born in Palmyra, Ohio, June 25, 1882, founded the Adamson Manufacturing Company at East Palestine, Ohio, and under his management this industry has been developed into one of the foremost in his line in this part of the country, that of building electrically welded steel tanks from five to twenty-five thousand gallon capacity. He married Mary Harris of Salem, Ohio, and they have four children, all born in East Palestine: Alex W., born May 21, 1911; Jean, September 27, 1914; Shirley Ann, July 3, 1921; and Adele Marie, July 8, 1926.

In his fraternal relations Mr. Adamson is a Mason. He is interested in all of those organizations which ameliorate the hard conditions of life for the unfortunate and is president of the Old Folks Home, having previously served as chairman of the executive committee. For twelve years he was president of the Akron Charity Organization Society. He has also been president and a director of the Young Men's Christian Association and his religious belief is indicated in his membership in the First Christian church, in which for many years he has been an elder. Those projects which have for their object the civic development and upbuilding of Akron also receive his strong endorsement and support. He belongs to the Chamber of Commerce, which he has represented on its directorate, and he gives his allegiance to all measures calculated to advance the general good. He has long been accounted one of the substantial and valued citizens of Akron, not only through his contribution to its industrial progress but also by reason of what he has done to uphold the civic, benevolent and moral interests of the city. Mr. Adamson resides at 1178 East avenue, having erected his home there in 1903.

NATHAN M. BERK

Among the well known business men and popular citizens of Akron who have risen through their own unaided efforts to success in a chosen field of labor is numbered Nathan M. Berk, the senior partner in the firm of Berk, Berk & Harvey, attorneys. He was born in Mozar, Austria, January 1, 1870, and is

a son of Israel and Esther (Balilos) Berk, who were also natives of that land, where they spent their entire lives, the father being engaged in professional work as an educator in one of the prominent colleges of Austria. He died in 1901, at the age of sixty-eight years, having for a considerable period survived his wife, who passed away in 1887.

Nathan M. Berk was the youngest in a family of fourteen children. He began his education in the public schools of his native land and afterward continued his studies in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and Akron. He later pursued a course of study in the Cleveland Law School, which numbers him among its alumni of 1909. In the meantime, however, he had worked along various lines, for it was necessary that he provide for his own support. All through his career, however, he had been actuated by a laudable ambition and each step in his business life has been a forward one, bringing him a broader outlook and wider opportunities. For twenty-six years he had devoted his attention to the conduct of a private banking business on Howard street and it was subsequent to that period that he pursued his law studies and entered upon active practice. He has since continued in general practice, winning a place among the representative lawyers of Akron.

On the 7th of August, 1894, Mr. Berk was united in marriage to Miss Anna Whitelaw, of Akron, a daughter of Joseph Whitelaw, and they have become parents of three children. S. Bernard was born November 5, 1896, and since graduating from the John B. Stetson University has engaged in law practice. He wedded Miss Violet Greenhut, of Cleveland, and has two children, Roger G. and James Lawrence. Irving Stanley, the second son, born in Akron in 1901, was graduated from the law school of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, was admitted to the Ohio bar in January, 1928, and married Miss Rosalind Schwartz, of Atlantic City. The other member of the family is Mrs. Eleanor Nobil, who was born in Akron in 1904 and is a graduate of a private school in New York.

Mr. Berk is a director of the Rosemont Country Club and is a member of Temple Israel. He is also a member of the Summit County Bar Association. For many years he applied himself closely to his business affairs and his unfaltering diligence and earnest purpose at length gave him a place among the men of affluence in Akron. His strong purpose has never been swayed by indecision, his activities have never been hampered

by uncertainty, for his plans have ever been carefully formulated and he never stops short of their successful accomplishment. Thus it is that his business interests have been carefully managed, while in the field of his profession he has also attained a creditable place. He enjoys in full measure the respect and good will of those who know him and his friends throughout this section of Ohio are legion.

WILLIAM L. DE LEONE

Among the younger representatives of the Akron bar who have given evidence of capability and thorough training and are rapidly forging their way to the front is William L. De Leone, who for six years has been numbered among the alert and progressive young attorneys of this city. His birth occurred in Ravenna, Ohio, June 5, 1896, his parents being James F. and Theresa (Couzzo) De Leone, both of whom were natives of Italy but left that sunny land at an early age to become residents of the new world. This is one of the oldest Italian families of Ohio and the oldest in Ravenna, the parents settling there in 1880. The father was for many years engaged in the retail grocery business at Ravenna, Ohio, where he passed away January 8, 1916, his widow still making her home in that city. They were the parents of five children: William L.; Professor Francesco B. De Leone, of the University of Akron, and a well known composer-pianist; Joseph and Albert, who are residents of Ravenna; and Mrs. Laura De Niro, who is living in Youngstown, Ohio.

The public school system of his native city accorded William L. De Leone his early educational opportunities and when his high school course was completed there he entered the Ohio Northern University as a law student and won his LL. B. degree at his graduation as a member of the class of 1920. Soon afterward he opened an office in Ravenna, where he continued in practice for two years, when he removed to Akron, where he has now remained in the general practice of law through a period of six years. His success in a professional way affords the best evidence of his capabilities in this line. He is a strong advocate with the jury and concise in his appeals before the court. He prides himself upon never urging a client into a suit for the sake of fees and he enjoys an enviable reputation among lawyers

by reason of the wide research and provident care with which he prepares his cases. He is a member of both the Summit County and Ohio State Bar Associations.

Mr. De Leone was married in Columbus, Ohio, April 17, 1922, to Miss Grace F. Cianflona, of that city, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Cianflona, well known in that city. Mr. and Mrs. De Leone have two children: Marilyn Theresa, born in Ravenna, February 17, 1923; and James F., born in Akron, February 18, 1926. Their residence is at 198 Kenilworth drive.

There is an interesting military chapter in the life record of Mr. De Leone, inasmuch as he enlisted for service in the World war at Ravenna and was on duty at Camp Sherman as a member of the One Hundred and Fifty-eighth Depot Brigade and later served in the Thirty-first Company of the Central Officers Training School at Camp Gordon. He had qualified for a commission when he received his discharge. He was a member of the Ohio National Guard, serving as a private of Troop L of the First Ohio Cavalry. Fraternally he is connected with the Delta Theta Phi law fraternity and the Theta Nu Epsilon society. He also belongs to the Fraternal Order of Eagles, to the Sons of Italy, to the Mercator Club and the Espevia Club. He is well known and is highly esteemed by all with whom he has come in contact.

ANTONIO MASINO

Antonio Masino was a self-made man who wisely used his time, talents and opportunities and became one of the substantial citizens of Akron, where he took up his abode when the city contained a population of but fourteen thousand. As the years passed he figured prominently in its musical and commercial circles and success crowned his labors. Born in Naples, Italy, on the 16th of April, 1851, he pursued his education in the schools of that country while spending his youthful days in the home of his parents, Frank and Carmela Masino. When twenty years of age he crossed the Atlantic, coming to the new world for the purpose of playing the harp in an orchestra. He had received thorough training in that branch of music and was very skillful. Making his way to Akron in 1883, he first became a member of the Italian Royal Orchestra and played with that organization until an accident caused him the loss of a hand

and prevented his further active connection with musical interests. He then turned his attention to commercial pursuits, opening a store at the corner of Mill and Main streets, where he handled ice cream, candy and fruits. He afterward removed to 47 East Mill street, where he remained for fifteen years, being for many years a representative of the commercial interests of the city. He built up a large trade, his business returning to him a substantial annual income, and at all times his methods were thoroughly reliable and progressive.

On the 2d of July, 1873, Mr. Masino was married to Miss Filomena Rotunni, of Baltimore, Maryland, and they became the parents of eight children: Frank, who is conducting a delicatessen store on Euclid avenue in Cleveland and married Edna Miller, by whom he has two children, Robert and Mary Louise; Rose; Louise; Rocco, who is engaged in the brokerage business in Akron and who married Gertrude Arehart; Anthony C., also engaged in the brokerage business in Akron, who resides at 1143 Sunset View drive and who married Antoinette Masino, by whom he has a son, Charles Anthony; Michael and Gerald, twins; and Fannie.

The family circle was broken by the hand of death when on the 30th of December, 1916, the husband and father was called to his final rest. He was at one time a member of the Protected Home Circle but withdrew from that connection. He was long identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and he held membership in St. Vincent's Catholic church. His was a busy and useful life and the sterling traits of his character were manifest in the fact that he had a very extensive circle of warm friends.

JACOB PFEIFFER

Jacob Pfeiffer, president of the Miller Rubber Company, is one of the outstanding figures in connection with the rubber industry in Akron. A pioneer in this field, his identification with the business antedates that of any other executive head in Akron's principal industry. Throughout his career he has displayed marked ability in coordinating seemingly diverse interests and unifying them into a harmonious whole. He has carefully studied conditions and opportunities in the business world, and his



Jacob Pfeiffer

resourcefulness and broad vision have enabled him to advance far on the highroad to success.

Jacob Pfeiffer is a native of Wadsworth, Medina county, Ohio, born April 7, 1861. His parents, Jacob and Henrietta (Zorn) Pfeiffer, were natives of Germany and came to the United States in the early '60s. The father settled in Wadsworth, where he followed his trade of a shoemaker, a business to which he directed his efforts throughout his remaining days. Both he and his wife spent their last years in Akron. They were the parents of eight children, of whom only four are now living: Jacob, William F. and Mrs. H. C. Ries, all of Akron; and Mrs. John Dieckmann, living in Elm Grove, West Virginia.

Jacob Pfeiffer was reared in Wadsworth and attended the public schools of that place. He was about sixteen when he entered on his business career as a clerk in the Steinbacher drug store in Akron. This was in 1877 and was the beginning of his connection with the city's business interests that has extended through more than fifty years, with only a slight interruption when, for a short time, he was employed in a wholesale drug house in Cleveland. Upon his return to Akron he engaged in the retail drug business in partnership with a Mr. Lamparter. In 1892, while yet in the retail drug business, Mr. Pfeiffer and his partner became interested in the rubber industry by starting as a small concern in the manufacture of rubber goods. The original plant was a one story building, twenty by fifty feet, on a part of the present site of the Miller Rubber Company, and was devoted to the manufacture of rubber specialties, including gloves, hot water bottles and other useful articles and appliances.

Gradually the scope of the business was enlarged and Mr. Pfeiffer contributed thereto through the invention of a number of useful articles, one of the most important of which is the seamless rubber glove, now used by physicians, surgeons, nurses and others throughout the entire world. The company obtained its name through the fact that in the early days of its existence, a young man by the name of Miller was placed in a nominal position in the factory, and as the name became known in trade circles, it was considered unwise to change it. Mr. Pfeiffer foresaw the possibilities for development and in 1896 traded his interest in the drug store to his partner, Mr. Lamparter, for the latter's interest in the rubber factory. About 1898, William F. Pfeiffer, a brother, came into the business and has since been prominently identified with its management, being now general manager, sec-

retary and treasurer. In 1900 the business was incorporated as the Miller Rubber Manufacturing Company, and in 1906 it took on its present corporate title of the Miller Rubber Company.

The history of the Miller Rubber Company, like that of most noteworthy enterprises, is filled with the romance of achievement and is inseparably a part of the life history of Jacob Pfeiffer, who has been its guiding spirit and executive head since its inception. The plant has been enlarged from time to time to meet the growing demands of the trade until it now utilizes more than thirty-three acres of floor space, employing five thousand people. It has become one of the dominant factors in the rubber trade, and Miller tires are known all over the world.

Aside from the Miller Rubber Company, Mr. Pfeiffer has numerous other interests, being president of the Miller Rubber Company of New York; president and a director of the Logan Clay Products Company of Logan, Ohio, which he organized and incorporated; a director of the Central Savings & Trust Company; and the Dime Savings Bank Company, and a director of various other important business enterprises. He has made extensive investments in real estate, including the purchase of a number of outlying farms, which have become valuable subdivisions of Akron. He is well known in Club circles, belonging to the Akron City, Portage Country and Congress Lake Clubs, the Congressional Country Club of Washington, D. C., the Greenwich Colony Clubs, Inc., of New York, and the Society of Ohio and New York. He belongs to the National Rubber Manufacturers Association and has a very wide acquaintance among the rubber magnates of the country. Fraternally Mr. Pfeiffer is a member of the different Masonic divisions, including Columbus Consistory, Scottish Rite, Tadmor Temple of the Mystic Shrine; and Akron Commandery, Knights Templar. He is also a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

In 1920 Mr. Pfeiffer was united in marriage to Miss Katherine D. Dunne, and they are well known in the best social circles of Akron.

Mr. Pfeiffer's success in the business world is the result of application and the possession of unusual business ability, both as an executive and as a financier. His keen judgment and foresight enabled him to see the great possibilities in the manufacture of rubber goods. A native genius for organization and aptitude for successful management have been dominant characteristics in his business affairs. He is a man of well balanced capacities and

powers whose sound judgment and even paced energy have carried him steadily forward to a position of national prominence in his field of activity. Mr. Pfeiffer has had a career of unusual activity and notable success, and of which a careful analysis does not reveal any unusual advantages or opportunities to aid him at the outset. From a drug clerk he has steadily advanced through industry, persistency and mental alertness until his position is one of leadership. He is always genial, approachable, courteous and kindly, and thus it is that he can bank on the loyalty of his employes and count on the friendship of all with whom he has been brought in contact.

RALPH LEVI KRYDER

Ralph Levi Kryder is engaged in the general practice of law in Akron as senior partner of the firm of Kryder, Rogers & Bailey, one of the leading firms of the city, and its practice is of a very important character. Recognizing at the outset of his career that there is no calling in which advancement depends so largely on individual merit as in the practice of law, Ralph L. Kryder applied himself with great thoroughness to the mastery of legal principles and their correct application to the points at issue. He has ever been proverbial for the care and thoroughness with which he has prepared his cases and for his loyalty to the interests of his clients. Akron, therefore, is proud to number him among her native sons. His birth here occurred January 18, 1886, his parents being Joseph Harvey and Mary A. (Benson) Kryder, the former a native of Greentown, Ohio, born in 1861, while the mother was born in Akron and died in 1891. The family has long been represented in Summit county. Levi Kryder, grandfather of Ralph L. Kryder, established his home in this city many years ago and embarked in the grain, seed and implement business here in 1865. His sons, Joseph Harvey Kryder and Charles M. Kryder, were associated with him in the business, under the firm name of L. Kryder & Sons, which they conducted for some time where the Howe Hotel now stands on South Main street, near Market street. They succeeded their father as owner of the business, which they conducted until 1911, when they sold the property and retired, enjoying a rest which they have truly earned and richly deserve. Joseph H. Kryder's

wife passed away in 1891. They were the parents of two children, the daughter being Mabel A., wife of George W. Erwin, living in Akron, who has one son, John Erwin.

The son, Ralph L. Kryder, attended the public schools until graduated from the Central high school in 1904, when eighteen years of age. Mentally reviewing the broad field of business, with its limitless opportunities along industrial, commercial and professional lines, he at length determined to make the practice of law his life work and with this end in view matriculated in the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor and there won his LL. B. degree upon his graduation in 1908. Turning to the southwest, he located at Okmulgee, Oklahoma, where he engaged in practice for two years, but in 1910 he returned to his native city and opened an office. Soon after his graduation he was admitted to the bars of Michigan, Ohio and Oklahoma and after his return to this state he began practice in Akron, where in 1912 he was appointed assistant city solicitor under Jonathan Taylor, while in 1916 he was reappointed to that office by Judge Kenfield, continuing thus to serve until 1918, when he formed a partnership with Russell E. Baer to engage in general law practice. This association was dissolved in 1925 and Mr. Kryder was then alone until November, 1927, when he became senior partner in the firm of Kryder, Rogers & Bailey. In this connection he continues in the general practice of law and now has a large clientele which makes steady demand upon his time and energies. He largely specializes in corporation law and has wide and accurate knowledge concerning this branch of the profession. He belongs to the Summit County, Ohio State and American Bar Associations and thus keeps in close touch with the activities of the profession and at all times supports its highest ethical standards. Aside from his law practice he is a director of the Standard Savings Bank, the Standard Mortgage Company and the India Machine & Rubber Mold Company, and his legal knowledge and business discernment make his opinions of value when these various directorates meet to shape the policy of their respective institutions.

On the 11th of January, 1911, Mr. Kryder was married to Miss Pearle A. Hemmington, a daughter of Edward and Mary (Emerson) Hemmington, of Akron. They have become the parents of three children: Richard H., who was born in Akron, October 18, 1914; Edward H., born August 23, 1920; and Joan Elizabeth on June 14, 1926. The family residence on Wheaton

road, Fairlawn, was erected in 1926. Fraternally Mr. Kryder is a Mason, belonging to the lodge, chapter and council. He also belongs to the Fairlawn Country Club and to the Chamber of Commerce and is interested in all that pertains to the welfare and progress of city and state. His cooperation can ever be counted upon to further plans and movements for the general good and he is alert to every opportunity that promises to be of benefit along social, material, intellectual or moral lines.

ROBERT DICKEY

With the building operations of Akron, Robert Dickey has been closely and prominently identified, having through the course of an active, useful and successful career erected more than five hundred of the attractive and substantial structures here found. Thoroughness and efficiency have been his watchwords and he ranks today among the leading contractors, builders and real estate dealers of Summit county. His birth occurred in Painesville, Ohio, May 10, 1880, his parents being William and Anna (Patton) Dickey, who were of Canadian birth but came to Ohio in early life. The father always followed the occupation of farming, thus providing for the support of his family of eight children, of whom Robert was the youngest. Both he and his wife have now passed away.

In his youthful days Robert Dickey attended the schools of Painesville and later spent one year as a student in Hiram College. Thus equipped for life's practical and responsible duties, he started out to make his own way in the world and for four years thereafter engaged in farming, to which occupation he had been reared, early gaining intimate knowledge of the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops while assisting his father in vacation periods during his youth. He did not find agricultural pursuits, however, entirely to his liking and a laudable ambition prompted his activity in other fields. He turned his attention to contracting and home building, starting along that line in 1910. Through the intervening period of eighteen years he has erected and sold about five hundred homes and other structures in Akron and vicinity and has thus contributed much to the improvement and development of this section. Thoroughly reliable and enterprising, he has carried on his business along

progressive lines and the results attained have been most satisfactory.

In April, 1910, Mr. Dickey was united in marriage to Miss Katherine B. Cumberland, of Toronto, Canada, a daughter of James Cumberland, of that city. They have two children: Raymond Francis, who was born in Akron, June 29, 1911, and is attending high school; and Nellie Minerva, who was born April 27, 1913, and is also in the public school. The religious faith of the parents is that of the Presbyterian church and they are well known socially, having many warm friends in the city where they now reside at 62 North Adolph avenue.

J. EDWARD GOOD

Success is not wealth; it is achievement—whether in the conduct of business, in the solution of problems or in the attainment of an ideal. All three figure in the life of J. Edward Good, prominent business man, citizen and philanthropist, who for nearly forty years has been the executive head of the Hardware & Supply Company, one of Akron's foremost mercantile institutions.

Mr. Good was born in this city on the 15th of February, 1861, and is a representative of one of Akron's oldest families, a family whose connection with the city's business interests dates back to 1842, the year that his father, John T. Good, located here. John T. Good was born just outside the city of Strassburg, now France, October 25, 1818, and was a son of John and Margaret (Richert) Good, natives of Alsace, France. John Good was a farmer and grain dealer, and also took contracts to convey emigrants from Bavaria and Baden to the port of Havre, a distance of five hundred miles, which was the initial journey on their way to America. John T. Good came to America in 1838, making the voyage by sailing vessel. He landed at the port of New York on May 5th of the above year, and in a few days after landing he started for the west. As a contrast in the mode of travel then and now it is interesting to note the meanderings of his travel from New York to New Orleans, the objective destination. From New York he went by way of the canal to Buffalo, thence by lake to Cleveland and Chicago, thence by stage to Cincinnati, walked from that city to St. Louis, where he took a boat to New



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Orleans. His intention was to locate in New Orleans, but the presence at that time of that dread disease, yellow fever, caused him to change his plans and return north. Making his way to Pittsburgh he found employment in a brewery. A year later he went to Stark county, Ohio, and for a time worked for a farmer near Canton. He then went to the village of Canal Fulton, where he clerked in a store until May, 1842, when he came to Akron. His first employment in this city was as clerk in the store of P. D. Hall, then the largest in the town. Later he opened a grocery store of his own and in 1845 built the first brewery in Summit county, operating both for ten years. He then sold the brewery, continuing the grocery until 1865. In March, 1850, in company with about forty other men, Mr. Good crossed the plains to the gold fields of California. He reached Placerville in August of the same year, and went to work in the gold mines at that point. Ill health caused him to leave the mines, and he engaged in the grocery and provision business at Placerville. He returned to Akron by way of the Panama route, and in 1865 purchased the oil refinery on Furnace street and formed the firm of John T. Good & Son, Charles W. being his partner. They enlarged the refinery until it had a daily capacity of two hundred fifty barrels. The firm was one of the very first to export oil from this country to Europe. This business was continued until 1872, when they sold it, and John T. Good retired to private life. On April 16, 1844, he married Barbara Yost, a native of Stark county, Ohio, and they became the parents of four sons and two daughters as follows: (1) Charles W. enlisted and served in the Civil war as a member of the One Hundred and Fifteenth Regiment (the "Cleveland Greys") Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served until honorably discharged. After the war he entered the employ of William Bingham & Company, wholesale hardware dealers of Cleveland. In 1869 he became a member of the firm of Reid, Good & Company, subsequently of McIntosh, Good & Company, which after various changes became that of the Lockwood, Leutkemeyer & Henry Company of Cleveland. Later he sold his interests in the Cleveland business and became identified with the Henry Sears Cutlery Company of Chicago. He died on board ship off the port of Yokohama, Japan, in 1891, and was buried at sea. (2) Charlotte married Edward Schweyer of New York city. (3) John T., Jr., met death in a runaway accident when he was four years old. (4) George P., a mining and civil engineer, resides in Royal Oak, Michigan. (5) Louise died at

the age of nine years. (6) J. Edward, of this review, completes the family.

John T. Good died in 1883 and his widow survived until 1896. The name of John T. Good appears on the bronze mounted granite boulder, standing in the courthouse yard, that was erected in 1925, "In respectful memory of the Akron industrial leaders of the past."

J. Edward Good was reared in Akron and was graduated from Akron high school in 1879, concluding his education at Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio, and receiving his Ph. B. degree from that institution with the class of 1884. Throughout his entire business career he has been identified with the hardware trade, being first employed by the firm of McIntosh, Good & Company in Cleveland, where he remained until 1889. In that year he returned to Akron and was one of the organizers of the Paige Brothers Company, hardware dealers, of which he became vice president and secretary. This business was reorganized in 1891 and incorporated as The Standard Hardware Company, with Mr. Good as president. In 1905 it was merged with that of the Morgan & Bunnell Company, becoming the Hardware & Supply Company. Mr. Good was elected its first president and has ever since occupied this executive position. The company handles mill supplies, automotive equipment, electrical and plumbing supplies and builders hardware. Its trade covers much of Ohio, and it ranks with the leading houses in its line in this section of the country.

Mr. Good has other important interests and has long been regarded as one of Akron's strong and able business men. Though attending assiduously and successfully to private business he has found time to discharge his obligations as a citizen and has taken a deep interest in civic affairs. Suggested for office more than once, he has served his city as a private citizen but with a public spirit as disinterested and devoted as that of any official and has done his full share in the upbuilding of Akron and her institutions. He is a member of various social, fraternal and civic organizations, including the Portage Country Club, the Akron City Club, the University Club, of which he has been president, the Rotary Club, of which he is now president, and the Masonic Club. During his college days he became a member of the Beta Theta Pi, of which he was a trustee, 1895-97, and the Theta Nu Epsilon fraternities, and was largely instrumental in bringing the latter fraternity west of the Allegheny mountains.

He is a thirty-second degree Mason, a member of Adoniram Lodge; Cleveland Chapter, Cleveland; Holyrood Commandery, Knights Templar; Lake Erie Consistory, A. S. S. R. and Tadmor Temple of the Mystic Shrine. Mr. Good's interest in educational affairs has never ceased, and he is now a member of the board of trustees of Kenyon College. His cooperation can be always counted upon to further any project that will assist the youth to properly take up the responsibilities of manhood, or will make for honorable citizenship. He was the president of the Akron Boy Scouts Council and afterward a member of the regional executive committee of the Fourth Region, Boy Scouts of America. He was the first president of the Better Akron Federation and in 1912-13 was president of the Akron Chamber of Commerce. He has been an earnest advocate of military discipline for boys in high school under the instruction of retired army officers, and has favored uniform dress for both boys and girls in high school. He has ever believed in clean sports and healthful out-of-door life, realizing their full value in physical, mental and moral advancement. He has himself participated in various outdoor sports and is an enthusiastic golfer, which fact, no doubt, had more than a little to do with his giving to Akron a municipal golf course in the donation of a farm of one hundred and eighty acres, long the property of the Good family and now within the limits of the city. In fact it can be reached in a ten-minute street car ride from Akron's business center. The gift was made in June, 1924, the tract to be used as a municipal golf course and for other recreational and educational purposes and to be known as the J. Edward Good Park. In this connection the Akron Press said: "In addition to this \$100,000 worth of land, Mr. Good offers the city a beauty spot, a place where the working man can get recreation, the youngster can play in safety, where the mother can take her children, and where all the city can get close to nature. Mr. Good's gift is an outstanding contribution to the city's welfare." The value of Mr. Good's gift can scarcely be overestimated, for unlike a building that will deteriorate this magnificent property will increase in value and attractiveness and coming generations will enjoy its recreational features more and more.

In 1889, Mr. Good was married to Miss Laura D. Zimmerman, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Good was a daughter of Paul Zimmerman, who was an outstanding figure in Pittsburgh's music circles as a result of his active interest in the de-

velopment of both vocal and instrumental music in that city. He was a charter member of the Gounod and the Mozart Clubs of Pittsburgh and took a foremost part in the work of those organizations up to the time of his death. Philip Zimmerman, the father of Paul Zimmerman, was a native of Switzerland, going from that country to Germany, where he was a minister of the gospel. He was forced to leave the latter country on account of his religious views. Edward Dithridge, the maternal grandfather of Mrs. Good, was born on the Isle of Wight, England, and on coming to America located in Pittsburgh, where he manufactured the first flint glass lamp-chimneys ever made in the United States. Dithridge street in Pittsburgh was named in his honor. He was succeeded in business by his son-in-law, Paul Zimmerman, who carried on the business until his death. This enterprise later became the Pittsburgh Lamp, Brass & Glass Company. Mrs. Good's death occurred September 29, 1924, and was the occasion of deep and widespread regret. She possessed unusual talents and for many years was prominent in connection with dramatic, musical and social affairs in Akron. She was the mother of two daughters: Harriet Dithridge, who married Richard W. Brouse, November 17, 1914, and has two sons, Richard W. Brouse, Jr., born in Buffalo, New York, July 12, 1918, and Edward Good Brouse, born March 14, 1920, in Buffalo. Richard W. Brouse is the head of the Richard W. Brouse Company, distributors of Pierce Arrow and Jordan motor cars in Akron. Miriam, the younger daughter, is now the wife of Fred W. Lohmann, assistant sales manager of the Miller Rubber Company. Mr. Good's second marriage was with Mrs. May Weld, the widow of James H. Weld.

J. Edward Good is a remarkably well preserved man, and his activity and keen interest in business and civic affairs shows no letup whatever. The subjective and objective forces in his life are well balanced, making him cognizant of his capabilities and powers. To make his native talents subserve the demands which conditions of society impose at the present time is the purpose of his life, and he stands as a splendid representative of the type of a man to whom business is but one phase of life and does not exclude his active participation in and support of the other vital interests which go to make up human existence. His well rounded nature unites the refinements of life with the sterner qualities of manhood and his efforts are resultant factors in everything he undertakes. Genial and optimistic by nature, he

extracts from life the real essence of living and enjoys to the fullest extent the esteem and respect of his fellow citizens, for honorable principles have guided him at all times in his career.

Mr. Good's residence is at 402 Merriman road.

FRANK MONROE WHITNER

There was nothing spectacular in the life record of Frank Monroe Whitner, but at all times he was characterized by a firm purpose that resulted in steady advancement in business and in loyalty to any interest which he espoused. He therefore commanded the respect and confidence of those with whom he was associated and deep regret was felt when he passed from this life. His birth occurred at Copley Center, Summit county, February 7, 1868, but when he was only two years of age his parents removed with the family to New Portage and afterward settled on a farm near Chardon, in Geauga county, there residing from the fall of 1881 until the 5th of March, 1887, when the family home was established in Akron.

The public school system of Ohio accorded Frank M. Whitner his educational opportunities and he initiated his business career as a clerk in a store, being thus employed until July, 1891, when he entered the office of Kubler & Beck as a bookkeeper. His capability and fidelity won him promotion and he successively served as assistant treasurer, as secretary and assistant treasurer and as secretary and treasurer, while subsequently he filled the offices of vice president and treasurer. The Akron Varnish Company was formed in March, 1920, by a combination of the firm of Kubler & Beck and the Imperial Varnish Company, Mr. Whitner subsequently becoming president and treasurer. He continued as the chief executive officer until July 1, 1925, when he resigned on account of ill health. He had long been active in the upbuilding of the business, making it one of the important commercial interests of the city, and in its management had shown sound judgment, keen discrimination and broad vision.

On the 19th of August, 1891, Mr. Whitner was married to Miss Clara May Fraunfelter, a daughter of Elias and Laura C. (Caldwell) Fraunfelter. For ten years her father was professor of mathematics at Buchtel College and later, for fourteen years, superintendent of the Akron schools. Fraunfelter school

in Akron was named in his honor. Mr. and Mrs. Whitner became the parents of a daughter, Lucile Katharine, who is now Mrs. Norman R. Orcutt and the mother of two children, Madeline Lucile and Frank Whitner.

Mr. Whitner was a member of the Akron Chamber of Commerce and of the Rotary Club and took helpful interest in all projects and plans for the benefit and improvement of the city but never sought to figure prominently in public life, preferring the quiet retirement and enjoyment of his home. He was a member of the Fairlawn Heights Golf Club and the Akron French River Club and he found his recreation in fishing in Canada and in motoring. For thirty-eight years he lived in Akron and the respect, confidence and good will of all who knew him was freely accorded him, for at all times he lived in harmony with his professions as a member of the Church of Our Saviour. His sterling character was acknowledged by those with whom he came in contact, and his circle of friends was almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintance. He passed away on the 4th of January, 1926.

SAMUEL FREDERICK ZILIOX

Among the outstanding business enterprises of Akron is the Commercial Printing & Lithographing Company, of which Samuel F. Ziliox is the president and chief executive. In this connection he has developed a business hardly equaled in extent and importance by any in its line throughout the entire state and yet this does not limit the scope of his activities, for he is financially and officially interested in several other concerns which contribute to the growth and improvement of Akron. In all business affairs he has proven a man of keen insight and broad vision, and each forward step in his career has brought him larger opportunities which he has eagerly utilized.

Mr. Ziliox is one of Ohio's native sons, his birth having occurred in Millville, Butler county, February 24, 1864. His parents, Jacob and Catherine (Risch) Ziliox, were natives of Germany and in early life came to the new world, the father crossing the Atlantic when a youth of fifteen, while the mother made the voyage when a very young girl. Both have now passed away, and of their nine children only five are yet living, namely: Mrs.



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Samuel F. Ziliox

Clayton Leiter, of Hamilton, Ohio; Mrs. Earl Nutt, living in Edmonds, Washington; Margaret and Florence, both of Hamilton; and Samuel F.

Samuel F. Ziliox was a pupil in the public schools of Hamilton, Ohio, until fifteen years of age, when he started out in the business world as a printer's devil. He devoted fifteen years to mastering and working at the trade, during which time he carefully saved his earnings until his industry and economy had brought him sufficient capital to enable him to establish business on his own account. It was then that he organized what is now the Commercial Printing & Lithographing Company, of which he has been president since 1903. His initial experience came to him in the printing office of Jacob H. Long in Hamilton, Ohio, and after a few years he went to Urbana, Ohio, where he worked for a brief period. He then returned to Hamilton and became manager of the Butler County Democrat, which position he occupied until 1889, after which he was employed on the St. Louis Chronicle. Later he was with the Laning Printing Company of Norwalk, Ohio, and in February, 1891, he came to Akron, where he accepted the position of foreman of the typesetting department of the Akron Printing & Publishing Company. He served in that capacity for several years and then, as stated, joined others in organizing the Commercial Printing Company, which conducted its interests under a partnership relation from 1896 until 1899, when articles of incorporation were taken out. In 1916 a lithographing department was added, at which time the present name of the Commercial Printing & Lithographing Company was assumed. Mr. Ziliox has been the head of this enterprise from its inception and its president since it has been a corporation. He has done much to extend the trade relations of the house, which has never lowered its standard of efficient service or excellence in its work, and thus it is that the business of the company has grown to one of extensive proportions, o'ertopping almost every other enterprise of similar character in the state. Mr. Ziliox has also become actively interested in other business affairs of importance. He is vice president and a director of the First Trust & Savings Bank; vice president and a director the Akron Morris Plan Bank; one of the organizers and a director of the Society Savings & Loan Company and a director of General Batteries, Inc., of Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. Ziliox has been successful and for years has been regarded as one of Akron's strong and able business men.

On the 29th of June, 1904, Mr. Ziliox was united in marriage to Mrs. Kathryn (Rodefer) Aydelotte of Hamilton, Ohio, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rodefer, prominent residents of Hamilton, where her father passed away at the venerable age of ninety years, having for sixty-eight years been an honored and leading member of the Masonic fraternity in this state. Mr. and Mrs. Ziliox have one son, Wade V. Aydelotte, who is connected with the management of the Commercial Printing & Lithographing Company. He married Miss Harriet Helen Loomis, of a prominent Akron family, and the youngest daughter of James P. and Adaline (Harris) Loomis. Mr. and Mrs. Aydelotte have a son and daughter both born in Akron: Frederick Loomis, born December 16, 1913, now a student at University School, Cleveland; and Barbara Adaline, born June 3, 1922, attending kindergarten in the Old Trail school.

The religious faith of Mr. and Mrs. Ziliox is that of the Episcopal church, in which Mr. Ziliox is serving as vestryman. In community affairs he has taken a deep and helpful interest, standing for all that is worth while in connection with the city's progress and advancement. He was the fifth president of the Akron Chamber of Commerce and the first chairman of the publicity committee of that organization when it was organized. His broad humanitarianism is manifest in many practical ways and he is constantly extending a helping hand to the unfortunate. He is president and member of the board of trustees of the Children's Hospital; trustee of the Better Akron Federation; and trustee of the Akron Better Business Bureau.

In politics his support has always been given to the republican party in national affairs, except at one time when he voted for Grover Cleveland, while in local affairs it is a matter of selecting the candidate best fitted for the office regardless of party. While suggested for office more than once, he has served his city and his country only as a private citizen but with a public spirit as disinterested and devoted as that of any official.

Mr. Ziliox is a member of the Akron City Club, was its first president and member of the board of directors who organized and successfully brought this club through its formative period; and a member of the Portage Country Club, of which he has been a director. He also belongs to the National Lithographers Association. His interests and his activities have thus touched life at many points and always with benefit, for his entire course has been actuated by a progressive spirit resulting in the successful

accomplishment of his purposes. He has ever recognized the obligations as well as the duties and privileges of citizenship and has ever fully met his responsibilities to his fellowmen. Mr. Ziliox is one of Akron's best known citizens and has hosts of friends. He is very democratic in manner, broad in his views, progressive in his standards and combines in his character those qualities which never fail to win respect and admiration. Optimistic by nature he extracts from life the real essence of living.

Since 1908, Mr. Ziliox has resided at 69 Edgerton road, erecting his home there during the early development of that residential section.

ELLSWORTH FISHER CRITES

Ellsworth Fisher Crites has for over twenty years been actively identified with the banking interests of Barberton and, as president of the People's Savings & Banking Company, has been a prominent factor in the business life of his community. Mr. Crites was born on his grandfather's farm in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, on the 29th of August, 1874, and is a son of Alfred and Barbara Ellen (Fisher) Crites, the former now living at Canton, Ohio, the mother being deceased. Mr. Crites attended the public and high schools at Beach City, Ohio, and completed his educational training in Valparaiso University, at Valparaiso, Indiana. He then taught school for nine years, ending his service in this profession at Kenmore, Summit county, where he was the first superintendent of schools. Coming then to Barberton, he became assistant secretary and treasurer of the Peoples Savings & Banking Company, which was organized in the year of his arrival, 1906, and which is now the People's Savings & Banking Company. Subsequently he became secretary and treasurer of the company and on January 1, 1926, was elected president of the bank. He has during all the years of his connection with this institution devoted himself tirelessly to its interests and has earned a high reputation as an able and successful banker. Mr. Crites is also president of the A. A. Moore Company, and a director of the Great Northern Building and Loan Company, the Barberton Mortgage and Securities Company and the Thomas Title & Mortgage Company.

On July 20, 1898, Mr. Crites was united in marriage to Miss

Mildred Coover, of Bourneville, Ross county, Ohio. In his political views he is a stanch republican, while his religious connection is with the United Brethren church. He is a Mason, having attained the rank of Knight Templar, and belongs to the Mystic Shrine. He has membership in the Brookside Country Club, is a charter member of the Rotary Club, of which he is a past president, is a director of the Chamber of Commerce, and is vice president of the board of trustees of Otterbein College. Because of his splendid record as a financier he has long been prominent in the banking circles of this state, while in his own community no man commands to a greater degree than he the unreserved confidence and respect of his fellow men.

CARL FERDINAND BECK

Carl Ferdinand Beck, vice president and general manager of the Akron Varnish Company, is directing one of the city's important industries and the pioneer manufacturing enterprise of this character in this section of the state. Mr. Beck is a native son of Akron, and was born June 8, 1885, his parents being J. Martin and Kate J. (Buchtel) Beck. The Beck family is one of the older ones of Summit county and dates back to 1861, when Adam Beck, the father of J. Martin, brought his family from Germany and settled on a farm in Springfield township. Adam Beck later removed to Akron where both he and his wife, whose maiden name was Christina Hoefer, passed away.

J. Martin Beck was born October 14th, 1843, in the town of Selb, Bavaria, Germany, and was serving as an apprentice in a wholesale grocery house in Hof, Germany, at the time his parents left for the United States. He remained in Germany until one year later, in order to complete his apprenticeship, then followed the family to this country, coming direct to Akron. Here he was first employed as a clerk for M. W. Henry & Company, then went to Cleveland, being employed in a similar capacity by the dry goods store of E. T. Baldwin and Company of that city. Later Mr. Beck returned to Akron and became one of the organizers of the dry goods firm of Wolf, Church & Beck, continuing in that connection until 1878 when he withdrew from the firm. It was about this time that Edward George Kubler, brought to Akron from Germany, a secret formula for making black baking

japan, which was far superior to anything of that character then made in this country. The Akron Varnish Company was organized in 1878, by Edward George Kubler and J. Martin Beck, to utilize this formula and were the first varnish manufacturers in Summit county. In 1897 the business was consolidated with the Imperial Varnish Company, J. Martin Beck becoming vice president and general manager, so continuing until 1908 when he became president, remaining the executive head of the business until his death in 1921. Mr. Beck was survived by his widow, who previous to her marriage on January 12, 1871, was Miss Kate J. Buchtel, a daughter of William Buchtel, of Akron.

Mr. and Mrs. Beck were the parents of four sons and a daughter: William B., president of the Akron Varnish Company; Edward M., deceased, was prominently identified with the Akron Varnish Company and for several years directed its affairs. He was regarded as one of the very able men in the varnish industry, being the discoverer of certain processes that are now universally used in varnish manufacturing. Martha B., now Mrs. George H. Walker, of Canton, Ohio; John R., deceased; and Carl F. Mr. J. Martin Beck had various business interests aside from the Akron Varnish Company, among them being the King Lumber Company of Canton, of which he was president, president of the Portage Engineering Company, vice president of the Baker, McMillen Company, and a director of the Rubber City Savings Bank. He belonged to the Odd Fellows for fifty-five years and was also a member of the Elks. He was regarded as one of Akron's most substantial business men and no man in the city stood higher in public esteem.

Carl F. Beck attended Central high school, completing his education at Case School of Applied Science, in Cleveland, receiving his degree of B. S. with the class of 1908. Mr. Beck for several years was located in Montana, in the employ of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company as a land examiner. Returning to Akron he organized the Portage Engineering Company, with which he was connected until 1916, when he was appointed public service director of Akron. Mr. Beck served in that capacity for two years, then became interested in the Akron Varnish Company of which he has since been vice president and general manager. This is one of the old and highly successful industrial concerns in Akron, and enjoys a national reputation for its high grade product. While the company was successful from the start

its greatest impetus to growth and expansion came with the advent of the bicycle and automobile. Only two concerns in the country were then making the Japan finish that set off metal parts on cars. The Pierce-Arrow and Packard Automobile companies became outstanding accounts with the Akron Varnish Company and still use their products exclusively. The Burroughs Adding Machine Company is another account of twenty-five years' standing. In order to take care of its rapidly growing business, the company established in 1919 a plant in Detroit. It also entered the business of paint manufacturing and has also become a factor in that industry. Among his other business interests, Mr. Beck is president of the Mohawk Building Company and a director of the Good Allotment Company.

In 1911 Mr. Beck was united in marriage to Miss Imogene Francis Connor, a daughter of Dr. William B. and Virginia (Bartlett) Connor. Mr. Beck has two sons: William Martin, born October 14, 1913, and Carl F., Jr., April 1, 1915, both born at the family home at 58 Dodge avenue, Akron, Ohio.

Mr. Beck is a Mason and his religious faith is indicated in his membership in the Congregational church. He belongs to the Akron Chamber of Commerce and is helpfully interested in every project and measure of that organization to further the public welfare. He also belongs to the National Varnish Manufacturers Association and the Cleveland Paint Club and he has membership in the Akron Rotary Club, the Akron City Club, the Portage Country Club, the Turkey Foot Lake Club and the Akron Automobile Club. He is appreciative of the social amenities of life, is a genial, companionable gentleman and a loyal friend. In politics he is a republican. Mayor of Akron in 1920 and 1921, he filled that office most acceptably.

CHARLES WILLARD SEIBERLING

Charles Willard Seiberling, vice president and one of the founders of the Seiberling Rubber Company, has for almost a third of a century been identified with the rubber industry and has attained a position of more than national prominence in his line of activity. He was born on the Seiberling homestead in Norton township, Summit county, Ohio, January 26, 1861, the second son and third child of his parents, John Frederick and Catherine L. (Miller) Seiberling. (An extended mention of John F. Seiber-



CHARLES W. SEIBERLING

ling will be found on another page of this work.) Charles W. Seiberling was but a youngster of five years when his parents removed to Akron and in this city he received his early education. He entered Oberlin College in 1878, taking an elective course during his two years of college work.

A business rather than a professional career appealing to him, he entered his father's agricultural implement factory and was but nineteen when he was made a foreman. When the J. F. Seiberling Company was organized in 1884 he became a director and subsequently was made superintendent of the works. In 1896 he was associated with his father in the organization of the India Rubber Company and for the next two years was its secretary. In 1898 he became identified with the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company as its secretary and in October, 1906, was made treasurer, while in February, 1909, he was elected to the vice presidency. In 1922 he resigned this position and withdrew from the Goodyear Company, while later he became vice president and manager of purchases of the newly organized Seiberling Rubber Company with plants in Barberton, Ohio, and New Castle, Pennsylvania. The rapid growth and development of the Seiberling Rubber Company is an outstanding achievement in the rubber industry during the past few years. Further mention of the Seiberling Rubber Company is made elsewhere in this work. A connection of almost a third of a century with the rubber industry enables Charles W. Seiberling to speak with authority upon its every phase and in this connection he occupies a position of international prominence.

On the 18th of November, 1895, Mr. Seiberling was married to Miss Blanche Carnahan of a prominent Findlay, Ohio, family and a daughter of Theophilus and Mary Orcelia (Peet) Carnahan. Mr. and Mrs. Seiberling are the parents of three sons and a daughter: Charles Willard, Jr., the eldest son, was a sergeant in the Three Hundred and Thirty-second Infantry, which was one of the two American regiments on the Italian front in the World war. He was identified with the Seiberling Rubber Company and was one of the best known of Akron's younger business men. His death occurred March 5, 1928. The other members of the family are Theophilus C., Lucius M. and Catherine M.

Among his other business connections Mr. Seiberling is a director of the National City Bank, the Macedonia-Northfield Banking Company, the Akron Rubber Reclaiming Company, the

Citizens Building & Loan Company, and president of the Thomas Phillips Company and of the Seiberling Latex Products Company.

Despite his busy industrial career, he has found time to participate and assist in more community projects and civic activities than any other citizen in Akron. He is either an officer or member of the board of directors of every public service organization in the city. He is president of the Akron Chapter of the National Aeronautic Association, president of the Akron University Endowment Association, vice president and director of the Akron City Club, trustee of the Akron Children's Hospital, trustee of Barberton Citizens Hospital, trustee of the Young Women's Christian Association, trustee of Akron Colored Community Service League, trustee of Better Akron Federation, trustee and treasurer of Springfield Lake Tuberculosis Sanatorium, member of Summit County Girl Scout Council, member of Akron Area Council of Boy Scouts, former president of the Akron Rotary Club, member of advisory board of Children's Home, member of advisory campaign committee of City Hospital. One of his most recent outstanding activities was as manager of the successful campaign for funds to build a new Children's Hospital. He is a member of the Barberton Chamber of Commerce, a past president of the Akron Chamber of Commerce, a member of the United States Chamber of Commerce and also of various organizations of a purely social character, including the Ohio Society of New York, the Portage Country Club, the City Club of Akron, the Fairlawn Golf Club, the Congress Lake Club, the University Club, the Mayfield Country Club of Cleveland, and the Rotary Club of Akron. In his political affiliation Mr. Seiberling has been a republican ever since casting his first vote in 1882, and while never an office seeker, has always taken a keen and helpful interest in the party's success. In June, 1928, he was a delegate from the fourteenth Ohio congressional district to the republican national convention at Kansas City, when Herbert Hoover was nominated for the presidency.

Mr. Seiberling has been called the most popular Akronite and is known to more Akron people than any other man in the city. His friends are legion and many of his warmest ones have known him from boyhood. His estimate of friendship is reflected in a talk given before the Akron Kiwanis Club in April, 1928, under the topic, "The Dollar Value of Friendship." Mr. Seiberling began this talk by saying that there was no possible estimate of true friendship in dollar value and later said in part: "The true

goal in life is not millions, but contentment and happiness. The way to make yourself happy is to help make someone else happy. All of the money in the world will not bring contentment to its owner if he is selfish and fails to make lighter the burdens of those around him."

The family has always taken a prominent part in the city's social and civic activities. In 1908 Mrs. Seiberling organized the Akron Woman's Home School League, which has now extended to many other states and was probably the first organization of its kind in the United States.

Mr. Seiberling stands as one of the strong men of Akron, strong in his ability to plan and perform, ready to accomplish things for the public good and looking at each question from the standpoint of the liberal-minded man of broad experience. His most striking personal characteristics are his sincerity, his simplicity of manner, his democratic spirit and his broad sympathy for and understanding of the people.

JOSEPH THOMAS

Joseph Thomas, one of the best known of the younger members of the Summit county bar, has been successfully engaged in practice here ever since entering on the active practice of his profession. Born in this city, January 29, 1893, he is a son of Joseph D. and Jennie M. (Daly) Thomas, who are also natives of Ohio, the former being born in Thomastown, and the latter in Warren, Ohio. They have always resided within the borders of this state, and the father was for many years a well known figure in connection with county affairs. For an extended period he served as treasurer of Summit county, his capability and efficiency in office bringing about frequent reelections. He is now president of the Lincoln Printing Company and has been for many years the head of the Amateur Athletic Association of Akron. To him and his wife have been born eight children and this is a notable family record inasmuch as the family circle yet remains unbroken by the hand of death. The sons and daughters are Raymond, Russell, John, Forest, Joseph, Mrs. Alice Brown, Mildred and Marion, all residents of Akron.

Joseph Thomas was graduated from the city high school at the age of seventeen years and received his Bachelor of Philosophy degree from Buchtel College with the class of 1915. He

then entered the Ohio State University as a law student and won his degree in 1917. He at once entered upon the active work of his profession and is now engaged in law practice with the Hon. C. R. Grant, one of the most highly honored and respected members of the Ohio bar. The firm is Grant, Thomas & Buckingham, and ranks among the leading law firms of Akron. Its extensive clientele has connected it with many of the important cases tried in the courts of district and state. Mr. Thomas has ever displayed that thoroughness which makes for success at the bar and is accorded a most creditable position among the able lawyers of Akron. He has membership in the Summit County, Ohio State and American Bar Associations. Among his business interests outside of his profession, he is a director of the Equity Savings Company.

On the 25th of May, 1918, Mr. Thomas was married to Miss Laura G. Sturdevant, of Linesville, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Dr. and Mrs. H. C. Sturdevant, the former a prominent dentist. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas have one son, Charles Grant, born in Akron, April 21, 1921.

When America entered the World war Mr. Thomas enlisted at Akron and saw overseas service for a year, being discharged as sergeant at Camp Sherman in 1919. He is president of the Alumni Association of the University of Akron and is well known in fraternal circles. He belongs to the Masonic order, the Mystic Shrine and the Grotto and in the last named is an official. He is also on the official roster of the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He belongs to the First Methodist church, where he teaches a class of boys, and his life has at all times been actuated by high and honorable principles which have given him prestige as a citizen, as a lawyer and as a friend.

JACOB ABENDSHINE

The life history of Jacob Abendshine indicates what can be accomplished through persistent effort. Willingness to do always brings about easier ways, and though difficulties and obstacles will ever be encountered in the conduct of business, these may be overcome by determination and energy when intelligently and honorably directed. Such has been the record of Jacob Abendshine, and while he has attained a notable measure of success in

business, he has contributed in large measure to the wonderful expansion and growth of Akron, where he is now conducting business as president of the Lyman-Hawkins Lumber Company—a corporate interest that has figured in the history of commercial development here since 1908.

Mr. Abendshine was born in Stark county, Ohio, September 13, 1859, and is a son of John and Magdelina (Haas) Abendshine, both of whom were natives of Germany, whence they came to America in the early '40s, making their way to Stark county, Ohio, where they settled upon a farm, the father devoting his entire life to agricultural pursuits. His wife passed away in 1873, but the father long survived, reached the advanced age of eighty-six years ere death claimed him in 1906. In their family were four children who reached the adult age, but Jacob is the only one now surviving. The others were: John, Mrs. Katherine Bare, and Mrs. Susan Steece.

In his youthful days Jacob Abendshine attended the country schools of Stark county and when not busy with his textbooks gave his time and attention to the farm work, for at an early age he learned how to till the soil, care for the crops and perform other service necessary in the development and improvement of the old homestead. In 1875, however, he left home and came to Akron in 1877. His cash capital was very limited, necessitating that he find immediate employment, and after a brief interval he secured a job with W. B. Boyle, a lumber dealer on Main and Howard streets. There he remained, doing manual labor and acquainting himself with the lumber trade through a period of eight years. He then left that employ and entered the lumberyard of A. A. Bartlett, with whom he continued for five years. His next employment was with the Jackson & Lyman Lumber Company, in whose service he remained for eight years. He was next associated with the Akron Lumber Company through a period of eleven years, and always he worked with the view of making progress and ultimately engaging in business on his own account. Every change marked a forward step in his business career and following his association with the Akron Lumber Company he became identified with the Lyman-Hawkins Lumber Company, which was organized in 1908, being composed of four practical lumbermen who took control, A. E. Lyman becoming general manager, A. W. Hawkins president of the company, H. H. Giesy the buyer and Jacob Abenshine the manager of the planing mill. Each was well qualified for the particular duties

which he assumed and each bent his energies to the development and successful control of the business of which he had charge. Changes occurred in the official personnel and in 1921 Mr. Abendshine was called to the presidency of what is today one of the foremost lumber companies of the state. Millions of feet of lumber are piled in its yards, its closed sheds and bins, every stick being carefully placed. Its plant is splendidly equipped with machinery, and skilled men finish the task begun by the machines. In purchasing the lumber the utmost care is used to secure only standard grades, and all hardwood is kiln dried.

On the 28th of December, 1880, Mr. Abendshine was united in marriage to Miss Anna Vickel, who was born in Akron, a daughter of Simon and Susan Vickel, of one of the early families of this city. Mr. Abendshine was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife in May, 1922, and at her death she left three children. The elder daughter, Mrs. Esther Leatherman, who was born in Akron, passed away in 1923, leaving one child, Iva, born in Akron, in May, 1912. Irene Abendshine, who was graduated from the Akron high school, is now a domestic science teacher in Bowen school here. Wade, born in Akron in 1886 and now with the Lyman-Hawkins Lumber Company, married Miss Bessie Sullivan, of Akron. Since 1892 Mr. Abendshine has resided at 204 West Cedar street.

Mr. Abendshine belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Akron Liedertofel, the Protective Home Circle, the Akron Automobile Club and the Grace Reformed church. He has led an active and useful life characterized by devotion to high standards, whether in business or in other relations, and he commands and enjoys the respect, good will and confidence of all who know him.

JOHN KERCH

Though difficulties and obstacles frequently arise in the business world, they can be met and overcome by determined and persistent effort, and intricate problems may be readily solved by close application, earnest thought and unfaltering purpose. That these truths have found recognition in the career of John Kerch is manifest in the success which has attended him, converting the farm boy of sixty-five years ago into a strong business executive—strong in his ability to plan and perform, strong in his honor



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and good name. The years have brought him not only prosperity but also that leisure which has enabled him to travel broadly and gain first-hand knowledge of the world.

His birthplace was a log cabin on a farm in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, not far from the town of Zoar, his natal day being February 18, 1855. His father, John Kerch, Sr., was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, in 1818 and in young manhood accompanied his parents on their emigration to the United States, the family home being established in Stark county, Ohio, where John Kerch, Sr., resided for a number of years. It was during that period that he married Johanna Spath, whose birth occurred in Saxony, Germany, in 1819, and who in early womanhood came to the United States, remaining a resident of Ohio until her death. Subsequent to his marriage John Kerch, Sr., established his home in Tuscarawas county, where he followed his trade of a brick and stone mason for a number of years, and while still thus engaged he purchased and cultivated a farm near Zoar, where he lived until his death in 1881. The death of his widow occurred in 1899 at Columbus, Ohio. They were the parents of eight children, of whom four are yet living: John and H. W., who are residents of Akron; Fredericka, the widow of E. E. Rice, of Marion, Indiana; and Anna, the widow of John H. Dager, residing in Canton, Ohio.

Life's pathway was not strewn with roses for John Kerch, Jr. In his youthful days he worked in the fields when not busy with school duties and he walked two miles to and from school. In vacation periods his time was almost entirely given to work on the farm, also assisting his father at the brick and stone mason's trade. It was in 1873 when about eighteen, that John Kerch left home and went to Canal Dover, where he learned the tinner's trade, working at a salary of eight dollars per month for the first year, twelve dollars per month for the second year and sixteen dollars for the third year. At the end of his term of indenture he was three hundred dollars in debt. When he had completed his apprenticeship as a tinner he worked as a journeyman until the fall of 1878, and then, borrowing some money of his father, established business on his own account by opening a store in Canal Dover, where he handled stoves and tinware as well as doing work as a tinsmith, and in 1879 began furnace installation. He remained in business there until 1901 and long prior to that time he had paid off all indebtedness and had placed his business upon a profitable basis. In 1894 he had become financially interested in the firm of Clerkin & Maag, the manufacturers of

the Twentieth Century furnace at Akron, and for nine years while still owning his store in Canal Dover he traveled for the Akron establishment, selling its furnaces and other products. In 1907 he purchased the interest of Mr. Clerkin and took active charge of the business at Akron, the Twentieth Century Heating and Ventilating Company being organized in 1902 to take over the interests of the old firm. Since its organization Mr. Kerch has been president of the company and on coming to Akron in 1907, he assumed control as general manager. Although the business was started on a small scale, it is now one of the best known in the county in its line, and its success is due in no inconsiderable measure to the efforts and able direction of Mr. Kerch, resulting from his broad experience as a tradesman and as a merchant, combined with a spirit of enterprise that recognizes no such word as fail.

Mr. Kerch's business interests are varied and extensive and affect the financial, industrial, building and real estate development of Akron. For more than thirty years he has been identified with banking interests, as while residing in Canal Dover he was one of the original board of directors of the State Savings Bank of that city. At the time of his coming to Akron he became identified with what was then the Commercial Savings Bank, which began business on January 4, 1908, and in 1916 became the Commercial Savings & Trust Company. Mr. Kerch was the first president of this institution and still holds that office, having been elected the twenty-first consecutive time. This continuous service as the executive head of a bank is without a parallel in the history of Akron's financial institutions. Mr. Kerch is also a director of the Medina Savings & Loan Company; president of the Akron Commercial Building Company; president of the Home Buyers Realty Company; and president of the Akron Commercial Securities Company. His sound business judgment is regarded as a valuable element in the successful conduct of every undertaking.

On the 20th of July, 1887, Mr. Kerch was united in marriage to Miss Frances E. Garver, a daughter of Philip A. and Frances (Kapitzka) Garver, of Strasburg, Ohio. Mrs. Kerch is a sister of the Garver Brothers, of Strasburg, nationally known as operating the largest country store in the United States. Mr. and Mrs. Kerch have a son and two daughters all born at Canal Dover, Ohio; Frances was educated at Vassar. J. Garver was educated in the University of Wisconsin, and since entering on his business

career has been identified with the Twentieth Century Heating & Ventilating Company, being now secretary of that corporation. He married Miss Bonnie Cartwright, of Akron. Hazel, who was educated in the University of Akron, is the wife of C. A. Pfahl of Akron, and has two sons, C. A., Jr., and John Kerch Pfahl.

Mr. Kerch is a Knight Templar Mason, belonging to Akron Commandery, and is also a member of the Mystic Shrine. He is a member of the Akron Chamber of Commerce and a member and trustee of Trinity Lutheran church; chairman of the Men's Bible class, and for a number of years served as president of the Brotherhood Society. He belongs to the Exchange Club, the Portage Country Club, the Union Country Club of Dover and to the Akron Automobile Club, and he has a circle of friends almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintance. The steps in his orderly progression are easily discernible, for throughout his entire life he has made good use of his opportunities and has worked his way upward wisely and well. Mr. and Mrs. Kerch have traveled extensively, having visited nearly every inhabited country on the globe. In 1925 they took a trip around the world which consumed five and one-half months, for they visited both the occident and the orient, stopping in Australia, Tasmania, Turkey, China and Japan. In the summer of 1927 they sojourned in Iceland during the perpetual daylight period when the sun never set, although, as Mr. Kerch expressed it, they saw real midnight sun only one hour, as the sun passed from one day into the next. During the remainder of the five days above the Arctic circle the sky was constantly cloudy. Other interesting trips have taken them through Europe, the United States, Canada and Mexico, and they look forward to many more. It is a fact worthy of note that Mr. Kerch has visited every important exposition held in the United States including the year 1876, and his diary is replete with interesting stories of his experiences in all parts of the world. Gifted with a keen business insight and a broad grasp of affairs, Mr. Kerch has had a career of unusual activity and of notable success. A remarkably well preserved man, his native energy and push do not evidence the fact of his being in his seventy-fourth year. Long before the advent of the motor car, in the early '80s, Mr. Kerch was an expert amateur bicycle rider, riding a fifty-two inch high wheel and taking part in many road and track events, and he has quite a few gold medals as evidence of his skill and endurance as a bicyclist. He is an enthusiastic as

well as a pioneer motorist, buying his first automobile in 1906, and in the intervening years has owned eight different makes of cars, whose combined mileage is considerably more than a quarter of a million. Mr. Kerch has always driven his own cars. His identification with Akron's business interests dates back more than a third of a century, and his activities have been a material contribution to the city's growth and development. He has long been accorded a foremost position among its strong and able business men and highest type of citizenship.

Mr. Kerch's residence for more than a decade has been at No. 39 North Portage Path.

HARVEY A. FINEFROCK, M. D.

Dr. Harvey A. Finefrock has long been recognized as one of the ablest and most successful physicians of Summit county and commands a large practice in and about Barberton, where he has also been prominent in civic affairs. The Doctor was born at Waynesburg, Stark county, Ohio, on the 17th of August, 1885, and is the thirteenth in order of birth of the fourteen children of Emanuel and Rebecca (Robertson) Finefrock, both of whom are deceased. All of the children, six sons and eight daughters, are living.

Harvey A. Finefrock was educated in the public and high schools, after which he taught school for three years. Having determined to devote his life to the practice of medicine, he matriculated in the medical school of the University of Cincinnati, from which he was graduated with the M. D. degree in 1911. He served one year as interne in Christ Hospital, Cincinnati, and then located in Barberton, where he has since engaged in the practice of his profession. Combining high technical ability with broad human sympathy, he has dignified and honored his profession by his skillful and unselfish service, and his success has been commensurate with his efforts. The Doctor has also been successful in a material way and is a stockholder in the Summit Finance Company, of which he is president. In 1927 he built a fine, two-story brick building, in which is located the Chamber of Commerce, as well as his own office.

On March 17, 1914, Doctor Finefrock was united in marriage to Miss Mabel K. Carbaugh, of Barberton, a native of Big Prairie, Ohio, and they are the parents of a son, Richard Har-

vey, born February 4, 1919, in Barberton. The Doctor has been a lifelong supporter of the republican party and has taken a keen interest in public affairs, having rendered effective service as a member of the school board. He is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he has received all the degrees of the York rite; the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, the Rotary Club, the Brookside Country Club since its organization and the Chamber of Commerce, of which he is a director. His religious faith is that of the Lutheran church, to which he gives generous support, as he does also to all worthy causes. One of the world's workers, his life has been one of devotion to his calling and he merits a place of honor among those who have given the best of their powers for the betterment of their kind.

WILLIAM JAMES O'NEIL

William James O'Neil was numbered among those who developed and built up the rubber industry in Akron and thus contributed in large measure to the growth and progress of the city. As a business man he had the confidence and good will of his associates and his contemporaries, while in other walks of life he displayed the sterling traits of character that gained for him the high regard of many friends. He was a lifelong resident of Akron, where his birth occurred on the 16th of August, 1860, and his death on the 11th of February, 1921. His parents were Owen and Bridget O'Neil, early residents here, and while spending his youthful days under the parental roof William J. O'Neil pursued his education in St. Vincent's school and in the Hammel Business University, pursuing a commercial course that enabled him on putting aside his textbooks to secure a position as cashier and bookkeeper with Cyrus Miller, a grocer. Later he became identified with the Akron Wholesale Grocery Company and when he severed that connection he entered the employ of the B. F. Goodrich Company as bookkeeper, filling that position for six years, while for nine years he was cashier with that corporation. After tendering his resignation he organized the Akron Pneumatic Tire Company and engaged in the manufacture of pneumatic tires, the Greenwald extensible tread tire and the internal protector reinforced tube non-skid tread. This company also controlled the manufacture of the non-puncturable tire, one of the greatest in-

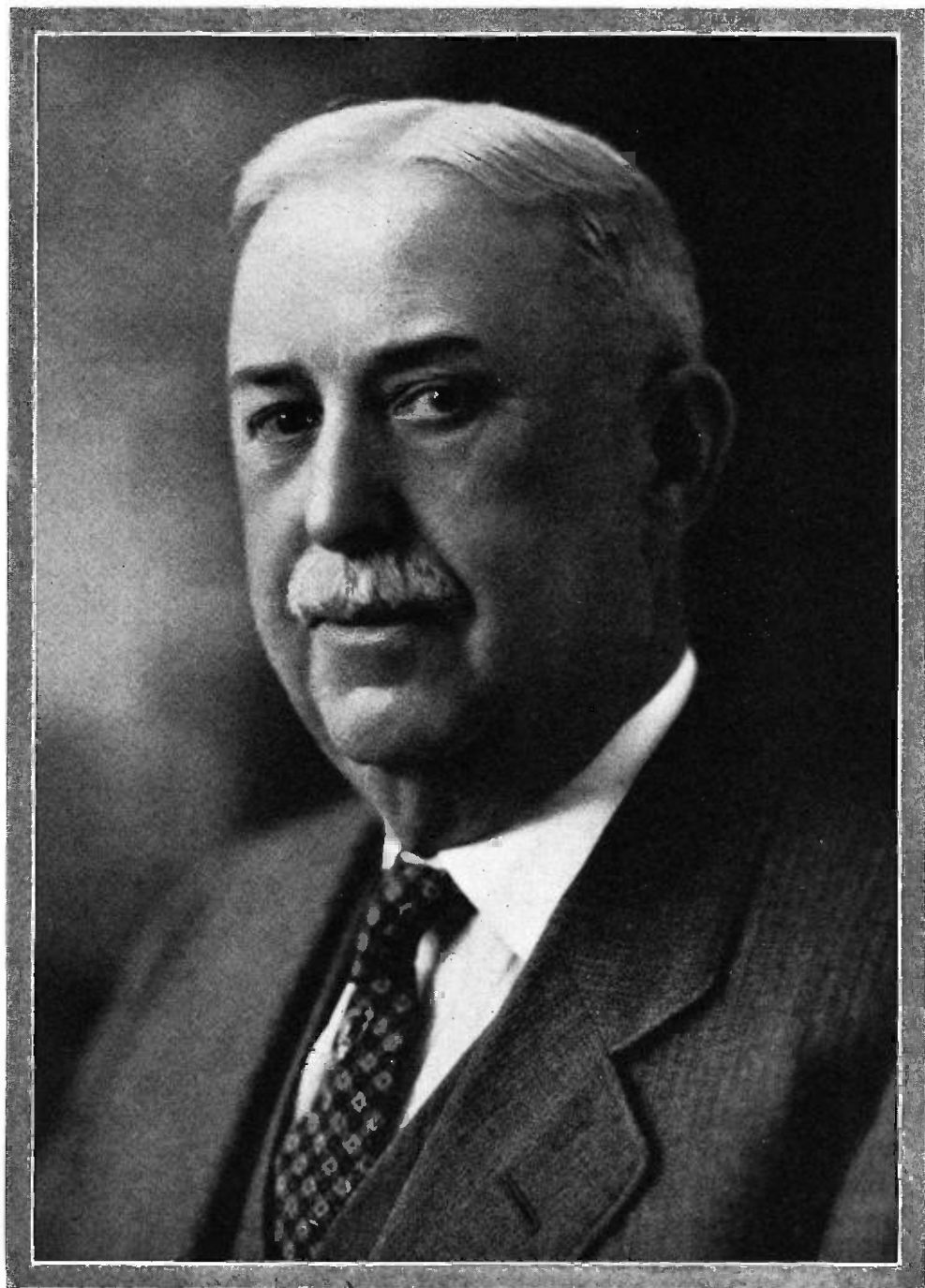
ventions known in connection with the automobile trade. In addition to manufacturing accessories for automobile tubes and interlinings he handled the Goodrich, Amazon and Goodyear tires. His first place of business was near Main and Exchange streets, whence later he removed to the Kohlke building on West Exchange and Water streets. He afterward erected a building on Bowery and Chestnut streets, converting it into a splendidly equipped plant in which he continued to control the trade of the Akron Pneumatic Tire Company until his death a little more than a year later.

Mr. O'Neil was united in marriage November 4, 1909, to Catherine E. Tobin, of Akron, and they became the parents of three children: Mary Catherine, Eugene Joseph and William James. The elder son is pursuing a course in chemistry at University of Akron. The family residence at 1104 West Market street, was built by Mr. O'Neil in 1912, and was one of the first erected in that choice residential section. The religious faith of the family is that of St. Vincent's Catholic church, of which Mr. O'Neil was also a communicant. His political support was given to the republican party and he was a member of the Chamber of Commerce, which indicated his interest in community affairs, his aid being at all times given to those projects which he believed would benefit and improve the city. He never sought public preferment, but he was ever loyal to any interest or cause which he endorsed, and the sterling worth of his character was recognized by all with whom he came in contact.

ALBERT REED HENRY

For more than twenty-five years Albert R. Henry has been actively identified with the coal and ice business in Barberton and through his energetic methods and square dealing, has built up a large and prosperous trade. He was born in Butler, Butler county, Pennsylvania, on the 26th of March, 1866, and is a son of Milton and Margaret (Reed) Henry, the former of whom was a tradesman. Both parents are deceased, and three of their nine children have also passed away.

Albert Reed Henry was educated in the public schools of New Castle, Pennsylvania, and after graduating from high school he went to work in a store in that city, and later accepted a position in the postoffice there. He subsequently entered the employ of



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the James P. Witherow Engineering Company, which manufactured Stirling boilers, and in 1891 he came to Barberton with the superintendent of the boiler factory, who later was a member of the Babcock & Wilcox Manufacturing Company. In 1900 Mr. Henry and John Paul bought the coal business which had been established by the late Augustus F. Stuhldreher in 1891, and they conducted the business as Paul & Henry until 1916, in which year Mr. Henry bought his partner's interest and has since been alone. In 1907 the ice business was taken up, and this involved the building of an artificial ice plant. The business is now conducted under the name of the Henry Coal & Ice Company. Mr. Henry commands his full share of the local business in his line and is enjoying a well merited success. He is also president of the Tawney Ice Cream Company; is a director of the Central Savings and Trust Company of Akron; is a director of the Y. M. C. A.; one of the governors of the Brookside Country Club, of which he was a charter member; a director of the Barberton Masonic Temple Company; and a director of the Akron Rubber Reclaiming Company.

On June 23, 1904, Mr. Henry was united in marriage to Miss Martha McMichael, of New Castle, Pennsylvania. He is a democrat in politics and is a Presbyterian in his religious faith. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity, being affiliated with all branches of the order; the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Rotary Club and the Chamber of Commerce. A man of strict integrity of motive and action, courteous and friendly in manner and intensely loyal to his community's best interests, he holds a high place in public regard and has worthily won the prosperity which is now his. In 1928 Mr. Henry completed his new home on North Third street, where he has since resided.

EDWARD OTIS HANDY

Edward Otis Handy, president of the Eaton-Handy-Harpham Company, is at the head of one of the leading corporations of its kind in Akron—dealers in real estate, insurance and bonds. Mr. Handy was born in Cleveland, Ohio, March 19, 1894, a son of Edward A. and Amy (Littlefield) Handy, both of whom were natives of Massachusetts, the father's birth having occurred in Barnstable, while the mother is a native of Milton. Edward A. Handy was a prominent railroad man and for a number of

years was general manager of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad. His death occurred in 1906, at the age of fifty-five, while a resident of Cleveland. His widow resides in Barnstable, Massachusetts. Their family consists of two sons, one of whom, John Handy, lives in New York city.

Edward Otis Handy attended the University school, in Cleveland, and Milton Academy, at Milton, Massachusetts, completing his education at Harvard University. During his college days, he was affiliated with the Digamma Club, the Iroquois Club, the D. K. E. the institute of 1770, and was also a member of the university football and hockey squads. Mr. Handy began his business career with the John Dunlap Company, conducting a sheet-steel enamel manufacturing business at Carnegie, Pennsylvania, where he remained for about six months. In 1913 he came to Akron, becoming associated with the Firestone Rubber Company. It was during this connection that Mr. Handy obtained his initial experience in handling real estate projects. He was made sales-manager for Firestone Park, a subdivision which was opened by the company for its employees, and his successful handling of this project led to his entering the real estate field on his own account. In 1916, he became a member of the firm of the Peters, Carpenter & Handy Company, dealers in real estate and investments. Later the business was reorganized under the name of the Akron Development Company and subsequently became the Eaton-Handy-Harpham Company. This company developed and put Fairlawn Heights on the market. This project involves one of the finest residential sections in Akron's entire suburban territory and has proven highly successful. Mr. Handy is president of the business organization and also secretary of the Fairlawn Heights Company. He has closely studied real estate conditions and is well informed as to trend and opportunity in realty circles.

On the 2d of February, 1916, Mr. Handy was united in marriage to Miss Alice C. Saalfeld, of Akron, a daughter of Arthur J. and Adah Louise (Sutton) Saalfeld. Her father was president of the Saalfeld Publishing Company of this city at the time of his death and his widow, who now resides in Akron, has gained fame as a writer, being the author of various works that are in wide circulation, including "Drummond Year Book," "Mr. Bunny, His Book," "Seeds of April's Sowing," "Sweeter Still Than This," "Teddy Bears," "Baby Dear," "Little Maid in Toyland," "Peter Rabbit and His Pa," "Billy Possum," "Blossom Babies," "Cycle of Gems" and "Mushrooms Fairies." Mr. and

Mrs. Handy have a son and daughter, both born in Akron: John Robert, who was born December 9, 1916; and Sally Louise, born April 24, 1919. Mrs. Handy is well known in the social and art circles of the city and has been president of the St. Cecelia Music Club and a member of the board of directors of the Akron City Hospital, and the Junior League. Both Mr. and Mrs. Handy are members of the Episcopal church and Mr. Handy is identified with the Akron Chamber of Commerce. He is well known in club circles, being a member of the Portage Country Club, the Fair-lawn Golf Club, the Akron City Club and has served on the board of governors of the Akron District Golf Association. He likewise belongs to the Canterbury Golf Club of Cleveland and has membership in the University club. Mr. Handy's residence is "Blue Hills," on Medino road, Copley, Ohio.

GLENN HENRY SEELY

Glenn Henry Seely, president of the Thermo Instrument Company has a record of successful achievement that marks a high standard of service in connection with the manufacture of steam specialties, recording and indicating instruments and temperature controllers. Mr. Seely was born in Columbus, Ohio, May 12, 1888. His father, Charles Seely, was born in Indiana, but has resided in the state of Ohio since boyhood. He has long been identified with foundry interests and is yet actively connected with the City of Columbus department of streets. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Alice Cass and was born in Muskingum county, Ohio, died in Columbus in 1919. They were the parents of five children: Albert, who is living in Columbus; Glenn H., of this review; George, who resides in Bedford, Ohio; Hazel, also of Columbus; and Mrs. Joe Egan, of Chicago.

In his youthful days Glenn H. Seely was a pupil in the public schools of the capitol city and in early youth he began working in a foundry, where he remained for a year. On the expiration of that period he became an apprentice to the steamfitter's trade and completed his term of indenture in 1909. He then continued in that line as a journeyman steamfitter and plumber, being thus employed until he came to Akron in 1912 as representative of the Evans & Almirell Company of New York city. He was chosen to take charge of and finish the contract work in connection with steamfitting and plumbing for the B. F. Goodrich Tire & Rubber

Company in its office building. When this task was successfully completed he entered the engineering department of the Firestone Tire & Rubber Company, with which he remained from 1913 until 1916. In the latter year he established a plumbing and steamfitting business on his own account, taking up contract work, but in 1918 he sold out and removed to Bedford, Ohio, to engage in the building of the plant of the Owen Tire & Rubber Company at that place, completing his job there in 1919. He next engaged in sales promotion of steam specialties and the present business now conducted under the name of the Thermo Instrument Company is the outgrowth of this undertaking. The Thermo Instrument Company was established in 1923 and the present plant was built in 1925. Mr. Seely is the executive head of this corporation, which employs twelve expert instrument makers in connection with the manufacture of recording and indicating instruments and temperature controllers. In this line he is developing an important industry and contributing to Akron's industrial growth, likewise the diversity of the city's manufactured products. This is the only industry of its kind west of New York city, and one of four in all the United States. The product finds a market throughout the world.

On the 24th of May, 1909, Mr. Seely was married to Miss Charlotte Connor, a daughter of Harry Connor, of Newark, Ohio. She is a member of the Christian Science church and he is a Knight Templar and Consistory Mason, identified also with the Grotto, the Shrine and the Masonic Club. He has largely confined his interests and activities to his business yet is neglectful of none of the obligations of life or its duties. He measures up to high standards of manhood and citizenship and deserves much credit for what he has accomplished, for his individual labors have been the basic element of his success.

HERBERT L. FIRESTONE

Among those who have firm faith in Akron and its future growth is Herbert L. Firestone, a real estate dealer, who has developed and handled various important allotments. Studying the trend of the times as manifest in real estate activity, he does not hesitate to link up his interests with those of the city and, moreover, his labors have been retroactive, contributing to public progress as well as to individual prosperity. He feels that

the intense industrial interests of Akron will make for continued development in the field of real estate and thus it is that he is finding scope for his efforts as a realtor.

Mr. Firestone was born in North Canton, Ohio, December 15, 1880, and is a son of Henry C. and Minerva J. (Hostler) Firestone. The father was born in Pennsylvania and came to this state with his parents. Later he engaged in farming near North Canton and devoted the major part of his life to agricultural pursuits, but at the time of the Civil war put aside all business and personal considerations to join the federal army as a private soldier and aid in the defense of the Union. With the successful termination of the war he returned to his farm and thereon passed away in 1907. His wife, who was born near North Canton, is yet living, and of their fourteen children thirteen still survive, namely: John, Herbert L., Edson, Frederick, Ray, Lester, Mrs. Maude Killinger, Mrs. Dort Kettering, Mrs. Minnie Lowe, Emma, Susie, Ruth and Verla.

Herbert L. Firestone was a pupil in the graded schools at Apple Grove, Ohio, and later attended school at McDonaldsville, this state, after which he entered business life by becoming identified with a mercantile project. He was thus employed for several years and while thus engaged devoted his time outside of the store to study. He pursued an International correspondence course and after he had given up his position took a course in the Alexander Hamilton Institute. He then became identified with the rubber industry as an employe of the B. F. Goodrich and of the Goodyear companies. Eventually, however, he withdrew from those lines and became identified with the International Correspondence Schools, devoting the ensuing three years to work of that character. During that period he became district manager, acting in that capacity about three years with headquarters at Lima, Ohio. In 1910 he turned his attention to real estate activity and has always specialized in handling subdivisions. He has since developed and sold to homeseekers the Spade property allotment, the East View, Bellview and Oak Hill allotments, the Maplehurst allotment, Garden Acres and still others. He is thoroughly conversant with realty conditions and values and in handling property in a judicious way has won for himself a very satisfactory measure of success. He belongs to the local real estate board and also to the state and national real estate boards.

On the 6th of November, 1906, Mr. Firestone was married to Miss Margaret M. Williams, of Akron, daughter of Mrs. Thomas

Williams, and their four children are: Evelyn J., who was born in Akron, January 1, 1908, and since graduating from the West high school is studying in Wittenburg College; Josephine E., born in 1911; Robert Dodd, born July 19, 1915; and Rosemary, in 1919.

In his fraternal relations Mr. Firestone is a Mason and loyally adheres to the teachings and purposes of the craft. He belongs to the City Club, the Automobile Club and the East Akron Board of Trade, while his interest in the moral progress of the community is shown in his support of all worthy movements. He and his wife attend the West Congregational church. The rules which have governed his conduct are such as will at all times bear the closest investigation and scrutiny, and an upright, honorable life has won for him the confidence and good will of those with whom he has been brought in contact.

PATRICK T. McCOURT

There are certain elements in the life of Patrick T. McCourt that have endeared him strongly to the citizens of Akron and there are none who stand higher in the estimation of their fellow citizens than he. His standards of life have been high. His activities have been well directed and honesty of purpose, combined with a gracious manner, has gained for him the respect and warm regard of all. Moreover, his entire career has been dominated by qualities which constitute an excellent example for others to follow, and his record should serve as an inspiration and a guide to the youth of the present day.

Mr. McCourt was born February 18, 1860, his parents being John and Mary McCourt. The father, whose birth occurred in Ireland, came to New York in 1835 and then went to Canada, where he met and married Mary Murphy, a native of that country. In 1850 they moved to Cleveland, Ohio, where they remained one year, after which the father leased a hotel in Hudson, Ohio, in 1851. He conducted that hostelry successfully for a number of years, during which time he became an American citizen. He was finally compelled to retire on account of ill health and returned to Canada, where Patrick T. McCourt was born. In 1865 the family returned to Ohio and settled in Akron, where Mr. McCourt's first recollection of this city was seeing the soldiers coming home from the Civil war. The father passed away



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in Akron in January, 1881. His widow survived until April, 1913, and had reached the venerable age of eighty-eight years at the time of her demise.

After a few years of grade school in Akron, Patrick T. McCourt early began to provide for his own support but though he worked through the daytime, he continued his studies at night, thus gaining a liberal education. His first position was with the Barber Match Company, where he remained until 1880. He then entered the employ of the Buckeye Mower & Reaper, where he remained until 1883, when he gave up his job to take his first contract—the sprinkling of Main street, at the same time furnishing teams for the changing of the old canal bed which is now Main street to its present location. During this period he entered into a contract with the old Akron Iron Company, which he held until the mill burned in 1896, for the unloading of freight, hauling to and from the depots and cleaning around the mills.

In 1897 he built a stable, on what is now the site of the Congress Hotel, where he engaged in a livery and transfer business, in connection with his contract work, which at this time also consists of paving many of Akron's oldest streets and the building of fourteen canal locks. Continuing in the contract business he built the A. C. & Y. Railroad complete, part of the Western Maryland in Pennsylvania, changed the course of the Cuyahoga river in Cleveland in connection with his construction of the plant of the Otis Steel Company. He is still engaged in the construction business, being president of The McCourt Construction Company. Mr. McCourt is active in real estate, being treasurer of The McCourt Realty Company and was one of the originators of the Akron Morris Plan Bank, of which he is now president.

In 1890 Mr. McCourt was married to Miss Rose M. Brady of Akron, a daughter of Thomas and Julia Brady. Mrs. McCourt passed away in 1896, leaving two children: Mrs. W. E. Leahy, who was born in Akron in 1891 and has three children; Joan, Katherine and William; and Walter P., who was born in Akron and is now treasurer of The McCourt Construction Company. He wedded Miss Helen Shepard and they have three children: Walter, Jack and Rosemary. In 1900 Patrick T. McCourt was married to Miss Anna E. Hefferman, daughter of Thomas Hefferman, and they have become parents of one child, Mary, now Mrs. W. B. Stauffer.

Mr. McCourt is a member of St. Vincent's church and is a

fourth degree Knight of Columbus. He belongs to the Akron Chamber of Commerce, which indicates his interest in community affairs and his championship of all matters of civic interests. He likewise belongs to the Akron Automobile Club, the Akron City Club, and the Fairlawn Heights Country Club and is a highly esteemed citizen who numbers among his warm friends a large percentage of Akron's residents.

Mr. McCourt's home is at 727 Merriman road.

FRANK H. BROTSMAN

Frank H. Brotsman, president of the American Savings & Loan Company, is a self-made man who deserves the greatest credit for what he has accomplished. In his entire career every day has marked off a full-faithed attempt to know more and to grow more. He has used his opportunities wisely and well and step by step has advanced until he is now a well known figure in the financial circles of Summit county. His birth occurred on a farm in Wayne county, Ohio, October 14, 1872, his parents being William and Catherine (Miller) Brotsman, both of whom have passed away, while all of their six children yet survive.

In his youthful days Frank H. Brotsman entered the graded schools and for two years was a high school pupil in Norton Center, Ohio. He then started out to provide for his own support, securing a position as conductor on a street railway line, in which capacity he served for nine years. He next turned his attention to the livery business, which he conducted at Barberton for three years, and on the expiration of that period he spent some time in Cleveland but later returned to resume his livery business in Barberton. Eventually he sold out and became one of the builders of the B. & W. Garage, remaining in active connection therewith until 1921, when he disposed of his interest. His association with the American Savings & Loan Company dates from February 16, 1922, when he became one of its directors, and following the death of John W. Blaser, president, on the 6th of March, 1927, Mr. Brotsman was elected his successor and is now concentrating his time and attention upon the direction of the banking business, displaying sound judgment and undaunted enterprise in the conduct of its affairs. He is likewise a director of the Tawney Ice Cream Company. The years have marked the steady development of his business powers until he is now recognized as a force-

ful and resourceful man, ready for any emergency and any opportunity.

In 1897 Mr. Brotsman was united in marriage to Miss Agnes Hepplewhite, a native of Pennsylvania, and they have three sons and two daughters: Robert D., who is now serving in the United States navy; W. Wade and R. Paul, who are students in Wesleyan University; Helen and Jean A.

In his religious faith Mr. Brotsman is a Methodist, while in politics he maintains an independent attitude, voting for men and measures rather than for party. He is now serving his third term as safety director of Barberton. Fraternally he is a Knight Templar Mason, loyally adhering to the teachings and purposes of the craft, and he belongs also to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He became one of the organizers of the Barberton branch of the Akron Automobile Club, of which he is now the secretary. He is a charter member of Brookside Country Club. He has a wide acquaintance among the business men and citizens of Summit county and all who know him entertain for him high regard by reason of what he has accomplished and the straightforward methods he has ever followed in winning his success.

ERNEST CHRISTIAN DEIBEL

Ernest Christian Deibel, one of Akron's prominent business men whose varied and extensive interests constitute an important element in the growth and commercial development of the city, has been identified with business activities here for more than thirty-eight years. He was born in Youngstown, Ohio, September 12, 1862, a son of Christopher and Anna (Gauff) Deibel, both of whom were natives of Germany. Christopher Deibel came to the United States in 1852, when a young man of twenty-one. He was an excellent mechanic, having learned the building trades in his native country, especially furnace and rolling mill construction. Locating first in Massillon, Ohio, he shortly afterward moved to Youngstown, where he continued to reside until the later years of his life. He set up the furnaces and built the rolling mills in Mahoning county for a number of years and also built many of the old buildings in Youngstown, including the courthouse and the famous old Todd House. His wife was a childhood acquaintance in Germany, and after he became estab-

lished in business in this country their marriage took place in Massillon. She was Miss Anna Gauff, and came from a distinguished family, being a sister of Professor Gauff, the eminent composer of church and other music, while the father served as a lieutenant under the first Napoleon. Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Deibel lived to celebrate their fifty-sixth wedding anniversary, Mrs. Deibel passing away in 1912, while Mr. Deibel's death occurred in Akron, in 1918, at the venerable age of ninety. Their family numbered ten children, of whom four sons and a daughter are yet living: Ernest C.; Christopher, who is a resident of Youngstown, Ohio; Edward; Oscar; and Clara, the wife of ex-Mayor Venus of Norwalk, Ohio, who was also congressman at one time.

Ernest C. Deibel was reared in Youngstown, attended the public schools, and completed his more advanced education at Professor Hull's College, from which he was graduated. After finishing his school work he was associated for a time with his father in contracting and building, at the same time acquainting himself with the real estate and insurance business. In 1890, Mr. Deibel came to Akron and became connected with the Renner Brewing Company. In entering into this connection he prepared thoroughly, for one of Mr. Deibel's characteristics is efficiency. After acquainting himself with all the practical details he entered the Wahl & Henius Brewing Academy, at Chicago, and learned thoroughly the science of brewing. In 1895 Mr. Deibel became general manager of the Renner Brewing Company, continuing to direct that industry until the passage of the Volstead act, when the plant was converted into one for the manufacture of non-alcoholic drinks now made by the Renner Products Company, of which Mr. Deibel is the president. Among his other business interests, he is president of the Renner Property Company which is an extensive owner of Akron business property; president of the Renner-Deibel Oil & Gas Company; president of the Vaco Grip Company and the Deibel Land Company of Youngstown, Ohio. He was prominent in the development of the Homeworth oil fields in Columbus county, Ohio, and is often referred to as the "father" of that oil field. His company drilled over two hundred wells in that territory and most of them were producers of very high grade oil.

On October 29, 1889, Mr. Deibel was married to Miss Elizabeth Renner, a daughter of the late George Renner, founder of the Renner Brewing Company. Mr. and Mrs. Deibel have one

daughter, Helen Deibel. In 1911 Mr. Deibel built his home at 316 East Market street, which has since been the family residence.

Mr. Deibel has been a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks for forty-six years, is also a member of the Akron Chamber of Commerce, the Akron, Liedentofel and the Eagles. He belongs to the Portage Country Club and the Sail Fishing Club of Miami, Florida. His favorite recreation in the north is golf and in the south it is fishing and golf. For a number of years he has been spending his winters in Florida and sections of the south convenient to the haunts of big game fish and has a number of trophies to attest his skill in "taking" the big ones. He enjoys hunting big game, in fact is extremely fond of all kinds of outdoor recreation and sports and as a golfer was for several years a "scratch man" in local tournaments and has won numerous prizes by his skillful play. While he has long been regarded as one of Akron's strong and able business men, Mr. Deibel does not allow his business affairs to usurp his entire time, and he gets a lot out of life through his hobbies without neglecting important private affairs. He is always genial, courteous and kindly and has a circle of warm friends almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintance.

MARTIN PHILIPPE LAUER

Martin Philippe Lauer, a well known and successful architect and engineer of Akron, was born in Cleveland, Ohio, December 7, 1886, his parents being Edward T. and Christina (Philippe) Lauer. The father is a native of New York and in his boyhood became a resident of Cleveland, Ohio, while the mother was born in Dover, this state. For many years they have resided in Cleveland, where Mr. Lauer was engaged in business as a road building contractor. In their family were two children, but Martin P. Lauer is the only one now living. When he had completed a public school course by graduation from the high school of Cleveland he entered upon the study of architecture in a Cleveland office and closely applied himself to a mastery of its basic principles. He also took up the study of engineering and was identified with engineering work in the employ of others until 1913, when he came to Akron and established business on his own account. He has made steady prog-

ress through the intervening period of fifteen years and has been identified with much important architectural and engineering work in Akron and Summit county. He erected the County Infirmary building, the Kenmore schools, other public and high schools of this section, the building of the Akron Pure Milk Company and other structures which are outstanding features in this city. Thoroughness, progressiveness and reliability have characterized his business career and he has made steady advance, occupying now a prominent and enviable position among the architects and engineers of Summit county. He is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and the Cleveland Engineering Society.

On the 24th of June, 1911, Mr. Lauer was united in marriage to Miss Berenice Woods, of Kent, Ohio, a daughter of E. H. and Mary (Tomlinson) Woods. The father is of Scotch descent, belonging to the McBride clan, the mother from an old New England family. Mr. and Mrs. Lauer have one child, Martin Woods Lauer, born December 4, 1918. They hold membership in the Disciple church and he was the builder of its house of worship at Schiller street and Tallmadge avenue. He belongs to the Masonic lodge and to the Knights of Pythias, is also a member of the Exchange Club, the Akron City Club and the Silverlake Country Club. His activities are wide and varied, touching the general interests of society and at all times making for progress and improvement. What he has accomplished represents the fit utilization of his innate powers and talents, and steadily he has worked his way upward through individual skill and ability, winning a well merited measure of success.

STANLEY H. AUSTIN

Among the well known and prosperous business men of Akron who have had confidence in the future of the city to the point of investing their capital here and centering their business activity at this point is numbered Stanley H. Austin, the founder, president and manager of the Austin Print Works Company, one of the largest enterprises of this character in the state. He was born in Rootstown, Portage county, Ohio, April 1, 1879, and is a son of Horace and Mary (Flickinger) Austin, who were also natives of Ohio and spent much of their lives in Summit county. The father was engaged principally in educa-



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tional work but devoted his later life to farming, and both he and his wife have now passed away. They were the parents of four sons and a daughter: Stanley H., Andrew H., Victor H., Garfield H. and Edna.

Stanley H. Austin was educated in the public and high schools of Rootstown, after which he took up the profession of teaching, which he followed for six years in Portage county. He then went to Canton, Ohio, as assistant superintendent of the Cleveland Brick Company, remaining there for a few years, after which he entered commercial lines as a wholesale dealer in Victor and Edison products at Canton. The year 1908 witnessed his removal to Akron, where he took charge of the advertising department of the Akron Times and so continued until 1915. In the latter year he established a printing business which has since been incorporated under the name of the Austin Print Works Company, with Mr. Austin as president. The plant utilizes sixteen presses and employs eighty people, maintains the highest standard of service and is most efficient in meeting the public demand. Under the control of Mr. Austin the business is wisely managed and a trade of substantial proportions has been built up, bringing him a gratifying annual income. His plant is a model of its kind. In 1923 Mr. Austin bought at Nos. 32 to 36 Cherry street a reinforced six-story fireproof building of extra strength to withstand the pressure of six tons to the square foot. He leased the ground floor of the building and on the second and third floors equipped one of the most modern printing plants in Ohio, there installing sixteen of the newest type printing presses and linotype machines. He has equipped the place with every modern device and facility for carrying on the business in a progressive manner and to promote the comfort of employees. In addition to his printing business he is a director of the Ohio State Bank & Trust Company and is active in many other enterprises.

At Ravenna, Ohio, July 24, 1900, Mr. Austin was married to Miss Evalena Long, a daughter of L. M. Long, and they have become parents of four children: Hazel, who was born in Canton in 1904 and is a graduate of Buchtel College; Adelaide, who was born in 1910; Stanley H., Jr., in 1921; and Mary Jane, December 24, 1926.

Fraternally Mr. Austin is a York and Scottish Rite Mason and also a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is likewise well known in club circles, having member-

ship in the Akron City, Portage Country and in the Lions Clubs, being a past president of the last named. He likewise belongs to the Madison Golf Club and the Akron Automobile Club. His interest in the moral progress of the community is shown in his connection with the Church of Our Saviour and his interest in the civic development is manifest in his association with the Chamber of Commerce. He stands for all that is best in the public welfare and his life is actuated by high and honorable principles. His residence at 1247 Jefferson avenue, Sunset View, was erected by him in 1923.

DAVID W. KAUFMAN

Prominent in the field of real estate and insurance, the activity of David W. Kaufman, president of the D. W. Kaufman, Realty Company, has contributed in large measure to the improvement and development of Akron. His identification with the real estate business in this city goes back more than a third of a century, and his thorough familiarity with property values, actual and potential, places him in a position to intelligently direct investors, while his enterprising methods and thorough reliability have gained for him a large clientele. Mr. Kaufman was born in Wayne county, Ohio, October 4, 1870, and is a son of John and Magdalena (Nusbaumer) Kaufman, who were natives of Switzerland. The father came to America when a man of thirty-six years and the mother was twenty-six years of age when she crossed the Atlantic. Both became residents of Wayne county, Ohio, and the father there engaged in farming and dairying, conducting business along those lines to the time of his demise, which occurred August 19, 1884, when he was sixty-five years of age. His wife survived him until May 4, 1901, passing away at the age of seventy-one years. Their family numbered eleven children: David W., John, who is a resident of Kalispell, Montana; Rev. William Kaufman, living at Silverton, Oregon; Jacob, who makes his home at Easton, Ohio; Joseph, who resides in the San Juan valley of California; Rev. P. J. Kaufman, of Wakarusa, Indiana; Fred, who is deceased; Maggie, a retired nurse living in Dayton, Ohio; Mrs. S. J. Steiner, of Akron, Ohio; Mrs. D. G. Nieswander, residing at Bluffton, Ohio; and Mrs. C. E. Beery, who makes her home at Blake, this state.

After attending the district school in Milton township, near the old home farm, David W. Kaufman continued his education in the Sterling high school. Later he studied in the Wadsworth Normal, and after completing a teachers' course in the Ohio Northern University at Ada, he taught in the rural schools for five years but felt that the profession did not offer sufficient inducements for him to continue in that field. A laudable ambition prompted him to enter some more remunerative line of activity and choosing Akron as the scene of his labor, he turned his attention to the real estate business in 1895, in connection with N. R. Steiner. They also handled insurance and were not long in gaining a liberal patronage. Subsequently Mr. Kaufman established his present business under the style of the D. W. Kaufman Realty Company, of which he is the president. He is a recognized leader in his field, having subdivided many properties on which he has built attractive homes, his subdivisions including Crestland Park allotment, the Miller-Long allotment, the Castle Park, Riverside and Good allotments and about thirty-five others. In all sections of Akron therefore he has contributed to development and improvement and his labors have resulted in the transformation of unsightly vacancies into beautiful residential districts. He is not only president of the D. W. Kaufman Realty Company but is also a director of the Evans Building & Loan Association, of the Central Union Discount Company, the West Hill Improvement Company and the Hine Heights Allotment Company. No man can speak with greater authority concerning real estate conditions, possibilities and opportunities in Akron than David W. Kaufman, whose knowledge comes from wide experience and study of the situation, and his opinions on realty are accepted as standard by all.

On the 6th of June, 1895, Mr. Kaufman married Miss Laura Baer, daughter of Andrew Baer, of Wayne county, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Kaufman have two sons and two daughters; the eldest being Esther, who was born in Akron in 1896 and was graduated from the Central high school. She married Harold Zink, resides in Pasadena, California, and has two children, Harold and Eileen. Ruth, born in Akron in 1900, attended the Central high school, the University of Akron and the Carnegie Technical School at Pittsburgh, Pa., and is the wife of David Mudgett of Akron. Ralph, born in Akron in 1902, attended Central high school and the University of Akron. He married Alice Eisenhart, and they have two children, Jean and James. Huber, born in Akron in

1906, was educated in the North high school and in the University of Akron.

Mr. Kaufman is one of the prominent members of the Akron Real Estate Board, having been the second president of that organization and has also taken an active part in the work of both the state and national organizations, being an ex-president of the Ohio Association of Real Estate Boards, and a former vice president of the National Association of Real Estate Boards. While of the latter organization he was for four years a member of its executive committee. He is also a member of the Akron Chamber of Commerce, which association indicates his deep interest in the welfare and development of the city. His cooperation can at all times be counted upon to aid in the development of any project looking to Akron's growth and improvement and he staunchly supports those interests which are a matter of civic virtue and of civic pride. He served four years as a member of the board of education and one year as president of that body. He belongs to the Akron Rotary Club, the Akron City Club and the Akron Automobile Club and he has a circle of friends almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintance. Mr. Kaufman's residence is at No. 658 Orlando avenue.

DAVID AUSTIN GRUBB

The life record of David Austin Grubb stands in contradistinction to the old adage that a prophet is never without honor save in his own country, for in Ohio, where his entire life was passed, David Austin Grubb rose to prominence as a business man, while uniform respect was accorded him as a citizen. For fifteen years he occupied a notable position in connection with Akron's rubber industry and was president of the Grubb Rubber Company of Wadsworth. He was still in the prime of life when called from the scene of earthly activities, passing away October 5, 1927, at the age of fifty-nine years.

His birth occurred in Akron, Ohio, December 25, 1867, his parents being Henry and Harriet (Randall) Grubb. The father was a Union soldier during the Civil war and afterward a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. He removed with his family to Coddingtonville during the early youth of D. Austin Grubb, who there pursued his education, while later he continued his studies at Sharon Center and in the normal school at Wads-

worth, Ohio. In young manhood he taught school for several years in Summit and Medina counties and afterward became a salesman for the American Seating Company of Grand Rapids, Michigan, selling church and school furniture. Ambitious to engage in business on his own account and having carefully saved his earnings, he joined with four other salesmen of the American Seating Company in organizing the Cleveland Seating Company, establishing a business of their own in Cleveland, Mr. Grubb being made president of the new organization. In 1917 he became one of the organizers and secretary and sales manager of the India Tire & Rubber Company, which established a plant at Mogadore. He continued as the active executive of the business until 1926, when he resigned and became vice president and sales manager of the Star Rubber Company of Akron, remaining in that connection until ill health forced him to resign. In 1927 he organized the Grubb Rubber Company, with a plant at Wadsworth, and continued to manage the business successfully until his demise. The undertaking was crowned with notable prosperity from the beginning, the orders constantly exceeding production, although the plant was operated to its fullest capacity. The long hours which he daily gave to the organization and production work undoubtedly undermined Mr. Grubb's health and brought about his comparatively early demise. During his connection with the church and school furniture supply business he gained a national reputation as a salesman for that type of merchandising and the experience thus acquired proved of great value to him when he later established business on his own account. He possessed marked capability in coordinating and unifying seemingly diverse business elements and bringing them into a harmonious whole. Despite a lingering illness, he was active in the management of the business to the time of his death, which came very suddenly.

On the 27th of August, 1897, Mr. Grubb was married to Miss Deborah Alderfer, of Sharon Center, a daughter of Frederick and Deborah (Longacre) Alderfer. To them were born six children: Vera Esther, now deceased; Eunice Austina, the wife of Stephen Harbourt, of Kent, Ohio; Deborah Elaine; Austin David, who is attending the Western Reserve Academy; Lois Virginia and Ruth Estelle.

In his political views Mr. Grubb was always a stalwart republican and fraternally he was a Mason who loyally followed the teachings and high purposes of the craft. He held membership

in the Fairlawn Country Club and in the Akron City Club and for many years was a prominent member of the Cleveland Athletic Club. He possessed many sterling traits of character, was guided by commendable purposes and commanded the confidence and respect of his fellowmen in the largest degree. He was a devoted husband and father, a faithful friend and a public-spirited citizen.

HOMER L. THOMAS

Homer L. Thomas, as president of the H. L. Thomas Company, is widely known in connection with building and structural steel operations in Akron and has won for himself a place among the representative business men of the city. A native of Kent, Ohio, he was born on the 29th of November, 1889, of the marriage of Robert W. and Hanna (Evans) Thomas, who were also natives of this state and always resided within its borders. They removed from Kent to Niles, Ohio, where the father became prominently known as a merchant, continuing in the business for many years prior to his death, which occurred in 1923, when he was sixty-four years of age. For five years he had survived his wife, who died in 1918. They were the parents of nine children, of whom four are yet living: Oliver H., Walter W., Homer L., and Frank R.

Spending his youthful days in his native town, Homer L. Thomas there attended the public schools, passing through the grades to the high school. When his textbooks were put aside he entered upon an apprenticeship to structural steel and fabricated steel work at Niles and there remained until 1916, when he came to Akron. Here he again took up structural steel work and has since been active in this line. This company has performed contracts at the India Tire and Rubber Company, Akron Rubber Reclaiming Company, Philadelphia Rubber Company and many other of the Akron industries, together with the structural steel work on numerous schools, theatres, commercial buildings and homes all over Ohio. An important piece of work done by this company was the 1926 addition to the Portage Hotel. He is sole proprietor of the business which is carried on under the name of the H. L. Thomas Company and his patronage is an extensive one, while his work has long been of a most important character. Among his other business connections Mr. Thomas is secretary of



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the Akron Racing Association and the Waite Products Company, of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

On the 14th of January, 1913, Mr. Thomas was married to Miss Emma A. Taylor, the ceremony taking place at Sharon, Pennsylvania. She is a daughter of Frank C. Taylor, of Sharon, who was the original builder of Goodrich Heights, Akron, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas have one son, Robert F., who was born in Warren, Ohio, December 10, 1914, and is now an eighth grade student in the King school.

Fraternally Mr. Thomas is a Mason and an Elk and he is well known in club circles, having membership in the Fairlawn Country Club, the Akron City Club, the Kiwanis Club and the Akron Automobile Club. Religiously the family is connected with the Presbyterian church. Mr. Thomas' social qualities make for personal popularity wherever he is known, while his business ability has gained him distinctive representation as one of the leading structural iron men of this section of the state. His residence is at 644 Weber avenue, Akron.

CHARLES FREDERICK PICKTON

Charles Frederick Pickton, deceased, was born in Akron, on the 16th of June, 1878, and was a son of William Frederick Pickton. The father's birth occurred at Utica, New York, on the 21st of May, 1851, his parents being Thomas Brittain and Martha (Jones) Pickton, the former a native of London, England, while the mother was born on the island of Guernsey. They went as missionaries to Jamaica, where they remained for fifteen years, and there all of their children were born with the exception of William F. Pickton, who was the youngest of the family. It was in December, 1865, that the family home was established in Akron. William F. Pickton bought a farm in Coventry township that embraces the territory now known as Firestone Park. For many years he devoted his energies to the development of his property, making it a valuable farm, but with the growth and development of Akron it became worth more as a subdivision and in later years was sold by the family to the Firestone Park Development Company. Mr. Pickton is now retired from active business and resides in Akron. In early manhood he wedded Miss Eva L. Thomas of Akron, a sister of David L. Thomas, well known lumberman of this city. She died in June, 1909. They

became the parents of two sons, Charles Frederick and Roy Thomas, the latter a resident of Flushing, New York. William F. Pickton was again married in January, 1912, when Miss Frances J. Farnham, of Akron, became his wife. She for many years was a teacher in the public schools of this city. She died June 4, 1926, at Wellsville, New York, as a result of an automobile accident.

William Frederick Pickton is an own cousin of the famous surgeon and one of the greatest teachers of medicine the world has ever seen—Sir William Osler, in whose honor Canada erected a monument in the city of Toronto. In the Pickton home in Akron are many interesting relics of this great figure, including a beautiful piece of china which was part of a service of one hundred pieces which was made for and presented by the mother of Sir William to her children on the occasion of her one hundredth birthday. The piece presented to Mr. and Mrs. Pickton is still enclosed in the original paper wrapper with the writing in the old lady's beautiful hand—"From Aunt Ella." The Pickton family records disclose many famous names, including that of Sir Frederick Pickton, military genius, from whom William Frederick Pickton was a direct descendant and who was in his day one of the great personages of England. There may still be seen in a museum of London the uniform which he wore at the battle of Waterloo and the bullet with which he was killed in that memorable engagement. Another member of this old historic family was Jane Pickton, who was lady in waiting to Queen Victoria, and many of her former possessions are now cherished mementoes in the Pickton home, including some pieces of jewelry made by Queen Victoria's own jeweler and a lovely piece of point lace which was worn by Jane Pickton. The name Jane has been used in the Pickton family through many generations.

Charles Frederick Pickton was graduated from the Central high school of Akron in 1896 and from the Case School of Applied Science at Cleveland in 1900. He then entered the employ of the B. F. Goodrich Company, with which he remained for a time as mechanical engineer, while later he was associated with the Pennsylvania Rubber Company at Jeannette, Pennsylvania. He rose to prominence in connection with the rubber industry and is widely known as the inventor of the vacuum cup tire brought out by the Pennsylvania Rubber Company. This process of the vacuum cup was the first, other than the smooth

tread tire, on the market. Its value was at once recognized and the new tire came into general use. Many others followed his example in doing away with the smooth tire, thus largely revolutionizing tire construction. For twelve years Charles F. Pickton remained with that company and invented many devices which greatly improved the machinery used in connection with the rubber industry. In April, 1916, however, he returned to Akron and was erecting the India rubber plant at Mogadore when in October of that year he suffered an acute attack of uremic poisoning and passed away.

Mr. Pickton was married in November, 1902, to Miss Mattie Jones, of Akron, daughter of William and Leah (James) Jones. To them were born four children. The eldest, Willis Henry, now an officer of the United States navy, was graduated from the naval academy at Annapolis in 1925, was assigned to duty on the Memphis and has been connected with no other command since then. The second child, Jeanne Leone, is pursuing an arts course in the University of Akron. Charles Frederick is a senior in the Akron high school. Robert James, a junior at the Akron high school, completes the family. Mr. Pickton was a very prominent business man and highly esteemed citizen. He was president of the alumni association of Case and the friendships which he formed during his college days continued throughout life, while as the circle of his acquaintance broadened the circle of his friends correspondingly increased. In musical circles, too, he was widely known. He possessed a splendid baritone voice and was the soloist in the First Baptist church at Jeannette, Pennsylvania, during his residence there. He belonged to the Society of American Engineers and because of the importance of his life work he was known throughout the country, especially in those circles that have to do with rubber manufacturing interests.

Mrs. Pickton is a member of the First Baptist church of Akron and was at one time a member of the Tuesday Musical Club. In club work and civic affairs she has taken a very deep and helpful interest and was chairman of the citizenship committee of the Akron and Summit County Federation of Women's Clubs, a member of the Woman's City Club and was historian for the Home and School League and counselor for three of the schools represented in this league. She belongs to the Monday Study Club, also to several social clubs and is a member of the women's auxiliary of the First Baptist church.

The association of the Pickton family with Akron covers an extended period. Charles F. Pickton always adhered to those splendid qualities which caused him to be numbered as a man among men, honored and respected by all. He made valuable contributions to the world's work and fulfilled his destiny, leaving behind him that good name which is rather to be chosen than great riches.

JOSEPH W. BRADY

Joseph W. Brady, president of the firm of Brady & Ganyard, Inc., is one of the best known men in insurance, real estate and loan circles of Akron and by reason of the straightforward business methods he has ever employed he has won a substantial measure of success. Mr. Brady was born in Massillon, Ohio, April 22, 1886, a son of Patrick and Bridget (Barrett) Brady, who were natives of Limerick, Ireland, and came to America in early life. The father established his home in Massillon about 1861, and there engaged in blacksmithing, continuing his residence in that city until his death in 1913. For a decade he had survived his wife, who passed away in 1903. Of their family of eleven children eight are yet living, namely: Daniel E., who is a resident of Massillon; Mrs. Nora E. Swihart and Mrs. Ellen Ehmann, both of whom are residents of Canton, Ohio; Joseph W.; John P., living in Massillon, this state; Mrs. Elizabeth Stork, also a resident of Massillon; James F., of Canton, Ohio; and Edward J., also of Canton.

Joseph W. Brady was reared in Massillon, Ohio, and graduated from the parochial high school of that city, after which he pursued a commercial course in the Actual Business College of Akron. He began his business career in this city as an employe of the B. F. Goodrich Rubber Company, with which he remained from 1908 until 1912. Desirous that his labors should more directly benefit himself, he then entered the real estate and insurance field with the Bankers Title & Trust Company, continuing in that employ for a year. He then became one of the organizers of the firm of Brady & Ganyard, which remained a copartnership until November, 1920, when it was incorporated with Mr. Brady as president, J. C. Ganyard as vice president, and Mary C. Brady as secretary and treasurer. This corporation conducts a general insurance business, also handles real

estate and loans and is general agent for the Detroit Fidelity & Surety Company, which today is one of the most successful companies operating in the state. The business of Brady & Ganyard is thoroughly organized and ably managed, with the result that it ranks with the leading concerns of its kind in Akron. Among his other business interests Mr. Brady was one of the organizers of the Ohio State Bank and has been connected with all subsequent banks that have been merged with that institution, including the present Ohio State Bank & Trust Company, of which he is a director and a member of the appraisal committee. He is president of the Oakland Building Company.

On the 21st of December, 1921, Mr. Brady married Miss Mary C. Murphy, daughter of M. J. Murphy, who is one of the well known old residents of Akron and for many years was connected with the city's wholesale interests. He is now retired from active business. Mr. and Mrs. Brady have a daughter, Mary Joe, born in Akron, May 29, 1924.

The religious faith of the family is that of the Roman Catholic church. They belong to St. Vincent's parish in which he is usher and collector and is a fourth degree member of the Knights of Columbus. He is also a member of the Akron Real Estate Board and he holds strictly to the high standards of that organization. For more than twenty years Mr. Brady has been identified with Akron's business interests and solely through his own efforts has attained a most creditable position among the city's strong and able business men and best citizens. He is known to his many friends as "Joe."

His residence, at No. 1004 Delia avenue, was erected by him in 1924, and has since been the family home.

WERT DEAN

One of the most highly esteemed residents of Barberton is Wert Dean, who is giving able and satisfactory service as justice of the peace and in various ways has been active in promoting the welfare of his community. Mr. Dean was born at Clarksburg on November 13, 1892, and is a son of Carry and Ida (Karny) Dean. He attended the district schools and the high school at Clarksburg, after which he took a commercial course in the Bliss Business College in Columbus. He attended Ohio State University one year and then taught school for two years. Dur-

ing the following four years he gave his attention to the home farm, after which he went to work in the experimental department of the Babcock & Wilcox plant at Barberton, where he remained four years. He was then engaged in the automobile business for four years, quitting that line of effort to become office manager for the Barberton branch of Allen, Hartsell & Dibble Company. He held that position until September, 1924, when he was appointed justice of the peace, and is still filling that office in a most acceptable manner. He enrolled in the Akron Law school in October, 1926, and is now reading law under a preceptor.

On May 25, 1911, Mr. Dean was united in marriage to Miss Mae Wilson and they are the parents of three children, Anamae, Ralph Wilson and Gene Wendell. Mr. Dean gives his support to the republican party and is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, the Knights of Pythias and the Junior Order of United American Mechanics. Mr. Dean is serving as pastor of the Church of Christ at Clinton, Ohio, where he preaches twice a week, and, in addition to his pastoral work, he also maintains a deep interest in everything affecting the civic and moral welfare of his community. A man of earnest purpose and high ideals, he has been a good citizen in every respect and well merits the respect which is accorded him by all who know him.

ARTHUR JAMES ROWLEY

In the death of Arthur James Rowley on the 21st of September, 1915, Akron was called upon to mourn the loss of one of her representative citizens. He was widely known as a member of the law firm of Rogers, Rowley, Mather & Rockwell and had filled the office of city solicitor. The sterling worth of his character was widely known to those with whom he was associated and at all times his aid and influence were given on the side of advancement and improvement.

Mr. Rowley was born at Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, December 4, 1868, a son of William and Mary J. (Wills) Rowley. He was of English lineage and his grandfather, Enoch Rowley, was the first of the family to settle in Akron, where he took up his abode in 1848. To him belonged the distinction of establishing the first pottery in Akron and he was instrumental in promoting the early commercial and industrial development of the city. On



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coming from England he brought with him his family of seven children and four more were born to him and his wife during their residence here. Enoch Rowley passed away in Akron at the age of seventy-three years. His son, William Rowley, was a lad of ten years when the family came to Ohio. When his school days were over he assisted his father in the pottery and afterward succeeded to the business, with which he was continuously associated until 1886, when he retired from active life, passing away in November, 1891, at the age of fifty-four years. His children were: Florence, who died in infancy; Arthur J.; Maude L., who became Mrs. George H. Stubbs; and Zelle I., the wife of Jonathan Taylor.

Arthur J. Rowley was graduated from the Akron high school in January, 1886, and then entered Buchtel College, in which he completed his course in June, 1890. Having determined upon the practice of law as a life work, he then began studying in the office and under the direction of Charles Cobbs and later was a law student with the firm of Green, Grant & Sieber. In March, 1892, he was admitted to the bar and entered upon active practice. From that time forward he was closely associated with legal interests and also with public affairs. In 1893 he was elected a member of the Akron board of education and in 1895 was made city solicitor, while two years later he was reelected to that office, receiving a larger majority than was given any other candidate on the ticket. Following the close of his second term he concentrated his efforts and attention upon his large and growing private practice and in 1902 became a member of the firm of Rogers, Rowley & Rockwell, which later was Rogers, Rowley, Mather & Rockwell, thus continuing throughout his remaining days. Mr. Rowley was for several years president of the Buckeye Chemical Company, which was established by John Grether, his brother-in-law, and who was its head until his death in 1910. The business is still conducted under its original name, Mrs. Rowley being president, and Miss Emma Grether secretary and treasurer of the corporation.

On the 20th of October, 1897, Mr. Rowley was married to Miss Amelia Grether of Akron, daughter of John George and Barbara Ann (Dorsch) Grether, both of whom were natives of Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Rowley became the parents of three children: Pauline Barbara, who was graduated from University of Akron in 1919 with degree of Bachelor of Arts, is now the wife of William J. Carr of Akron, and mother of two chil-

dren, Kathryn Louise and Marilyn Jane; William Arthur, the second member of the family, received the degree of Bachelor of Arts from University of Akron in 1921, and is now connected with the Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Company of Los Angeles, California; and John Grether, also a graduate of University of Akron, receiving the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1924, is a member of the class of 1928 of the law department of Western Reserve University at Cleveland.

In his college days Mr. Rowley became a member of the Delta Tau Delta and later was identified with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Along strictly professional lines he was connected with the Summit County Bar Association. He found pleasure and recreation in baseball and was at one time a director of the league to which the Akron Club belonged. He was ever a lover of literature, read broadly and thought deeply. He made good use of his time and opportunities in every connection, was a man of mental and moral strength and richly possessed those sterling qualities which ever endear the individual to his fellowmen. Although almost thirteen years have passed since he was called to his final rest, there are many who remember him as a distinguished lawyer, a foremost citizen and a loyal friend.

CHARLES E. WILLIAMS

Charles E. Williams, president of the Williams Tire Company, is numbered among those who have put Akron on the map and have given her prestige as a manufacturing center. His record is one of notable achievement. He has earned the proud American title of a self-made man and what he has accomplished should serve to inspire and encourage others, showing what may be done when industry does not fear to follow the path that opportunity points out. Mr. Williams was born in Akron, April 12, 1887, a son of William and Mary (Prince) Williams, the former born on Lake Erie, Ohio, and the latter in Stark county, this state. The father filled the office of sheriff of Summit county for many years and was greatly feared by the lawbreakers and much respected by those who hold themselves amenable to law, for he never hesitated in the faithful performance of his duties, which he discharged without fear or favor. In subsequent years he became identified with a soft drinks industry which he estab-

lished and which has grown to large proportions under the name of the Coca Cola Bottling Company. He continued to conduct the business to the time of his death, which occurred in November, 1917, when he was fifty-eight years of age. The business is still carried on by his son and namesake, William Williams. The mother survives and yet makes her home in Akron.

No event of special importance occurred to vary the routine of life for Charles E. Williams in his youthful days. He attended the public schools and in due time was graduated from the high school, having previously successfully mastered the work of the various grades. He next became a student in the University of Akron. The Akron Real Estate News, writing of him, said: "Mr. Williams began his career in the world of rubber fourteen years ago with the B. F. Goodrich Company. He saw opportunity after he was with the manufacturer to open a small tire and tube store in Denver, Colorado. He put plenty of hard work behind his little venture and it thrived. For two years he operated the store in the Rocky Mountain capital. It was day and night work, and at first he was buyer, salesman, repairman, bookkeeper, janitor and what-not. Later, as the volume of business increased pleasantly, he was able to employ help. Along in 1917 some Akron men heard of Mr. Williams and his success in Denver. They wanted to form a company to sell tires direct to dealer and consumer. Thus came into being The Rubber City Clearing House, and Mr. Williams, with his usual diligence and skill, made it a very successful institution. He sold his first tire for The Rubber City Company on March 17, 1917, and continued at its helm until the latter part of 1919. During his guidance of the Rubber City outfit it thrived and prospered enormously. Its growth was solid and substantial. In fact, the business as he handled it necessitated much larger quarters. It was decided to erect a building, and such was done. Curiously enough, that structure is the one Mr. Williams occupies today. After he had created a profitable business for the Rubber City company there came a disagreement as to policies and methods, and Mr. Williams found himself out of the company. He had no control over its destinies, and except that he had worked without stint to make it successful, hadn't done much else to it. Some of Mr. Williams' friends thought it strange that he should be ousted from the company after he had put it on the business map in no uncertain manner. But Mr. Williams had no comment to make and did not offer criticism. He was too busy keeping going!

Within a very short period he was back in business—this time as The Williams-Akron Tire Company, with offices and ware-rooms in the Taplin-Rice-Clerkin building in South Broadway. 'You can't keep a good man down,' said his friends. Mr. Williams' only reply was that this new venture was going to be one owned, controlled and operated by Charley Williams so that there would be no more losses incurred by his being 'let out' by men with whom he was associated. It was in this next business that Mr. Williams began, more than ever, to secure and hold the confidence and respect of thousands of dealers all over the country and many individual consumers as well. People touring would stop in Akron just to 'look him over.' Friends of theirs, or mutual friends, or perhaps dealers, had told the home-town folks that they should get acquainted with Charley Williams in Akron. So they began to drop in, in increasingly great numbers. They're still doing that today, too, and never a business day passes but what Mr. Williams has been visited by one or more of car-owners from various sections of the United States, Canada or Mexico. Dealers come to the big tire headquarters as well, and place large orders. But it is doubtful, so his business friends say, if 'Charley' is any more pleased with a several thousand dollar order than he is to have some man from a distant point come in and tell him how well the Williams tires are 'holding up.' Today "Williams of Akron" is known throughout the length and breadth of the land. The company occupies a modern fireproof building of four stories and basement, containing more than seventy thousand square feet of floor space, at Nos. 1021 to 1029 South High street. It is the visible and substantial evidence of the splendid success of the founder and promoter of the business, who within a period of six years has personally sold tires to the amount of more than seven million dollars, and every tire marketed by him carries not only the guarantee of the manufacturer but is also backed by his personal word. When he started in business dealers were waiting to take his product because of their unlimited confidence in him, and from the beginning the Williams tubes and Williams cords have been as readily received by the consumer as by the distributor. Today Mr. Williams is known as the largest individual buyer of add lots and surplus stocks of tires and rubber goods in the country. He has the well earned reputation of knowing rubber thoroughly as well as knowing the selling end of the business, and his success rests upon the slogan "Built on a National Reputation for Honesty and Serv-

ice." The company not only handles Williams cords and tubes but also controls many exclusive specialties and novelties pertaining to rubber. His success is far beyond the wildest dreams of his youth, for he is today the sole owner of the Williams Tire Company, doing an annual business that is represented in seven figures. What he undertakes he accomplishes. In his vocabulary there is no such word as fail, and obstacles and difficulties in his path have seemed but to serve as an impetus for renewed effort on his part. He is alive—alive to every opportunity, to every advantage, to the needs and to the demands of the time—and because of this he has developed a business that reaches out to every section of the continent. He is a member of the Akron City Club, the Fairlawn Country Club and the Akron Chamber of Commerce.

HARRY BENJAMIN HOUGHTON

For an extended period Harry Benjamin Houghton was connected with the banking business but is now closely associated with manufacturing interests as president of the Akron Truss Company, in which connection he has developed an enterprise of large proportions and with far-reaching trade relations. A native of Baraboo, Wisconsin, he was born September 14, 1858, of the marriage of John B. and Nellie (Sumner) Houghton, the latter a native of Akron. The father, who was born in Charlestown, Pennsylvania, came to Ohio in early life and was associated with the Hall Brothers Company but afterward removed to Wisconsin, where he clerked for the Charles Sumner Company of Baraboo. In 1862, however, he returned to Akron and here established a grocery business which he successfully conducted for forty-two years or until the time of his demise. His wife also passed away here, her death occurring in 1889.

Harry B. Houghton was a little lad of about four summers when the family home was established in Akron and at the age of six he became a pupil in the public schools, passing from grade to grade until he had mastered the high school course, while later he studied for two years in Buchtel College. Subsequently he engaged in the grocery business with his father for a time but in 1880 entered the Citizens Savings & Loan Association and thus received his initial training in the field of finance. Later he became paying teller with the Akron Savings Bank and at a

subsequent period was made cashier of the American National Bank at Barberton, Ohio. Step by step he advanced in the financial field, winning deserved promotions, but eventually he severed his connection with the Barberton institution in order to establish his present business in 1906. He organized the Akron Truss Company and began the manufacture of the world-famous Akron trusses, which are made with sponge rubber pads. Another output of the plant is the Akron seamless elastic hosiery and the Akron elastic abdominal supporters, health corrective corsets, arch supports, elastic arch braces, deformity braces, artificial limbs and athletic supporters. They employ expert fitters and guarantee permanent satisfaction. Mr. Houghton is president of the company, having been elected to that office in 1914, following previous service as vice president. He has been active in the steady development of the business, which is now one of extensive and gratifying proportions and which returns to stockholders a substantial annual income.

In March, 1883, in Akron, Mr. Houghton was married to Miss Lottie M. Merriam, a daughter of F. G. Merriam, and they now have one son, Harry B., Jr., who was born in Akron in 1888, attended Buchtel College and is now vice president of the Akron Truss Company. He wedded Katherine Moore and has four children: Raymond A., John William, Elizabeth and Harriet.

Mr. and Mrs. Houghton hold membership in the Congregational church and occupy an enviable position in those social circles where true worth and intelligence are received as passports into good society. The greater part of his life has here been passed and his sterling worth is attested by all who know him. His friends are legion and he enjoys to an unusual degree the good will and friendly regard of his fellow townsmen.

CHARLES FREDERICK SCHNEE

Charles Frederick Schnee, a distinguished attorney and author, widely known to the legal profession throughout the state by reason of his compilation, in connection with Jay R. Gates, of the "Ohio Corporation Manual with Forms" and as legal representative of a number of the largest corporate interests of Akron, was born on a farm near Kalamazoo, Michigan, June 18, 1887, a son of Charles M. and Sylvia E. (Long) Schnee. The father's birth occurred at Freeburg, Snyder county, Penn-



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sylvania, where the grandfather for many years conducted a large tannery. In 1864 the family, consisting of parents, three sons and a daughter, removed to Millheim, a little village near Akron, where the grandfather followed farming until his death in 1872. His son, Charles M. Schnee, remained on the old homestead in Summit county until 1882, when he established his residence on a farm in the vicinity of Kalamazoo, Michigan, there remaining until 1900, when he returned to Summit county and took up his abode in Akron, where he has since engaged in business as a carpenter. His wife passed away in October, 1917. She was born in Venango county, Pennsylvania, May 18, 1858, and came with her parents to Ohio about the same time as the Schnee family. To Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Schnee were born four children: Nellis L., Matilda, Charles F. and Mrs. Olive Getchell, all residents of Akron.

In his youthful days Charles F. Schnee was a pupil in the public schools of Kalamazoo, Michigan, where he was pursuing his high school course when his parents returned to Ohio. He then became a pupil in the Akron high school and subsequently studied in Buchtel College, there remaining from 1904 until the fall of 1907, when illness compelled him to put aside his textbooks. He afterward decided upon the practice of law as a life work and became a student in the office of Grant, Seiber & Mather of this city, there continuing his reading until his admission to the bar in December, 1910. He opened an office in the Hamilton building, where he remained for a year and then joined Judge Charles R. Grant in a partnership relation under the firm style of Grant & Schnee. That connection was maintained until February, 1913, when the senior partner became a member of the Ohio court of appeals. Mr. Schnee then entered into partnership with Ford L. Carpenter, under the name of Schnee & Carpenter, but after a year withdrew and from 1915 to January 1, 1922, he was head of the firm of Schnee, Grimm & Thomas. After the latter date he practiced alone until the organization of the present firm of Schnee, Grimm & Belden. He has largely specialized in corporation law. He now represents the Federal Oil and Gas Company and other large corporations and few men are more competent to speak upon corporation law than is Charles F. Schnee. He has constantly studied along this line and adequately solves the intricate and involved problems that have to do with the management of corporation affairs. He has been entrusted with the legal details in the

organization and administration of a number of corporations, including the Guaranty Mortgage Company, of which he is secretary and chairman of the executive committee; Federal Oil & Gas Company, of which he is secretary and general counsel, acting also in a similar capacity for the five subsidiaries of the Federal Oil; Long Lake Estates Improvement Company, of which he is the president; the Akron Equipment Company, of which he is serving as secretary; Pennsylvania Crude Oil Company of Pittsburgh, of which he is general counsel; and the Pine Ridge Oil Company, producers in the Kentucky field, of which he is the secretary.

At the mid-winter meeting of the Ohio Bar Association in Cincinnati in January, 1926, a resolution was passed calling for the appointment of a committee of eminent lawyers to draw up a new corporation law. A bill providing for this was enacted by the state legislature March 8, 1927, and became a law on the 8th of June. Thereafter Ohio lawyers asked the Baldwin Company to publish a manual of the new law and to accomplish this Mr. Schnee was chosen, for he had been a member of the committee which drafted the law and was chairman of the sub-committee which drafted thirty sections on dissolutions. Associated with Jay R. Gates, assistant trust officer of the Union Trust Company and a member of the Cleveland bar, Mr. Schnee recently completed a work of eight hundred pages entitled "Ohio Corporation Manual with Forms." In its compilation Mr. Gates wrote the exposition of the law and Mr. Schnee the forms and precedents, each author reading the other's manuscripts. This is a textbook for lawyers on the new Ohio corporation act, interpreted by the authors in the light of the general principles of corporation law, as decided by the courts of Ohio and other states. It is the first time that the general law relating to ordinary domestic and foreign corporations has been assembled in one volume and is regarded as a most valuable contribution to the legal literature of the country. Mr. Schnee was formerly a trustee of the Akron Law Library Association and for two years was its president, during which time the library was developed from eight thousand volumes to a working library of sixty thousand volumes, Major Southworth assisting in this undertaking. Mr. Schnee is a member of the Summit County and Ohio State Bar Associations and is widely recognized as one of the distinguished lawyers of the state. Aside from his practice he has important business and executive connections. In addition to

the relations indicated above he is secretary of the Wyoma Realty Company, secretary of the Miller-Maid Creamery, Inc., and his advice and counsel are regarded as most valuable in connection with the management of these various business interests, owing to the fact that his naturally sound business judgment is supplemented by his broad knowledge of law.

On the 21st of November, 1911, Mr. Schnee was united in marriage to Miss Ellen Mitchell, of Akron, a daughter of John J. and Alice Mitchell, the former a well known business man of Akron. They have three children, all born in Akron: Charles Frederick, born April 17, 1916; William Joseph, March 23, 1919; and Louise, June 8, 1924.

Fraternally Mr. Schnee is a Mason, belonging to Adoniram Lodge No. 517, F. & A. M.; Washington Chapter No. 25, R. A. M.; Akron Commandery No. 25, K. T.; Lake Erie Consistory of the Scottish Rite, and Tadmor Temple of the Mystic Shrine. He has membership in the Akron Turkey Foot Lake Club, the Akron City Club and the Portage Country Club. While his professional activities make constant demand upon his time, he nevertheless finds opportunity to cooperate in those movements which are looking to the benefit and welfare of the city and his aid and influence have been potent forces for the public good. His personal qualities make for popularity among his fellowmen, while his highly developed powers in his chosen profession have gained him notable rank among the outstanding members of the Ohio bar. Mr. Schnee's residence is at 45 Marshall avenue.

WILLIAM LUDWIG BURKHARDT

William Ludwig Burkhardt had hardly reached the zenith of his powers when death called him but had accomplished much and was numbered among the substantial business men and representative citizens of Akron, being vice president and treasurer of the Burkhardt Consolidated Company. He passed away September 23, 1925, at the age of forty-eight years, his birth having occurred in Akron, April 12, 1877. His parents were William and Margaretta (Gerhardt) Burkhardt. The latter, who was born in Krumbach, Germany, in 1848, came to America in 1870 and in 1872 married William Burkhardt, the wedding being celebrated in Cleveland. In 1874 they removed to Akron, where

Mr. Burkhardt passed away in 1882. He had established and here successfully conducted a brewery, of which his wife took charge after his demise, carrying on the business until her sons were old enough to relieve her of this responsibility. Her official connection was that of vice president of the Burkhardt Consolidated Company. She had been a resident of Akron for a half century when she passed away November 22, 1925.

Her son, William L. Burkhardt, spent his entire life in this city. He began his education in the Spicer school and later continued his studies in Buchtel College, pursuing the academic course. When still quite young he began to assist his mother in the conduct of the brewing business and worked his way upward through merit and capability to the position of vice president and treasurer of the Burkhardt Consolidated Company. At the time of the passage of the Volstead act the brewery was converted into a plant for the manufacture of ice and is now operated along that line. Mr. Burkhardt also became vice president and treasurer of the City Ice & Coal Company and had many other important business connections, being a director of the Depositors Savings & Trust Company, of the Summit Beach Park Company and the J. V. Swartz Company. In business affairs his judgment was sound and his enterprise unflinching, and his diligence and determination enabled him to overcome all difficulties and obstacles in his path. His labors brought gratifying results and for years he occupied an enviable position among the prosperous business men of the city.

On January 10, 1912, Mr. Burkhardt was united in marriage to Miss Grace Kolp, of Akron, a daughter of John A. and Matilda (Wohlwend) Kolp, and they have one son, William Gustave Burkhardt, born in Akron, Ohio, February 15, 1914.

Mr. Burkhardt held membership in the German Reformed church and was widely known in fraternal circles through his connection with the Elks, the Moose, the Owls and the Eagles. He was a life member of the Akron Turnverein. He likewise belonged to the Chamber of Commerce and staunchly endorsed every project promoted by that organization for the city's benefit and development. He belonged to the Quinnebog Fishing Club on Hen Island in Lake Erie, to the Turkeyfoot Club, the Portage Country Club and the Silverlake Country Club, and was fond of fishing and outdoor recreation. He displayed a peculiarly happy disposition, was genial in manner, had a real gift of conversation, was widely read, possessed a keen mind and

numbered his friends by the hundreds. He was a lover of home and of family, finding his greatest happiness at his own fireside and regarding no personal sacrifice on his part too great if it would advance the interests of wife and child. He was yet a comparatively young man when death called him and the news of his demise was received with the deepest regret throughout the community in which he had always lived and in which he was most widely and favorably known.

JOHN HEARTY

John Hearty, president of the Imperial Electric Company, has been identified with Akron's industrial interests for more than thirty-six years and in his present connection is the executive head of an industry whose ramifying trade interests reach out over a wide territory, including branches in eleven cities, and it has become one of the important factors in the commercial development of Akron.

Mr. Hearty was born in this city, February 13, 1875, while his parents, Owen and Rose (O'Hara) Hearty, were natives of Ireland. Coming to America in 1866, they settled in Akron, where the father engaged in engineering work and also in farming. Both he and his wife have passed away, but they are survived by their six children: John, of this review; Mrs. Mary White; Mrs. Margaret Raleigh; Mrs. Rose Raleigh; Mrs. Alice Zissler; and James.

John Hearty was reared in Akron and attended the public schools. As a boy he started to work on his father's farm, but he did not find agricultural pursuits altogether to his liking and in 1892 secured a situation as office boy with the Akron Cereal Company, with which he remained until 1904. In that year he became identified with the Akron Electrical Company as its secretary and was associated with that business until 1907. In March, 1908, he reorganized the business under the name of the Imperial Electric Company, of which he was manager, and later he was chosen president and treasurer of this corporation, which today employs one hundred and fifty people and has branches in eleven different cities, extending to the Pacific Coast, where branches have been recently established in Los Angeles and San Francisco. The company's plant, at Ira avenue and South Main street, has become an established factor in Akron's industrial

and commercial importance. The development of the Imperial Electric Company offers a fine tribute to its management and during the quarter of a century that Mr. Hearty has been identified with the business, his best energies have played a leading part in that development. Among his other business interests he is also a director of the Firestone Park Trust & Savings Bank and is regarded as a man of sound judgment and one of the city's strong and able business men.

On the 16th of October, 1916, Mr. Hearty was married to Miss Edna M. Huber, daughter of A. J. Huber, of Akron, and they have three children, all born in Akron: Mary Ann, born July 14, 1918; Richard John, April 17, 1920 and George Jay, August 13, 1923. The religious faith of the family is that of the Roman Catholic Church. Mr. Hearty's residence is at 50 Orchard road. Mr. Hearty is well known through his connection with the Akron Chamber of Commerce and equally so in club circles, having membership in the Akron City, Portage Country, Akron Automobile and Rotary Clubs of Akron and in the Cleveland Athletic Club. His unfeigned cordiality and his appreciation of the good qualities of others make for popularity wherever he is known and that his has been a well spent life is indicated in the fact that many of his stanchest friends are those who have known him from his boyhood to the present time.

JOHN HAUSCH

For forty-two years John Hausch was a resident of Akron and was closely associated with many important commercial and financial enterprises. He possessed in large measure all those qualities which make for good citizenship—progressiveness and enterprise in business, loyalty in public relations and fidelity to any cause which he espoused. The later years of his life were spent in retirement from business, although he retained his place as a member of the board of directors of the Depositors Savings & Trust Company to the time of his death, and was also a director of the Clay Products Company, of Logan, Ohio, of which he was one of the organizers.

Mr. Hausch was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, March 5, 1866, and was one of a family of eight sons and four daughters, the others being: Jacob, Conrad, Albert, Godfrey, Charles, William, Walter, Mrs. Andrew J. Kastner, deceased, Mrs. William



John Haensch



Kastner, Mrs. J. Plasch and Mrs. Theodore Woerz. While spending his youthful days in the home of his parents, Sebastian and Mary Hausch, and receiving the thorough training of home life, John Hausch also attended the schools of his native country to the age of fourteen years, when he crossed the Atlantic and took up his abode in Shippensburg, Pennsylvania, where he continued his studies for a two-year period. When a youth of sixteen he came to Akron, where his uncle, Julius Hausch, was residing, and here he began work in the Barber match factory, while later he secured employment with the B. F. Goodrich Company in the tire department, his duty being to splice tires. Later he left that position to go into business with Jacob Metzger, opening a restaurant opposite the Goodrich plant. There they remained for seven years and in 1900 purchased property at 479 South Main street, erecting thereon the Hausch building with three store rooms below and a hotel of twenty rooms above. For an extended period Mr. Hausch was prominently known as a restaurateur of Akron and enjoyed an extensive business along that line. As he prospered, however, he made investments in other fields, acquiring considerable stock in the Depositors Savings & Trust Company, the Burger Iron Company, the Guarantee Title & Trust Company, the Clay Products Company, the Standard Mortgage Company, the Akron Mattress Company, the Williams Foundry & Machine Company, the Summit Wholesale Grocery, the Summit Auto Company, the General Tire & Rubber Company, the Amazon Rubber Company, which has gone out of business, and many others. Thus he became closely associated with the commercial and industrial development of the city and was recognized as a man of sound judgment, clear vision and unfaltering enterprise. For twenty-three years he continued in the restaurant business and then retired on the 8th of January, 1916, removing to an attractive residence at 1055 West Exchange street, the location being then largely a rural district, as there were only three houses in the neighborhood and the land was devoted to farming.

On the 8th of October, 1891, Mr. Hausch was married to Albertina Rosina Smith, of Earlville, Ohio, who some years after the death of Mr. Hausch was married in Florida to Arthur Daniel Daily, of Akron, who is engaged in the business of manufacturing cemetery memorials and is a member of the Memorial Craftsmen of America. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Daily took place on March 17, 1928.

The death of Mr. Hausch occurred November 23, 1924. He belonged to the First Reformed church, was very active in its affairs and served on the cemetery board of the church. A man of deep religious principles, his life was ever guided by his Christian faith and his high ideals. He was a man of marked strength of character, brave in the face of illness, gentle in his relations with all. When ill health came to him, he went to Albuquerque, New Mexico, hoping that he might be benefited, and he returned to Akron only two months prior to his demise. He had a wide acquaintance here and the sterling worth of his character insured him the respect, confidence and good will of all who knew him. Not only was he active and prominent in the First Reformed church but was also well known in lodge circles, holding membership in the local chapter of the Fraternal Order of Eagles and in the Akron Liedertafel. He was likewise a member of the Akron Schwabenverein. He lived to goodly purpose, winning success in business, gaining the esteem of all who knew him and contributing in substantial measure to the moral progress of the community through his generous and helpful support of all measures that make for the uplift of mankind.

JESSE BYRON MERRIMAN

In the history of Akron's business development mention should be made of Jesse Byron Merriman because of the active and prominent part which he took in the business and public life of the community. He represented one of the old and well known families here, his grandparents being Charles and Harriet (Allis) Merriman, New England people who left Berkshire county, Massachusetts, and by wagon traveled westward, reaching Ohio on the 21st of May, 1835. A few weeks later they took up their abode upon a farm in Portage township, Summit county, Mr. Merriman investing in three hundred and seventy-two acres of land which was then covered with native timber. His sons aided him in clearing a large part of this acreage and the place was brought under cultivation, being transformed into a rich and productive farm. His son, Wells E. Merriman, was born upon the old homestead and early became familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops, but after devoting a few years of early manhood to agricultural pursuits he learned the machinist's trade and for a quarter of a century was em-

ployed in the stove works of the Taplin-Rice Company, thus becoming actively associated with the commercial development of Akron. He erected at No. 641 West Market street the old stone residence in which he lived for many years and which was surrounded by seven acres of land that was used as a truck farm. The old home is a landmark in that section of the city. Wells E. Merriman was twice married and by his first marriage had two sons, Grove Forrest and Scott H. The mother passed away when her children were small and Mr. Merriman afterward wedded Elizabeth Marshall, by whom he had three children: Jesse Byron, of this review; Mrs. Hattie Bachtel; and Ruby, wife of Frank Entrup.

Jesse B. Merriman was reared under the parental roof, his birth occurring at the old family home at 641 West Market street, on the 2d of April, 1875. He pursued his education in the schools of Akron, was trained in business here and was closely associated with financial interests of the city for a considerable period. In all business affairs he displayed sound judgment, unfaltering enterprise and keen discrimination. He became a factor in the Akron Finance Company, which was afterward absorbed by the Empire Finance Company, Mr. Merriman then becoming assistant treasurer and manager of the Akron branch, with which he was associated to the time of his death. The State Bank of Akron was consolidated with the Ohio Savings & Loan Company, eventually becoming the Ohio State Bank, and in the success of these institutions Mr. Merriman was a contributing factor. At the time of the consolidation he was ill for about a year and was out of the bank but through a considerable period successfully managed the institution. When ill health again forced his withdrawal from intense activity in connection with the bank he was made assistant treasurer and so continued until his demise. He was also associated with various other local business enterprises in which he held official position and his capability and sound judgment were considered valuable assets in the conduct of any undertaking with which he became connected.

On the 10th of July, 1917, Mr. Merriman was united in marriage to Mrs. Jessie Stebbins Walker, who by her former marriage had one son, Sydney Walker, who is now pursuing a law course in the University of Akron.

Mr. Merriman was a member of the Masonic fraternity, ever loyal to the teachings and purposes of the craft, and he also held membership at one time in the Kiwanis Club, but he preferred to

devote his leisure outside of business to his home and he found the greatest delight in the care and improvement of his gardens, where he spent much of his spare time. He took a deep and helpful interest in public affairs and was a member of the city council. At all times he supported projects and measures for the general good and his desire for Akron's advancement was manifest in many tangible ways. He had a wide acquaintance and all who knew him respected and esteemed him, while those who came within the close circle of friendship took the keenest pleasure in the association. He was a genial companion, a faithful friend, a loyal citizen, an upright business man and a devoted husband. Thus it was when death called him on the 1st of October, 1926, deep regret at his passing was felt throughout Akron.

BENJAMIN HALCYON WRIGHT

Prominently identified with the oil industry, Benjamin Halcyon Wright was one of the oldest oil salesmen in Akron in years of continuous connection with the business. He contributed in large measure to the development of the industry and thus ranked with those citizens whose labors constitute a most important element in the growth, progress and prosperity of Summit county. His birth occurred in Akron, November 17, 1868. He was a grandson of Captain Josiah J. Wright, one of the honored pioneer settlers of this section of the state, who was born in Swanton, Vermont, September 19, 1821, and there pursued a district school education. He began working as a blacksmith's assistant when so small that he had to stand upon a block while blowing and striking. At fifteen years of age he became a clerk in a country store and in 1840 he arrived in Ohio, where he began working as a farm hand at fifty cents per day. Realizing the value of education and ambitious to advance in that direction, he attended the Twinsburg Institute for a time, after which he engaged in teaching school through the winter seasons, while in the summer months he worked at the blacksmith's trade. On the 21st of August, 1842, he married Miss Margaret A. Waite, of Brecksville, and both he and his wife taught school in South Bloomfield, Pickaway county, Ohio. For many years he was a successful and popular auctioneer and commission merchant. In 1851 he removed to Akron and became the first constable, marshal and general detective of the then small town. During the Civil war he

took an active part in defending the Union cause, serving as captain of Company G, Twenty-ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, until honorably discharged October 1, 1862, on account of wounds received in the battle of Cedar Mountain on the 9th of August of that year. When he had partially recovered from his injuries he entered the recruiting service and in 1863 he again went to the front as second lieutenant of Company K, One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which he served until discharged for disability in March, 1864. Still feeling that he must aid his country to the extent of his strength, he once more entered the recruiting service and in the spring of 1865, for the third time, he joined the army, this time as a private, for he did not hesitate to enter the ranks even though he had formerly been a commissioned officer. It was not long, however, before he was again commissioned, becoming captain of Company D, One Hundred and Ninety-seventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which he served until discharged after the close of the war on the 6th of August, 1865. Following his return home he became an auctioneer and private detective and later was for several years editor and publisher of the Akron Commercial and its successor, the People's Monthly. His heroic qualities and his devotion to his country should serve as an example and an inspiration to those who become indifferent to their duties and obligations in this direction.

The mother of Benjamin H. Wright deserves more than passing notice inasmuch as she was a teacher for many years, having two generations of the youth of Akron under her direction in the public schools. Her work was highly satisfactory and she did much not only to mold intellect but character, so that her memory is honored by all who knew her. She passed away June 17, 1927.

Benjamin H. Wright pursued his education in the public schools of Akron and his earliest effort at money making was as carrier boy for the newspapers. A little later he became a wood turner in the employ of the Baker-McMillen Company and when he left that firm became associated with the Buckeye Mower & Reaper Company as a machinist. Each change in his career marked an advanced step in his business record. His next position was with the twine works on Hill street and finally he turned his attention to the oil industry by becoming a representative of the Republic Oil Company. After a short time he entered the employ of the Factory Oil Company as a salesman and likewise became one of the stockholders, remaining with that organization

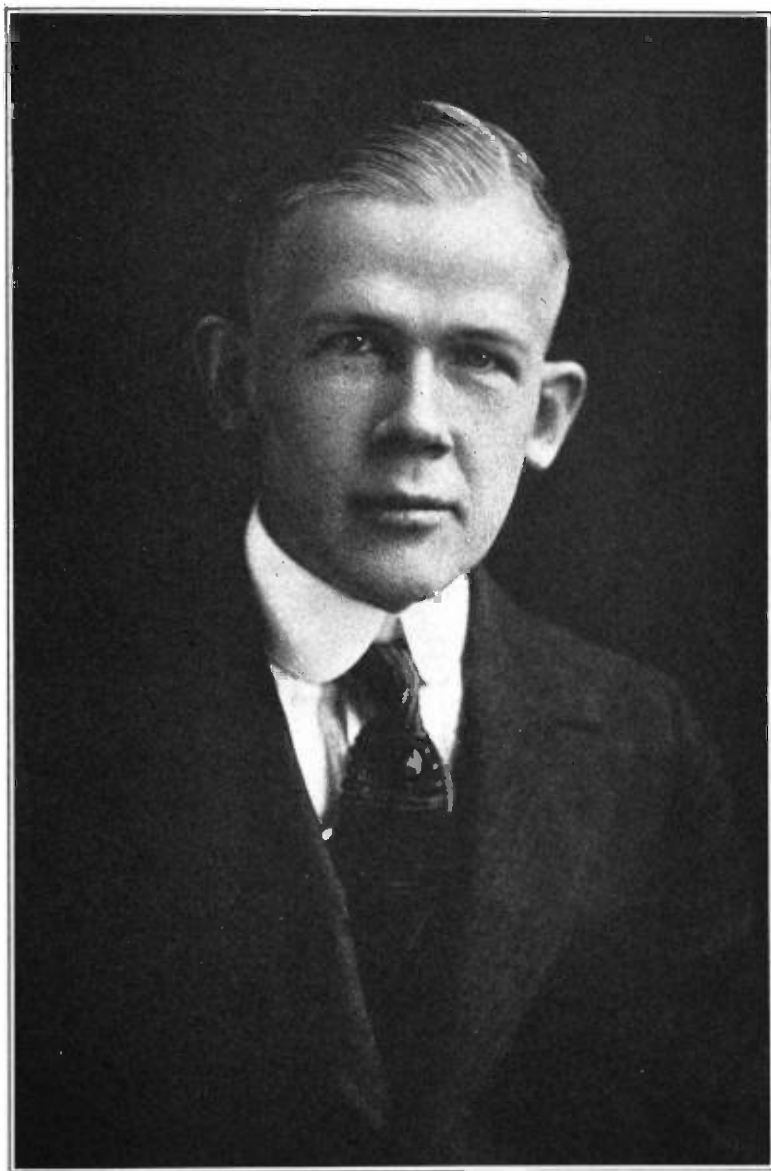
for twenty-five years or until his demise, becoming during that period one of the best known oil salesmen of the city, and at his death his record exceeded in length of service that of any other oil salesman of Akron.

On the 24th of December, 1891, Mr. Wright was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth C. Stoll, a daughter of Martin and Mary (Higher) Stoll, both of whom came to Akron in their teens. The father has now passed away, but the mother is living at the advanced age of seventy-nine years. Mr. and Mrs. Wright became the parents of a son, Earl O., who is now a student at University of Akron, where he is specializing in physical training, coaching and gymnasium work. Mrs. Wright belongs to the ladies' auxiliary of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Trainmen, having become identified with that organization through the fact that her brother was a trainman, and is also a member of Colfax Lodge of the Rebekahs.

In his political views Mr. Wright was a republican and fraternally he was connected with the subordinate lodge and the encampment of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He was likewise a member of the National Society of Stationary Engineers. His death occurred January 19, 1923, when he was comparatively a young man, being but fifty-four years of age. He had a wide acquaintance in Akron, where his entire life was passed, and that many of his staunchest friends were those who had known him from his boyhood indicates that his life was well spent and that he possessed many qualities which endeared him to his fellows.

EARL ROEMER FINDLEY

"The measure of a man's life is the well spending of it and not the length of it" wrote the sage Plutarch. The truth of this statement finds verification in the life record of Earl Roemer Findley, who was born in Akron on the 24th of November, 1881, and here passed away on the 16th of June, 1926. Though his years were comparatively few, he accomplished much within that period and his life record constitutes one of the important chapters on the pages of the city's history. He came of an ancestry honorable and distinguished and was happy in that his lines of life were ever cast in harmony therewith. His grandfather in the paternal line was Dr. Samuel Findley, who was



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born in New Concord, Ohio, December 1, 1831, and after leaving the common schools entered the preparatory department at Muskingum College. At seventeen years of age he accompanied his parents to Greene county and devoted two years to farm work, after which he taught in the country schools for four years and spent one year as a teacher in the public schools of Xenia, Ohio. In 1855 he became publisher and manager of the Presbyterian Witness and in connection therewith managed a book house at Cincinnati for two years. In the spring of 1857 he engaged in selling books in Monmouth, Illinois, where he later taught school for two years, and in the fall and winter of 1860 he was agent for Monmouth College in Ohio. In 1860 he resumed teaching in Greene county and in the fall of 1861 became a teacher in the Xenia Union schools, while a few months later he was made principal of a ward school in Columbus. In January, 1864, he became principal of the old Brownell Street school in Cleveland and reorganized it in 1865 with eighteen teachers. For fifteen years, beginning in the fall of 1868, he was superintendent of the schools of Akron and for twenty years served as city and county examiner. Buchtel College conferred upon him the A. M. degree in 1876 and from Wooster University he received the Ph. D. degree in 1880. Later he edited and published the Ohio Educational Monthly and he was thus long closely associated with the intellectual progress of the state. On the 31st of March, 1853, he wedded Mary A. Hardie, of Xenia, and they had four sons and two daughters: William Clarence (who was the father of Earl Roemer Findley of this review), Alvin Irwin, Edwin Leigh, Samuel Emerson, Lorena Belle and Laura May. Dr. Findley died in 1908, having during his long life of seventy-seven years contributed in notable measure to the educational development of the state.

Earl Roemer Findley attended the public schools of Akron until graduated from the Central high school with the class of 1901. He next entered Western Reserve University and subsequently studied in Columbia University, where he completed his work with the class of 1905. It was characteristic of Mr. Findley that during his high school course he largely met his expenses by selling newspapers and during his student days at Western Reserve he sang in the Episcopal church choir in order to supplement a somewhat limited exchequer. During the summer vacation periods throughout his college days he worked with the Lyman-Hawkins Lumber Company and the National City Bank.

In a word, he never stopped short of his objective. He had determined to secure a liberal education, knowing how valuable it is as an asset in the business world, and he did not hesitate to do the work so necessary to provide him with needed funds. With the completion of his course at Columbia he again entered into active connection with the National City Bank, with which he remained continuously to the time of his death. The part that he played in the upbuilding and development of this institution constitutes an important element in the financial history of Akron. He was steadily advanced until he became vice president and one of the directors of the institution, having under his supervision every department of the bank with the exception of the loan and trust departments. All of the employes of the bank were under his immediate supervision and he had their complete confidence. He was their counselor and friend and the one to whom they confided in matters relating to their employment, nor was it unusual for them to come to him for advice upon matters that were strictly personal. He gave them wise counsel and they felt that they had his warm friendship. He did everything in his power to aid and encourage them and his wise counsel and helpfulness were acknowledged by all.

On the 6th of February, 1909, Mr. Findley was united in marriage to Miss Mame Esselburn, of Akron, who survives him. Mr. Findley belonged to the University Club and for several years served as one of its directors and as treasurer. He was likewise a member of the City Club, the Masonic lodge, the Loyal Order of Moose and during the World war was a member of the Akron Home Guard. For years he served as secretary and treasurer of the Akron Clearing House Association and he was a valued member of the Chamber of Commerce, filling the office of treasurer at the time of his demise, while on various occasions he did important committee work and at all times furthered those activities which were of great benefit to the city. He became a charter member of the Council of Boy Scouts, was on the executive board and was treasurer of the organization for many years. His entire life was actuated by his Christian faith. He was long a devoted member of the First Congregational church, which he joined in childhood and for which he diligently labored throughout his remaining days, regularly attending its services and taking active part in its work. For fifteen years he acted as treasurer of the church and did everything in his power to promote its growth and extend its influence. His entire life was

marked by constructive measures and he builded even better than he knew, for he was active in building the character of those about him through his counsel and his influence. His home life was a supremely happy one, for he and his wife shared kindred sympathies and interests and ideals. He found his greatest happiness at his own fireside and his greatest pleasure in the companionship of her to whom he had given his name seventeen years before. His was a life dominated by the spirit of love—love for the right, love for honorable achievement, love for the highest ideals and love for his fellowmen—and thus it is that his memory is enshrined in the hearts of all and remains as a blessed benediction to those who knew him.

FRANKLIN CLAYTON RABER

Franklin Clayton Raber, a teacher in young manhood and later for a number of years identified with the building and contracting business, is now a factor in financial activity of Akron as the first vice president of the Security Savings Bank. He has done well whatever he has undertaken and each step in his career has been a forward one, bringing him a broader outlook and wider opportunities until he is now a substantial figure in the banking fraternity of his adopted city. He was born in Green township, Summit county, Ohio, February 1, 1877, his parents being Millard F. and Sarah J. (Stover) Raber, also natives of this state. They were reared, educated and married in the Buckeye state and the father is now residing in Akron, but the mother has passed away. Their family numbered three sons and two daughters: Oscar O. and Nelson O., both of whom are residents of Akron; Franklin C., of this review; Mrs. Emma Wagner, living in Greentown, Ohio; and Mrs. Pearl Wallace, who makes her home at Canton, this state.

The youthful days of Franklin C. Raber were spent on a farm in Green township and he began his education in a country school of that locality. Later he attended the high school of Greentown until graduated at the age of seventeen years. He next became a student in Valparaiso University of Indiana, pursuing a teachers' course, and later he taught in the country schools of Summit county, following the profession through twelve terms in Green, Coventry and Springfield townships. He gave up educational work, however, to enter the field of general contracting, building

and financing enterprises of this character. He had previously learned the trades of cabinetmaking and building and he continued in the general building and brick contracting business in Akron for sixteen years, having within that period erected many fine structures that stand as a monument to his ability. In 1924, however, he gave up operations in that field to become one of the organizers of the Security Savings Bank, of which he is now the first vice president and manager, and his executive ability and progressive spirit have contributed to the growing success of this institution. He is also the president and one of the organizers in 1919 of the Investors Building Company of Akron and his position in business circles is an enviable one.

Mr. Raber is pleasantly situated in his home life, having been married on the 29th of November, 1899, to Miss Mary E. Swartz, daughter of Manias and Amanda (Bolender) Swartz, of Akron. They are members of the South Akron Church of Christ and Mr. Raber is chairman of trustees, chairman of the official board, a deacon and teacher of the men's class for four years. He is also president of the choir, and a member of the male quartette of the South Akron Church of Christ. In politics Mr. Raber is a republican and is identified with the South Akron Board of Trade. He has taken the degrees of both the York and Scottish rites in Masonry, is a charter member of Tadmor Temple, Mystic Shrine, is a member of the Masonic Club and belongs also to the Junior Order of American Mechanics. His personal qualities make for friendship and popularity wherever he is known and his fellow townsmen attest the sterling worth of his character, while his capability is shown in his business record, which has brought him by way of the teaching profession and the building industry to a commendable place in financial circles.

WILLARD N. FITCH

Willard N. Fitch, who was widely known in Akron and who passed away in Cleveland, January 2, 1926, was born in Medina, Ohio, in 1872 and remained a lifelong resident of this state. He came to Akron in young manhood and early secured a position as paymaster with the Diamond Rubber Company. He afterward joined the B. F. Goodrich Company as a safety director and continued with the two organizations for twenty-eight years. He went to Cleveland as safety director for the Fisher Body Com-

pany and became actively engaged in safety endeavor there. In the fall of 1925 he directed the national safety congress in Cleveland and he was also vice president of the Cleveland Safety Council.

Mr. Fitch was united in marriage to Miss Nellie May Huber, who passed away in December, 1919, in the faith of the Trinity Lutheran church. She left two sons, James Huber and Robert Phelps. The former is with the time study department at the Firestone plant. He married Virginia May Pflueger and they have a daughter, Harriet Louise. The younger son, Robert Phelps, is with the Union Central Life Insurance Company. About 1922 Mr. Fitch was united in marriage with Mrs. Lydia G. Astrop, who survives him.

E. BOYD GILL

E. Boyd Gill, organizer and treasurer of the Federal Oil & Gas Company of Akron, is a prominent representative of the oil interests of Ohio, and has been an important factor in the development of one of the largest oil producing companies in the state.

Mr. Gill is a native of Wooster, Ohio, born November 18, 1878, a son of Samuel G. and Clara (Sidle) Gill, both of whom are also natives of Ohio. Samuel G. Gill has for many years been a highly successful teacher in the public schools of Wayne county, having instructed the younger generations of that section through more than sixty terms. He has two sons, E. Boyd and Ray R., both of Akron.

E. Boyd Gill was reared in Wooster, Ohio, attended the public schools of that city and completed his education at Wooster College, where he received his Bachelor of Arts degree as a member of the class of 1901. A business rather than a professional career appealing to him, he turned his attention to the manufacture of woodenware products and was successfully engaged in that line of business for sixteen years. Disposing of his interests in that industry, he entered the oil business, organizing the Federal Oil & Gas Company, which is a producing company, owning and operating more than four hundred producing wells. As its general manager and treasurer he has contributed substantially to the success of the corporation and is regarded as a highly capable man in his line of business.

On the 30th of June, 1914, Mr. Gill was married to Miss Mary B. Peet, a daughter of Lester and Harriet J. Peet, of a well known and prominent family of Richwood, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Gill are members of the First Congregational church and he is a Knight Templar Mason and member of the Mystic Shrine. He also belongs to the Rotary Club, while along strictly social lines he is a member of the Portage Country Club, the Akron City Club and the University Club. He occupies a prominent position among the representatives of important interests in Akron and is accorded a most creditable place among the city's best citizenship.

FRED RUSSELL ORMSBY

Prominent among the progressive and successful lawyers of Akron is Fred Russell Ormsby. For a considerable period he has been accorded a large clientele and has specialized in insurance law, few being able to speak with greater accuracy or authority concerning this branch of legal practice. His progress has been continuous from the beginning and has led to his connection with business interests of importance outside the realm of the bar. His birth occurred in Mahoning county, Ohio, April 24, 1877, and he is a representative of one of the oldest of the pioneer families of the Mahoning valley. His great-great-grandfather was Joseph Ormsby, a native of Scotland, who on coming to the new world took up his abode in Milton township, Mahoning county, in the early part of the nineteenth century. His descendants are still found in that section and it was there that Alexander Newton Ormsby, father of Fred R., was born. After attaining his majority he wedded Lodema Russell, a daughter of Enoch Russell, who was born in Milton township, Mahoning county, in 1828 and there maintained his residence on a farm until after he had passed the ninetieth milestone on life's journey. Both Alexander Newton Ormsby and Lodema Russell were born in 1852, the former on the old family homestead then the property of his father, George Ormsby, in Mahoning county, while the mother's birth also occurred in Milton township. They have ever resided within the borders of this state and Mr. Ormsby has always given his attention to farming, in which he is still actively engaged in his native county, although he has reached the age of seventy-six years. To him and his wife have been born four children: Emerson, now deceased; Fred R.;



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Owen, who was a prominent member of the Ohio bar and passed away in January, 1924; and Robert, a practicing attorney of Akron.

In his youthful days Fred R. Ormsby attended the country schools and in vacation periods worked on his father's farm, early becoming familiar with the labors of the fields and the best methods of caring for the crops. He was but seventeen years of age when he took up school teaching, a profession which he followed for six years, early giving demonstration of his capability in imparting clearly and readily to others the knowledge that he had acquired. While engaged in teaching he became principal of the schools at Petersburg in Mahoning county, and during his career as an educator he devoted his leisure hours to the study of law, beginning his reading in 1899. It was in that year that he was graduated from the Mount Union College on the completion of two courses, receiving a degree for a special literary course and also completing a course in pedagogy. He next accepted the position of principal of the schools of Petersburg, Ohio, of which he was afterward superintendent, but three years later he resigned to seriously undertake the study of law and for forty weeks was a student in the Ohio Northern University at Ada, where he was graduated with the LL. B. degree. In 1903 he was admitted to the bar and in August of that year located at Akron, where he has since remained, devoting his attention assiduously to his duties as an attorney. He is well versed in all branches of the legal profession but largely confines his attention to corporation law and has among his clients some of the large manufacturing corporations of Akron and of this state. He is regarded as a wise counselor as well as a strong advocate before the courts and his practice is now large and distinctively representative in character. For a time he was associated with George W. Auten, under the firm style of Auten & Ormsby, but after five years this association was discontinued. On the 1st of January, 1917, he entered into partnership relations with Charles P. Kennedy under the firm name of Kennedy & Ormsby. He has attained an enviable position, his ability being widely acknowledged by all who know aught of the history of the bar of Akron. He has given especial attention to insurance law and, moreover, he is president and chief counsel of the Industrial Fire Insurance Company of this city. He is likewise president and chief counsel of the Akron City Laundry & Cleaning Company, president of the Summit Beach Park Land Company, president

and legal counsel of the Albright Smokeless Coal Company and also identified with several other of the leading enterprises of this section of the state. His sound judgment is a valuable element in their profitable control and in their continuous growth, and thus in business as well as in legal circles he has become a prominent factor.

On the 7th of August, 1899, Mr. Ormsby was married to Miss Icie D. Royer, of Orrville, Ohio, a daughter of N. L. Royer. She passed away August 15, 1925, leaving two sons. Ross Royer, born in Akron February 27, 1906, is a graduate of Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, and now a law student in the Western Reserve University. He belongs to the Sigma Chi fraternity. The younger son, Wade Emerson, born in Akron, September 26, 1919, is attending the Portage school of Akron.

Fraternally Mr. Ormsby is connected with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and McPherson Lodge, Knights of Pythias, and his social nature finds expression in his membership in the Akron City, Portage Country and Akron Automobile clubs. He belongs to the Akron, Summit County, Ohio State and American Bar Associations and is in thorough sympathy with the high purposes and ideals of the profession. His career is one of notable achievement, crowned with merited success, and his progressive spirit has made him a leading figure in the professional and business life of his adopted city. Mr. Ormsby's residence is at No. 33 Grand avenue.

CHARLES EZRA PERKINS

No name is more closely associated with the history of Akron than that of the Perkins family, for their contribution to the growth, development, progress and prosperity of the city has been most substantial since the town was founded by Simon Perkins, the grandfather of Charles Ezra Perkins, who came into prominence as a civil engineer. The ancestral line is traced back to John Perkins, who came to America with Roger Williams in 1661, and the family was represented in the Revolutionary war. The great-grandfather of Charles E. Perkins served with the rank of captain in the American army. He married a Miss Douglass, who was a descendant of William Douglass, one of the little colony that left Boston, Massachusetts, to found the town of New

London, Connecticut. The grandfather, General Simon Perkins of Warren, Ohio, commanded the forces that were raised in northern Ohio for the defense of the frontier in the War of 1812. He was born in Lisbon, Connecticut, September 17, 1771, and became a resident of Oswego, New York, in 1795. Three years later he was employed by the Erie Land Company to explore the "Connecticut Western Reserve" and as agent for the company he spent the summer seasons in Ohio and the winter months in Connecticut until his marriage on the 18th of March, 1804, to Miss Nancy Ann Bishop, of Lisbon, who was born January 24, 1780. At the time of his marriage he made permanent settlement in Warren, Ohio, and filled the office of postmaster there from 1801 until 1829. He also acted as special agent for the government in establishing local offices and in trading with the Indians and he became brigadier-general of the militia. In August, 1812, he took command of the troops in defense of the northwestern frontier and at the close of the campaign in February, 1813, was warmly commended by General Harrison for his energetic and faithful performance of duty. He was tendered a colonel's commission in the regular army by President James Madison but declined to serve owing to pressing private and fiduciary duties. In 1813 he organized the Western Reserve Bank and was its president until 1836. He filled the office of canal fund commissioner from 1826 until 1838. Prior to this time, in connection with Paul Williams, he founded the village of Akron in 1825 and in 1831, in connection with Judge Leicester King and Dr. Eliakim Crosby, laid out that part since known as North Akron, liberally donating grounds for public buildings, parks, churches, etc. General Perkins died at Warren, November 6, 1844, at the age of seventy-three years, and his wife passed away April 24, 1862, aged eighty-two years and three months.

Colonel Simon Perkins, son of General Simon Perkins, was born at Warren, Ohio, February 6, 1805, and there remained until 1834, when he came to Akron and settled upon a tract of wild land which he had purchased in 1827, comprising between five and six thousand acres. For a number of years prior to his removal to Akron he had assisted his father in the management of various land agencies and in his earlier years gained considerable experience in clearing and developing wild land in his native town. Following his removal to Akron he devoted his attention to the improvement of his property, selling farms to settlers as they were wanted and raising improved breeds of stock and sheep.

For a number of years he employed as superintendent of his farming and live stock interests one John Brown, who afterward became famous as the anti-slavery leader. Colonel Perkins was prominently associated also with the Cleveland, Zanesville & Cincinnati Railroad during the period of its construction to Millersburg, acting as president of the road from the organization of the company until its line passed into other hands. For the construction and equipment of the road he invested his private fortune as well as marked energy and business capability. This undertaking caused him to lose not only what he had accumulated in the course of a successful business career but also what he had inherited from the estate of his father, for the history of his road was like that of many another pioneer railroad throughout the country. In the later years of his life Colonel Perkins found congenial employment in superintending the improvement of the grounds of the Akron Cemetery Association, and the beauty of that tract is largely attributable to his good judgment and his love of the picturesque. He never sought to figure prominently in politics and always believed that the capability of a candidate should be regarded rather than his party affiliation. While he did not seek nor desire public office, however, Colonel Perkins was a most progressive and public-spirited citizen and made notable contribution to Akron's development and improvement. His great liberality was shown in his gift of Grace park to the city at a period before Akron had ever thought of becoming a city. It was so named in honor of his wife, and at a later period Grace House was given to the Young Men's Christian Association by her son, George Tod Perkins, as a memorial to his mother. It was in 1832 that Colonel Perkins wedded Grace Ingersoll Tod, a daughter of Judge Tod, who was a prominent Ohio jurist a half century ago and who was the father of Governor David Tod. Colonel Perkins passed away July 21, 1887, at the age of eighty-two years and six and one-half months, while his wife died April 6, 1867, at the age of fifty-six years.

Charles Ezra Perkins was the sixth son in a family of eleven children and was born at Akron, May 7, 1850. Here he attended the public schools and afterward the Western Reserve Academy at Hudson, Ohio, and the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute at Troy, New York, where he remained a student from 1868 until 1870, pursuing a special course in civil and mining engineering. In 1871 he entered the School of Mines of Columbia University in New York City and following the completion of his course there

was appointed assistant city engineer of Akron, in which capacity he served until he was advanced to the position of city engineer through appointment in the summer of 1871. He was afterward elected to the office and so served until 1877, his work consisting of all kinds of municipal engineering, particularly grading and paving, together with the settlement of street improvement claims against the city in process of adjudication. It was during his term of office that the preliminary surveys were made for the establishment of sewerage and water systems for the city.

In 1878 Mr. Perkins took up the private practice of civil engineering and was thus engaged until 1883, his activities including ditch work, bridges and road improvement. During the same period he devoted much time to the conduct of an agricultural implement business. In 1883 he became surveyor and engineer of Summit county and through a period of nine years, until 1892, had charge of all county engineering work, highway bridges, ditches, highway improvements and coal mine surveys. In 1892 he was appointed chief engineer of public works of Ohio, an office which had been created by statute in 1878. In this connection he had direct supervision over the great system of waterways, consisting of about six hundred miles of Canals in Ohio, and under his control through a period of sixteen years the canal properties proved to be of inestimable value to the people and a distinct and important asset to the state. After his retirement from this office in 1908, Mr. Perkins engaged in private practice as a civil, hydraulic and mining engineer, with headquarters in Akron, although his professional interests called him into various sections of the state.

In 1880 Mr. Perkins was united in marriage to Miss May Adams, a daughter of Frank Adams, a prominent Akron manufacturer. Mrs. Perkins has in her possession a valuable document—the original survey of Akron made by Joshua Henderson in 1825. She is also the possessor of many interesting old pictures of John Brown, and Mr. and Mrs. Perkins resided in the old John Brown home, one of the picturesque landmarks of northern Ohio.

Mr. Perkins was a republican in his political views and was recognized as a party leader in this state, his opinions carrying weight in republican councils, while at all times he labored effectively and earnestly for the party's success. He had a very wide acquaintance in the state and was recognized as one of Ohio's influential citizens. He gained notable and well merited prom-

inence in his profession and on the 6th of June, 1906, was elected a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, an honor conferred only in recognition of marked ability. He was also a member of the International Association of Navigation. Mr. Perkins passed away July 17, 1925, just on the eve of the centennial celebration of the founding of Akron by his grandfather, at which time there was to have been placed in Perkins park, almost under his windows, the centennial boat Ohio as a permanent museum and memorial. Thus for three generations the Perkins family has taken most active and helpful part in shaping the history of Ohio, in molding its material progress, in directing its political development and in upholding those standard activities whose far-reaching effects made for progress throughout the centuries. Upon the foundation laid by his grandfather and strengthened by his father Charles Ezra Perkins built a splendid superstructure. He played well his part on the stage of life and the results achieved make his name an honored one in the annals of Ohio.

CHARLES ANTHONY LEY

Preeminently a man of action, gifted with clear vision and keen sagacity, Charles Anthony Ley transformed his dreams into realities and was long a commanding figure in business circles of Akron. He was a leader in projects for its upbuilding and improvement, a tireless and effective civic worker and a generous contributor to all movements for the general good. Unselfish, broad-minded and public-spirited, he extracted from life the real essence of living and left a name fragrant with deeds of kindness and charity.

With the exception of the six years which he spent in San Francisco, Mr. Ley was a lifelong resident of Akron. The son of Bernard Theodore and Mary Agnes (De Kovey) Ley, two of the city's early residents, he was born July 7, 1859, in the family home at Main and Exchange streets. He lost his father in 1864, when a child of five years. His early education was acquired in St. Bernard's parochial school and he afterward attended a public school on Buchtel avenue. As a young man he was the proprietor of a barber shop which was situated on the Commercial Bank property on Main street, and later became financially interested in the Stillwell & Otter Engraving Company, now the Akron En-



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graving Company. Owing to the lack of proper management the firm had been steadily losing ground but Mr. Ley soon revitalized the business, instituting new methods and thoroughly systematizing the work. He placed the institution upon a paying basis through the expenditure of much time, energy and money and remained at its head until his retirement in 1912, when the business was purchased by the men in his employ. Mr. Ley and his friend, M. O'Neil, were among the earliest and firmest believers in the business development of South Main street and the former erected the C. A. Ley building near Main and Exchange streets, the first business block in that section of the city, thus showing his faith in the future of the locality. Although he laid aside the burden of commercial affairs, Mr. Ley kept in close touch with Akron's advancement and remained a director of the Real Estate Mortgage Company and the Industrial Fire Insurance Company until his death on January 3, 1928. He also retained his active membership in the Chamber of Commerce until the summer of 1927, when he was no longer able to attend its meetings.

On October 7, 1901, Mr. Ley was married in Akron to Miss Elizabeth Cecelia Fisher, a daughter of Frederick and Elizabeth (Leser) Fisher, of Berea, Ohio. The church of St. Vincent de Paul was the scene of their wedding and Rev. Thomas F. Maher officiated. Besides his widow, who resides in the family home at No. 116 Oakdale avenue, Mr. Ley is survived by a brother, George A. Ley, of Chicago, and several nieces and nephews. Mr. and Mrs. Ley were in perfect accord and theirs was an ideal union.

Although frequently urged to become a candidate for public office, he always refused but was always ready to further the political campaigns of his friends. He was ever thoughtful and considerate of others, and his benefactions were as wide as his knowledge of need but his charities were never advertised. He loved humanity and was a friend of the poor, the helpless and the oppressed. With Mr. O'Neil, he was a leader in the founding of St. Thomas Hospital, which was recently completed and which ranks with the best institutions of the kind in the country. Mr. Ley served on its board of trustees and was among the largest contributors to the building fund. His mother aided in founding St. Bernard's Catholic church, of which he was long a faithful communicant. For thirty years he was one of its councilmen and was also vice president of the Catholic Service League

for a considerable period. He was so ruggedly honest, so unselfishly patriotic, so splendidly altruistic in every act of his life that his associates were drawn close to him by ties of admiration and love. Of Charles Anthony Ley it may truthfully be said:

“His hand was open as the day,
And his heart was a great temple
In which thronged all the kindly emotions.”

WILLIAM J. McNASBY, JR.

William J. McNasby, Jr., of Akron, a recognized leader among the oyster growers and dealers of the country, is now conducting a mammoth business under the style of the McNasby Oyster & Fish Company. A spirit of enterprise, coupled with indefatigable energy and progressive business methods, has enabled him to make the famous Pearl Brand Oysters known over a very wide territory, while the home consumption has now reached three thousand gallons weekly.

It is not a matter of marvel that Mr. McNasby turned to the oyster trade as a source of livelihood, for he is a native of Annapolis, Maryland, therefore coming from the region which for decade after decade has been regarded as the center of the American oyster trade. His birth occurred July 18, 1886, his parents being William J. and Mary E. (Brittner) McNasby, both of whom are natives of Baltimore and have always resided on the Atlantic seaboard. The father was born December 27, 1849, and is now in his seventy-ninth year. He has been engaged in the oyster and fish business at Annapolis for many years. In fact the family name has been identified with the oyster trade for more than a half century, three generations of the family having continued in this line of business. Today he and his two sons are operating four large plants—one in New Jersey, two in Annapolis, Maryland, and one in Virginia—and in connection therewith are employing over six hundred men and utilizing more than two hundred and twenty-five boats. Mr. and Mrs. William J. McNasby, Sr., have a family of five children: Emmett; William J., of this review; Justus; Mrs. Annie Adams; and Mrs. Isabella Crowley. The mother died January 28, 1928, at Annapolis, Maryland.

The schools of Annapolis afforded William J. McNasby, now

of Akron, his early educational privileges. He completed the work of successive grades and of the high school and afterward attended St. John's Military College. He was a youth of eighteen years when he entered into business with his father in the operation of a plant devoted to packing and shipping oysters and fish, five hundred people being employed by that establishment at Annapolis. He continued to act as manager in his native city for eight years and then decided to open and operate a branch of the company in the middle west. After looking over various locations he decided on Akron as the most promising center of activities and established here a distributing plant that is unsurpassed by any similar establishment in the country. The McNasby Company has always maintained the highest standards and through a process of elimination has been able to bring about a standardization in oyster raising, culling out the undesirable oysters from their beds and planting only the best in their new beds, so that over a long period of time they have produced what is known as the famous Pearl Brand oysters. Real study and intimate knowledge of the business are required in modern oyster planting and fishing. The oysters are secured by men fishing from small boats, using tongs that are cup shape, very much like a clam shovel used in dredging, fishing on the bottom of the bay in water from twelve to twenty-four feet deep. After the boat has a capacity load it returns to shore or to a large barge and is unloaded by an electric conveyor. This conveyor, an endless belt, carries the oysters into the shuckers' tables, where they are sorted and shucked. Shuckers are men well versed in the oyster game and it takes them at least two years to acquire speed in using the oyster knife that is used in opening the shells. The oysters never come in contact with human hands from the time they leave the water till the consumer gets them, as the shuckers use rubber gloves. From the shuckers they go to the packing room, where they are put in a skimmer and then into cans which are automatically sealed. The oysters are then ready for the shipping room, where they are shipped out of the McNasby plant at the rate of seven thousand to eight thousand gallons a day. The investment in oyster raising represents a tremendous outlay in money and labor, as the small oysters are thinned out regularly very much like growing vegetables and carried to the new beds where they are cultivated continually and left to grow for years before harvesting. Mr. McNasby was thoroughly familiar with every branch of the business when he decided to establish his

Akron plant. Today about ninety-eight per cent of the three thousand gallons of oysters that are consumed in Akron every week pass through his establishment and in addition twelve thousand gallons are shipped to other points in the state. The Pearl Brand oysters are caught at about four o'clock in the morning, are shucked and shipped the same day, arrive in Akron on five different trains and are on sale here seventeen hours after being taken out of the water. The Fishing Gazette, the national news journal of the commercial fisheries, states that the local plant of the McNasby Company is the most modern and ideal of its kind in the country and is referred to as a model plant, there being only two others resembling it, one in Detroit and one in San Francisco. Mr. McNasby before building his Akron plant made trips throughout the country and to the Pacific coast to obtain the newest thoughts for the erection of his plant, which is all white tile and marble and contains the most up-to-date equipment. Five large refrigerators with a cubic capacity of twenty-three hundred and forty feet are kept at five different degrees of temperature. One is used for ice making, one for the storage of meats, one for the storage of fish, one for the storage of oysters and one that is a freezing room where the temperature is kept below zero at all times. The five separate compartments are automatically controlled and under a central control switch. The floor space of the market is forty-six hundred and ten square feet, and has recently undergone remodeling to be able to care for the increased local business. As an added accommodation to its retail trade, McNasby's operates a meat and poultry department where only the best grades of meat and choice Ohio poultry may be obtained. The public is invited and welcome to inspect the plant at any time as the McNasby slogan is "As Clean As Your Own Kitchen." Through his Akron plant William J. McNasby has done more business and has more retail consumers on his list of customers than all three of the other competitive companies combined. The business has steadily grown until it has reached large proportions, and as sole proprietor Mr. McNasby has an enterprise that is returning to him a most gratifying profit.

On the 10th of June, 1926, Mr. McNasby was married to Miss Pearl Winkler, of Akron, a daughter of Frank B. Winkler. They reside at No. 227 Rhodes avenue.

Mr. McNasby is one of the well known members of the Elks, and also belongs to the Loyal Order of Moose, the Akron Chamber of Commerce and the Akron Automobile Club. His interests

have centered more and more largely in Akron where his activities have been an important contribution to the city's commercial prominence and its trade position as a distributing center. In public affairs Mr. McNasby manifests the same progressive spirit that he has shown in his business career and is accorded a most creditable position, not only among the city's leading business men but as well among Akron's best class of citizens.

FRED CORNELIUS DIBBLE

Fred Cornelius Dibble, well known in insurance circles of Akron as general agent of the Equitable Life Insurance Company of Iowa, was born in Youngstown, Ohio, January 1, 1876, and is a son of Orlando V. and Emily (McKinney) Dibble, the former a native of Connecticut, while the latter was born in Mercer, Pennsylvania. They came to Ohio in 1874, settling in Youngstown, where the father was engaged in the coal trade. Later they removed to Wadsworth, Ohio, and the father is now living in San Antonio, Texas, where he is successfully engaged in merchandising, but the mother has passed away. Their family numbers seven children: Fred C., of this review; Harry, who is a resident of San Francisco, California; Henry Card, living in Wadsworth, Ohio; Leon C., who is identified with the Enterprise Manufacturing Company of Akron; Kimberly, who is engaged in business at San Antonio, Texas; Orlando, also a resident of San Antonio, Texas; and Mrs. Lillie Chatfield, of Akron.

In his early youth Fred C. Dibble was a pupil in the county schools of Columbiana county, Ohio, and later he attended the Wadsworth high school, where he completed his studies in 1898. He then enlisted in the United States army for service in the Spanish-American war and was a non-commissioned officer, serving as corporal. He was stationed in various parts of Cuba until returning to this country, where he was mustered out November 28, 1898. Again taking up his abode in Wadsworth, he there entered the flour and feed business, with which he was associated for a year. On selling his interest in that line he turned his attention to the furniture trade in Wadsworth, conducting a well equipped store for a period of five years. On the expiration of that period he again sold and entered the life insurance business as agent for the Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company, which he represented from 1908 until 1915. In the latter year he

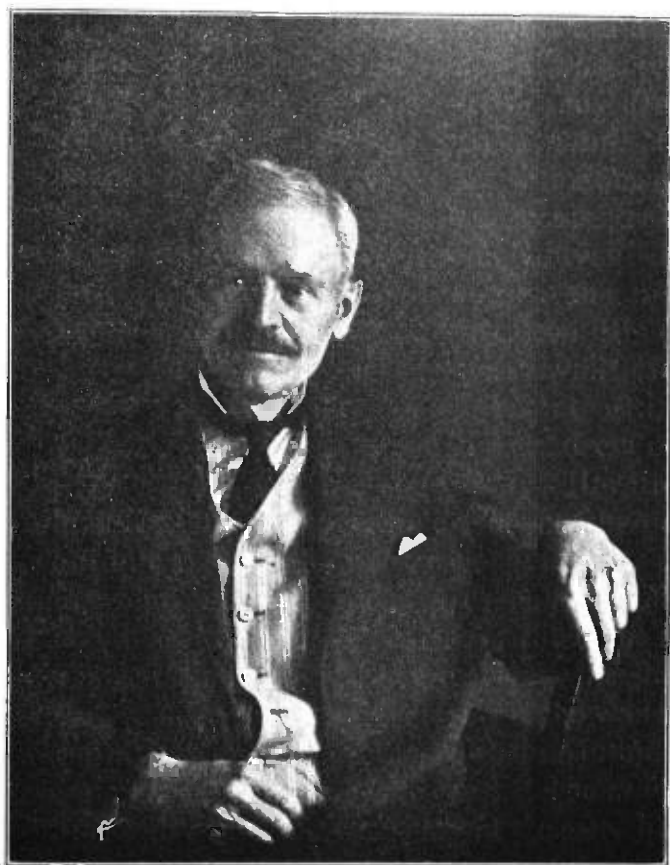
came to Akron and was made general agent for the Equitable Life Insurance Company, in which connection he has since continued, having important interests under his control. His business is now of a substantial character and Mr. Dibble is a well known figure in insurance circles in this section of Ohio.

The marriage of Fred C. Dibble and Miss Bessie Weaver, daughter of R. F. Weaver, who was the owner of the Wadsworth (Ohio) Water Works Company, was celebrated June 21, 1900, and has been blessed with two children: Robert J., who was born in Wadsworth October 29, 1903, and is now a student in Mount Union College; and Virginia, who was born in Wadsworth, March 6, 1908, and is studying at the Penn Hall Academy. Mr. and Mrs. Dibble are well known in the leading social circles of the city and they hold membership in the First Congregational church, their interests centering in those activities which make for the material, intellectual and moral progress of the community. In his fraternal relations Mr. Dibble is a Mason, loyally following the teachings and purposes of the craft, and he belongs to the Portage Country Club, which affords him needed recreation.

NATHAN MORSE

All of those qualities which constitute honorable manhood found their expression in the life of Nathan Morse, an able lawyer, a progressive and loyal citizen, a philanthropist, and, more than all, a true friend to those to whom he gave his friendship. Born in Union, Connecticut, November 2, 1848, he was a son of Amasa and Sarah Ann (Thomas) Morse. Having attended the public schools in his native county, he afterward became a student in Amherst College, following a preparatory course at Monson Academy. His college work won him the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1874 and he then took up the study of law in Worcester, in the office and under the direction of Judge George F. Hoar, afterward United States Senator from Massachusetts, while later he entered the Boston University, which conferred upon him his law degree in 1876.

Mr. Morse entered upon the active practice of his profession in Holyoke, Massachusetts, and during the period of his residence there was married in June, 1876, to Miss Ellen J. White. He afterward removed to New Hartford, Connecticut, where he



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remained for six years, and in April, 1882, he arrived in Akron, Ohio. Shortly prior to this time he was making plans to engage in a manufacturing business in connection with a friend of New Hartford, and he made his trip westward in order to investigate conditions relative to their prospective undertaking. While en route, however, he purchased a newspaper which happened to be an Akron publication and in that journal he noticed the real estate advertisement of Nodiah Barber that interested him greatly, with the result that he wrote to Mr. Barber making inquiries about Akron. The answer which he received was so encouraging that he decided to come to this city at once and here arrived in the spring of 1882. Almost immediately thereafter he purchased a plot of an acre and a half of land, which included the homes that he and Mrs. Morse occupied throughout his remaining days. Opening a law office, he entered upon the active work of his profession and gained a prominent place among the members of the Summit county bar. He was long accorded a liberal clientele and the court records bear testimony to his ability in handling important litigated interests. Moreover, he gained a large degree of material success through real estate operations and activity in other fields of business. Lands which he purchased in the early day, and which included an orchard which was in bearing, he divided and sold in town lots, realizing a goodly profit therefrom. His sound business judgment was manifest in his purchase of other property in different parts of the city which he also placed upon the market and sold for a goodly figure. He likewise became well known in financial circles occupying the presidency of the People's Bank for a number of years. His fellow townsmen came to know him as a most reliable as well as most progressive business man. His word was as good as his bond and the sterling worth of his character was recognized by all with whom he came in contact. For forty years he continued in successful practice at the Ohio bar and ever adhered to the highest ethical standards of the profession, so that he enjoyed in unusual degree the confidence and respect of his fellow practitioners.

Mr. Morse never sought to figure prominently in connection with political or public life and the only office which he ever filled was that of clerk of the house of representatives of Connecticut in 1878. He never hesitated, however, to support any plan or measure which he believed would prove of vital worth to his community and his support of many measures constituted a

strong element in their successful adoption. He held to the highest moral standards as a devoted member of the First Congregational church, of which he long served as clerk and also served as deacon. There was never any compromise with him on the question of right or wrong. He stood fearlessly for any cause which he espoused and he never espoused a cause which did not measure up to the highest standards of honor and of public usefulness. He was free from ostentation and display, but the sterling worth of his character was recognized by all with whom he came in contact and the men who knew him respected and honored him. As prosperity attended him, he gave freely and generously in support of benevolent and philanthropic institutions, and few have done so much to assist young men starting out in the world. In all of his generosity he strictly followed the biblical injunction not to let the left hand know what the right hand doeth. He did not seek his reward in the praise of men, rejoicing only in the opportunity to do good.

Nathan Morse passed to the home beyond on the 26th of March, 1923, having passed the seventy-fourth milestone on life's journey. When the news of his demise was received by Elihu G. Loomis, attorney and counselor at law of Boston, Massachusetts, with whom Mr. Morse had attended the law university, he sent out the following letter: "My Dear Classmates: I have just received news of the loss of another from out of our band of survivors—a man who was very dear to us all, whose life was blameless and his character noble. Nathan Morse died in the closing days of last March at Akron, Ohio, after an illness which began in July, 1922, with a severe attack of influenza, from which he never rallied. He grew weaker as time went on, though occasionally going downtown on business. He suffered a good deal of pain and finally passed away on March 26. He was a man highly honored and esteemed in Akron, of spotless integrity. His life was eminently successful from every point of view and he will be greatly missed. Judd, who was his classmate at Monson Academy as well as at Amherst and who had a specially warm regard for him, was the only representative of the class at the funeral." Many needy persons will regret Mr. Morse's death, for he was always the friend of those who found life a struggle. He was a strong churchman and took the keenest interest in foreign missions. For years he supported from his own pocket a missionary in China. It is almost impossible to measure the extent and breadth of his influence and of his

activities. He labored for good and accomplished great things, so that his memory is cherished by all and remains as a blessed benediction to those who knew him.

JAMES ARTHUR BRANDON

The life record of James Arthur Brandon constituted a connecting link between the primitive past and the progressive present. He had reached the age of seventy-nine years when he passed away, January 28, 1928, his birth having occurred in Akron, June 16, 1848. He belonged to one of the pioneer families here, their home being at the corner of Sherman and Carroll streets, the site being in the midst of what was the old Brandon farm, the family also owning a brickyard in that locality. The Brandons originally were of German ancestry, tracing their lineage to Baron James Brandon (or Branden), whose son, Charles, married Mary Tudor, sister of Henry VIII of England, and Charles Brandon later was created Duke of Sussex. The original crest of the family is in possession of a descendant residing in Memphis, Tennessee. Prior to the Revolutionary war representatives of the name came to the new world, settling in Virginia, the founder of the family in America being Lord Gordon Brandon. Thomas C. Brandon, father of James A. Brandon, was at one time interested in the old waterway from Cuyahoga Falls to Cascade Mills and in the enterprise he sank a large share of the family fortune, for the undertaking met with disaster owing to the fact that there was too much sand in the country to be traversed. Traces of the old waterway, however, can still be seen at various points along the original route. It was also Thomas C. Brandon who put in the canal through the southern part of the state, passing through Athens, but only one boat ever went through the canal, for sufficient water could not be secured, owing to improper grades, and much money was also lost in this enterprise. In the family of Thomas C. Brandon was a daughter, Ella, who at one time was far famed as a beauty and belle of Akron and who became the wife of William Lannon. A son, Thomas C. Brandon, manufactured the first crimped zinc washboard ever used and he also brought out a washing machine which was really of great worth, but it would not sell, as the public was not ready for washing machines at that time, preferring the hand method. Another son of the family, Samuel Brandon, enlisted for service

in the Union army during the Civil war and died at Camp Green, Kentucky. A daughter, Kate, who became the wife of George Bolander, is now deceased.

James Arthur Brandon spent his youthful days on the old home farm where Carroll and Sherman streets now intersect. He attended the first public school in Akron and later was a pupil in the old Jennings school. He early became familiar with brick-making at his father's plant, which was the only one in Akron and from which was turned out the brick used in the construction of the Samuel Bartges home on East Market street, now used as the nurses' home of the City Hospital. The brick used in constructing the first Goodrich rubber plant and the first match factory, owned by Ohio C. Barber at Barberton, and the first brick conduit under Main street, still in use, was also made in the Brandon yard, of which James Arthur Brandon took charge when still quite young. He was too young to go to war when in 1861 the trouble broke out between the north and the south, but in company with James Moody and Timothy Erasmus he formed a fife and drum corps which was used in recruiting troops for the army, Mr. Brandon playing the snare drum. He continued his work in the brickyard and the output of the plant featured largely in the improvement and development of Akron, furnishing the building material for many structures here, including the first oatmeal ovens used by what is now the Quaker Oats Company. As time passed on Akron took upon itself the appearance and conditions of a city and the land used for brickyard purposes became too valuable to permit of the business being carried on there for a longer period. It was then that the farm was sold, but the old homestead is still standing on the original site. When the brickyard passed out of his possession Mr. Brandon began selling sewing machines and also doing fine cabinet work, which included interior finishing. He also built fine furniture, made bannisters, door casings, mantels, etc., and in fact turned his attention and efforts to all kinds of expert work along those lines. He afterward entered the Cogswill art store and while connected with that establishment conceived the idea of manufacturing a miter machine and brought forth what was at that time the only machine of the kind in the world. The first model was made of wood and it operated so successfully that Mr. Brandon began the manufacture of the machine in iron. This is a machine of the highest value to frame makers, is simply operated and is adapted to a wide range of work. The business was at first

carried on under the name of the Brandon Machine Company and later under the name of J. A. Brandon & Son. A number of the foremost machinists of Ohio had their start in the construction of this machine. The miter machine was shipped to all parts of the world, for it proved an instant success, fully meeting a universal need. Moreover, the machine was so carefully constructed as to practically never get out of repair and never seemed to wear out. One firm reported that it used the miter machine as long as it was in business and then turned it over to the next owner. No other invention was brought out along similar lines, so that the machine had no competition and the original patterns are still in possession of the family. Later the firm name was changed to the Brandon Electric Garage Machine Company and the business became the foremost productive industry of its kind in Akron. Aside from his interests of this character Mr. Brandon leased the old P. D. Hall fairgrounds and conducted a pony and riding park, maintaining a riding school with large saddle horses and ponies for children. He was always a great lover of horses and it was this that induced him to establish the school. He was likewise associated with Newton Chalker in the development of an addition called Chalker's Landing, which was a real estate and home-site proposition. In his later life Mr. Brandon erected the present residence of the family, doing much of the work with his own hands, for he delighted in constructive activities. He was a very versatile man, able to do many things well, and readily adapted himself to any condition, any opportunity or any need of the hour. Any type of machine was to him like the toy is to the child. He could thoroughly master the handling or the mechanism in the way of needed repairs and because of this quality he became an expert automobile mechanic.

On the 19th of July, 1868, Mr. Brandon was united in marriage to Miss Mary Elizabeth Miller, who survived her husband a short time, passing away March 21, 1928. They became the parents of six children. Harry S. wedded Cora Clark and has six children: Cecil, Edna, Frank, Dorothy, Harry and Carrie. Ralph, Bernice and Ollie May are all deceased. Kitty Frank died at the age of ten years. George A. married Nora Gray and has two children, George Gray and Jay Campbell. George A. Brandon became his father's associate and succeeded him in the ownership of the business conducted under the style of Brandon Electric Garage Machine Company.

In his religious faith Mr. Brandon was a Methodist, taking

active and helpful part in the work of the First Methodist Episcopal church and teaching a class in the Sunday school of the South Main street church and later taught in North Hill Methodist Episcopal church. He also belonged to the Epworth League and he was keenly interested in everything that tended to promote moral standards in his community. He was often solicited to become a candidate for political office but always steadfastly refused. His outstanding characteristic was his kindness of heart, which prompted him to many acts of charity and benevolence, which he performed most unostentatiously, never speaking of them even to the members of his immediate family. He truly followed the injunction not to let the left hand know what the right hand doeth. He measured his life by high standards of Christian service and Christian ideals and he left to his family the priceless heritage of an untarnished name.

CHARLES EDMUND AKERS

Charles Edmund Akers ranked as an enterprising and successful business man and realtor of Akron, but far more he will be remembered as a loyal citizen and one who in his life embodied the Emersonian philosophy that the way to win a friend is to be one. No one had more genuine friends than he, this resulting from the sterling worth of his character, which was manifest in every relation of life. That he did not live in vain was manifest in the influence for good which he exerted upon all with whom he came in contact. A native of England, his birth occurred about one hundred miles from London and in that land he attended the schools which gave him the educational training that fitted him for life's practical and responsible duties. He afterward learned the tinner's trade, so that when he decided to try his fortune in America he had knowledge of a business that would give him a livelihood and enable him to make the start that he hoped in time would carry him on to success. Coming to the United States, he continued the journey westward to Akron and here obtained a position with the firm of Cramer & May, but within six months, having studied the business situation and conditions here, he realized that there was a good opportunity in his line of business for another first-class establishment and accordingly he entered into partnership relations with his brother Alfred, forming the firm of Akers Brothers, doing



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business on the corner of East Market and Arlington streets. They continued for twelve years in the conduct of a general hardware business and also maintained a tinning and roofing department as well. After twelve years Charles E. Akers became sole proprietor of the business, doing all kinds of tinning, roofing and spouting as well as handling an extensive line of shelf and heavy hardware. He built up a large patronage and was among the leading business men in this field in Akron. Throughout his entire career no one ever questioned the integrity of his methods and his spirit of enterprise carried him steadily forward, so that success in substantial measure crowned his labors. About five years prior to his demise he rented his store and established the first real estate office in East Akron, where he owned much property. This he improved and subdivided and built thereon many attractive structures, his labors resulting greatly in the improvement of the various sections in which he operated. He owned one tract of land extending from the Kent school to Johnson street and embracing all the corner on Arlington street. He also bought property on East Market at Martha street and built many attractive homes there. His own residence stood on Kent street, in addition to which he owned much other property in that and various other sections. Shortly prior to his demise the Akers-Dellenberger Company purchased a location off East Market street, outside the city limits, and was platting it with the purpose of improving it and erecting buildings thereon. In the field of speculative building Mr. Akers came to be a foremost figure. Where previously had been unpleasing vacancies he developed attractive residential districts and added greatly to the beauty of the city. He also handled the Fulton allotment, whereon were built the street car barns, and he was interested in the Akron Brick & Tile Company and in the Akron Storage Company. With notable prescience he recognized the possibilities for Akron's development and wrought along lines that made for future greatness as well as present-day improvement. His judgment was sound, his insight keen and his faith in Akron was unfaltering. His business activities were always wisely and intelligently directed and what he achieved was the merited reward of his persistent labors.

On the 4th of January, 1882, Mr. Akers was united in marriage to Miss Anna White, of East Akron, and they became the parents of four children: Edith W., who married Fred W. Stroman and has one child, Doris Akers Stroman; Eva H., who is

the wife of Charles H. Allenbaugh and has two daughters, Betty Jane and Jean Anne; Alfred J., who married Ruth Miller; and Ruth J., who is the wife of Burchard Thomas.

Throughout his entire life Charles E. Akers took a helpful interest in public affairs and at one time served as a member of the city council, filling the office at the time when East Market street was paved with wood. Mr. Akers also served on several civic boards and he gave generous and valuable support to every plan or measure which he deemed of worth to the community. It is doubtful if any in Akron had a wider acquaintance, and when death came to him suddenly on the 2d of December, 1915, it was the occasion of deep and widespread regret to all who knew him. He was a self-made man in the truest and best sense of the term. His labors were crowned with a substantial measure of material gain, but the most envious could not grudge him his success, so honorably was it won and so worthily used. He was liberal, kind and charitable, giving freely when aid was needed and many times extending a helping hand to those in distress. His friends were legion and to his friends he was ever most loyal. He possessed in notable measure that quality which for want of a better term has been called personal magnetism and he drew men to him in bonds that nought but death could sever. His life was actuated by a belief in the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man, and because of this brotherly element in his makeup he was constantly alert to the opportunity for doing good to his fellows. Social, cordial and genial, his townsmen took delight in his company and no death in Akron perhaps has been more widely or sincerely mourned. To his family he was a devoted husband and father, finding his greatest pleasure in ministering to the happiness of those at his own fireside. The world is better for his having lived and many years will pass ere his memory ceases to be revered and honored in the community where he lived to such worthy purpose.

ARCHIE E. ALBRIGHT

Alert, energetic and determined, Archie E. Albright has converted his opportunities into tangible assets, becoming a power in financial circles of Akron, and is also active in civic and religious affairs. He was born November 27, 1888, in Wayne county, Ohio, and is a son of David Frank and Myrtle (Langell) Albright,

who have always lived in the county. His great-grandfather, the Rev. Samuel Seacrist, was a Lutheran minister and preached the gospel in southeastern Ohio. David F. Albright chose the career of an agriculturist and is still active. Mr. and Mrs. Albright have two children and their daughter, Mrs. Mary Grady, is also residing in Wayne county.

Archie E. Albright was reared on his father's farm in Franklin township and attended the district school. While a pupil in the Wooster high school he specialized in the commercial course, showing an especial aptitude for mathematics, and was graduated with the class of 1906. During the following winter he worked in the office of a mercantile concern of Cleveland and in the spring of 1907 he returned home to assist his father in tilling the soil. At one time he thought of entering the ministry but a business career appealed strongly to him and led him into the fields of finance. Good fortune appeared in the person of H. H. Geitgey, a Youngstown banker, who was an acquaintance of D. F. Albright and stopped at the roadside fence of the farm to ask if there was a young man in the neighborhood in need of a good position. The father recommended his son, who in December, 1907, became one of the employes of the Equity Savings & Loan Company, of which Mr. Geitgey was secretary. For ten years Mr. Albright remained with the firm in a stenographic and assistant secretarial capacity and in January, 1907, he came to Akron as secretary of the Citizens Savings & Loan Company, with which he spent two years. On the expiration of that period he reentered the service of the Equity Savings & Loan Company but left Youngstown a year later and returned to Akron. In 1920 he became secretary of the Home Savings & Loan Company, which was merged with the Akron Savings & Loan Company in March, 1921, and has since represented the latter firm in the same capacity. Mr. Albright derives pleasure from his work, in which he is deeply engrossed, and has a highly specialized knowledge of the savings and loan business, rendering the services of an expert to the corporation which he represents.

On June 11, 1912, Mr. Albright was married in Youngstown to Miss Hazel Beard, a daughter of Monroe Beard of that city, and they have become the parents of three children; Mary Lorraine, who was born in Youngstown, June 1, 1915, and is pursuing her studies in Akron; David Beard, who was born in Youngstown, May 1, 1918, and is also a public school pupil; and Archie E. Jr., whose birth occurred at Akron, August 21, 1920.

A thirty-second degree Mason, Mr. Albright is connected with Lake Erie Consistory and the Mystic Shrine. He is a member of the Akron Chamber of Commerce and the City, Rotary and Automobile Clubs. In religious faith he is a Lutheran and is a member of the council of Trinity church, also serving as assistant superintendent of the Sunday school. He is past district president of the league of the Ohio Building Associations and a member of the state executive committee of the league. Mr. Albright is president of the Central Young Men's Christian Association and a member of the state committee of the organization. Young men and their welfare constitute one of the chief interests of his life. Recalling that he was aided in his preparation for a commercial career by studying law, business science and banking, he advises boys whom he thinks are ambitious to do likewise. One of his hobbies is encouraging children to start savings accounts and he was the originator of the school savings idea in Akron. For exercise he works in his flower and vegetable gardens and fruit orchard at his summer place in Ira and walking and automobile touring also afford him needed relaxation. He is fond of travel, reading and music and his radio is a source of much enjoyment. Mr. Albright is unselfish, broad-minded and public-spirited and his is a well rounded development. His activities have covered a wide scope and his influence upon the life of his city has been of the highest order.

GEORGE E. W. CARLE

Among the well known progressive business men of Akron is numbered George E. W. Carle, who for fourteen years has been one of the city's leading electrical construction contractors. He was born in Wheeling, West Virginia, of which his parents, John M. and Kate Carle, were also natives. The father was one of the owners of the business conducted by the Carle Brothers Company and always resided in Wheeling. He is survived by the mother, who has two sons, J. Howard being still a resident of Wheeling.

George E. Carle attended the public schools of his native city and continued his studies in Elliott College. Afterward he became connected with the Sands Electrical Company, manufacturers, jobbers and contractors of Wheeling, and remained with the firm for several years, occupying a position of trust and re-

sponsibility. He was sent to Akron in the interests of the company and in 1914 decided to locate here. Mr. Carle and his associates purchased the Akron stock of the Sands Electrical Company and organized the Carle Electric Construction Company, of which is the vice president. The firm maintains an office on the fourth floor of the Ohio building and deals only in the big jobs demanding high grade work. In the execution of contracts the company is reliable and efficient and has handled all of the electrical work in connection with the city's largest building projects. An expert electrical engineer as well as an able executive, Mr. Carle is largely responsible for the prestige enjoyed by the firm. In commenting upon the development of his business Mr. Carle said:

"The rapid innovation of new appliances for indoor and outdoor illumination has completely revolutionized the electrical business in the last ten years. The buildings erected in 1918 are required in many instances today to take care of the demands for the newer electrical inventions. Flood lighting for residences is just coming into its own. It is the surest guarantee against midnight prowlers. A few lights adorning the eaves of the home and switched on in a second illuminate the entire exterior of the building. Many homes in Akron have already been equipped with these lights, especially the system which illuminates the space between the house and the garage. Flood lighting for office buildings is the very latest advertising novelty. High-powered lights on the roof of one building completely light up the structure across the street from it. Homes and business blocks are being required every day to supply current for new devices such as vacuum cleaners, waffle irons, percolators, toasters, griddles, electric stoves, electric corn poppers, electric fireless cookers, sewing machines, electric refrigeration and the numerous pieces of equipment needed in business for beauty parlors, barber shops, dentists' offices, doctors' offices, advertising signs and window lighting.

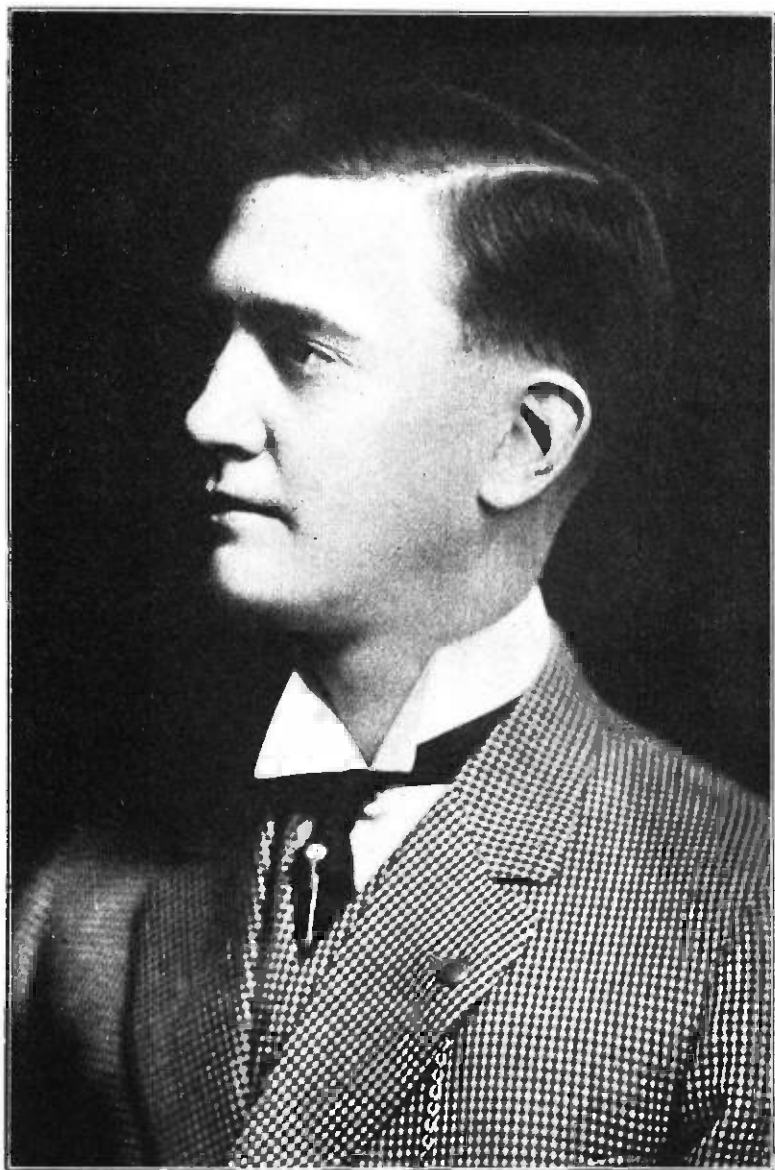
"The use of electricity has increased over five hundred per cent in the past few years and there is every indication that it will continue to increase at the same ratio in the future. The latest electric light bulbs give three times as much light in the consumption of current as the old carbon filament lamp. Light bills have been reduced in comparison with the rates of a few years ago. The type of construction is better in all buildings that are being erected today and city ordinances insure first-class work.

Akron is admirably situated with regard to electrical power. It is connected with several of the largest power lines in the country, thus insuring continuous and uninterrupted service, except for the time lost in case of accident where a hookup is made to repair the break in service."

Mr. Carle was married in Wheeling, West Virginia, to Miss Cecelia Bachtler, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Bachtler and a member of one of the prominent families of that city. Mr. Carle is affiliated with the Church of Our Saviour and conscientiously adheres to its teachings. In Masonry he holds the thirty-second degree and is identified with both the York and Scottish Rites as well as Tadmor Temple of the Mystic Shrine. Through his connection with the Chamber of Commerce he is working for the best interests of Akron and is also a valued member of the Kiwanis, the Elks Club, the Automobile and City Clubs and the Fairlawn Country Club. Mr. Carle is a useful and influential member of society and stands deservedly high in the esteem of his fellowmen.

MAURICE CHRISTIAN WINTER

A business man of broad vision, who sensed something of what the future held in store for Akron and who in the development of his amusement projects met a need in the public life of the city, Maurice Christian Winter became widely known. He was born in New Castle, Pennsylvania, January 22, 1879, a son of George F. and Mary T. (O'Shea) Winter, the former a farmer by occupation. The Winter family is of German lineage, the grandparents of Maurice C. having come from Germany to the new world. Settlement was first made at Baltimore, Maryland, but later a branch of the family removed to New Castle, Pennsylvania. It was there that Maurice C. Winter attended school and obtained his first business experience by selling papers. While still in his teens—then a youth of nineteen years—he established a haberdashery and merchant tailoring business in his native city and was conceded to be the youngest merchant carrying on an independent business venture in western Pennsylvania. When a little more than a year had passed his establishment was destroyed by fire, but he did not allow discouragement to overtake him and with renewed determination started in again, securing finer quarters than before. He had



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the reputation of conducting one of the most thoroughly modern and progressive haberdasheries between New York and Cleveland. He also made merchant tailoring a department of his business, which he conducted successfully at New Castle until 1907. He then withdrew from that field, sold his stock and remodeled his store room, converting it into a moving picture theatre, which he conducted for a period of eighteen months.

In the spring of 1909, however, Mr. Winter removed to Akron, believing that he would here find a profitable field. Accordingly he opened the Pastime theatre where is now seen the Federman store at 72 South Main street, and about the same time he established a moving picture theatre at Sharon, Pennsylvania, and at Lorain, Ohio. Later he built the Norka theatre on the site of the present National City Bank, and in these later enterprises he was associated with Carl Ryder, Charles Barbian and John Fitzpatrick, all of Sharon, Pennsylvania. They incorporated their interests under the name of the Summit Amusement Company, with Mr. Winters as president. Two years later the National City Bank purchased their location for a bank building and Mr. Winter at that time became interested in the old First National Bank building, which he remodeled into a beautiful theatre, calling it the Bank theatre. This was on the present site of the I. S. Myers store in South Main street and he operated this theatre individually, while at the same time he conducted a chain of theatres in Akron, including the Main at Main and Exchange streets, the Norka theatre and the Winter theatre in South Akron. He established and conducted all of these personally and in 1915 he developed the plan which resulted in the building of the Strand theatre, which was opened in September of that year, and of which he remained the owner until his demise on the 27th of July, 1918. In building the Strand, he gave to Akron its first large theatre, in keeping in its appointments with the finest theatres in the larger cities. He had great faith in Akron's future. He believed the city was entering upon an era of great prosperity and growth and therefore he made his investments, promoting the amusement interests which have had so much to do with the entertainment of Akron's citizens.

On the 10th of April, 1907, in Pittsburgh, Mr. Winter was married to Miss Marie E. Dunlevy, of that city, and they became the parents of five children: Margery J., Harriet J., Rosemary E., John F. and Eleanor C. Mr. Winter was a charter member of the Akron City Club and belonged to the Elks Club, the New

Castle Country Club and the Lawrence Club of New Castle, Pennsylvania. He was also a member of the Akron Chamber of Commerce and he was a stockholder in the Cleveland Hotel Corporation. His interests were broad and varied and through intelligently directed efforts he rose to prominence in business circles and attained notable success. He was cordial, genial and always approachable and his social qualities made for him many friends who highly prized his companionship.

GEORGE ADAM GREENWALD

George Adam Greenwald was a representative of one of the old families of Akron and was born on Greenwald Hill, South Akron, in a house that is still standing upon what was originally his father's farm, although the tract has long since been laid out in city lots. His natal day was September 20, 1875, his parents being Adam and Catherine (Koontz) Greenwald, who came to Ohio from Pennsylvania and settled on a tract of land now within the corporation limits of Akron.

George A. Greenwald pursued his education in the little old schoolhouse that stood on Main street on Greenwald Hill. In his youthful days he worked for a while in the coal banks at Cottage Grove and then came into Akron, where he was employed in the bicycle tire department of the B. F. Goodrich Company about 1897, remaining there for a year. Subsequently he tended bar for Dick Brown and later he established business on his own account in the same line at No. 134 South Main street. His business grew so rapidly that he purchased the Coventry building and grill room at 1122 to 1126 South Main street, continuing the owner of that building until his demise. It is now the Kirk furniture building.

It was on the 18th of January, 1899, in the Grace Reformed church in Akron, that Mr. Greenwald was united in marriage to Miss Grace Ackerman, a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Brunner) Ackerman. Her father was born in Akron and here passed away in April, 1925. Mr. and Mrs. Greenwald became parents of three children. Ralph Russell, who is pursuing an electrical engineering course at University of Akron, married Myrtle Smith and is father of one son, George Alvin. Clyde Alfred married Marie Dunn and has three children—Robert Clyde, Paul Edward and William Russell, the last named being known as

"Billy." Helen Irene is the wife of Paul Edward Russell and the mother of one child, Jean Lois.

Mr. Greenwald was widely known through his fraternal connections, having membership with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Pythias, the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Loyal Order of Moose. He passed away March 23, 1915, but is yet remembered by many friends because of his life-long residence in Akron and because of a social, genial nature which brought him the regard and won him the companionship of many.

J. PERRY TEEPLE

J. Perry Teeple, one of Akron's loyal sons, fought for his country in the World war and is now a successful lawyer. His birth occurred on the 6th of August, 1896. His father, John H. Teeple, who was also a native of Akron, was for years connected with J. M. Doran & Company, a wholesale cigar firm of Akron, and in 1922 he was called to his final rest. His widow, Mrs. Dora (Andress) Teeple, was born in Hayesville, Ashland county, Ohio, and acts as welfare director of the employes of the B. F. Goodrich Company of Akron.

J. Perry Teeple, was graduated from the Central high school in this city and next attended the University of Akron. In 1917 he won the A. B. degree from Hiram College and soon afterward responded to the call to arms, enlisting in the aviation corps. He became first sergeant of his company and was sent to the front. On November 8, 1918, he was wounded in the Argonne offensive and for eleven months was stationed abroad. He was mustered out April 19, 1919, at Chillicothe, Ohio, and afterward matriculated in the University of Ohio, from which he received the degree of LL. B. in 1922. While attending the university he was an instructor in the College of Liberal Arts and since 1922 has engaged in general practice in Akron. His office is located on the fifth floor of the Akron Savings & Loan building and his clientele is important and remunerative. He is an able advocate and a counselor whose advice is sound and reliable.

Mr. Teeple was married December 22, 1922, to Miss Ethel North, a daughter of William North, a well known citizen of Columbus, Ohio, and they have one child, James Frederick, who was born in Akron, August 19, 1926. Mr. Teeple belongs to Joseph

Wein Post of the American Legion and to the local lodge of Elks. In religious faith he is a Disciple, having membership relations with the First Christian church of Akron, and his professional affiliations are with the Summit County and Ohio State Bar Associations. Studious and diligent, Mr. Teeple is constantly increasing his fund of legal knowledge, and that he is a young man of sterling worth is indicated by the position which he occupies in the esteem of his fellow citizens, with whom his life has been passed.

KENNETH FRICK TEAL

The soldierly qualities which make men march forth to battle in defense of their country are often termed heroic—and justly so—but there is a heroism that is equally if not more pronounced, and that is when an individual, uninspired by the cooperation of his fellows, meets a situation that demands the highest physical and moral courage. Such a test came to Kenneth Frick Teal and he never faltered in the performance of duty when he knew that it was at the risk of his own life. Therefore his name is inscribed particularly high on the roll of Akron's heroes, for to safeguard three of those who worked under him he gave his own life.

Mr. Teal was born at Wawaka, Indiana, April 7, 1899, a son of William Edward and Ida (Frick) Teal, the former now with the Akron, Canton & Youngstown Railroad. In the pursuit of his education the son attended the public and high schools of Wawaka, his course being completed by graduation with the class of 1917. Almost immediately afterward he entered the Western Union telegraph service and remained with that corporation until coming to Akron. It was about 1920 that he secured a situation in the electrical department of the Akron, Canton & Youngstown Railroad, with which he remained until his untimely demise. He met death when directing the labors of three men who were employed under him. A live wire became loosened and to save his companions he grasped this to prevent it striking the men, realizing fully the risk that he ran. He managed to throw the wire aside ere the current caused his own demise. This was on the 14th of December, 1925.

A little more than two years before Mr. Teal was married on the 23d of July, 1923, to Miss Jennie Ogden Edwards, a daughter of George Lorimer and Jennie Jones (Johnstone) Edwards.

Her father was killed in an accident in Louisville, Kentucky. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Teal was celebrated in Akron and was blessed with one son, Forrest Edward, born November 29, 1924.

Mr. Teal was a member of the Masonic lodge at Plymouth, Ohio, and at one time held membership in Oriental Lodge, I. O. O. F. He was president of the local lodge of the Brotherhood of American Railway Employees, was vice president of the Akron branch of the Machinists Union and the week prior to his death had been elected its president. His political allegiance was given to the republican party. He was liked and respected by all who knew him and had many friends. His entire life was characterized by a strong sense of duty and it was this that caused him to make the supreme sacrifice. He was devoted to the welfare of his wife and child, and the son will ever be inspired by the heroic figure of the father, to whom the call of duty was louder than the knell of death.

ARTHUR EDWIN TRAFFORD

Choosing a congenial line of work at the outset of his commercial career, Arthur E. Trafford has continued therein and in the steps of an orderly progression he has risen to a place of importance in business circles of Akron, successfully controlling the activities of a large baking firm. He was born June 10, 1873, in Lincolnshire, England, and his parents, Edward and Phoebe Amelia (Key) Trafford, were also natives of that country. The father was an agriculturist and utilized the most effective methods in the cultivation and development of his farm. He has passed away and the mother is also deceased. They are survived by four children: Mrs. Frank Tatton and Mrs. Russell Oats, residents of Akron; Edward Trafford, who lives in Australia; and Arthur E. Trafford.

The last named attended the public schools of England and in his youth came to the United States with his parents, who established their home in Akron. Here he served an apprenticeship to the baker's trade and afterward secured a position with the National Biscuit Company, remaining with that corporation for sixteen years. Owing to his ability his services were sought by the Akron Baking Company and for six years he acted as superintendent of their plant. In 1917 he organized the Superior Baking Company, starting with a small capital, and has built up a

fine plant which is a credit to its founder and to the city in which it is situated. Work is furnished to forty persons and the extent of the business is further indicated by the fact that fifteen trucks are utilized for delivery purposes. Based upon scientific methods, the output of the bakery is of uniform excellence and as a natural result there is a heavy demand for the wholesome, appetizing bread made by the firm, which caters to the wholesale trade. Mr. Trafford is president of the company and closely supervises the labors of those in his employ. An expert baker, he is also endowed with executive force and good judgment and maintains a high standard of efficiency in the conduct of his business, which is situated at No. 587-89 South High street.

Mr. Trafford was married June 1, 1910, to Mrs. Emma C. Laxton, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Carver, of England. Helen C. Trafford, the only child of this union, was born December 3, 1911, in Nashville, Tennessee, and is a senior at the West high school in Akron. Mr. Trafford is affiliated with the Church of Our Saviour and closely observes its teachings. He belongs to the Elks lodge at Akron and is also connected with the United Commercial Travelers. His prosperity has been won by hard work and honorable dealing and he merits and receives the respect and confidence of his fellowmen.

NELSON CLARKE STONE

Every man of clearly defined character has that within him which demands expression in many forms, and of this type was Nelson Clarke Stone, whose activities touched the general interests of society to their betterment. More than forty years of his life were devoted to the service of the National City Bank, and as its president he aided materially in making Akron one of the great industrial centers of the world. He was well known as a connoisseur and patron of music and the arts. Religious, civic and philanthropic affairs also occupied his attention, and nothing was foreign to him that concerned his fellows or touched the world's progress and improvement. He extracted from life the real essence of living, and the depth and strength of his character made him universally admired.

A native of Akron, Mr. Stone was born March 30, 1853, at the corner of Mill and Summit streets, where the famous Jumbo



Nelson C Stone

Mills were later built, and he was a son of Nelson Beardsley Stone, one of the pioneer lumbermen of the city. The latter's parents migrated from Connecticut to Ohio, settling on a farm near Tallmadge and the family has been represented in Summit county for nearly a century. Nelson C. Stone acquired his early instruction in Akron, completing a course in the old Jennings high school, and in 1872 matriculated in Delaware College. Later he was a student in the Ohio Wesleyan University, from which he received the degree of Master of Arts in 1876, and then went to Europe with thirty other graduates of that institution, spending a year abroad.

Soon after his return to Akron, Mr. Stone entered upon his business career as a clerk in the office of the Weary, Snyder & Wilcox Lumber Company, working for some time under his father, and then went to Kansas. His first financial experience was gained in a Leavenworth bank and from there he went to New York city, returning to Akron after an absence of two years. In 1887 he became a bookkeeper in the old City National Bank, which was then located on Howard street, and a year later was made its cashier. His duties were faithfully and efficiently discharged and on the reorganization of that institution as the National City Bank in 1903 he was elected president. For twenty-three years he wisely and successfully administered its affairs, developing one of the largest and strongest financial institutions of this part of the state and establishing an enviable reputation as a financier. In 1926 he was made chairman of the board of directors and served the bank in that capacity until his death on November 9, 1927, at the age of seventy-four years. As an executive he displayed rare judgment and ability of a high order. Along industrial lines he was connected with the Seiberling Milling Company of East Akron and the Selle Gear Company.

Mr. Stone was married December 24, 1879, in Chicago to Miss Margaret J. Oburn, a daughter of William and Mary J. (Findley) Oburn, and theirs proved an ideal union. The First Methodist Episcopal church numbered Mr. Stone among its most faithful members and liberal supporters. He was most regular in his attendance at church, and when at home it was only illness that prevented his presence at church service and it was his unflinching practice when away from home to attend religious worship each Sunday. He listened with deep interest to the sermons and from his boyhood enjoyed an intimate acquaintance with the foremost

preachers of his day. He served on the pulpit committee and acted as chairman of the music committee. In 1893 he succeeded his father on the board of trustees and the combined service of the father and son in this department of church work covered a period of nearly eighty years. Nelson C. Stone was identified with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Ohio Society of New York, the University and City Clubs of Akron, the Portage Lake Country Club, the Union and Country Clubs of Cleveland, the Bankers Clubs of New York City and America and a number of financial organizations. In the affairs of the Akron Chamber of Commerce he took a leading part, serving on many of its important committees, and his political allegiance was given to the republican party. Keenly interested in "the sport of kings," he maintained a box at the Randall races and he loved horses and their achievements in the same way he loved music and life, and his capacity for enjoyment, his sympathetic, generous nature and unfailing good humor made him a most desirable and agreeable companion. Like Carlyle, he believed that "Music is the speech of the angels" and was a great admirer of Evan Williams, deriving much pleasure from listening to his beautiful voice. Mr. Stone enjoyed the privilege of knowing many singers of international repute and his collection of musical records is second to none in the world. Perhaps no better indication of his character can be given than the following article, written by Evan Williams, Jr., and published in one of the local papers:

"The mortal remains of Nelson C. Stone were returned to the dust Saturday. Headlines, telling of his passing, referred to him as the dean of bankers. News stories and editorials spoke of him in the highest terms as a keen business man, a loyal friend, a good citizen and a lover of horses. A mere mention was made of his love for music, and nothing was said at all of his love of good living. That was to be expected, for in this workaday world such things are forgotten.

"I have always considered it a privilege to be among the few who addressed Nelson C. Stone as 'Uncle Nel.' He was perhaps the dearest friend my father had, in Akron or elsewhere. Since the death of my father he had been even more than a friend to those of us who were left. Never was he too busy to stop for a few minutes to chat or advise us on some matter personal or financial. That is the reason I feel privileged to write about him. * * *

"It has always seemed to me that business was a matter of

third or fourth importance to Nelson C. Stone. In the first place he was a true lover of good living. He was one of the very few remaining epicures of Akron and the country at large. Second came his interest in music and arts—which could probably be classed with good living. After that came his business, horses and other things.

"I once heard Mr. Stone remark that he would rather be sick in the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York city than any other place in the world. For many years he stopped at the Waldorf whenever he was in New York. For there they knew—from the manager of the hotel to the humblest dishwasher in the kitchen—that Nelson C. Stone of Akron, Ohio, recognized and appreciated good service and the best in foods. He was not known there as a banker. That was of secondary importance.

"The moment he registered word seemed to spread to every employe of the famous hostelry. He would go to the dining room for luncheon and was escorted to his favorite table by the headwaiter—not a captain, mind you, for it was considered an honor to escort Mr. Stone of Akron to table. He would then say: 'Mr. Stone, we have some of your favorite Long Island duckling today.' Chances are that the duckling was not on the menu. But the mighty Oscar himself, most famous of chefs, would have gone down to the kitchens and personally supervised the roasting. And before luncheon was over Oscar would be at the table to find if everything was satisfactory. Oscar seldom lavished such attention on anyone short of a crown prince. The same thing would happen during every meal Mr. Stone had at the hotel. On one occasion he was stricken with some minor malady while at the Waldorf. Chefs vied with one another in preparing tasty delicacies for him and other employes almost fought among themselves to serve him.

"To N. C. Stone dinner was nothing short of a ritual. To him fish was not merely fish. It was pompano, scrod, haddock, sole or bluefish. The same with other dishes. Breakfast was not a hasty cup of coffee and piece of toast at some cafeteria, but a carefully selected meal, as was luncheon or dinner.

"Next to good living came music. Life without music to N. C. Stone would have been a dismal affair. Once or twice during the opera season he would journey to New York—whether he had business there or not. Before leaving he would write for seats at the opera. After an Oscar-supervised dinner at the Waldorf, he was in his seventh heaven listening to Caruso, Farrar, Gigli,

Homer or Schumann-Heink singing the immortal melodies of Verdi or Puccini. If he was in New York five days, you could be sure that he heard five operas. Or if it was not during opera season, you would find him in Carnegie Hall, Aeolian Hall or some other temple of music listening to concerts.

"He was the most ardent admirer of my father, Evan Williams, the silver-throated Akron singer, that ever lived. He never missed a New York recital nor one of the big festivals at Worcester, Cincinnati or Evanston. A festival would not have been a festival without N. C. Stone. I will never forget him at a big Welsh Eisteddfod in Pittsburgh—I believe back in 1914. If you have never heard an Eisteddfod you have never heard music, Six or seven of the greatest mixed choruses in the world were competing for a prize. On the final night they all joined together—just imagine one thousand trained voices in one vast chorus—in giving 'King Olaf,' a famous oratorio. It was the hottest night of an uncommonly hot summer. And there sat N. C. Stone—the only time I have ever seen him in his shirt sleeves—with great beads of perspiration rolling down his face, but wearing the most glorious smile ever seen on human countenance. I really believe it was one of the big moments of his life.

"The collection of talking machine records in his home bears mute testimony to his love for music. The collection must contain several thousand records, carefully put away in special racks. The Victrola, one of the best made, stands on a special platform so the horn is about the height of a man's face. He had it placed thus because he believed the sound was distorted at a lower level. He even sent to foreign countries for records he could not get here. I believe he has every record the great baritone Battistini ever made, and his one regret was that Battistini would not cross the ocean to sing in this country. I believed Nelson Stone valued his collection of records more than anything in his home.

"To get away from music, it always seemed to me that Mr. Stone rather regretted having the National City Bank move from Howard street to its present location on Main street. It always seemed that he was rather cooped up in the new building. His office was more spacious and more beautiful—but it was the personal contact with his friends that he missed. In the old bank his office had a big window facing the street. He would sit by the window and watch for acquaintances. One would pass and he would rap smartly on the glass. The friend would take that as a signal to enter, and a ten-minute chat would ensue. He loved

to watch the world pass by, and in the new building that was impossible.

"Akron may remember Nelson C. Stone as a gentleman of the old school, a splendid citizen and a great banker, but in my memory he will always be treasured as one who had discovered happiness through deliberate and good living. There are all too few like him."

John A. Botzum said of him: "Nelson C. Stone, dean of Akron bankers, has gone from our midst. No longer will the city see him and hear his merry laughter. But in his going he leaves behind something we call memories, something that will live and make all of us the better for having known this man. Mr. Stone was a prince of a man. He was great in his wealth of experiences. In his boyhood days he associated with giants. They were the men who were the pioneers in building Akron. His contacts with such men made an impress upon him which remained with him always. He was rich in his friendships and his friendships covered a wide range. He made no distinction between high and low positions. He could take to his heart the humblest men. He always disliked the small and mean things in human nature. He loved little children. He loved all the fine things of life. He loved art and music. Shortly before he left he said he believed the best is yet to come. This beautiful thought he found in a poem and it made him happy."

The following tribute to his memory was paid by the men with whom he was associated in banking: "Mr. Stone loved life. He was sensitive to its many appeals in music, the drama, books, flowers, the grace of animals and the fine products of art and skill.

"He had a genius for friendship. His intimacies embraced national leaders of thought, speech and action in business, finance, state and church. No less did he share his rich nature with the humble. He enjoyed the naturalness of little children and was devoted to the companionship of home. He felt the challenge of the throbbing life of modern industry and was active in its promotion.

"Reticent as to his inner life, undogmatic in his views, he was deeply interested in the progress of religion, maintaining a simple trust in the God of all life and having a growing confidence that beyond life's richest experiences 'the best is yet to be.'

"Our personal loss is very great, and while we mourn his loss, we are proud of his achievements and of the privilege that has

been ours to be associated with him. He was a man whose character and leadership were appreciated not only in this bank but generally throughout the city of Akron. By the death of Mr. Stone this bank has lost a good executive; the stockholders and depositors a man at all times mindful of their interests; and the directors, officers and employes a loyal and constant friend."

BERNARD PFEIFER

Among those who have been representative of the jewelry trade in Akron none has enjoyed to a larger degree or more fully merited the confidence and esteem of his fellowmen than did Bernard Pfeifer, who was classed with the leading merchants of Akron for an extended period. He was born at Ashland, Ohio, June 9, 1884, and his life record covered the intervening period to the 29th of April, 1923, when he passed away at the age of thirty-nine years. While spending his youthful days in the home of his parents, John and Rosina Pfeifer, he attended the schools of Ashland and later of Akron, for the family removed to this city, where the father carried on business as a tailor. The son, Bernard Pfeifer, started out in the business world as an employe in the jewelry store of George K. Foltz and later he was for a time a clerk in the Kappler jewelry store but was ambitious to engage in business on his own account and he carefully saved his earnings until he was enabled to open a store of his own at 312 South Main street. He began in a small way but gradually increased his stock to meet the demands of his growing trade and for fifteen years was classed with the leading jewelry merchants of the city. While thus engaged he also attended an engraving school in Chicago and at a later period returned to a school in the same city for the study of optometry. He combined his knowledge of these two sciences in adding departments to his business, being able to render service of the greatest efficiency along both lines.

On the 23d of November, 1910, Mr. Pfeifer was united in marriage to Miss Pearl Zimmerman, a daughter of George and Elizabeth (Stigkleman) Zimmerman. He belonged to the Fraternal Order of Eagles, to the Chamber of Commerce, to the German Reformed church and to the Jewelers Association. He enjoyed travel and was fond of motoring, but he found his greatest happiness in his home. He never cared for club life and his



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greatest joy came to him through the companionship of his wife. He delighted in providing for her an attractive home and it was the spirit of contentment. He regarded no effort or sacrifice on his part too great if it would promote her happiness and welfare, and their kindred interests made theirs largely an ideal relation. Those who came within the circle of his friendship found in him a trustworthy, genial gentleman of high ideals and sterling worth, and thus it was that those who knew him entertained for him the warmest regard and the most kindly feeling.

FRANCIS GLADWIN

Akron had numbered Francis Gladwin among her citizens for thirty-one years when he passed away February 5, 1900, at the age of sixty-six. He was a native of Manchester, England, born July 14, 1834, and in early life became a stone and wood carver but for some years prior to his demise was unable to follow his calling. His parents were George and Elizabeth Gilbert Gladwin. His father was also a stone carver, doing beautiful stone work on cathedrals and other notable buildings in England. It was natural, therefore, that Francis Gladwin should turn his attention in the same direction. He acquired his education in Stoke-upon-Trent in England and his natural skill and ingenuity led him to become a sculptor and wood carver of much more than ordinary ability. He did a large amount of wood carving for many beautiful homes all over Ohio, including some of the finest residences in Akron, Elyria and Warren. He was likewise engaged in work of similar character on leading churches and public buildings. He was the head of one of the pioneer families of Akron, coming here when the city was a small town and passing away before the period of its phenomenal growth. About 1880 he erected the residence in which his family has since continuously lived.

It was in Stoke-upon-Trent, in Staffordshire, England, that Mr. Gladwin was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Cooper, who was born in 1837 and died February 20, 1912. She was a daughter of Stephen and Jane Brooks Cooper and her father was a resident of both England and Scotland. To Mr. and Mrs. Gladwin were born the following children: Mary Elizabeth; Anna Cooper; Sarah Jane; Ellen Rachel; Neonetta, who has been principal

of Grace school for twenty-one years; Francis, who married Arthur Herbert Hunsicker; and Stephen Cooper, who married Ada Copeland and afterward Gertrude Allen Hillbish. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hunsicker are six in number, namely: Frances Andrew, who married Elma Reinhart and who has four children—Francis, John Herbert, Beatrice Marie, and Richard; Stephen Gladwin, a graduate of Kenyon College, now studying law; Dorothy Alice, attending the University of Akron; Sarah Jane, a high school graduate; William; and John. The children of Stephen C. Gladwin are: Frank, of Cleveland, who married Florence Mullin and has three children—Corinne, Elizabeth, and Donald; Florence; Gladys, the wife of Leo Roy and the mother of one son, Bobby; and Copeland, who lives in Akron.

Mary E. Gladwin, daughter of Francis and Sarah Cooper Gladwin, graduated from Buchtel College in Akron and afterward taught school in Norwalk, Ohio, later she graduated from Boston City Hospital School of Nursing. At the time of the Spanish-American war, although not yet a graduate nurse, she worked in Cuba and Porto Rico, and Sternberg Hospital, Chicamauga, for the Red Cross. In 1900, she was sent by the Red Cross to the Philippines, where she remained for six months. During the Russo-Japanese War the Red Cross sent ten nurses to work in the military hospital at Hiroshima, on the Inland Sea of Japan where she remained for six months. Later she had charge of the Beverly Hospital in Beverly, Massachusetts for four years and then was superintendent of nurses in the Woman's Hospital, New York City. On leaving the East she came to Akron, where she organized the George T. Perkins Visiting Nurse Association, of which she remained at the head until 1914, when her sister Anna took charge. During the World War the Red Cross sent units of surgeons and nurses to all the warring countries and Miss Gladwin was chief nurse of the group sent to Serbia and of the military hospital in Belgrade, on the Danube River, remaining there for a year and a half, during which period, the town was captured by the enemy and then recaptured by the Serbians several times. Miss Gladwin returned home for a brief stay, after which under Red Cross direction she went to the Macedonian front and was in the city of Salonika for a year. She received decorations from Serbia, Japan and Russia. From the International Red Cross came the much-coveted Florence Nightingale medal. In a published statement, it was said that the work in Serbia was the best done by any unit during the World war, she

and her assistant nurses being on the firing line all of the time. After the close of the World war, she came to Akron to rest for a year and then went to Minnesota, where she has since been educational director of the schools of nursing of that state.

Francis Gladwin was a worthy exemplar of the teachings and purposes of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to the order both in Philadelphia and Akron, and he likewise had membership with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He and his wife were members of St. Paul's Episcopal church and Mrs. Gladwin was much interested in the Women's Christian Temperance Union. All who knew them esteemed and respected them because of their upright lives and sterling worth.

THOMAS JOHN SEIBERT

Thomas J. Seibert, one of the well known of Akron's younger business men whose activities have carried him to a prominent position in insurance circles, is president of the Seibert-Berry Agency with offices in the Ohio building. A native of this city, he was born September 18, 1894, and is a son of Charles C. and Estella (Harpster) Seibert. For many years the father was the owner of the Seibert Mirror Works, and since disposing of the business he has lived retired. Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Seibert have three children: Mrs. Shirley Williams, Mrs. H. R. Smith and Thomas J.

Thomas J. Seibert attended the public schools and early entered on his business career, earning his first wage as office boy for the B. F. Goodrich Company. He remained with that corporation for about six years and was advanced to the position of bookkeeper. On the expiration of that period he entered the employ of the Bankers Title & Trust Company of Akron and for five years was connected with the real estate department of that institution. In 1916 he started in business for himself as a real estate operator and a year later entered the service of his country in the World war. He was attached to that branch of the motor transport corps which carried ammunition supplies and he attained the rank of first lieutenant. For twenty-three months he was in active service, and in 1919 was honorably discharged. He returned to Akron and in 1919 established the Seibert-Berry Agency, of which he has since been the executive head. The firm writes all forms of insurance, also handling surety bonds, and

has about twelve employes. The rapid growth of the Seibert-Berry Agency is an outstanding achievement in insurance circles of Akron in recent years, and is not only a fine tribute to its management but has placed it among the leading concerns of its kind in this city.

Among Mr. Seibert's other business interests he is a director of the Akron Pump & Supply Company, a director of the Christianson-Agate Company, a director of the Akron Buick Company, a director of the Seibert Development Company and a director of Horton & Sisler, distributors of Ford cars.

Mr. Seibert is well known in club circles, being a member of the Portage Country Club, the Akron City Club, the Portage Riding Club and the Turkey Foot Lake Club. He belongs to the local post of the American Legion and in his religious connection is with the Methodist church.

CHARLES HENRY

Charles Henry was an Akron architect who developed superior ability in the line of his profession, and there stand today in this city many structures which are monuments to his skill. While thirteen years have been added to the cycle of the centuries since he passed away, his memory is cherished by all who knew him and Akron must always acknowledge her indebtedness to him for her improvement along the line of his profession.

Mr. Henry was born at Vernon Center, Trumbull county, Ohio, May 24, 1847, a son of Wales and Julia (Burnett) Henry. The father owned a sawmill and carried on a general contracting and building business, specializing in the erection of houses. The mother died when her son was a youth of sixteen years and the home was then broken up and Charles Henry was largely thrown upon his own resources. Being of a studious nature, he had acquired a goodly education through attendance at the public and select schools prior to this time and thereby was enabled to secure a position as teacher of a school at Palmyra, Ohio. Later he became a teacher at Ravenna, Ohio, and during the period there passed made his home with C. L. Bartlett, one of whose daughters he afterward married. By teaching school and by working at times as bookkeeper and pay clerk with a general contracting firm he was enabled to provide for the expenses of a college course. He labored through the spring and summer months and in the

fall and winter attended Hillsdale College, where he pursued a general scientific course, and during his college days he also served as orchestra leader. Following his marriage, in 1869, he established his home in River Falls, Wisconsin, where he engaged in the contracting and building business until his health failed. He then returned to Ravenna and it was about two years before he had sufficiently recovered to again become an active factor in the business world. Removing to Akron, he here entered the employ of Jacob Snyder, an architect, in which capacity he served until the death of Mr. Snyder, when Mr. Henry purchased his interest, continuing his activities alone until he admitted his son, L. W. Henry, to a partnership. The business is still carried on under the firm style of Henry & Murphy. Mr. Henry specialized in church and school work and erected a number of the older churches and business blocks of the city. He was the architect drawing the designs for churches in thirty different states and personally supervised the erection of many of these. He was equally well known as a school architect and many substantial structures used for school and church purposes are still to be found in various sections of the country. He was always a great student of the classical in architecture and preferred to cling to this in drawing his plans for churches. He recognized the great beauty that was brought out in many of the ecclesiastical structures of Europe and through his adaptation of this beauty to modern needs he gave to numerous localities churches, schools, and other structures which added greatly to their architectural adornment. He had the greatest love for his work and chafed under the restraint of ill health, but in 1910 his health again failed him, so that his son, L. W. Henry, took over the business, while Mr. and Mrs. Henry went to Florida. There he gained so greatly that he returned to Akron and arranged his affairs, removing to Eustis, Central Park, Florida, where he practiced his profession on a moderate scale until 1912, when again ill health brought pause to his labors. In 1913 he returned to Akron, where the greater part of his life had been spent, and here on the 2d of November, 1915, he passed away.

Mr. Henry was survived by his wife, a son and a daughter. It was on the 9th of September, 1869, in Ravenna, Ohio, that he married Anna Bartlett. Their son, Leroy Wales, born July 15, 1871, carried on the business established by his father under the firm name of Henry & Murphy. He married Myrtle Marie Royer, who died leaving a daughter, Pauline Marie. Julia Henry, the

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Henry, is the wife of John E. McCanna, who conducts a coal and building supplies business in Cleveland.

Mr. Henry was a member of the First Congregational church, in which he filled the office of deacon. His political allegiance was given to the republican party and he had membership in the Amphycton Society of Hillsdale College, in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and in the Masonic fraternity, in which he attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite. At one time he was editor of the Ohio Architect. He was always fond of music, possessing a beautiful tenor voice, and as a young man led, among others, the church choir in which Evan Williams sang occasionally before he had entered upon his marvelous career. Another characteristic of Mr. Henry's was his great fondness for pets and back of this was the kindly spirit which was manifest in his every relation of life. In early manhood he adopted as his business slogan the old motto, "Honesty is the best policy," and he adhered to this in spirit and letter. He was prompt and energetic, was courageous even in his periods of ill health, was widely read and possessed a studious nature whereby his mind was constantly enriched, making him an interesting and companionable conversationalist. He possessed a great love for all mankind and was a believer in that charity which enables the individual to help himself. The most admirable habits and the highest ideals characterized his entire life and thus it is that his memory is enshrined in the hearts of all and remains as a blessed benediction to those who knew him.

ELLIS WALTON NEAL

In a history of Akron's commercial development it is imperative that mention be made of Ellis Walton Neal, who for many years was a leading merchant of the city, successfully conducting two millinery establishments. He was born in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, on the 21st of September, 1882, and was a son of George P. and Emmaline (Bowers) Neal, and one of four children, of whom three are yet living. The father also conducted a millinery business in connection with his sons and son-in-law and he also carried on an independent enterprise of similar character in Williamsport.

It was while spending his youthful days in his native city



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that Ellis W. Neal attended the public schools and then supplemented his early training by a course of study in the Dickinson Seminary at Williamsport. Later he entered the Pierce Business School of Philadelphia, from which in due course of time he was graduated. Starting out on his business career, he entered the employ of the Corbin Cabinet Lock Company of Philadelphia, with which enterprise he was associated for one year, while later he spent a year in a clerical capacity with a branch of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. In 1911 he came to Akron, where he established business at 71 South Howard street, now 87 South Howard street, under the name of the Neal Millinery Company. In 1921 he opened the Ellis Neal store at 15 South Howard street and conducted the two establishments, carrying on the business successfully to the time of his demise. He was also connected with the Neal store in Cleveland, was a stockholder in the Neal store at Youngstown and at the time of his demise was contemplating the purchase of a store at Canton which has since been acquired by the company of which he was the head. He was in his Howard street store when overcome by heat on the 20th of July, 1926, and within a few moments had passed away, being then about forty-four years of age.

Mr. Neal was married twice. His first wife was Miss Maude A. Cunningham, the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Cunningham, of New Granada. She passed away August 18, 1918, leaving a son, George Cunningham, and a daughter, Dorothy Elizabeth, the first of whom graduated in 1928 from Dickinson Seminary and the latter is a member of the class of 1930 of that school. On the 20th of June, 1922, Mr. Neal wedded Miss Lily May Theiss, of Akron, and one child, Margaret Eva, was born to them. Mrs. Neal is a daughter of Dr. Herman C. Theiss, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this publication.

Mr. Neal was a consistent and active member of the Woodland Methodist Episcopal church, taking deep interest in its work and giving generously to its support. He also had membership in the Exchange Club. His political allegiance was given to the republican party, but he never sought or desired office as a reward for party fealty. He belonged to the Chamber of Commerce and to the Akron Merchants Association, but his interests center chiefly in the church, in the work of which he took a most active and helpful part, serving as a member of the official board, while at the time of his death he was teacher of a class of boys in the Sunday school. His life at all times measured up to the high-

est standards of manhood and citizenship and the principles which constituted the basic elements of his character were manifest in his business as in all other relations.

JAMES BURNS PERGRIN

James Burns Pergrin is a successful hardware merchant and a conspicuous member of that select company of enterprising business men to whom Akron is indebted for substantial contributions to its commercial growth and prosperity. He was born June 26, 1872, in Julian, Pennsylvania, and his parents, Edward J. and Debbie (Yothers) Pergrin, were also natives of the Keystone state. The father was a prominent merchant and his life was terminated before he reached his prime, but the mother survives.

Of the four children in their family James B. Pergrin is the only one now living. In the acquirement of an education he attended the grammar and high schools of Julian and was a student in a business college at Hazleton, Pennsylvania. At an early age he started to work in a small hardware store at Phillipsburg, Pennsylvania, standing on a box in order to wait on customers. An apprentice in those days had to learn the tinner's trade and when Mr. Pergrin had nothing else to occupy his time he was employed in making kitchen utensils. The hours of work were from seven o'clock in the morning until ten at night. Through the exercise of the qualities of thrift and self-denial Mr. Pergrin accumulated a small capital and in 1893 began his independent career as a hardware dealer. The venture proved a success and from time to time he increased his activities, eventually becoming the owner of a chain of hardware stores in Columbus, Ohio. In 1916 he disposed of his mercantile interests in that city and came to Akron, where he has since resided. Mr. Pergrin is now at the head of the Central Hardware & Stove Company, the East Akron Hardware Company and the Star Hardware & Tool Company, all of which he has established upon a solid financial footing. Alert to every new avenue opened in the natural ramifications of the trade, he keeps not only abreast of the times but ahead of them and constantly has some new plan in the making. His detailed knowledge of the business is supplemented by administrative power and business acumen that have placed his mercantile interests in the front rank of Akron's retail hardware trade.

Among his other business interests he is vice president of the Standard Bank and a director of the Workers Savings & Loan Company of this city.

Mr. Pergrin was married July 28, 1894, to Miss Jessie Valentine, a daughter of Dr. R. H. Valentine, a well known physician and druggist of Belle Center, Logan county, Ohio, and they have a son and two daughters. The eldest, Cora, was born in Belle Center, Ohio, completed her education at Ohio Wesleyan University and is now the wife of William McGowan; Max Valentine was also born at Belle Center, Ohio, and educated at Staunton Military Academy and Ohio University. He is vice president of the Central Hardware & Stove Company. His wife was formerly Miss Doris Parks of Nelsonville, Ohio, and they have three children, all born in Akron; Martha May, born December 26, 1924; Jessie H., born March 28, 1926; and James Burns Pergrin (II) born July 14, 1927. The younger daughter, Jessie Gale Preston Pergrin, was born in Columbus, Ohio, and educated at Mary Baldwin Seminary of which she is a graduate.

Mr. Pergrin is identified with both the York and Scottish Rite bodies of masonry. He holds the thirty-second degree in the order and is also an Elk. A strong advocate of the cause of education, he is serving on the board of directors of the University of Akron and is also a member of the Builders Exchange, the Chamber of Commerce and the City, Optimist and Automobile Clubs.

Throughout the period of his residence in Akron, Mr. Pergrin has evinced a hearty cooperation in progressive movements and an eagerness to promote the city's permanent interests. He is accorded a most creditable position among Akron's strong and able business men and best citizens. His residence is at No. 1129 Delia avenue.

WILLIAM CHARLES KEENAN

From his Celtic ancestors William C. Keenan inherited a strong physique, keen intelligence and an energetic nature and with these assets he has made his own way in the world becoming one of Akron's substantial business men and leading citizens. He was born September 27, 1872, in Boston township, Summit county, Ohio, and his parents, John and Margaret (Martin) Keenan, were natives of Ireland. The father was born in Sligo

and left the Emerald isle when a youth of eighteen, joining the tide of emigration to the new world and for a year and a half was located in New York state. In 1857 he located at Hudson, Ohio, where his father's sister and other relatives were then residing. There he was married in 1859 to Margaret Martin, who was born in Kilkenny and when a child of ten came to the United States with her parents, who lived for eight years in Fall River, Massachusetts, coming to Summit county, Ohio, at the end of that time. After his marriage John Keenan purchased land in Boston township, Summit county, and devoted the remainder of his life to the cultivation and improvement of his farm. Death summoned him on March 23, 1912, and his wife passed away October 10, 1910. To their union were born eight children, four of whom attained years of maturity: John, who died at his home in Summit county in 1923; Mrs. George Skimmen, who lives in Chicago; Mrs. Margaret Mourn, of San Francisco; and William C. Keenan.

In the country schools of Boston township Mr. Keenan received his early instruction and afterward matriculated in the Western Reserve Academy, at Hudson, Ohio, from which he was graduated in 1894. Between sessions he taught school and thus paid his way through college. For eight years he was engaged in educational work and then entered the field of general merchandising at Peninsula, Ohio. Later he transferred the carriage and implement department of his business to Akron, locating on North Main street, and this site is now occupied by the Rose furniture store. In 1911 he disposed of the business and has since devoted his attention to real estate activities. He opened up the Cloverdale, Keenan Heights and Keenan Park subdivisions and has greatly enhanced the value of property in the districts in which he has operated. Mr. Keenan is thoroughly conversant with the value of local real estate and many important transfers of property have been effected through his agency. He maintains an office of the seventh floor of the Second National Bank building and a large and constantly increasing business is evidence of the confidence reposed in his ability and honesty.

Mr. Keenan was married October 29, 1894, in Hudson, Ohio to Miss Lillian Belle Thompson, a daughter of Otis and Isabella J. Thompson and a granddaughter of Benjamin Thompson, one of the pioneer settlers of Summit county. William Harold, the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Keenan, was born June 4, 1896, and died November 7, 1920, when a young man of twenty-four years. He

is survived by a widow, Mrs. Katherine (Douds) Keenan, and two sons, both born in Akron, William Harold, Jr., born April 26, 1919, and Randall Patrick, July 30, 1920. They also had a daughter, Mary Margaret, who is deceased. Mr. Keenan's residence is at 312 North Front street, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. William C. Keenan belongs to the local and national real estate boards and his life is guided by the teachings of the Roman Catholic church. He loses no opportunity to exploit the resources, advantages and attractions of Akron and is a citizen of worth to the community.

WILLIAM JOSEPH AHERN, SR.

Among the well known representatives of railway interests in Akron is William Joseph Ahern, Sr., who for forty-two years has been with the Pennsylvania system and its predecessor, his name being now on its honor roll. Born in Hudson, Ohio, on the 25th of March, 1862, he is a son of Jeremiah and Ella (Foley) Ahern, who were of Irish lineage and in 1843 left their old home in Queens county, Ireland, to become residents of Boston, Massachusetts. Subsequently, they located in Hudson, Ohio, where the father owned an acre of ground on which he erected a dwelling that is still standing and is in almost as good condition as it was on the day when it was completed. He was a cabinetmaker and joiner, very thorough and efficient in his work. His death occurred in 1863.

William J. Ahern was about seven years of age when his widowed mother removed to Carroll street in Akron and he attended the schools of this city for about eight years. He then returned to Hudson, where he again attended school for a time, after which he made his initial start in business by securing employment in the store of C. H. Buss—a store that is still in existence. After five years devoted to mercantile pursuits he became a fireman on the Cleveland, Akron & Columbus Railway, now a part of the Pennsylvania system, and through all the intervening years he has continued on the road until his service now covers more than four decades. Mr. Ahern has a picture of the first engine that ever entered Akron, the year being 1850. He was a young man of twenty years when in 1884 he became a fireman on a small "dinkey" engine quite unlike the powerful steam monsters of today. It had small cylinders, sixteen by

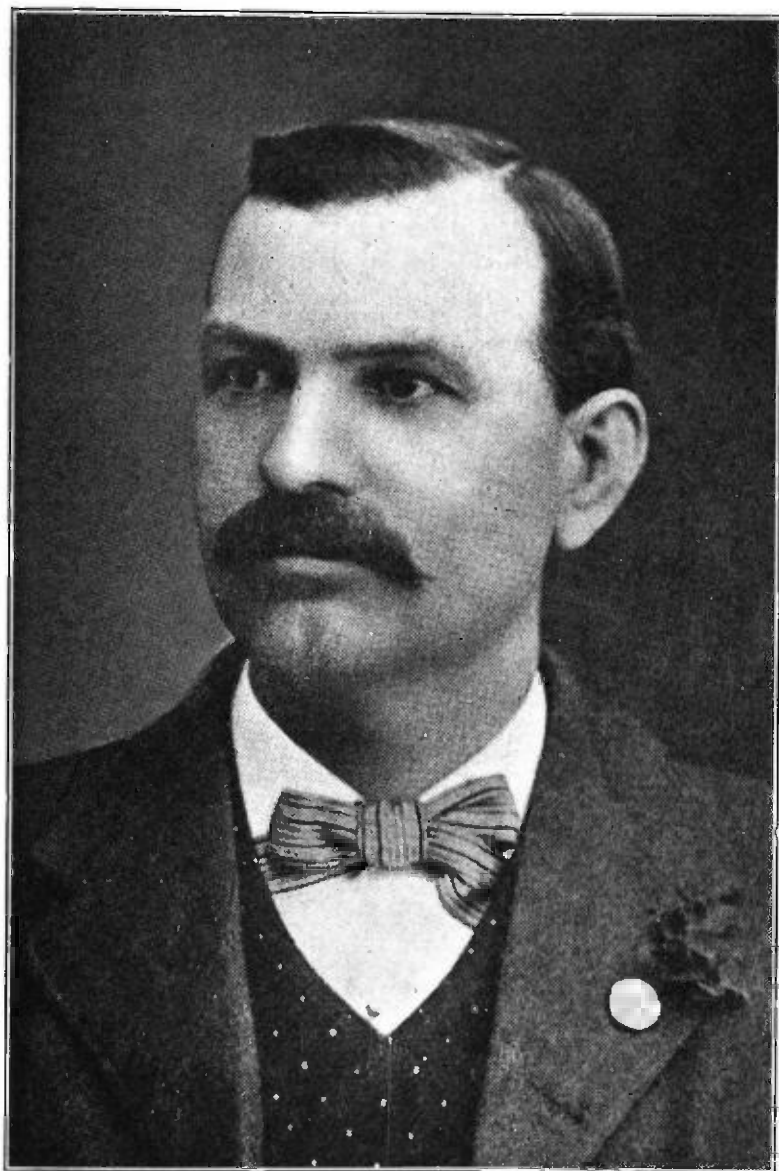
twenty-four inches, and the entire engine weighed between forty and fifty tons. The present locomotives are now between one hundred and ten and one hundred and fifty tons and have ten times the pulling power of the kind on which Mr. Ahern first worked. After three years' efficient service as a fireman he was advanced to the position of engineer and since 1896 has been continuously on passenger runs. He has had many through runs, including the one from Columbus to Cleveland, and on the fast train from Orrville to Columbus. He was also at the throttle of the special train which took William McKinley to the state capital at the time of his nomination and also when he was inaugurated governor of Ohio. He has also driven many other notable specials. Early in his connection with railroad service he made it his duty to thoroughly master every phase of his work in principle and detail, and the care which he has always displayed, his recognition of his responsibility and his faithful performance of duty, as well as his long service, have gained for him the distinction of being on the honor roll of the Pennsylvania system.

In 1884 Mr. Ahern was married to Miss Rose Kinney and they have become the parents of five children, as follows: Mary; Judge William Joseph Ahern, a sketch of whom appears on another page of this work; Edward; Abbie, who is the wife of Grover Gill and has become the mother of six children—Teddy, William (deceased), Vincent, Jack, Tom and Billy; John, who married Grace Copley and resides in Deerfield, Ohio.

A lifelong resident of Ohio and always identified with the interests of the state, Mr. Ahern is widely and favorably known and has many friends, while his true democratic spirit is shown by the fact that he numbers his friends among rich and poor, young and old, for all who have come in contact with him entertain for him warm regard.

HERMAN C. THEISS, M. D.

Dr. Herman C. Theiss was one of the esteemed, valued and honored physicians and surgeons of Akron. For nearly twenty-seven years he practiced here and rendered valuable service to his fellowmen inasmuch as he always kept in close touch with the trend of professional thought and progress. His death occurred October 12, 1913, when his automobile was struck by a north-bound limited car of the Akron, Bedford & Cleveland line. He



DR. HERMAN C. THEISS

was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, May 4, 1864, and two years later his parents removed with the family to Northampton township, Summit county, Ohio. His father, Christian Theiss, died in March, 1913, having survived his wife exactly one year. They were parents of fourteen children, of whom eight are now living.

Dr. Theiss obtained his professional degree from the Columbus Medical College, from which he was graduated in 1886, and soon afterward he opened an office and began practice in Akron. He was a well known and valued member of the Summit County, Sixth Ohio District, Ohio State and American Medical Associations and of the first named was treasurer at the time of his death, while previously he had filled the offices of president, vice president and secretary. He was also secretary of the state board of pension examiners for ten years but resigned a few weeks prior to his demise. In politics he was a republican and for a number of years was an active worker in party ranks. He was a member of the county board of review at the time of his death and at one time he was a candidate for the office of county treasurer. He was also treasurer of the Summit county republican central committee. He was a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church, working earnestly for the welfare of the First church and of the Woodland church, in which he had membership after leaving the former organization. He served as district steward and did everything in his power to further the growth and progress of his denomination.

He married Eva Manton and they became parents of three children: Lily M., who married Ellis W. Neal, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this publication; Fred C. of Akron; and Eva, the wife of Raymond Cadwallader, of Akron. The death of Dr. Theiss occurred on October 12, 1913, Mrs. Theiss surviving him until October 25, 1923.

FRED J. STEINERT

Fred J. Steinert, one of the partners of the Permanent Title Agency and connected with that organization since its inception, has been for thirty years identified with the financial interests of Akron. Mr. Steinert was born in this city, February 23, 1879, a son of Jacob and Marie E. (Shaffner) Steinert, the former a native of Germany and the latter of Switzerland. In early life they

came to the United States, and the father became one of Akron's pioneer bakers. He passed away in the Rubber city and the mother is also deceased.

Fred J. Steinert attended the public schools of Akron, and began his business career at an early age. He was first employed by the Akron Abstract & Title Guarantee & Trust Company. Diligent, capable and trustworthy, he worked his way through the various departments and eventually became secretary and treasurer of the company, with which he remained for a quarter of a century. He is now one of the partners of the Permanent Title Agency. Mr. Steinert has a highly specialized knowledge of all branches of the real estate and mortgage loan business, in titles, escrows, mortgages, real estate and loans, and his judgment or opinion on matters pertaining to these subjects is highly regarded. He is also president of the Akron Guaranteed Mortgage Company and the Arlington Finance Company. He has bought and sold from time to time a great deal of Akron real estate.

On May 21, 1908, Mr. Steinert was married to Miss Louise Brewster, a daughter of James and Mary Brewster, of a well known family. Appreciative of the social amenities of life, Mr. Steinert is a member of the Portage Country Club, the Akron City Club and the Akron Automobile Club. He is also a member of the Akron Chamber of Commerce, while his religious connection is with the First Congregational church. Mr. Steinert's residence is on Arlington road. His entire life has been spent in Akron and he has witnessed its wonderful progress and development from less than twenty thousand people. He is well known and has long been regarded as one of the city's strong and able business men and of the worthwhile type of citizens.

HAROLD F. REITER

Alert, energetic and capable, Harold F. Reiter is a typical young business man of the present age and successfully manages one of the important productive industries of Akron. He was born July 20, 1904, in Bridgewater, Pennsylvania, and is a son of R. H. and Clara (Swager) Reiter, also natives of the Keystone state. The family migrated from Pennsylvania to Ohio, settling in Akron, and in 1914 R. H. Reiter became secretary and treasurer of the Summit Baking Company. These offices he filled until he was called to the presidency of the Miller Maid Creamery

Company. He remained at its head until 1926. In that year he disposed of his Akron holdings and went to Butler, Pennsylvania, where he is now engaged in the baking business. Mr. and Mrs. Reiter have two children: Alma and Harold F.

After the completion of his high school course the son enrolled as a student in the University of Akron and in 1925 received the degree of Bachelor of Science from that institution of learning. In the year of his graduation he became connected with the Miller Maid Creamery Company and since 1927 has been treasurer and manager of the corporation, which manufactures and distributes more than eight hundred thousand pounds of creamery butter per annum in this vicinity. The plant is immaculate and modern appliances facilitate the work of production. The firm manufactures a high grade of butter and under the expert management of Mr. Reiter the industry is rapidly expanding.

On the 7th of May, 1927, Mr. Reiter married Miss Dorothy Pauline Steese, a daughter of J. C. Steese, president of the Akron Lamp Company and a well known manufacturer of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Reiter have become the parents of a son, Rollin H., who was born in Akron, February 1, 1928. Their residence is at 667 Greenwood avenue. Mr. Reiter is identified with the University Club and the Phi Delta Theta fraternity, while his religious views are in accord with the tenets of the First Methodist Episcopal church, of which he is a consistent member. Nature has endowed him with that quality known as the "commercial sense" and a winning personality has drawn to him a wide circle of loyal friends.

FLOYD CHILTON

A product of the Blue Grass state, Floyd Chilton has profited by the many opportunities offered for advancement in Akron and is well known in local business circles as a certified public accountant. He was born July 13, 1894, in Lexington, Kentucky, and is a son of the Rev. Calvin R. and Emma (Sewell) Chilton, also natives of that state. The father is a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church and now resides at Fort Lauderdale, Florida. The mother is also living and they have three sons: Floyd; John Fletcher, whose home is in Atlanta, Georgia; and Newton Hillis, of Fort Lauderdale.

The eldest son received his early instruction in Wilmore, Ken-

tucky, and completed a course in the high school at Dresden, Ohio. After his graduation he returned to Wilmore and matriculated in Asbury College, which he attended for two years. In 1914 he located in Akron and became a member of the clerical force of the B. F. Goodrich Rubber Company. His next position was in the accounting department of the W. E. Wright Company, after which he was in the employ of The McIntosh, Bower & West Company, an insurance firm. Subsequently he entered the office of A. E. Chandler, a certified public accountant, and in 1921 was admitted to a partnership in the business. It is conducted under the style of Chandler, Murray & Chilton although Mr. Chandler is no longer connected with the business, which is owned by Mr. Chilton and H. E. Murray, both of whom are thoroughly proficient in the line in which they specialize. Their offices are located on the tenth floor of the Second National Bank building and their services as certified public accountants have been retained by many of the large firms of Akron.

Mr. Chilton was married May 30, 1918, in Akron, to Miss Adra Belle Goodman, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Goodman, prominent residents of Wooster, Ohio. Mr. Chilton is a member of the Indiana Society of Certified Public Accountants, the American Institute of Accountants. He enjoys the social side of life and is a director of the Silver Lake Country Club. His name also appears on the membership rolls of the Lions Club, the Akron City Club and the Chamber of Commerce. Akron's growth and prosperity is a matter in which he manifests a deep interest and his personal qualities are such as make for strong and enduring regard.

EDMUND J. RICHMOND

Through the exercise of effort Edmund J. Richmond has developed his latent talents, and his powers of organization and administration have made him a leader in financial circles of Akron. He was born May 23, 1880, in Stillwater, Minnesota, and his father, Andrew Richmond, was a native of Ireland. Leaving the Emerald isle in his youth, he made the voyage to Canada and lived for a time in Montreal, afterward crossing the United States border. In New York he married Miss Sarah Wilcox, a native of that state, and later they journeyed westward to Chicago, subsequently locating in Peoria, Illinois. Andrew Rich-

mond was a brass molder and aided in making the cannons used on the federal gunboats during the Civil war. The trade proved injurious to his health and he was forced to seek an outdoor occupation. Going to Minnesota, he settled in Blue Earth county and became the owner of one of the finest farms in that section of the state. In later life he retired and purchased a substantial home in Stillwater, where he resided until his death on March 15, 1924, at the venerable age of eighty-seven years. He had long survived his wife, who passed away in 1900, when sixty years of age. They had become the parents of two children: George A., who is living in Stillwater; and Edmund J.

The latter was reared in his native city and received a public school education. For one and a half years he worked for a company engaged in the building of threshing machines and afterward became a traveling salesman, covering the states of Minnesota, New Mexico, Louisiana and Missouri. On April 1, 1909, he arrived in Denver and for one and a half years was a member of the clerical force of the Colorado Southern Railroad Company. He was in the employ of the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad Company for nine and a half years and during that period had become interested in financial affairs. From 1916 until 1920 he was connected with the Morris Plan Bank of Denver in an official capacity and at that time considerable difficulty was experienced in establishing a similar institution in Akron. Mr. Richmond was prevailed upon to undertake the task and in 1922 came to the city for this purpose, assuming the duties of secretary, treasurer and manager, which he has since discharged. He is well versed in the intricate details of modern finance and through earnest, systematic effort has made this one of the leading banks of the city. The last statement of the institution showed resources well in excess of one million dollars and the extent of its business today is the best evidence of satisfactory service rendered.

In Denver, Colorado, Mr. Richmond was married May 29, 1915, to Miss Lucy McCallum. In religious faith he is a Christian Scientist and his political allegiance is given to the republican party. He is a member of the Akron Chamber of Commerce and the Automobile, City and Rotary Clubs. For recreation he turns to hunting and fishing and, like all true sportsmen, Mr. Richmond is endeavoring to conserve wild life. He is a great lover of nature and while in Colorado went to the trouble and expense of purchasing food for the mountain sheep when the Grand canyon was covered with deep snowdrifts. The season

was intensely cold and many of the sheep died of starvation. At that time he succeeded in taking pictures of the most wary wild game, which became almost domesticated owing to extreme hunger. Mr. Richmond was able to approach within one hundred feet of a band of mountain sheep and thus secured a rare and valuable collection of pictures. His success has been won by hard work and devotion to duty, coupled with the ability to meet and master situations, and an exemplary life has enabled him to gain and retain the esteem and confidence of his fellowmen.

PHILIP HENRY SCHNEIDER

Among those whose activities are guided by a sense of conscientious obligation to the community, and one who has made a valuable contribution to the development of Akron, holding to high ideals of service and developing some of the most attractive and useful landmarks in the city, is Philip H. Schneider. His labors and public service have spelled distinction and beauty in city building, as well as personal success, and few men are more highly honored and esteemed by reason of what they have accomplished than is Mr. Schneider.

He is a native of the Empire state, his birth having occurred in the village of Alloway, Wayne county, New York, December 1, 1866. His parents, Martin and Margaret (Wakeman) Schneider, were natives of Baden, Germany. His father, inspired by the human desire to live in a land of freedom, arrived in America alone while a youth in his teens, his mother arriving in infancy. They resided in New York for some time and subsequently moved to Michigan, where they engaged in farming.

The youthful experiences of Mr. Schneider were those of the farm-bred boy. He was only three years old when his parents moved to Michigan. He attended the rural schools of Kent county, that state, and completed his studies by a high school course in Lowell, Michigan. When his textbooks were laid aside he turned his attention to mercantile affairs by becoming a clerk in a grocery store and later in a dry goods store. He soon realized that industry and loyalty are valuable elements in progress, and those qualities were employed to win him the various promotions that eventually brought him to the position of manager of the dry goods stores conducted by The J. L. Hudson Company of Detroit. For ten years he was with that corporation, having charge of branch



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stores and thoroughly acquainting himself with every phase of the business. In 1890 he was united in marriage to Jenny Winegar of Lowell, Michigan.

In 1887, Mr. Schneider arrived in Akron as manager of the dry goods store of William Taylor Son & Company at 155-157 South Howard street. He acted in that capacity for eighteen months and then purchased the interests of The Taylor Company, reorganizing the business under the name of P. H. Schneider Company, of which he became president and general manager. Under his capable direction he developed one of the leading dry goods stores of the city, successfully conducting the business until 1905, when he sold out to the M. O'Neil Company as a health measure after too serious and constant application to business.

During the period of his rest and recuperation he devoted his time and interests to civic welfare and fraternal matters, being instrumental in the erection of the Masonic Temple of Akron and serving as chairman of the campaign which raised the funds to build the same, and as treasurer and director during the period of its construction.

In 1912 Mr. Schneider was elected to the office of county commissioner. During his term the high level bridge over the Cuyahoga river gorge was planned and constructed, which at the time of its construction was said to be the highest bridge in the world built of concrete for highway purposes. During that period the flood occurred in Summit county which washed out many of the roads and bridges, the occasion of special legislation in the state legislature for a special bond issue to rebuild. Mr. Schneider served one term doing many useful and constructive things but did not seek reelection.

In recent years Mr. Schneider has given his efforts largely to financial, industrial and real estate matters. He has changed unsightly vacancies into beautiful residential sections, in which are some of Akron's loveliest homes. In 1916 he organized The Central Associated Realty Company and developed what is known as Sunset View Subdivision, one of the finest residential subdivisions of Akron and its vicinity, so named because of its ideal location and topography allowing a view of the distant wooded hills unsurpassed in scope and beauty especially of the gorgeous sunsets, a subdivision with numerous distinctive advantages all its own. He is also president of The Schneider Building Company, owning downtown commercial properties. He is likewise vice president of The Citizens Savings & Loan Company, is a director

of The Central Savings & Trust Company and a director of The Mohawk Rubber Company, and interested also in other important business concerns. His plans are ever carefully formulated and promptly executed, and actuated by laudable ambition and by a spirit of civic pride he has carried his interests forward to a point where his labors are most vital in the city's development.

Mr. Schneider is a member of the Akron Chamber of Commerce and is a public spirited citizen, supporting all measures which he deems of benefit and value to the community. He is likewise a member of the Akron Real Estate Board. In Masonic Circles he has membership in Adoniram Lodge No. 517 F. & A. M.; Washington Chapter No. 25 R. A. M.; Akron Council No. 80, R. & S. M.; Akron Commandery No. 25, K. T.; Lake Erie Consistory, S. P. R. S.; and Tadmor Temple of the Mystic Shrine. He belongs to the Masonic Club and the Shrine Club and thus maintains pleasant social as well as fraternal relations with his fellow Masons. He is a member of the Portage Country Club and the Akron City Club, and at all times shows a due appreciation of the social amenities of life.

Mr. Schneider's identification with Akron's business life goes back more than thirty years, in which period his activities have effected the mercantile, banking, industrial, real estate, civic and public interests to an extent not exceeded by any of his contemporaries. His has been an extremely active career, in which close application and sound judgment have been manifest in the substantial results achieved, and no history of Akron would be complete without extensive reference to him because of his valuable contribution to the city's growth and improvement.

FRANK BUTLER

Enterprising, determined and capable, Frank Butler has become a forceful figure in insurance circles of Akron and is recognized as one of the city's leading business men. He was born September 21, 1879, in Rochester, New York, and his parents, Ralph and Mary A. (Sayles) Butler, were also natives of that state. His father was born in Elmira and the mother's birth occurred at Painted Post. Ralph Butler engaged in the practice of law at Rochester for many years. Later he established his home in Pittsburgh and became secretary and general manager of the Central Accident Insurance Company, which he organ-

ized. Death summoned him in 1907 but his widow now resides in Elmira, New York..

Frank Butler, their only child, was reared in the Empire state and completed a course in one of the high schools of Rochester. His studies were continued in the University of Michigan, from which he received the degree of LL.B. in 1900, and after his admission to the bar he located in Cleveland, Ohio, where he followed his profession for a number of years, building up a lucrative practice. In 1913 he became connected with the Fidelity & Deposit Insurance Company and maintained his headquarters in Boise, Idaho, for three years. He was appointed branch manager at Syracuse, New York, in 1916, and filled the position until 1918. At that time he located in Akron and for five years was identified with the Herberich, Hall & Harter Company, being employed as manager of the casualty and surety bond department. For three years thereafter he sold insurance on his own account and was next manager of the surety department in the service of the Seibert-Berry Agency of Akron. At the end of one and a half years he resigned his position and since February, 1927, has been president of the Butler-Amer Agency. The firm writes all kinds of insurance and also handles surety bonds. Mr. Butler knows every phase of the insurance business and a large list of satisfied policy holders attests the confidence of the general public in the ability and integrity of the company which he controls.

In Cleveland, Ohio, December 8, 1913, Mr. Butler was married to Miss Martha C. Swanger, a daughter of L. C. Swanger of that city, and they have become the parents of one child, Peter. He was born at Boise, Idaho, January 18, 1915, and is attending the Rankin school in Akron. Mr. Butler is a thirty-second degree Mason and Shriner and a worthy exemplar of the order. He is esteemed by his business associates and conscientiously discharges the duties and obligations of citizenship. His residence is at 987 Copley road.

WILLIAM JOHN KOCH

A tireless, efficient, conscientious worker, William John Koch rose to a position of prominence in business circles of Akron, his native city, and manifested his courage and patriotism by gallant service in the World war. Devotion to duty was one of his outstanding characteristics and his life, though short, was sym-

metrical and complete. He was born January 11, 1888, and was a son of John and Charlotte (Zehnder) Koch. His father was a native of Germany and sought the opportunities of the United States when about nineteen years of age. He obtained work in the Quaker Oats factory at Akron and afterward became an agriculturist, purchasing a small tract of land near the Rubber city.

William J. Koch was reared on his father's farm and attended the local schools, the Sherbondy Hill school and the Zion Lutheran school. When still quite young he learned the barber's trade and for a brief period conducted a little shop on Main street. This he sold and was next employed in the twine works for a short time. He served an apprenticeship with the Kraus Plumbing Company and manifested a special aptitude for that line of activity. Mr. Koch made rapid progress and in 1913 opened a plumbing and heating establishment at No. 99 West Market street in partnership with Henry Steigner. Through close application, judicious management and prompt, efficient service they placed the business upon a secure footing and as the years passed it assumed extensive proportions.

On April 28, 1918, Mr. Koch responded to the call of his country, joining the Twelfth Battalion of the One Hundred and Fifty-fourth Division Brigade, to which he was attached until May 31, 1918, and during the remainder of his service was a member of Company F, of the One Hundred and Twelfth Engineers. On July 10, 1918, he was sent overseas and was stationed in France and Belgium. He was in the Boccarat sector from August 4 to September 16, 1918; at Arocourt from September 21-25, and at Parmes from October 8-16. From September 26 to October 5, 1918, he participated in the Meuse-Argonne offensive and also took part in the Ypres-Lys drive, which was started October 31 and terminated November 11, 1918. He arrived in the United States, April 1, 1919, and on the 17th of that month was honorably discharged. Mr. Koch was a good soldier, never faltering in the performance of duty, and on February 24, 1922, was awarded the Victory medal. On his return to Akron he resumed his activities in the plumbing business and was thus engaged until his death on March 7, 1926, resulting from an ailment contracted during his military service.

On March 21, 1922, Mr. Koch was married in Akron to Miss Helena E. Lauer, a daughter of Hubert T. and Mary M. (Yinger) Lauer. In addition to his widow, who resides in the family home on Morningside drive, Mr. Koch is survived by two children,

Margaret Marie and William John Jr. He was a member of the Master Plumbers Association and his enterprise and ability made him a recognized leader in his chosen field of endeavor. In politics he was a republican and his religious views were in accord with the doctrines of Zion Lutheran church, of which he was a devout member. He was a devoted husband and father and his home life was ideal. Mr. Koch was a young man of magnetic personality, actuated at all times by worthy motives and high ideals, and his untimely death brought sorrow to his family and countless friends.

WILLIAM TATE SHARPE

Ever since entering on his business career, William Tate Sharpe has been connected with the Packard Motor interests, his experience covers practically all branches of the industry, and he is now at the head of the Packard Akron Motor Company. He was born June 13, 1885, in Defiance, Ohio, and his father, W. T. Sharpe, Sr., was a native of Massachusetts. During his boyhood he came to Ohio, and was here married to Miss Louise Linderman, a native of the Buckeye State. He was long a well known figure in public life at Defiance, Ohio, and established a most creditable record as chief of police, filling the office for a number of years. Both he and his wife are deceased. They are survived by six children: K. J., R. R. and William T. Sharpe, Mrs. M. F. Travis, Mrs. L. J. Kellogg and Mrs. H. E. Roehrs.

William T. Sharpe was reared in Defiance, Ohio, and attended the public schools of that city, later taking a course in the Defiance Preparatory College. Going to Detroit, Michigan, he entered the employ of the Packard Motor Company and eventually became one of their skilled mechanics. His ability and devotion to the interests of the company led to his selection as salesman of their Cleveland branch and for ten years he remained in that connection. During the World war he was engaged in government work in connection with the bureau of aircraft production of Liberty motors. In 1922 he came to Akron as a Packard representative and organized the Packard Akron Motor Company, of which he has since been president and general manager. The sales and service plant of the company is advantageously located at No. 147 Park avenue, and its volume of business has grown until it is not only the leader in distribution of higher class cars

in Akron, but one of the very successful sales divisions of the Packard line in Ohio. Mr. Sharpe has been no small factor in creating this condition and it is a fine tribute to the excellent organization he has built up. He has the requisite executive force and initiative, has always held to the highest standards in the conduct of his business, and is classed with the leading representatives of the automobile trade in Akron.

Mr. Sharpe was married October 1, 1906, in Detroit, Michigan, to Miss Jessie Guard Watters, a daughter of J. E. and Lucy C. Watters, of Paris, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Sharpe have a daughter Jean Lucel, who was born in Cleveland, Ohio, October 3, 1917, and is a pupil in the Rankin school of Akron. Mr. Sharpe is a member of the City Club, the Brookside Country Club and the Automobile Dealers Association and of the Elks lodge. Stable in purpose and energetic and decisive in action, he has overcome many difficulties and obstacles, never losing sight of his objective, and his success is the merited reward of a life of rightly directed endeavor.

Mr. Sharpe's residence is at 461 Sunset View drive.

CASPER ZINTEL

There is perhaps a record of no one in this volume who deserves more fully the title of a self-made man than did Casper Zintel. No fortunate circumstances aided him at the outset of his career. He worked his way upward steadily and persistently and gained an enviable reputation as a reliable and successful manufacturer. His birth occurred in Hofheim, Hessen, Germany, July 8, 1842. The period of his boyhood and youth was spent in his native land and when he had reached the age of twenty-six years he determined to try his fortune in America, crossing the Atlantic in 1868. He wisely started out in the new world by choosing a companion and helpmate for life's journey, being married on the 28th of August, 1869, to Miss Barbara Berg, who came from Westhofen, Hessen, Germany, to the home of her uncle, Anthony Berg, in Akron.

For a time Mr. Zintel engaged in the brush manufacturing business, which he carried on in a shop owned by his uncle near Canal and Main streets. Leaving there, he went to Wooster, Ohio, where he was identified with a brush factory, and later he returned to Akron, opening an establishment on Mill and



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Main streets, having his factory and retail business on the present site of the Central Savings & Trust Company building. Later he was located where the Metropolitan building now stands, continuing there until the property was taken over by the Metropolitan company. He next bought a lot on Main street, near the site of the Allen theatre, and subsequently he sold the lot to his son, who also purchased another lot and erected a building thereon. Mr. Zintel manufactured all kinds of brushes for factory use and brooms used in street sweeping. The utmost care was exercised in making their output of worth and value such as they could guarantee. Mr. Zintel operated his factory under the name of the Akron Brush Works and the enterprise is now carried on under the name of the Akron Brush Company at 277 South Main street by his son, Carl F. Zintel. Casper Zintel erected the building where the McGinley grocery store now stands and he was also connected with the Schumacher Milling Company. He had personal acquaintance with Dr. Goodrich, assisted in the erection of the first Goodrich factory building and also assisted in the brick work of Buchtel College. Six years after his marriage he purchased thirteen acres of land on Merri-man road from George Hartman, and Wellesley, Weber and Hillsdale streets are thoroughfares that now cross what was originally his property.

To Mr. and Mrs. Casper Zintel were born eleven children. Elizabeth married Nathan D. Snyder and her daughter, Laura, has become the wife of Edward Seeley and has two children, Jeanette Joan and Donald Nathan. Augusta is the wife of M. D. Kuhlke and has one child, Barbara Eleanor. Margaret, the third daughter, is the wife of Henry A. Wetzel and has two children, Cleopha Barbara and Robert Henry. Nina Katharine is now Mrs. Will J. Heepe and has seven children: Ethel, Madeline, Hulda, Betty, Katharine, Esther and William. Louise is the next of the family. Henry is a resident of Laramie, Wyoming. Rudolph married Matilda Limric. Carl Fred wedded Christine Maier and has a son, Harold, and a daughter, Irene. Walter Casper married Cecelia Wambsgans and has two children, Walter and Marguerite. George Edward married Cora Ringler and has three children: Mildred, William and Lawrence. Erwin Henry Zintel completes the family.

The husband and father passed away October 5, 1921. He was a member of Granite Lodge, No. 522, I. O. O. F. Mr. Zintel was ever watchful of opportunities that pointed to success and he

made good use of his time and talents. His clear business discernment enabled him to make steady progress, and as the years passed on he gained a creditable position among the successful business men of the city. He never had occasion to regret his determination to come to the new world, for here he found the opportunities which he sought and in their utilization he gained a competence that enabled him to leave his family in comfortable financial circumstances, while he also left to them the heritage of a good name.

EARL WILLIAM HAMLIN

Earl William Hamlin, manager, secretary and treasurer of the Akron Selle Company, is well known in industrial circles of this city and for more than sixteen years has been prominently identified with one of Akron's important manufacturing institutions. He is a full fledged Akron man, born, reared and educated here and his entire business career has been in connection with Akron institutions.

Mr. Hamlin was born October 4, 1888, a son of Millard J. and Rose (Foster) Hamlin, the former a native of Green Bay, Wisconsin, and the latter of Ohio. In early life Millard J. Hamlin located in Akron and is now a foreman in the plant of the American Hard Rubber Company, to which he has given many years of faithful, efficient service. His family consists of two sons and two daughters, all residents of Akron: Helen M. Zimmer; Millard R., a draftsman for the Brown-Graves Company; Earl W.; and Margaret.

Earl W. Hamlin attended the Central high school and later took a business course. He began his business career in the auditing department of the B. F. Goodrich Company and for five years was thus employed. In 1912 he entered the employ of the Akron Selle Company, with which he has since been connected. Starting in a modest capacity, Mr. Hamlin's advancements have come as the recognition of work well done and his capacity for assuming greater burdens, and responsibilities. He is regarded as a highly capable man in his connection, which has been marked by a contribution of his best energies toward the success of the business.

Mr. Hamlin was married August 21, 1918, in Mansfield, Ohio, to Miss Helen M. Barry, a daughter of Edward W. and Katherine

Barry, prominent residents of that city. Mr. and Mrs. Hamlin now have three children, all of whom were born in Akron: Rita Jane, whose birth occurred November 6, 1919; Earl W., Jr., who was born April 1, 1924; and Richard M., born April 23, 1927.

Mr. Hamlin is a communicant of the Roman Catholic church and has taken the fourth degree in the Knights of Columbus. He is a past exalted ruler of the local lodge of Elks and also a member of the Fairlawn Country Club, the Akron City Club, Chamber of Commerce and Exchange Club. Mr. Hamlin has a wide acquaintance in Akron and many of his warmest friends are those who have known him from boyhood. He lives at 1200 Sunset View drive having built his residence in 1928.

PETER KRAUS

Peter Kraus has lived in Akron from infancy, progressing with the development of the city, and is one of its pioneer foundrymen. A native of Austria, he was born November 28, 1857, and was but a year old when his parents, Daniel and Theresa (Luh) Kraus, sailed for the United States. They established their home in Akron and here the father followed the trade of tanning until his death. To Mr. and Mrs. Kraus were born three children and Adolph, their first son, is deceased. The others are Peter and John.

In the acquirement of an education Peter Kraus attended the parochial and public schools of Akron and his first money was earned by working in a chain shop that stood on the site of the original Goodrich rubber factory. He was next an employe of the Taplin & Rice Company of Akron and served the firm with faithfulness and efficiency for twenty-seven years, becoming assistant foreman of the foundry. At that time he was offered a desirable position by the Star Drilling Company of this city and was superintendent of their plant until 1913. In that year he formed the Diamond Foundry Company, of which he is president and general manager, and has made this one of the city's well known industries. Years of practical experience and close study have given him a comprehensive knowledge of the business and in its conduct he displays initiative, foresight, mature judgment and the requisite executive force. The firm manufactures moldings and castings of all kinds and carries the names of fifty employes

on its payrolls. The plant at No. 258 Annandale avenue is completely equipped and functions perfectly in all of its departments.

In 1878 Mr. Kraus was married in Akron to Miss Therese Ambs, a daughter of Martin Ambs, and they became the parents of eight children, six of whom survive. All are natives of Akron. Charles, born in 1888 and educated in the public schools, was married in Akron to Miss Mary Mummertz, by whom he has one child, Karl. Mary, born in 1889, is the wife of Emil Krill, treasurer of the Diamond Foundry Company, and they are the parents of eight children: Karl, Olive, Albert, Mollie, Harriet, William, Mercedes and Peggy. Robert, born in 1891, completed his education in the University of Pennsylvania, specializing in architecture, and during the World war was in the service of his country. His wife, Marie (Friess) Kraus, was also born in Akron and they have three sons: James, Robert and Richard. The younger children of Mr. and Mrs. Kraus are: Leo, who was born in 1894 and is taking a course in the Carnegie Technical School; Joseph, who was born in 1898 and attended the public schools of Akron; and Edward, who was born in 1900 and pursued his studies in the University of Akron and the Carnegie Technical School.

Mr. Kraus adheres to the Roman Catholic faith and is a life member of St. Bernard's Church Society, with which he has been affiliated for a half century. He is also connected with the Liedertafel Society and the National Foundrymen's Association. His enterprise and ability have carried him far beyond the ranks of mediocrity and his influence is one of broadening activity and strength in the field in which he is operating. Mr. Kraus has witnessed Akron's growth from a town of a few thousand inhabitants to a city of metropolitan proportions, contributing his share toward its development and progress, and a useful, upright life has won for him a high place in the esteem of his fellowmen.

JOHN KRAKER

Bending his energies toward the attainment of a definite objective, John Kraker has steadily progressed and is now numbered among Akron's successful manufacturers and public-spirited citizens. A native of Austria, he was born May 5, 1879, and his parents, John and Ursula Kraker, remained in that country until 1895, when they made the voyage to the new world. They settled in Cleveland, Ohio, where they spent the remainder

of their lives, and the father was long identified with industrial affairs. His demise occurred in 1905 and the mother passed away in 1907.

John Kraker, their only child, received a public school education and when a youth of sixteen came to the United States with his parents. He obtained work in the plant of the Punch & Shear Company of Cleveland, where he acquired a knowledge of pattern-making, and during that time took up the study of drafting, attending the night school of the Young Men's Christian Association. Mr. Kraker remained with the Punch & Shear Company until 1903, when he came to Akron and secured a position in the foundry of the J. K. Williams Company. Afterward he was employed in succession by the Wellman-Seaver & Morgan Manufacturing Company, the Diamond Rubber Company, the Dietrich & Brunswick Company and the Akron Foundry Company, thus gaining valuable experience along industrial lines. In 1919, in association with Robert N. Hinman, he organized the State Foundry & Pattern Company, capitalized at one hundred thousand dollars, and all of the stock was subscribed for in short order. Controlled by men of wisdom, foresight and initiative, the business has enjoyed a rapid growth and the plant is operated with maximum efficiency at a minimum expenditure of time, labor and material. Gray iron castings and furnace fire pots are included among the products of the foundry, which is located at No. 90 Elinor avenue and equipped with the most improved appliances for making patterns. Quality is never sacrificed for speed and no inferior piece of work ever leaves the plant of the firm. Mr. Kraker has a highly specialized knowledge of the industry and acts as secretary and treasurer of the corporation. He is also a director of the Portage Iron & Wire Company and the Akron-Columbus Printing Company.

On July 14, 1903, Mr. Kraker was married in Akron to Miss Bertha Gorbach, a daughter of John and Ursula Gorbach and a member of one of the prominent families of the city. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Kraker comprises two sons: Ervin John, who was born in Akron in 1905, and is a student in the medical department of the Western Reserve University; and Joseph Henry, who was born in this city in 1906 and is attending the Notre Dame Business University.

Mr. Kraker is affiliated with St. Bernard's Roman Catholic church and conscientiously follows its teachings. He is a member of St. Bernard's Society, the Knights of St. John, the Sons

of Hermann, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the German-Austrian Society, the Akron Bruder Bund and the Turnverein. For thirteen years he has been president of the Liedertafel Society and is also identified with the Chamber of Commerce and the Akron Automobile Association. In the life of the city Mr. Kraker fills an important place and the qualities to which he owes his success have won for him the esteem, confidence and friendship of all with whom he has been associated.

WILLIAM JACOB FRANK

William Jacob Frank lived to celebrate his fiftieth anniversary in the jewelry business, and the years not only chronicled his success but gave evidence of the high reputation which he won as a thoroughly progressive, reliable and trustworthy merchant. He had arrived in Akron when a lad of but thirteen years and through an extended period was actively identified with all that made for the welfare and progress of his city. His birth occurred near Uniontown, in Stark county, Ohio, November 16, 1855, his parents being George and Mary (Bushong) Frank. The father was born at Hofen, in Alsace-Lorraine, and became a farmer of Ohio, also serving in his community as justice of the peace. His education had been acquired in the schools of his native land and in Uniontown, Ohio, where after reaching manhood he was married and there spent his remaining days.

William Jacob Frank attended the public schools of Uniontown to the age of thirteen years, when he came to Akron, where he completed his education in the Jennings school. He began learning the jeweler's trade in the store of Henry Abbey and a few years later established business on his own account in association with George K. Foltz, opening a jewelry store on Howard street in part of the building now occupied by the Dodge Furniture Company. There Mr. Frank remained until a removal was made to the Odd Fellows building following its completion. In the meantime Mr. Foltz disposed of his interest to William F. Laubach, who was admitted to partnership, while four years subsequently Joseph R. Nutt, now one of the best known financiers of Cleveland, became a member of the firm. Later this relation was discontinued and in 1917 George W. Clymmer was admitted to partnership by Mr. Frank. Through-



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out all these years Mr. Frank held to the highest standards of mercantile service. He carried a large and carefully selected line of jewelry and he ever based his business upon the principle that a satisfied patron is the best advertisement. He was known for his reliability as well as his progressive methods and for many years he made his establishment one of the foremost jewelry houses of this section of the state.

On the 17th of April, 1877, Mr. Frank was united in marriage to Miss Ellen Loretta Ross, of Akron, daughter of Samuel and Rebecca Ann (Ralston) Ross. The father was at one time a resident of Massillon. Mr. and Mrs. Frank became the parents of three children: Esther Mabel, now Mrs. Howard F. Siegrist; and William Ellsworth and Ward Addison, twins, the latter dying at the age of five years, while William E. is now a resident of Akron. Mr. Siegrist is with the Akron Paper Box Company as sales manager and for nineteen years previously he was with the Falls Rubber Company. Mr. and Mrs. Siegrist have one son, Ward F., a member of the class of 1929, University of Wisconsin.

Mr. Frank was a very active, prominent and helpful member in the Grace Reformed church, in which he served as deacon and elder for many years, while for forty-five years he filled the office of Sunday school superintendent. He also served on the Summit county Sunday school board, the State Sunday school board, the national, international and world boards. He took many trips abroad in this connection, visiting Tokio, Japan, Zurich, Switzerland, and also Philadelphia, New York, Washington and other American cities. He did everything in his power to further the cause of Christianity and his chief interest outside of business was his Sunday school work. Fraternally he was identified with the Masons and the Odd Fellows and he also belonged to the Chamber of Commerce, the Portage Country Club and the City Club. The members of his family were likewise interested in the church work, Mrs. Frank having a class in the Sunday school for about twenty years, while for an extended period their daughter has been teacher of a class of beginners. In this connection she collected stories for children, typed them and made the story clear with illustrations, so that the fundamental truth was carried to her little pupils. Nothing so engrossed the attention of Mr. Frank as his church work and it is said that the development of the Grace Reformed and other churches of that denomination was due largely to his efforts.

His Christian faith was manifest in every relation of life. It was the guiding principle of his business career and the motive power which shaped his relations with his fellows. It led him to speak considerately, to think kindly, to temper justice with mercy and to extend a helping hand wherever aid was needed, and when he passed on he left to his family that good name which is rather to be chosen than great riches, while his memory remains as an inspiration to all who knew him. He passed away April 20, 1923, when sixty-seven years of age.

THE PORTAGE IRON & WIRE COMPANY

The Portage Iron & Wire Company, a large and rapidly growing industry, was established in Akron in 1916 by Joseph A. Bachmann and John Kracker. The business was first housed in a small frame structure on East Johnston street, located in almost the exact spot now occupied by the magnificent plant and buildings of the firm. The original capital was fifty thousand dollars and in December, 1916, the business was incorporated. Starting with four employes, the Portage Iron & Wire Company has steadily developed under the able management of Mr. Bachmann and his associates, Mr. Bachmann having been president since its incorporation. The old frame shed has been replaced by one modern building after another until today the entire plant and buildings cover two acres of ground on Johnston street. The capitalization has been increased and at the present time the company has assets of one million dollars. About sixty experienced workmen are regularly employed by the firm, which specializes in structural steel and ornamental iron work. The output of the plant includes steel stairways, signs, pipe railings, guards and grills, fire escapes, balcony railings and rubber shop equipment. The large electrical signs of the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, the India Tire & Rubber Company and other well known corporations in Akron and other cities were made by the Portage Iron & Wire Company, which also furnished the structural steel and ornamental iron used in the construction of numerous schools and other public buildings in Akron and environs. It can be said that the Portage Iron & Wire Company has erected practically all the large spectacular electrical signs in the city.

The present officers of the company are: Joseph A. Bachmann,

president; John Kracker, vice president; Joseph A. Bachmann, Jr., secretary; Henry Ruedy, treasurer; and John A. Greissing, superintendent. To Mr. Bachmann is due the credit for the rapid development of the industry and the notable success of the company. He possesses exceptional qualifications as an executive and is one of the most painstaking industrialists in the Rubber city. No work is complete unless it has passed inspection through his office and because of this fact the firm is constantly gaining new and unsolicited business.

HENRY J. ABERTH

At the outset of his commercial career Henry J. Aberth chose a congenial field of labor and has wisely continued therein. The qualities of diligence and perseverance have carried him steadily toward the goal fixed by his ambition and he is now at the head of one of the large baking companies of Akron. He was born April 25, 1884, in Alsace-Lorraine, Germany, and his parents, George and Selma (Biegler) Aberth, were natives of the same province. The father was an enterprising agriculturist and engaged in farming in Germany until 1915, when he came to the United States. The mother was a lifelong resident of Alsace-Lorraine and died at the comparatively early age of thirty-five years. There were eight children in the family: Selma, Dora, Caroline, Martin, George, Philip, Fred and Henry J.

The last named pursued his studies in Alsace-Lorraine and completed his education in the public schools of Akron, which he attended for a year. Securing work in a bakery, he mastered the trade, which he followed for some time as an employe, and then ventured in business for himself, forming the Elite Baking Company on South Main street. At the end of a year he disposed of the business and established the firm now known as the City Baking Company, Inc. Starting on a small scale in 1915, he has gradually expanded the scope of the undertaking and now has one of the best equipped plants in Akron. The sanitary conditions are perfect and the widespread demand for the output of the bakery is proof of the high quality of its product. The plant is located at Grant and McCoy streets and the extent of the business is shown by the fact that twenty-eight retail routes and five wholesale routes are required for delivery purposes, and there are also six retail stores. Mr. Aberth is president and

treasurer of the company and has a well organized, thoroughly systematized business. He knows every phase of the baking industry, which has constituted his life work, and caters to both the retail and wholesale trades.

Mr. Aberth was married April 21, 1906, to Miss Margaret Niess, a daughter of George and Caroline Niess, of Akron. Mr. and Mrs. Aberth have become the parents of seven children: Margaret E., who was born in 1907 and after her graduation from high school entered her father's bakery, in which she is still employed; George H., who was born in 1909 and since the completion of his high school course has been associated with his father in business; Selma, who was born in 1911 and is a high school graduate; Pearl, who was born in 1912 is attending high school; Ruth, who was born in 1914 and is a high school student; Richard, who was born in 1916 and is attending grammar school; and Jack, born in 1920 and also a grammar school pupil.

Mr. Aberth is a member of the National Bakers Association. His religious views are in harmony with the doctrines of the First German Reformed church. He is a good citizen and his prosperity is the merited reward of strict integrity, the conscientious discharge of all obligations and unremitting attention to a business in which he is greatly interested.

JEROME DAUBY

Jerome Dauby, president and general manager of the M. O'Neil Company of Akron, has gained wide distinction in department store circles of the country. He was born in Cleveland, Ohio, November 13, 1871, his parents being David and Lena (Loeb) Dauby, who were natives of Germany. The father was a youth of thirteen years when he came with his parents to the United States and the family established a home in Cleveland. In 1861, when the country became involved in civil war, David Dauby volunteered for service in defense of the Union, enlisting in the Twenty-third Ohio Volunteer Infantry, a regiment which contributed two presidents to the United States—Rutherford B. Hayes and William McKinley. He was on active duty with this regiment until the close of hostilities and afterward became a clothing merchant of Cleveland, where he successfully conducted business for a number of years, his death there occurring in 1909. His wife was but a year old when brought to America by her

parents, who also settled in Cleveland. Her death occurred in 1874. They had two sons: Nathan L., who for a number of years has been general manager of the May Company store in Cleveland; and Jerome.

Jerome Dauby was reared in Cleveland and started on his business career at the age of fourteen years. His first real job was that of stock boy in the cloak and suit factory of the Landesmann-Hirschheimer Company of Cleveland, and from that he rose to be head of the shipping department. Later he went on the road as salesman for the company, covering Illinois and Iowa. Leaving the road after his marriage in 1903, he entered the retail shoe business in Cleveland as senior partner in the firm of Dauby & Strauss. This firm opened a second shoe store a few years later under the name of the Famous, and Mr. Dauby retained his interest in these projects until 1912, when he came to Akron as general manager and secretary of the M. O'Neil Company, which business had just been purchased by the May Department Stores Company. In addition to being general manager, Mr. Dauby has since been made president of the M. O'Neil Company and is also vice president and a director of the May Department Stores Company, one of the largest corporations in the country in its line. The remarkable growth and development of the M. O'Neil Company is an outstanding achievement in mercantile circles of this section of the country and offers a most significant tribute to its management. The magnificent new store of the company, completed early in 1928, is probably the most modern structure of its kind in America, and in an interview regarding it, Mr. Dauby said: "Our new store has not been built for a city of two hundred and fifty thousand or three hundred thousand. It was built to serve a city of five hundred thousand or even seven hundred and fifty thousand, as we believe Akron soon will be. I give full credit for the successful construction of the building, and the remarkable success of the business since, to the efficient and loyal work of the entire organization. My success was not due to any direct work which I contributed to this result, but rather to the success I had in enlisting this cooperation." From start to finish he was constantly in close touch with every phase of construction.

Among his other business connections in Akron, Mr. Dauby is a director of the National City Bank. He is a member of the Akron City Club, the Rotary Club, the Fairlawn Country Club, the Rosemont Country Club, and the Akron Automobile Club.

He is also a member of the Akron Merchants Association. As a member of the Akron Chamber of Commerce he received the highest civic and business honor that could be bestowed upon him, when elected president of that organization.

On the 13th of June, 1903, Mr. Dauby was married in Cleveland, to Miss Pearl Closse of that city, and they have two daughters: Lillian C., the wife of Lincoln H. Gries, who is assistant general manager of the M. O'Neil Company; and Miss Jean.

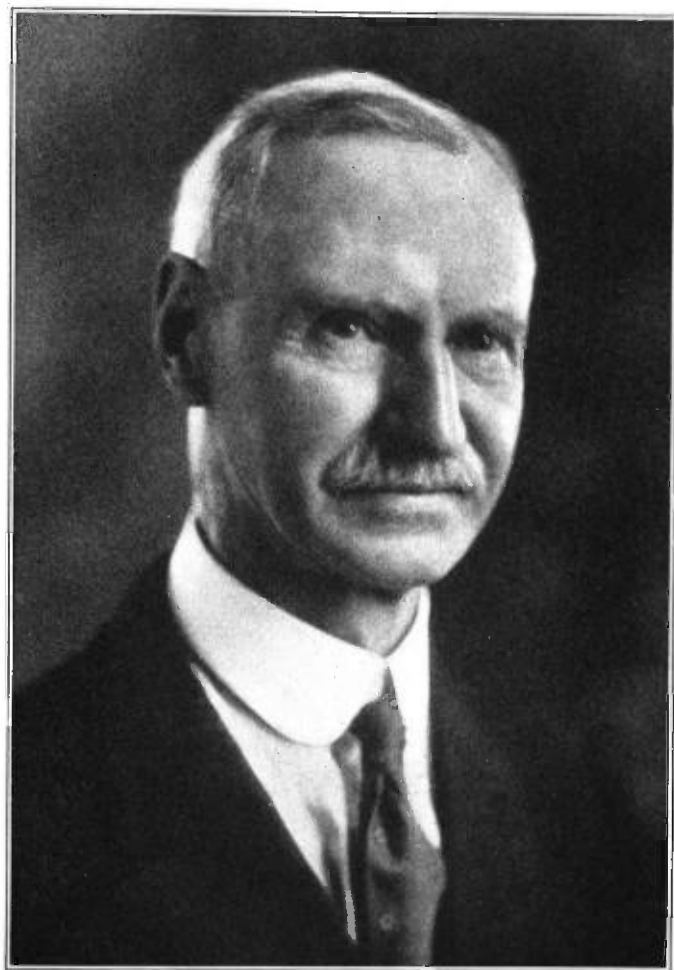
Gifted with a keen business insight and a broad grasp of affairs, Mr. Dauby has had a career of unusual activity and notable success. Throughout the period of his residence in Akron he has evinced a hearty cooperation in those movements for the promotion of the city's permanent interests and in its mercantile development his activities have played a most important part.

Mr. Dauby's residence is at 204 North Highland avenue.

JAMES WILSON DAGUE

In the later years of his life James Wilson Dague lived retired from active business but formerly was closely associated with mercantile interests and contributed in large and substantial measure to the development of one of the leading stores of Akron. His prosperity afterward enabled him to enjoy in well earned rest the fruits of his former toil. He was born on a farm a half mile south of Western Star in Summit county, June 29, 1854, a son of Michael and Elizabeth King (McElhenie) Dague. The father at one time owned a store at Western Star but afterward removed to Doylestown about 1874 and there conducted a general merchandise business, developing an extensive enterprise during the mining activities at Doylestown.

James W. Dague attended the schools and also the academy at Western Star, but following the outbreak of the Civil war it was necessary that he devote his time and attention to farm labor, as two of his elder brothers had enlisted in the army. One of these, Gabriel Dague, is still living; the other, Thomas J. Dague, at the close of the war became a Presbyterian clergyman, occupying the pulpit in Doylestown until his death in 1917. A younger brother, J. Melvin Dague, is a resident of Los Angeles, California. Because of Civil war conditions the youth of James W. Dague was largely a period of unrelenting toil. In the year 1874 his father and brother opened a general dry goods and grocery store in Doylestown under the firm name of Dague Brothers



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& Company and James W. was there employed as a clerk and assistant manager to his brother, who was in poor health. In 1878 he was admitted to a partnership in the business and in 1884 he and his brother became sole owners of the store, which they conducted successfully for a time and then were joined by J. K. Winch, G. C. Dague and J. M. Dague in a partnership relation. In 1891 they opened a general store on East Market street in Akron and subsequently removed the business to Main street, where their trade grew and expanded until within a few years they were doing the second largest business in the city. In 1903 William Carmen Dague, the senior member of the firm, passed away and in 1906 James W. Dague disposed of both stores, selling the Akron establishment to the C. H. Yeager Company, at which time he retired from active business. His close application, earnest purpose and unabating industry were the means of bringing to him substantial success as the years passed by.

On the 10th of May, 1876, Mr. Dague was married to Miss Catherine Lucretia Turner, of Doylestown. She is a daughter of William and Mary Ann (Frederick) Turner. Her father came of Pennsylvania stock, was born January 23, 1822, and became a resident of Wayne county, Ohio, as early as 1840. He learned the carriage maker's trade at Doylestown, where he carried on business for several years, and later he spent some time in California but with his return to Doylestown conducted a coal business. In 1859 he became interested in farming and was identified with agricultural pursuits until his demise. He wedded Mary Ann Frederick, whose father, Thomas Frederick, was the first white settler in Chippewa township. He was born in Columbiana county, Ohio, December 1, 1778, was married in 1804 to Elizabeth Shawk and fought in the War of 1812. In 1813 he removed to Chippewa township and entered claim to the east half of Section 10, receiving his deed to the same five years later from President Monroe. He planted a great number of fruit trees, including the first cherry trees grown in the township, and according to tradition he also shot the last bear seen in the township. Fredericksburg was named in honor of his brother, Jacob Frederick. Thomas Frederick was a splendid type of the sturdy pioneer settler who laid broad and deep the foundation upon which has been built the present-day progress and prosperity. His fame as a hunter was widespread and it is said that he was unsurpassed in his skill with the rifle. He was a member of the Lutheran church and he lived to the advanced age of ninety-three years.

James Wilson and Catherine Lucretia (Turner) Dague became the parents of a son and two daughters: William M., who married Florence Knofer and has one child, Elizabeth Ann; Martha, the wife of Charles C. Baird and the mother of a son, Robert Dague Baird; and Mary Elizabeth, who is the wife of Lewis J. Wise and has one son, James Newton Wise.

The death of Mr. Dague occurred February 22, 1924. He had practically completed the Psalmist's allotted span of three score years and ten. His was an active and useful life crowned with success and furthermore crowned with that respect which is accorded to high character and personal worth. At fifteen years of age he had become a member of the Presbyterian church at Doylestown and following his removal to Akron he transferred his membership to the First Congregational church, of which he was a consistent follower throughout his remaining days. In 1891 he joined the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Doylestown and he was ever loyal to any cause which he espoused. The consensus of public opinion placed him in a most creditable position among the citizens of Summit county, all who knew him bearing testimony to his individual worth.

WILLIAM FAIRAWAY RIDGE

William Fairaway Ridge, president, secretary and treasurer of the Rid-Ged Grip Company of Akron, has reached his present notable position by a progress that has led him forward step by step as his capability has increased and his business vision has broadened. While he made his initial step as an employe in a grocery store, it was not long before he became identified with the rubber industry, and with every phase of this business as it has related to Akron's development and growth Mr. Ridge is familiar. In fact he has contributed in notable measure to the results here achieved and the business of which he is now the head is the visible evidence of his intelligently directed effort.

Ohio has reason to be proud to place his name on the list of her native sons. His birth occurred in Shreve, Wayne county, May 6, 1876, his parents being John W. and Sarah A. (DeWitt) Ridge. His father, who was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, became connected with the rubber manufacturing interest of Akron and in this state he was married, his wife being

a native of Holmes county, Ohio. Her death occurred June 23, 1909.

Spending his youthful days under the parental roof, William F. Ridge acquired a good practical education in the public and high schools of Gann, Ohio, and during vacation periods he contributed to his support by working in a grocery store. A little later he entered the employ of the Diamond Match Company, this almost immediately following his removal to Akron when he was sixteen years of age. His salary was four dollars per week, but expenses then were also moderate. His identification with rubber manufacturing dates from January 6, 1892, when he was employed in making tires for baby carriages in the factory of the B. F. Goodrich Rubber Company. The product also included solid rubber tires, which were the only kind then used on bicycles. His three years' connection with the Goodrich interests brought him a considerable knowledge of the business and later for a time he was with the Diamond Rubber Company but afterward returned to the Goodrich plant in Akron. He was next sent to the Goodrich factory in Sandusky to make wire bicycle tires but in March, 1896, was recalled to Akron, where he worked until April, 1898, when he became ill. Two months later, when he had recovered, Mr. Ridge sought the business opportunities of Chicago and there joined the working force of the Morgan & Wright Company, tire manufacturers. His close study of the business and a recognition of certain needs connected therewith brought out his inventive genius and his initiative and he equipped the Morgan & Wright factory for the manufacture of single tube bicycle tires, so that within a period of nine months the plant was operating with a capacity that had resulted in the manufacture of ninety thousand tires during that period.

Mr. Ridge remained at the head of the bicycle department of the Chicago firm for four and one-half years but in the summer of 1902 resigned his position in order to return to Akron and gain a knowledge of manufacturing automobile tires, for the motor car was just then coming into popularity and he recognized a splendid future in that branch of the business. After a brief period Mr. Ridge was placed in charge of the entire tire manufacturing department of the International Automobile Vehicle Manufacturing Company at Milltown, New Jersey, where he remained for a year, and later he was with the Goshen Rubber Company at Goshen, Indiana. In 1904 he began the manufacture of acid cure and cement at Akron and in 1905 he was pre-

vailed upon to join the Firestone Company and take charge of the equipment of a plant for the manufacture of pneumatic tires. He met every requirement of this onerous position, having entire control of the manufacturing department, and on the 14th of December, 1905, he perfected his design for the Firestone's first quick detachable, demountable rim, which is still in use today. One of his coworkers in the Firestone Company was Walter H. Jenks and together they determined to engage in business with the result that their plans materialized in the organization and incorporation of the Marathon Tire & Rubber Company, which was formed August 15, 1912, with a capital stock of one hundred thousand dollars. When their plant was completed they began the manufacture of tires and on the 1st of January, 1913, placed the first Marathon tires on exhibition in the New York city automobile show and the following month sent out their first shipment. Their business increased rapidly as the worth of their tire became recognized and from time to time it was necessary to enlarge their quarters and increase their capital from one hundred thousand to five hundred thousand dollars. Within a comparatively brief period three hundred people were on their pay roll and offices were established at Cuyahoga Falls as well as at Akron. In 1916 the company began producing rubber accessories as well as tires and their trade soon covered not only the entire United States but also Canada and South America. The Rid-Ged Grip Company was organized in 1922 and since that date Mr. Ridge has been the chief executive officer. Back of this enterprise is his long and varied experience in connection with the rubber industry of the country. Few men are able to speak with greater authority concerning products of this character and the methods of manufacturing and marketing than he, and the results of his management and executive ability are most gratifying to the corporation.

Mr. Ridge was married in 1896 to Miss Mattie V. Barber, a daughter of Preston Barber, distinguished as an inventor, and a granddaughter of Abel G. Allen, who came to Summit county in pioneer times. Mr. and Mrs. Ridge are parents of two daughters: Helen, who was educated at Oberlin College and is now the wife of LeRoy T. Barnett and the mother of one child, Mary Louise; and Edna May, the wife of Luther J. Sewell and the mother of a daughter, Susanne. Mr. Sewell is a widely known baseball player of the Cleveland American League Club.

Mr. Ridge is a loyal follower of Masonic teachings and be-

longs to the Masonic Club. He is also identified with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and with the Akron Chamber of Commerce. He has always been deeply interested in the welfare and progress of the city and his activities have been of a character which have contributed to its growth and advancement. His own career illustrates what can be accomplished by determined and earnest purpose. Starting out in life empty-handed and with no special advantages or influential friends to aid him, he has steadily worked his way upward, mastering every task that has been assigned him and gaining therefrom knowledge and ability to assume larger tasks. Becoming identified with the rubber industry during the initial period of its development in Akron, he stands today as one of the best known representatives of the trade and is now controlling large and profitable interests as the result of his capability and laudable ambition.

CLOYD R. QUINE

Cloyd R. Quine is well known in business circles of Akron as the founder and executive head of one of its essential industries. He was born in this city on the 7th of November, 1881, and is a son of Robert S. and Kate (Motz) Quine. They settled in Akron in their youth and the father achieved prominence in the early civic and social activities of the city. Although seventy-nine years of age he is still alert and vigorous but the mother died in 1891. In their family were three children: Harry S., who was long an outstanding figure in newspaper circles of Akron and who passed away in this city in 1928; Bessie H., who is deputy clerk of the courts and lives at home; and Cloyd R.

The last named attended the public schools of Akron and also completed a course in the Hammel Business College. For some time he was employed along various lines and his first independent venture was in the electric sign business in Akron. In 1902 he prompted the formation of the Colonial Insulator Company with which he was connected until 1904, when the business was sold to James Hemphill, who is now president of the company. Afterward Mr. Quine, from 1905 to 1908, was a director and manager of the Akron Clutch Company, which was then acquired by the Williams Foundry & Machine Company. Mr. Quine next became sales manager of The Williams Foundry & Machine Company and continued as such until 1917, when he formed the

Akron Equipment Company, of which he has since been president. In the intervening period he has created an efficiently operated industry which furnishes employment to eighty persons. The plant is thoroughly modern and its output comprises machinery, rubber, molds, dies and tire repair equipment. Mr. Quine also is president of the Akron Tyrewelder Company and a director of the Dime Savings Bank.

On the 14th of February, 1904, Mr. Quine was married to Miss Hattie Van Orman, a daughter of J. H. Van Orman, one of Akron's prominent citizens. They have become the parents of two sons: Robert Cloyd, who was born in January, 1907, and graduated from the West high school and is now attending the University of Akron; and Willard Van Orman, who was born in June, 1908, and is a student at Oberlin College.

Mr. Quine is a member of the City and Automobile Clubs and the Chamber of Commerce. His Masonic connections are with Akron Lodge, F. & A. M.; Washington Chapter, R. A. M.; and Akron Council, R. & S. M., and he is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, being a past grand of Akron lodge. His religious views are indicated by his affiliation with the West Congregational church.

MARTIN BERTHOLD

Martin Berthold, who has attained notable distinction in the field of electrical engineering, his superior attainments being indicated in the fact that he has been admitted to membership in the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, was born in Saxony, Germany, September 6, 1877, a son of Otto and Anna (Lindner) Berthold, who were also natives of that country, where they spent their entire lives. The father was a distinguished forester, in charge of the forest "Oberholz" and of the experimental station, a division of the agricultural department of the University of Leipsic, state of Saxony. Both he and his wife have now passed away. In their family were five children, four of whom are yet living: Gotthard, Margaret and Mrs. Johanna Jentsch, all being residents of Leipsic; and Martin, of this review.

The only representative of the family in the new world is Martin Berthold, now the head of the Berthold Electric & Engineering Company of Akron. In his youthful days he attended the Freimaurer Institute at Dresden, state of Saxony, Germany,



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where he was educated. His mechanical and electrical education was acquired at the Maschinenbau Schule, Technische Staats-Lehranstalten, Chemnitz, Saxony, from which he was graduated in 1897, with special courses in electrical engineering and mathematics. His interest in electrical work was greatly stimulated by the course of lectures by Professors Weinhold and Koller, at Chemnitz, in physics and electrical engineering. He became especially interested in the fundamental data on design of electrical machines as far as such data were available up to 1897, and followed up the same subject until 1900 by extensive private study and visits to such electrical manufacturing concerns as were accessible. He began his practical work by systematically prepared apprenticeship courses in the shop department of J. M. Grob & Company, Leipsic manufacturers of gas engines and electrical machinery. He served for a time as assistant to the chief engineer of Dr. G. Langbein & Company, Leipsic, later becoming electrical engineer with the Allgemeine Elektrizitaets Gesellschaft, Berlin. Thinking to find superior business opportunities in the new world, he crossed the Atlantic in 1902 and made his way to Chicago, where he became a technical clerk in the testing department of the Western Electric Company, electric machinery division. There he remained until 1905, when he removed to Indianapolis, Indiana, and became assistant electrical engineer of the Commercial Electric Company. Subsequently he was associated with the Fairbanks-Morse Company in Indianapolis as engineer in charge of design, while later he was advanced to the position of chief engineer of the electrical department. With his removal to Mansfield, Ohio, he became chief engineer of the Ideal Electric & Manufacturing Company, with which he continued until 1912—the year of his arrival in Akron. Here he became associated with the Imperial Electric Company and in 1923 he resigned his position to join A. G. Ladrach in the organization of the Berthold Electric & Engineering Company. A contemporary writer said of him: "The work of Mr. Berthold since 1900 has been in the direction of greater refinement in the design of electrical motors and generators for alternating and direct currents. His observations of phenomena have made it apparent that in order to secure the greatest efficiency the observations of the machine test must check the calculations of the machine design. In his work toward increased efficiency alternating current machinery has been developed with as much zeal as direct current machinery, though the one class does not sup-

plant the other. Mr. Berthold became a citizen of the United States on March 12, 1912. For the benefit of the naval consulting board he has compiled the inventories of five manufacturing concerns of the city, including his own company." The business of the Berthold Electric & Engineering Company has grown rapidly, the plant is equipped with modern machinery and the company is prepared to build electrical machinery for many special branches of Akron industry.

On the 4th of June, 1914, Mr. Berthold was married to Miss Adeline Garber, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Garber, of Butler, Ohio. They now have two sons, Martin and Paul, born in 1915 and 1918, respectively.

Mr. Berthold is a member of Henry Perkins Masonic Lodge, the Akron Chamber of Commerce and the Akron Automobile Club. His interest, however, chiefly centers in his profession and in the conduct of his business affairs. He is a member of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers and of the German Engineers Association. He has never had occasion to regret his determination to try his fortune in America, for here he found his home and the professional opportunities which he sought and in their utilization has advanced steadily to the goal of success. His residence is at 704 Noah avenue, Akron, Ohio.

NICHOLAS MILTON GREENBERGER

Nicholas Milton Greenberger, a lawyer of wide learning and marked capability who entered upon active practice in Akron in 1902 and who is accorded a prominent place at the bar by the general public and by his colleagues and contemporaries, was born in New York city October 18, 1878, a son of Morris and Regina (Geiger) Greenberger, both of whom were born in a small village not far from Vienna, Austria. They came to America soon after their marriage and were residents of New York city until 1881, when they removed to Akron. Here the father, who was a graduate of the Vienna School of Distilling, established a distillery and for several years engaged in the wholesale liquor business. He passed away here in 1900, at the age of fifty-five years, and is still survived by his widow. In their family were three children: Nicholas M.; Mrs. H. A. Goodwin, of Akron; and Harry, who is engaged in the real estate business in Cleveland.

Although born in the eastern metropolis, Nicholas M. Greenberger was but three years of age when brought to Ohio and in the grade and high schools of Akron he pursued his preliminary studies. Even in his school days he was earning his own living by selling papers and doing other such work, and thus he learned the value of industry and perseverance as well as the value of money. When about twenty years of age he went upon the road as a salesman for the Brooks Oil Company of Cleveland and while thus engaged he began reading works on law. His interest in the profession was thus awakened and he made arrangements to become a student in the law office of Edwin F. Voris, of the firm of Voris & Voris of Akron. He there continued his preparation until admitted to the bar in 1902. Through the intervening period, covering more than a quarter of a century, he has continued in active practice here and has at different times discharged the duties of public office. In 1908 he was made city solicitor and filled that position until 1912, having been elected by the largest majority ever given to any candidate on the republican ticket for that office. It was during his incumbency that he instituted the movement that resulted in the purchase of the site for the Akron water works, drew up the contract and in due time acquired title to the property. As city solicitor he entered upon a legal contest with the Barber Asphalt Paving Company concerning road building that was not satisfactory and which resulted in the return of fourteen thousand dollars to the public treasury. He was likewise instrumental in gaining an important decision in connection with eastern Ohio grade crossings, and he also settled the question for all time as to whether or not cities could be bonded for the purchase of modern fire apparatus. His attitude was always one of progress and of support to all measures of benefit and value to the community, and his worthwhile public service endeared him in large measure to his fellow townsmen. With his retirement from office he concentrated his efforts more and more largely upon a growing private practice and now has a large clientele. He is also a director and the vice president of the Sanitary Market Company, the Cook Coffee Company and the Spiro Savings & Trust Company of Cleveland, Ohio.

On the 18th of January, 1911, Mr. Greenberger was married to Miss Ethel Spiro, of Cleveland, daughter of Henry Spiro, well known banker of that city, and they now have two sons: Morton S., born in Cleveland, October 18, 1912, and now a high school

pupil in Akron; and Robert B., who was born in Akron. March 7, 1915, and is attending the King school.

Mr. Greenberger belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Modern Woodmen of America. He likewise has membership in the Rosemont Country Club, the Temple Israel Association, the Akron Automobile Club and the Civitan Club, of which he is a former president. He is likewise connected with the Summit County, Ohio State and American Bar Associations and is widely and favorably known, having gained an extensive circle of friends during the years of his active connection with the Akron bar. Mr. Greenberger resides at 171 Casterton avenue, where he built his home in 1920. He has a beautiful flower garden, is a lover of flowers and outdoor sports, especially golf.

HELEN MAE DAVIS

Woman is entering more and more largely into the various fields of business activity and is proving her right to cope with men in those fields where intellectual activity and sound judgment feature as strong factors in the attainment of success. Helen Mae Davis has given demonstration of the possession of substantial qualities as a business woman through the conduct of a drug store in Akron, carrying on business at 298 East Exchange street. She was born in Massillon, Ohio, a daughter of John M. and Laura C. (Rice) Davis, and traces her ancestry through the maternal line back to the Revolutionary war period when representatives of the family aided in the struggle for independence.

Miss Davis pursued her education in the schools of Massillon until the family removed to Akron, where she obtained a position in a drug store, and thus her interest in the business was awakened. After a time she decided to learn the scientific end of the business and entered the Western Reserve University at Cleveland, pursuing a course in pharmacy and winning her degree in 1917. She then returned and again secured a situation as assistant in a drug store but was ambitious to engage in business on her own account, and in 1920 opened a store at 282 East Exchange street, remaining there until 1928, then moving to 298 East Exchange street. Through the intervening period she has wisely and capably managed her interests, the trade steadily in-

creasing until she now has a very gratifying patronage. She belongs to the Alumni Association of the School of Pharmacy of Western Reserve University and she is a member of the Ohio State and the American Pharmaceutical Associations. Twenty years' connection with the drug trade has made her familiar with every phase of the business and she is qualified to handle anything in her line from the sale of the simplest accessories of the drug trade to the compounding of the most intricate prescriptions.

JOSEPH JACOB BERTELE

Well equipped for the conduct of important commercial affairs, Joseph J. Bertele has progressed with his city, and he is well known as the executive head of the Akron Cycle & Supply Company, being responsible for its inception and prestige. He was born March 20, 1892, and has always lived in this locality, of which his maternal ancestors were early settlers. His parents were L. M. and Katherine (Dettling) Bertele, the former a native of France, while the latter was born in Akron. The father came to the United States in his youth and for many years was numbered among the leading produce merchants of Akron. His demise occurred in 1922 and the mother passed away in 1917. To them were born seven children: A. L., who lives in Akron; Leo A., of Chicago; Mrs. Emma C. Wolf, Raymond E. and Lawrence A. Bertele, residents of Akron; Mrs. Rosalia Fenn, of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio; and Joseph Jacob Bertele.

The last named received a public school education and began his business career with the B. F. Goodrich Tire & Rubber Company, with which he spent a year. For three years he was employed in the Coleman cycle shops and in the fall of 1916 ventured in business for himself, organizing the Akron Cycle & Supply Company. He is president and treasurer of the company, which handles radios and all kinds of fishing tackle and sportsmen's supplies as well as motorcycles. The business is located at No. 419 South Main street, in the building in which Mr. Bertele was born. In the early days this was one of the fine residential sections of Akron but with the growth of the city it has become the center of the manufacturing district. Closely studying trade conditions, Mr. Bertele keeps well abreast of the times and has made his firm a leader in the lines in which

it specializes. His plans are carefully formulated and his commercial transactions have always balanced up with the principles of truth and honor.

On December 1, 1917, Mr. Bertele was married in Akron to Miss Veronica McDonough, a daughter of Charles McDonough, and they now have three children: Carol Marie, who was born February 18, 1919, and is a grammar school pupil; Mary Elizabeth, who was born April 15, 1921, and is also attending the public schools; and Leo M., born April 11, 1922.

Mr. Bertele is a director of the Fish & Game Association, vice president of the Radio Dealers Association and president of the Akron Casters Club. His name appears on the membership rolls of the American Motorcycle Association, the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Akron Automobile Club. He adheres to the Catholic faith and is a communicant of St. Vincent's church. Mr. Bertele's advancement is not due to a fortunate combination of circumstances but is the direct and legitimate result of his own efforts, and his worth as a business man and citizen is uniformly acknowledged. His residence is on the east side of Long lake.

ERNEST H. CLINEDINST

From early boyhood there were manifest in the life of Ernest H. Clinedinst certain qualities which characterized his entire career and which had made him, ere his untimely death at the age of forty-two years, a capable railroad representative, a distinguished lawyer and a public-spirited citizen who exerted marked influence over public thought and action in Akron. He was born in Staunton, Virginia, September 23, 1884, and came to Akron in 1911. He had pursued a public school education in his native state and following his graduation from New Market high school in 1901 he attended the Wolfe Business College at Hagerstown, Maryland, in 1902, while subsequently he continued his studies in the Virginia Polytechnic Institute at New Market. Thinking to find a congenial field in railroading, he obtained a clerical position with the Cumberland Valley Railroad at Hagerstown, Maryland, and later was transferred to the Baltimore & Ohio, remaining with that company for several years. In Youngstown he was a clerk in the claims department and also while in the Cleveland office he was on duty in the claims department. It



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was while employed in these two departments that he became interested in a legal career and fitted himself for the practice of law by three years' study in the Cleveland Law School. In 1913 he came to Akron as general claim agent for the Northern Ohio Traction & Light Company and in the meantime continued his law studies, being admitted to the Ohio bar in 1914. It was then that he severed his connection with railroad interests and in 1915 became junior partner of the firm of Burch & Adams under the style of Burch, Adams & Clinedinst. In January, 1917, he became associated with Charles E. Smoyer, forming a partnership which was maintained until the death of Mr. Clinedinst. He won a very creditable position in professional circles, for he always prepared his cases with great thoroughness and care and presented his cause clearly, forcefully and effectively. He won many notable verdicts and contributed in large measure to the well merited reputation of Smoyer, Clinedinst & Smoyer, which was regarded as one of the strongest law firms in this great industrial center. His high standing among his colleagues and contemporaries in the legal profession is shown in the fact that he was chosen treasurer of the Akron Bar Association and also treasurer of the Akron Law Library Association.

On the 25th of September, 1907, Mr. Clinedinst was united in marriage to Miss Ethel M. Ott, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, a daughter of William H. Ott, who for many years was connected with the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad. Their son, William O., born September 12, 1908, is a remarkably talented youth, possessing genius along mechanical and electrical lines. As a boy he had a well equipped workshop in the basement of his parents' home and he has proven his thorough mastery of the radio. When only eight years of age he perfected a toy wireless instrument and in a few days he tuned it so as to receive messages from all over the country. He is now a student in the engineering department at the Carnegie Institute of Technology, class of 1931, having previously taken a preparatory course in the Kiskiminetas Springs School at Saltsburg, Pennsylvania. The second son of Mr. and Mrs. Clinedinst, Charles K., was born May 8, 1912, and died May 4, 1918.

Mr. Clinedinst took an active interest in politics and was chairman of the democratic central committee. An active member of the Chamber of Commerce, he served as chairman of its entertainment committee and cooperated heartily in every project endorsed by that organization tending to promote the material

growth and civic welfare of Akron. For five and one-half years he was a member of the municipal civil service commission, resigning his position in 1921. He was also presidential elector for his district, supporting John W. Davis. He belonged to the Sigma Kappa Phi, a law fraternity, to the Democratic Club, to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias. He was an active member and a trustee of the First Methodist Episcopal church and gave helpful and generous support to religious and welfare work. In a memorial prepared by the bar association it was said of him: "His pleasant personality, his enthusiasm and optimism made him popular not only with his brother lawyers but with a large and growing circle of acquaintances and friends. He had more business training than most members of our bar receive before beginning the practice of their profession, and this training stood him in good stead in his work. He was persistent and enthusiastic in urging the rights of his clients. Owing to his untimely death at the age of forty-two, he of course did not have the opportunity to demonstrate to the full the career to which he might otherwise have attained. His industry and ability in his professional work and his capacity for making friends and inspiring confidence in his clients were such as to enable him to advance rapidly. Had he lived an additional ten or twenty years, there is no doubt but that his ability, energy and character would have carried him far on the road to professional eminence. He had an unusual amount of public spirit which prompted him to give much of his time and energy to enterprises for the betterment of his community. His bar associates expressed their admiration for the many excellent qualities which combined to make him a genial and loyal friend, an able and a courageous lawyer, and a good and useful citizen of the community, state and nation." It will be long before Ernest H. Clinedinst is forgotten, for he was strongly endeared to his many friends by reason of his splendid traits of character.

EUGENE DUSTON BARSTOW

Eugene Duston Barstow, a man of high qualifications in the field of engineering who is now serving as county sanitary engineer and at the same time continues in the private practice of his profession at Akron, was born in Williams county, Ohio, May 31, 1886, and is a son of Clark M. and Ella L. (Folwell) Barstow.

The father was born in Washington county, Ohio, while the mother is a native of Greenfield, New Jersey, and came to the Buckeye state with her parents in her girlhood days. Clark M. Barstow became a prominent physician and surgeon, following his profession in Williams county and in Bryan, Ohio. Both he and his wife are yet living. They have had a family of seven children: Eugene D., of this review; C. Dale, who resides in Florida; Harry E., living in Rochester, New York; Merrill V., who is a resident of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio; Leah, who makes her home at Bryan, this state; Mrs. Grace Key, also a resident of Bryan, Ohio; and one who is deceased.

The public school system of Bryan afforded Eugene D. Barstow his early educational opportunities. He supplemented the work of the grades by a high school course and later entered the Ohio State University, in which he took up the study of civil engineering and was graduated with the class of 1912. He then entered upon the active work of his chosen profession and after spending some time in various parts of the country finally located in Toledo, Ohio, where he became assistant city engineer. In 1914 he removed to Akron, being resident engineer on the construction of Akron's sewage treatment and garbage reduction plants. He was for three years, from 1915 until 1918, city engineer of Cuyahoga Falls. He turned his professional knowledge and skill to practical service for his country during the World war period, for he enlisted in the United States Engineers Reserve Corps in 1917 but was in active service for only a short time during 1918. He served here as an assistant city engineer in 1919 and since November, 1919, has been county sanitary engineer, being reappointed in 1928. In 1922 he organized the firm of Barstow & McCurdy, Inc., and in that connection continues in the private practice of his profession, being president of the concern. In his official capacity he has charge of the county sewerage system and the water supply system. He is also secretary and treasurer of the Junction Lumber Company of Cuyahoga Falls.

On the 10th of April, 1915, Mr. Barstow was married to Miss Edith M. Baird, of Columbus, a daughter of Andrew and Mary (Charles) Baird, the former a Canadian by birth, while the latter was a native of West Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Barstow have one daughter, Mary Jeanette, who was born in Cuyahoga Falls June 10, 1918, and a son, Andrew C. B., born October 12, 1924.

The family maintain their residence at Cuyahoga Falls, where Mr. Barstow has served on the school board for several years. He belongs to the American Legion and to the Masonic fraternity, being identified with Akron Commandery, K. T., with Cuyahoga Falls Chapter, R. A. M., and Rubicon Lodge, F. and A. M., at Toledo, Ohio. He is likewise a member of Tadmor Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Akron, of the Masonic Club of Akron and of St. John's Episcopal church at Cuyahoga Falls. He was church treasurer for several years, has been on its vestry since 1921 and is now its junior warden. He likewise belongs to the Akron Rotary Club, Akron Torch Club, the Silver Lake Country Club, and the Akron City Club. His interests and activities are thus broad and varied, making for well-rounded development. Along professional lines he has membership with the American Water Works Association and the American Society of Civil Engineers. His professional duties are discharged with a sense of conscientious obligation, while the development of his powers in this field has given him high standing among the civil engineers of the state. His residence is at 211 West Broad street, Cuyahoga Falls.

FRANCESCO B. DE LEONE

The artist carries within himself the seeds of immortality—he forever creates and recreates himself anew. Inspired with “the divine art,” Francesco B. De Leone, Akron's talented composer and professor of music, has already achieved international fame although he is only forty years of age. To him belongs the distinction of giving to the world “Alglala,” the first all-American opera dealing with a strictly American theme, written by an American composer and staged by an all-American cast. He was born in Ravenna, Ohio, July 28, 1887, and his parents, James and Therese (Cuzzo) De Leone, were natives of Colliano, situated in the province of Salerno, Italy. They left that country in their youth and sought the opportunities of the United States, settling in Ohio, the father becoming one of the leading commission merchants of Ravenna, where he stood high in the community. He was called to his final rest in 1900 but the mother survives.

Francesco B. De Leone attended the public schools of Ravenna and became interested in harmony when his mother purchased a

twelve-dollar melodeon. Going to Warren, Ohio, he took a course in the Dana Musical College and later entered the Royal Conservatory of Music at Naples, Italy, from which he was graduated in 1910. During the three years which he spent in that noted institution he had the privilege of studying under Camillo De-Nardis, Nicola d'Atri and Rafiela Puzone. While in Naples, Mr. De Leone composed "The Millionaire's Caprice," an operetta, which has been produced in Italy, Spain, South America, and Mexico. After his triumphs abroad he returned to Ohio and allied his interests with those of Akron, where he has since resided. The pupils in his studio at No. 199 West Market street are thoroughly trained in technical skill and they work in an atmosphere of culture which makes for their best and highest development. As a natural result his clientele has steadily increased and he is head of the department of music at the University of Akron.

The premier showing of "Alglala" was given at the Akron Armory in 1924 and in 1925 it was staged in Cleveland. Mr. De Leone recently completed "Pergolese," an Italian grand opera, and is now composing another American grand opera. His operas have been highly praised by the most noted musical critics. In recognition of his genius as a composer Mr. De Leone was knighted by the Italian government, receiving the gold Maltese cross, bestowed upon him by Signor Mussolini, and was made a chevalier of the Royal Crown of Italy. He was awarded the David Bispham Memorial silver medal, a bronze medal by the Dana Musical College, an honorary gold medal by the National Federation of Women's Musical Clubs, a wreath by the Ohio Federation of Musical Clubs and a gold medal by the National Federation of Music Publishers. Mr. De Leone belongs to the Composers & Authors Society of Rome, Clementi Circle of Naples. In 1922 Dana's Musical College conferred a fellowship and he is an honorary member of the Sons of Italy, the Cleveland Opera Guild, the Tuesday Musical Club of Akron and the Bedford Musical Club, the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity and was recently made an honorary member of the Tau Delta Beta musical fraternity.

Mr. De Leone was married September 16, 1908, to Miss Maude May Sherrick, a daughter of Rev. W. Wesley Sherrick, a presiding elder of the Evangelical church. They have become the parents of two children: Marcillette Theresa, who was born September 16, 1910, in Akron, and is a high school student; and

Francesco Sherrick, who was born December 7, 1913, in this city and is attending the West high school. Both are musically inclined. The family residence is at 585 Delaware avenue.

Mr. De Leone is affiliated with the First Baptist church as director and organist. He is a Rotarian and a blue lodge Mason. Through the exercise of his creative powers he had made notable contribution to the history of music and Ohio is proud to claim him as one of her native sons.

MISS TEDDY SAWYER

Miss Teddy Sawyer occupies a unique place in Akron as a newspaper publisher and as an active promoter of union labor interests. It has been said "Teddy Sawyer meets everyone with a smile," but it is not alone the smile—the expression of a genial nature—that has brought her to her present position, for she possesses marked business capacity and power and has steadily advanced through merit. She is the owner and publisher of the Summit County Labor News and has made it an effective force in molding public thought and action. She is a native of Staunton, Virginia, and a daughter of James and Samantha (Eckles) Sawyer, but was an orphan when in her girlhood she came to Ohio. She received her education in the night schools of Akron, coming to this city in 1919. To provide for her own support she accepted a position in a doctor's office and later was employed in DeBaer's Jewelry Shoppe in the Orpheum Arcade. She afterward served for three years as bookkeeper with the City Window Cleaning Company and she came to the Summit County Labor News to answer the telephone. Her ready adaptability, industry and persistency won her promotion. She was appointed secretary to the editor, was later made bookkeeper and afterward her duties were increased inasmuch as she was appointed business and advertising manager. Because of the ill health of the owner of the paper she was in full charge for six months before she purchased the Labor News, acting at that time as general manager and editor. On the 21st of March, 1926, she acquired the Labor News by purchase. At that time it was stated that it was the only labor paper in the United States, and possibly the entire world, owned and edited by a woman. All through the passing years she had utilized every available opportunity to know every-



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thing concerning the publication of a paper in both its mechanical and literary features and thus constantly broadened her knowledge and efficiency. At the time she acquired the Labor News there was an indebtedness of \$1,500 on the paper which she assumed. At that time it had the endorsement only of the Central Labor Union and it was used very little as an advertising medium. Today the paper is not only out of debt but is in a most prosperous condition and it is endorsed by the Akron Central Labor Union, the Akron Building Trades Council and seventeen affiliated local labor organizations, while its advertising patronage has grown to such an extent that Miss Sawyer can be most discriminating in her selection of patrons. Hers is the only official labor paper in Summit county to carry with it the backing of so many unions. The improvements that have been made have resulted from hard work and her ability to quickly render decisions which are thoroughly sound. She makes her paper an excellent news medium and the editorials which she writes are thoughtful and just in their criticism, are never inspired or spoiled by meanness and petty jealousies, but are honestly written to promote the welfare and insure the success of the union men in Summit county. Her paper reaches more than 2,000 people weekly.

Her high position among the labor unions of Summit county is indicated in the fact that she has been chosen to honorary membership in the Barbers' Local 105 and the Bakers' Local 220, and the former organization made her its delegate to the Central Labor Union—a signal honor and one of which she has every reason to be proud. This places her in closer touch with union activities in Akron, and she was also made the labor candidate in the popularity contest which was held in connection with the centennial celebration of Akron's one hundredth birthday. She has been called upon to act as secretary at the meetings of various local unions, and it is doubtful if any man is her equal in knowledge concerning all matters pertaining to all the Summit county organizations, their purposes and their high endeavors.

Miss Sawyer has changed many of the physical features of her paper, making it a thoroughly modern sheet in its typographical appearance and in its conduct, and the Labor News is the only official labor paper in Summit county that carries the endorsement of the following organizations: Akron Central Labor Union; Akron Building Trades Council; Barbers' Union, Local No. 105; Bakers' Union, Local No. 220; Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers of America, Local No. 841; Plasterers' Local No.

109; Electricians' Local No. 306; Plumbers' and Steamfitters' Local No. 219; Hoisting and Portable Engineers, Local No. 561; Stationary Engineers Local No. 821; Carpenters Local 212; Carpenters District Council of Summit County and Vicinity; Linemen Local 439; Molders Local No. 30; Wood, Wire and Metal Lathers Local No. 71; International Hod Carriers, Building and Common Laborers, Local No. 280; and Bricklayers Local No. 7. A contemporary writer has said: "Miss Sawyer's duties are numerous and exacting, but in spite of the many cares that go along with these duties, she is always cheerful and willing to help others with their work. Sympathy and kindness are rare gifts, more so when they come spontaneously—from the heart."

WILLIAM G. GOOD

Said one of the editors of the Beacon Journal in the issue of March 22, 1928: "A friend of Roosevelt and a foe to grafters' would be a fitting designation for William G. Good, insurance, real estate and steamship ticket broker and an 'old-timer' in Akron. Few men have had the interesting experiences that have been his in business, politics and government service. When he was a boy he always thought he would hunt wild Indians on the western plains. When he became a man he spent several years on the plains but saw no wild Indians, nor did he hunt any. Instead he assisted thousands of families to settle on ranches."

Mr. Good was born March 22, 1867, in the brick dwelling which is still standing at the corner of East Market and Forge streets in Akron, and the name of his father is cut in the marble slab at the entrance of the house. His parents, Jacob and Katherine (Yost) Good, were natives of Alsace-Lorraine, Germany, and came to the United States in 1844. The father was a maltster and later opened a grocery store along the line of the old canal which passed through Akron. He was an honest dealer as well as an enterprising merchant and prospered in business. His demise occurred in 1893, when he had reached the sixty-fifth milestone on life's journey and Mrs. Good passed away in 1914 at the age of 83. In their family were nine children, five of whom survive: Mrs. George Iseman, Mrs. C. B. Simmons and Mrs. Henry Fuechter, all residents of Akron; Frank B. Good, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and William G. Good.

The last named was a pupil in the Spicer school at the time

it was opened and attended the old Jennings high school for two years, afterward taking a course in bookkeeping in the Hammel Business College. Through a friend he obtained a position in the printing plant conducted by P. E. Werner at the corner of Mill and Howard streets and later the firm of Werner & Lohman were the owners of this establishment, in which Mr. Good worked for four years. In 1887 he embarked in the retail shoe business on Howard street and was thus engaged until 1906, when he accompanied William and James Christy to Washington, D. C., where they entered upon the work of railroad building. Mr. Good purchased all the ties and poles for the road, which is now operating as the Washington, Baltimore & Annapolis Street Railway. In 1905 he tendered his resignation as purchasing agent and for six months was at the national headquarters of the republican party in Chicago, having charge of the printing and mailing bureau during the Roosevelt campaign. In recognition of his services in saving the committee thousands of dollars in printing, George B. Cortelyou took Mr. Good to Washington and procured for him an appointment in the land office bureau of the department of the interior. His picture hung in the office of President Roosevelt during the latter's tenure of office. During his connection with the department Mr. Good spent his time in the west, where he prosecuted land, timber and mineral fraud cases, one of the most celebrated being that of the Oregon Lumber Company, in which he secured the indictment of several of its officials. He also investigated cases of irregularities in titles. Homesteaders who took up government lands for farms obtained their titles and deeds through him after he made investigations. In this work he aided in the settlement of more than five thousand parcels of government lands and resigned in 1912, when the late Woodrow Wilson became president.

Afterward Mr. Good spent two years in Denver, Colorado, selling tires, and three years in Nebraska and Iowa, developing the rubber clothing business for the B. F. Goodrich Company. He then returned to Akron and established his present business. His advice and opinion in regard to local real estate investments are highly valued and many important transfers of property have been negotiated through his instrumentality. He maintains an office at No. 103 East Mill street and conducts a large business which is thoroughly systematized.

Mr. Good was married June 19, 1890, to Miss Delia B. Houghton, a daughter of J. B. Houghton, of Akron, and they have be-

come the parents of two children: Albert H., a successful architect, who designed and erected the city hall and other imposing buildings which ornament Akron; and Mrs. Geraldine Schubert, also a resident of this city.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Good has been a strong republican and in 1900 was assessor for the first ward. Along fraternal lines he is connected with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and is a charter member of Akron Lodge. He also belongs to the Fifty-Year Club, which was recently organized, and manifests a deep interest in matters pertaining to Akron's welfare and progress, lending the weight of his support to all worthy civic projects. For recreation he turns to fishing and hunting and also plays checkers and pinochle. He enjoys travel and recently returned from a trip to Cuba and Jamaica. Selfishness is utterly foreign to his nature and one of his hobbies is trying to make others happy. Actuated at all times by a keen sense of duty and honor, Mr. Good has never betrayed a trust, whether of a public or private nature, and his friends are legion.

CLAIR L. POWLES

The entire business career of Clair L. Powles, president and general manager of the Guarantee Mortgage Company, has been in connection with the banking mortgage and insurance interests of Akron, and few, if any, of the city's younger business men are as well known in these circles. He was born in Akron, October 22, 1893, a son of Thomas J. and Lillian (Secore) Powles, the former a native of Akron, while the latter was born in West Farmington, Ohio. The grandfather in the paternal line is one of the old residents of this state and is still living, being actively engaged in business. Thomas J. Powles has been connected with the city's business interests for many years and is the father of two sons, Clair L. and Clyde L.

Clair L. Powles was reared in Akron and attended Perkins Normal School and the Central high school, later taking a business course. He began his business career as clearing house clerk in the old First National Bank and remained with that institution for eighteen months and then resigned to enter the employ of the National City Bank of Akron, spending two and one-half years in that connection, after which he became assistant treas-

urer of the State Bank & Trust Company. Later he was associated with a mortgage firm, before entering the real estate and loan business, operating as an individual. In February, 1923, he became connected with the Guaranty Mortgage Company, of which James P. Loomis was president. The latter passed away in 1926, and Mr. Powles has since been chief executive of the company, conducting its affairs in an able and efficient manner. He organized the Clair L. Powles Agency, of which he has since been president, and has made it a factor in general insurance circles.

In 1917 Mr. Powles was married to Miss Freda C. Hemington, a daughter of J. F. Hemington of Akron. Mr. and Mrs. Powles have a son and daughter, both born in Akron; Marion Jane, born October 16, 1917, and John Thomas, born September 21, 1919.

In his fraternal relations Mr. Powles is an Elk and a Mason. He has taken the Royal Arch degrees and is also a member of the Grotto. He belongs to the Brookside Country Club of which he was a charter member, to the Optimist Club and to the Akron Chamber of Commerce and in these varied connections is indicated much concerning his life interests outside of his business. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the First Church of Christ. While a man of but middle age, Mr. Powles has had an active career and is an excellent example of the type of business man developed in the present age, quick to perceive an emergency, decisive in his methods and keenly alive to the possibilities of a business proposition. His residence is at No. 638 Sunset View drive.

JONATHAN W. BLASER

Among the residents of Barberton, who, after active participation in commercial, industrial and civic affairs, in which they attained exalted places in public esteem, have passed on to higher scenes of action, none was more highly regarded than the late Jonathan W. Blaser, whose death on March 6, 1927, was deeply regretted by all who knew him.

Mr. Blaser was born in Upper Sandusky, Ohio, on the 31st of October, 1870, and was one of the thirteen children of Godfrey and Rosina (Kunzli) Blaser. The father was a farmer and also a local preacher of the Evangelical denomination. Jonathan W. Blaser received his educational training in the public and high schools and for several years was engaged in teaching school.

After coming to Barberton he became interested in a number of enterprises and attained a leading place in local business circles. He entered into partnership with F. Homer Woolsey, under the firm name of Woolsey & Blaser, and engaged in the drug business, which is still carried on under that name. He also became president of the American Savings & Loan Company and was president of the Blaser Realty Company, of Cleveland. He became financially interested in the Rubber Products Company, of Barberton, of which he was made an official, but this proved an unfortunate venture, due to causes beyond his control, and the trials and strenuous duties of this connection had much to do with the breaking of Mr. Blaser's health. He was a man of high principles and great energy, devoting himself tirelessly to whatever he did, and was regarded as a man of more than ordinary business capacity.

On January 12, 1910, Mr. Blaser was united in marriage to Miss A. Lucile Lucas, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Victor H. Lucas of Barbarton. Politically he was a stanch republican and gave a good citizen's attention to affairs affecting the welfare and prosperity of his community, though never a seeker after public office. His religious faith was that of the Presbyterian church, and he gave generous support to all worthy benevolent causes. His integrity and fidelity were manifested in every relation of life and he was regarded a good citizen in the fullest sense of the term, well worthy of the confidence and esteem reposed in him by his fellowmen. His character was above reproach, and the many beautiful tributes to his life and personality attest to the abiding place he held in the hearts of his many friends.

ETHAN S. LONGENECKER

To Ethan S. Longenecker of Barberton belongs the distinction of being the dean of the automobile dealers of Summit county, having been identified with that line of business here continuously since 1908, and during this period he has, through his persistent and well-directed efforts, enjoyed a splendid measure of success. Mr. Longenecker was born on a farm in Summit county, on the 26th of May, 1875, and is a son of Samuel and Catherine (Markley) Longenecker, both of whom are now deceased. He received his education in the district schools and then learned the painting and paper hanging trade, which he followed



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until 1908, when he turned his attention to the automobile business in Barberton, which he has followed here continuously since. During this period Mr. Longenecker has always handled the Ford line and except for a year or so, has not sold any other line of automobiles. He is also a member of the board of directors of the People's Savings & Banking Company of Barberton. A man of great energy and marked business capacity, he has well merited the prosperity which has attended his efforts and is regarded as one of Barberton's leading business men.

On March 7, 1903, Mr. Longenecker was united in marriage to Miss Bertha Case. They have no children of their own, but they have reared to young womanhood Miss Winona Burnett, who has received the same loving care and attention that a child of their own would have received. Mr. Longenecker is a republican in politics, is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and is serving on its board of trustees, and has taken the degrees of both the York and Scottish rites in Masonry and is a member of the Mystic Shrine. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and every local movement for the advancement of the public interest has received his hearty support. He is a man of sterling qualities of character and his business record is one of which he has just reason for pride, and he has so conducted his affairs as to earn the confidence and respect of all who have dealt with him.

HON. JOHN PARK ALEXANDER

By marked business enterprise leading to the attainment of substantial success, by marked public spirit leading to the substantial development of city and state and by personal honor, justice, fairness and consideration winning the highest respect and confidence of his fellowmen, Hon. John Park Alexander came to be known not only as one of the foremost residents of Akron and of Summit county, but of the state, and well it may be said of him:

"He was a man; take him for all in all,
I shall not look upon his like again."

He was born in Bath, Ohio, August 7, 1834, a son of John and Mary (Scott) Alexander. The family is of Scotch lineage and was established in America in 1729, representatives of the name living for a time in York, afterward Lancaster county, Pennsyl-

vania. Subsequently, they resided in the Carolinas and while there seven members of the family were signers of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence. When the British took possession of those two southern colonies the family returned to Pennsylvania.

John Alexander, the father of John Park Alexander, was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, November 18, 1799, and acquired a common school education while spending his youthful days on the home farm, where he soon became familiar with every phase of farm life. On the 16th of September, 1828, he wedded Miss Mary Scott, a daughter of Arthur and Ann Hamilton Scott, and in February, 1831, they removed to Ohio, settling on a tract of land near the southeast corner of Bath township, Summit county. There were few permanent residents in the locality at the time and Mr. Alexander took active part in the pioneer development and upbuilding of that section. He was a man of great energy and courage and largely aided the authorities in breaking up the strong and influential gang of counterfeiters and horse thieves that then infested the valley of the Cuyahoga. Because of his opposition to this lawlessness the threat was made to him that if he did not leave the township he would be killed, but he fearlessly did what he believed to be right and he lived to see the disreputable gang entirely eliminated from the valley. He was an earnest champion of the church and of the school and of all public improvements, and he did much toward laying broad and deep the foundation upon which has been built the superstructure of Ohio's greatness. To him and his wife were born four sons: David S., Joseph H., John Park and William G.

John Park Alexander became one of the most honored and valued citizens of Summit county, prominent in business and in public life and exerting a most strongly felt influence for good in city and state. He was educated in the schools near his father's home, in the Richfield Academy and the Marlboro Normal School, in which he studied engineering under Professor Holbrook. Taking up the profession of teaching, he was principal of the Akron grammar school, his appointment to that position resulting from an interesting experience. He was called by Mr. Howe to supply drawings and calculations for a water wheel where the engineer in charge was not able to do so. Mr. Alexander furnished the proper specifications and his appointment to the school was recommended. He taught for two years and then turned his attention to the commercial world. Later he patented a process

for making silica fire-brick which revolutionized the methods of lining furnaces, for this brick would withstand intense heat and the process was in use for many years as the acknowledged superior of all methods then known. He developed his business under the name of the Diamond Fire Brick Company and he also began the manufacture of stoneware, contracting for the output of fifteen other factories and establishing warehouses in Akron, Cleveland, Detroit and Chicago. In 1887 he further enlarged his business and made it one of the important productive industries of this section of the state. He also became identified with two oil refineries, which he operated from 1872 until 1877. This business he eventually sold to the Standard Oil Company, and was appointed general wholesale agent for this section of the country by that corporation. In all business matters he showed sound judgment and marked enterprise, combined with a progressive spirit that enabled him to carry forward to successful completion whatever he undertook.

What Mr. Alexander accomplished in the way of the material development of Akron would alone entitle him to mention among its prominent citizens, but his activities in behalf of the public welfare even o'ertopped his business enterprise. He was for many years a prominent figure in connection with political affairs in city and state. With a group of others he was instrumental in making Akron a city, having faith, the vision and the foresight to carry on this work. He saw something of what the future had in store for the community and he labored that the foundations might be broadly and firmly laid. He was often misunderstood and sometimes maligned, but in the fullness of time the people who opposed him came to acknowledge his wisdom, his unselfishness, his foresight, and his public spirit. He became a member of the first city council of Akron and for many years was its president. The upbuilding of the town was his greatest interest and he exercised his official prerogatives in support of every measure which he believed would benefit the municipality. In those days service as a member of the city council brought no remuneration and he gave of his time, effort and talent for a work for which he now receives great credit. He labored for Akron's growth not only in the matter of its organization as a city but in the upbuilding of its schools and in support of all those interests and activities which are a matter of civic virtue and of civic pride. He was made a member of the board of commissioners that had in charge the erection of the magnificent court house of

Summit county and he long figured most prominently in political circles.

In 1882 he was called to represent his district in the state legislature, and in 1888 was elected to the state senate from the district composed of Summit, Portage, Geauga, Lake, and Ash-tabula counties. He served in the upper house until 1892 and then again in 1896 was chosen state senator and filled the office until 1898. For ten years he labored untiringly to secure the colonization of the imbeciles and feeble-minded youth of the state and when he became a member of the general assembly he saw the fulfillment of his hopes, for through his efforts an appropriation of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars was secured for the purpose and an institution was established whereby that unfortunate class received the care of the state. For several years following he served on the board that regulated the affairs of the institution. He was also interested in the legislation for the benefit of the Ohio penitentiary and he was intensely active in promoting legislation benefiting the temperance cause. He was also the author of the county depository law and in state affairs exerted a widely felt influence.

Few men have done as much to further the agricultural interests of Summit county as did Mr. Alexander. In 1858 he was made secretary of the Summit County Agricultural Society and through the succeeding fourteen years continued as secretary or as president, while in 1872 he was elected treasurer of the state board of agriculture. While he never neglected any duty or opportunity whereby he might further the welfare and upbuilding of the commonwealth, his interests centered chiefly in Akron and it is almost impossible to mention any phase of the city's development with which he was not closely and helpfully associated. In charitable work Mr. Alexander was a recognized leader and served for several years as president of the Akron Charity Association, the work of which culminated in the establishment of Grace House. Not only did he become a potent factor in the conversion of Akron from a village into a city, but he also stanchly advocated and promoted its street improvements and every phase of progress here. As president of the city council he was known for his ability to put through a large amount of business in a comparatively short time. So thorough was his attention in the matter of municipal affairs and so deep his study of the subject that he became known throughout the country as an authority on municipal law and procedure; his advice was frequently sought

by other cities; and his labors bore fruit in municipal legislation which he fathered in the general assembly.

During the Civil war Mr. Alexander enlisted in the famous Squirrel Hunters' expedition organized at the direction of David Tod, war governor of Ohio, to repel the threatened invasion of the rebel raiders, John Morgan and Kirby Smith, in 1862, and afterward remained in Kentucky in service as an independent sharpshooter. During the latter part of the war his interest in the Union cause would have led him to enlist had it not been for the efforts of friends to keep him in Akron, where his presence was so sorely needed. It was largely through his efforts that the unjust measures of the draft in Summit county were resisted and the quota of recruits adjusted.

In 1859 Mr. Alexander purchased the twelve acres of land on which he erected what became the family residence. He was married on the 4th of September, 1860, to Miss Martha Durand Wright, of Tallmadge, and they became parents of eight children. Clara, the eldest, is now the wife of Charles B. Wright, of Middlebury, Vermont, and had two children: John Alexander, deceased; and Marjory A., now Mrs. William Hazlett Upson. Helen, the second daughter, became the wife of Henry B. Sperry and has now passed away. She had four children: George A., deceased; John A., who wedded Stella Phillips and has a son, John A., Jr.; Robert A., who married Doris Brown and has two children, Virginia B. and Ann Alexander; and Helen A. Grace, the third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander, is now Mrs. C. N. Belden, and her children are Park A.; Don A., who married Alice Tomlinson and has one child, Don A., Jr.; Wade A., who married Mary Valentine and has one son, George V.; Scott A., who married Dorothy McGuinness and has a daughter, Dorothy May; and Mary A. George Bates Alexander, the fourth of the family, is deceased. Martha D. became the wife of Charles Henry Little and passed away leaving a daughter, Dorothy A. Bessie Hamilton is the wife of Stephen H. Pitkin, and is the mother of three children: Elizabeth A., who married John I. Rowell and has three children, Mary Elizabeth, Eleanor P. and Nancy Jane; Francis A., who married Ruth E. Mason; and Grace Alexander. John Park Alexander Jr., seventh of the family, died in 1901. Alice, the youngest, became the wife of Frank E. Hulett of Cleveland, and has also passed away.

It was the death of his son, John Park Jr., that caused the first break in the health of Mr. Alexander. The young man sustained

a blow on the head while exercising in a college gymnasium, this resulting in a stroke of paralysis. With the hope of benefiting his son by a change of climate and scene, the father started with him for Europe, but while at sea he was again stricken and died suddenly. This was a blow from which the father never recovered, although he lived to the age of seventy-four years and three months, passing away in the Christian faith, for he had long been a member of the First Congregational church. He was also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Even those who opposed Mr. Alexander and his policies admired and respected him, for they knew his outstanding honesty, and many there were who in the early days were opponents of his progressive measures that in later years acknowledged that his position was the correct one and who were proud to call him friend. It has often been said that all of his enemies came to be his friends. It could scarcely be otherwise, for J. Park Alexander never had a grudge against anyone and was able to see through opposition and persecutions to the real man. He believed in the spark of goodness in every individual and this may account in a measure for the deep affection in which he came to be uniformly held. No man was ever more scrupulously honest, not only in business but in politics and in public office, and so of him it may be said:

"He leaves a patriot's name to after times,
Linked with a thousand virtues and no crimes."

JUDGE PHILIP BURDELL TREASH

On the pages of Ohio's judicial history the name of Judge Philip Burdell Treash stands prominently forth. Although a self-educated and self-made man, he became a member of the court of appeals as well as judge of the common pleas court and was one of the best known and most highly honored officials of Summit county. His life record has much of inspirational value inasmuch as it demonstrates what can be accomplished through individual worth and ability. He was born at Uniontown, Ohio, August 10, 1875, a son of Frank G. and Amanda (Thompson) Treash, who removed to Akron when the son was still quite young, so that aside from the time when he was away to school Judge Treash spent practically his entire life in this city. He was ambitious to secure an education and in order to accom-



Philip B Treash

plish this he sold newspapers to earn the money that would enable him to pursue a high school course, and he also earned the sum that enabled him to meet his tuition and other expenses as a student in Oberlin College. He was graduated from the Central high school of Akron in 1895 and afterward spent two terms as a student in Buchtel College, subsequent to which time he attended Oberlin and was there graduated with the class of 1900. He had worked diligently not only in the mastery of his lessons but also in acquiring the funds necessary to meet his expenses, and thus he was developing that force of character which carried him onward and ever onward until death terminated his career. Having acquired a broad literary education to serve as a foundation upon which to rear the superstructure of professional knowledge and having decided that he wished to make the practice of law his life work, he then matriculated in the law school of the Ohio State University, completing his course by graduation with the class of 1903. He at once entered upon active practice and for several years was associated with Judge Wanamaker and W. E. Young in a law office in Akron. Later he entered the law offices of Commins & Benner and afterward opened an office of his own. Steadily he advanced in his chosen profession, for he early gave demonstration of his ability to cope with intricate legal problems and to present his cause with clearness, force and effectiveness. In 1918 he was elected judge of the common pleas court for the six-year term and entered upon the duties of the office in January, 1919. He served in that capacity for two years and seven months, or until called to a higher judicial office, and during that period became well known for his honesty and impartiality. In August, 1921, he was appointed judge of the ninth district appellate court by Governor Davis. At the time he took his oath of office he had to be carried to the courthouse, as he was still weak from an automobile accident in which both of his legs were broken. In the court of appeals, in association with Judge W. E. Pardee and Judge C. G. Washburn, he handed down a number of important decisions. His insight into a situation was extremely keen and he was practically never at fault in the application of a legal principle.

On the 5th of September, 1904, Judge Treash was married to Miss Ida M. Roberts and they became the parents of three children: Harriet Elizabeth, Robert Philip and Marian Louise. Judge and Mrs. Treash held membership in the West Congregational church and he was a teacher in its Sunday school, while

at different times he served as Sunday school superintendent. Following his demise some of his class of boys had a picture of Judge Treash enlarged and hung in the Sunday school room. He was very prominent in welfare work and earnest and liberal in his support of every project for the general good. He served as a trustee of the Travelers Aid Society and of the Florence Crittenton League. He was a member of the Akron City Club and of the Akron University Club and his social qualities won him many friends, gaining him the good will of all with whom he came in contact. Along strictly professional lines he was identified with the Ohio State and American Bar Associations. Judge Treash and his close friend, C. M. Woodruff, met a tragic death when crossing Mill street at Howard, being struck by a runaway truck which sped driverless down Mill street. These two had been schoolmates at Oberlin College, prior to which time Judge Treash and Ed Brouse had studied law in the offices of Young & Wanamaker. Following their graduation the three men located in Akron, where the comradeship of their college days remained unbroken until the fatal Wednesday night—January 25, 1922—which claimed the lives of two. The memory of the useful career of Judge Treash will inspire others who are struggling as he did to gain a start. The Beacon Journal said of him: "He was a distinguished member in his chosen profession and his ability and service were recognized by Summit county people when they elected him to the bench of the common pleas court. His appointment by Governor Davis to the court of appeals was an added tribute to his worth. Both as lawyer and jurist he had the good will and deep respect of fellow members of the bench and bar, who rejoiced with him in the bright promise the future seemed to hold in trust for him. His boyhood training in the rare school of American life, his intimate acquaintance with the struggles and hardships of the poor, his later broadened knowledge of life in its every relation, gave him admirable equipment for able and honored service on the bench, and the community will feel the loss of this most keenly. Judge Treash's voice and his influence were devoted to every project for the city's good. He was a leader in the civic and religious life of the people and will be deeply missed."

Countless tributes of respect and honor were expressed by men prominent in every walk of life. The tribute of Judge Pardee was that "Judge Treash was another example of possibilities of his country. By his own industry and perseverance and

ability he gradually worked himself through school and college until he became a leading citizen in the community in which he lived. He was a man of high ideals, devoted to his home and family, a splendid lawyer and a fearless judge. We have all suffered a great loss."

Judge Edward Boylan said: "This tragic accident takes from the community a man having a great power for good and one who promised to have been a leading jurist. His ability and learning were recognized by the Summit County Bar Association, and his activities along the moral side of life made him appreciated all over the county and state. He was active in an uplift of humanity and his loss to the community and to the people is an irreparable one."

Judge Fritch expressed his opinion as follows: "Judge Treash was a good Christian man and an honest and upright judge. This tragic accident has taken from us an honorable and good man. Judge Treash lived an upright and good life and he will be missed by the bench, by the Anti Saloon League and the West Congregational church, in which he took an active interest."

Judge C. G. Washburn said: "Judge Treash was a Christian gentleman, courteous and considerate, fair and just, and his honesty and integrity, his industry and knowledge of the law made him not only an excellent judge but an ideal associate upon the bench. His death is not only a loss to the bench and bar, to the community, to his family, but is a very great loss to me as his personal associate."

With the passing of Judge Treash many felt the spirit of Shakespeare's words:

"His life was gentle, and the elements
So mixed in him that Nature might stand up
And say to all the world, 'This was a man!'"

FRANK H. ADAMS

Frank H. Adams, now living retired in Akron, was for many years one of the city's prominent business men. He was born in what is now East Akron, December 28, 1865, and is the only son of Frank Adams, a sketch of whose life appears elsewhere in this publication. Frank H. Adams attended the public schools of Akron and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology at Bos-

ton. As a young man he went to Mexico and was identified with mining operations in that country for a year. He then went to Fort Wayne, Indiana, and became connected with the Western Engineering Company, a large corporation, remaining there until 1890, when he returned to Akron to enter the First National Bank as a bookkeeper. Later he was made teller of the bank, of which he next became cashier, and filled that office until 1908, when he resigned, assuming the duties of treasurer of the Good-year Tire & Rubber Company. Mr. Adams' identification with this great corporation covered a period of its notable growth and expansion and he served until 1917, when he retired. However, he is still connected with business interests of the city, being a director of the First Trust & Savings Bank and the McNeil Boiler Company.

On October 21, 1891, Mr. Adams married Miss Frances Robinson, who died March 6, 1924. She was a daughter of William Robinson, a leading business man of Akron. Mr. Adams is a member of the Portage Country Club, the City Club and the University Club. His residence, "Rockynol," situated on the Medina road, was erected by Mr. Adams in 1908, it being the first of the beautiful estates in that section of fine homes.

ADAM F. ERDENBERGER

Adam F. Erdenberger is a representative of pioneer families of Ohio and a successful pharmacist who has been prominently identified with business affairs of Akron for a period of twelve years. He was born January 20, 1895, in Mansfield, Ohio, and is a son of Albert and Josephine (Riemer) Erdenberger, also natives of that city, in which they still reside. The father is a cigar manufacturer and a business man of high standing. Mr. and Mrs. Erdenberger have two sons: Oscar, who lives in Mansfield; and Adam F.

The latter attended the public schools of his native city and continued his studies in the Ohio Northern University, from which he was graduated in 1915 on the completion of a pharmaceutical course. He came to Akron in 1916 and for seven years had charge of one of the Day drug stores, successfully managing the establishment. In 1923 he was elected vice president of the Summit Drug Company of Akron and filled that office until April 5, 1928, when the Day & Summit Drug Com-

panies were taken over by the People Drug Company, a national chain with main office at Washington, D. C. Mr. Erdenberger now has charge of their Ohio operations as secretary and general manager.

Mr. Erdenberger was married August 4, 1920, in Akron to Miss May Stanhope, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Stanhope and a member of a prominent family of Washington state. Mr. and Mrs. Erdenberger have one child, James S., who was born in Akron, May 18, 1921, and is a grammar school pupil.

Mr. Erdenberger is a Mason and belongs to the Grotto, the Masonic Club, the Silver Lake Country Club, the Rotary Club, the Automobile Club and the City Club of Akron and the Chamber of Commerce. In religious faith he is an Episcopalian and conscientiously follows the teachings of the church. A young man of serious purpose, keen intelligence and strong character, he has already accomplished much and his future is rich in promise.

HAROLD EPPLEY

Concentrating his attention upon the real estate and mortgage loan business, Harold Eppley has stimulated Akron's growth and development, at the same time winning the legitimate reward of well directed industry, and is a citizen of worth to the community. He was born in Zanesville, Ohio, December 14, 1894, and is a son of George and Lillian (Bradley) Eppley, both natives of this state. When a young man the father became a school teacher, devoting a number of years to educational work, and then turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. He is the owner of a farm near Zanesville and resides on the place but the mother died in 1916. Mr. and Mrs. Eppley became the parents of two children: Ira, who is living in Zanesville; and Harold.

The younger son received his early instruction in his native city and was graduated from the high school at Crooksville, Ohio. He was a student at Oberlin College for a year and then secured a position in the accounting department of the Firestone Tire & Rubber Company, with which he spent several years. On severing his connection with that corporation Mr. Eppley started out for himself, in April, 1915, choosing Akron as the scene of his activities, and has achieved gratifying success in the real estate and mortgage loan business. In the line in which he specializes

he is an acknowledged expert and recently negotiated loans of over eight hundred thousand dollars on a group of buildings in this vicinity. He has made an intensive study of home financing and building and his advice on matters pertaining thereto is sound and reliable.

Mr. Eppley was married June 19, 1919, to Miss Pauline Bahr, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick C. Bahr and a member of one of the well known families of Akron. Mrs. Eppley is a member of the Woman's Club and a favorite in social circles of the city. Mr. Eppley enjoys his home and has no club or fraternal affiliations. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and shapes his conduct by its teachings. His interest centers in the business in which he is engaged and his progress has been commensurate with his industry and ability.

PHILIP C. HUBER

Philip C. Huber was numbered among the men of foreign birth who found in the conditions and opportunities of the new world the chance for that advancement which leads to success. He was long widely and favorably known in Akron. His birth occurred in Burbach, Germany, June 5, 1845, and he came to America when a lad of eight years in company with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Huber, who resided on a farm two miles from Doylestown, Ohio. In that locality the son acquired his early education and at the age of twenty-six years he came to Akron, subsequent to which time he ranked with the city's best known residents and prominent business men, being connected with the J. Koch Company, dealers in clothing and men's furnishings, for forty-five years and contributing in notable measure to the development and upbuilding of the business. At the time he retired from active commercial life he was vice president of the J. Koch Company, having gradually worked his way upward, his diligence, persistency of purpose, reliability and enterprise gaining him promotion from time to time until he was called to executive management and control. He had started in as a clerk with Hoffman & Moss and when the Koch Company bought out the business he remained with the new firm and step by step advanced until he reached the vice presidency.

Mr. Huber was united in marriage in Doylestown, Ohio, December 30, 1875, by the Rev. Thomas of the Methodist church,



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to Miss Anna Williams, who was born in Monroe Falls, Summit county, November 13, 1852. Their daughter, Nellie May, became the wife of Willard N. Fitch, mentioned elsewhere in this work. Mrs. Fitch passed away in December, 1919, leaving two children, James Huber and Robert Phelps Fitch.

Mr. Huber was a member of the Trinity Lutheran church and fraternally was identified with the Knights of Pythias but did not take very active part in lodge or public affairs, being always a home man, devoting his attention to his business and to the interests of his family. In his later years, after his retirement, he spent the winters in the south. He was loyal and faithful to every trust and possessed many sterling characteristics that gained for him the respect and good will of all with whom he came in contact. He had reached the age of seventy-seven years when called to his final rest in 1922.

GEORGE H. KILE

Few men are more widely or more favorably known among the users of the motor car than is George H. Kile, who was one of the organizers and is president and manager of the Akron Automobile Club. He was born in Williamsfield, Ashtabula county, Ohio, August 10, 1865, and is a son of Salem and Caroline (Heath) Kile, who were natives of Canada but became residents of Andover, Ohio, in 1848. There the father engaged in merchandising and later removed to Williamsfield, where he continued in the same line of business. He had reached the venerable age of eighty-eight years when he passed away, April 10, 1927, having for four years survived his wife, who died February 4, 1923, at the age of eighty-four years. Their family numbered six children, of whom five are living: George H.; Mrs. Ora Northway, who is a resident of Cleveland, Ohio; William L., living at Cuyahoga Falls, this state; Mrs. Mary C. Lintern, of Wadsworth, Ohio; and Mrs. Sarah Underwood, of Akron.

Having attended the graded and high schools and a normal school, George H. Kile afterward devoted a few months to teaching but decided that he preferred a commercial career and turned his attention to the lumber trade, establishing a wholesale lumber yard in Ashtabula county and also in Akron. He continued successfully in that field of business until 1917. In the meantime—in 1915—he was one of the organizers of the Akron Automobile

Club, of which he became the president, and on the 1st of December, 1923, was made its manager. He has built up the organization to a membership of over eight thousand and has done much to further the interests of the motorists in every possible way. He is likewise a director of the Ohio State Bank. Because of the important part he has played in the development of the Akron Automobile Club he has become widely known in this line throughout the country and his example has been a stimulating influence to others.

On the 18th of September, 1889, Mr. Kile was married to Miss Inez J. Chamberlain, of Ashtabula county, daughter of W. B. Chamberlain, and they have one child, now Mrs. Agnes Freudenberger, who was born in Portage county and now resides in Cleveland. Mr. and Mrs. Kile hold membership in the First Congregational church and he is well known in Masonic circles, having attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite. He belongs to the Akron Chamber of Commerce and is keenly interested in everything that has to do with public progress and improvement here, supporting at all times those plans and movements which are a matter of civic virtue and of civic pride. He belongs to the Portage Country Club and to the Akron City Club, and is a popular resident of Summit county, having a circle of friends almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintance. Mr. Kile's residence is at No. 38 Marvin avenue.

HARRY W. SCHWAB

Harry W. Schwab is one of the talented members of the Akron bar and has been particularly successful as a corporation lawyer. He was born December 23, 1892, in Cincinnati, Ohio, and is a son of Frank and Mary (Ritter) Schwab. The father followed agricultural pursuits until his retirement and has always lived in the Buckeye state. The mother was born in Germany and when a young girl of eighteen came to the United States, locating in Ohio, where she was married. Mr. and Mrs. Schwab have a family of six children: Mrs. Joseph Brockhaus, Mrs. Edward Allgier and Miss Mary Schwab, all of whom reside in Cincinnati; Miss Stella Schwab, of Washington, D. C.; Albert Schwab, who also lives in Cincinnati; and Harry W. Schwab.

The last named obtained his early instruction in a parochial school of Cincinnati and in 1910 was graduated from the Hughes

high school of that city. While in school he participated in a number of debates and when the opportunity offered he visited the courts to listen to the pleas of the lawyers. He also enjoyed the speeches at political gatherings and was much impressed with the keen wit and breadth of knowledge of the lawyers who addressed these gatherings, deciding to equip himself for the legal profession at a later period. Mr. Schwab first studied business science in the Nelson Commercial College, which he attended for a year, and then became a bookkeeper for a wholesale produce firm, but tendered his resignation at the end of a week. For a few months he was a bill clerk in a wholesale jewelry house and was next assistant trust officer in the Provident Savings & Trust Bank of Cincinnati, spending two years in that institution. In 1915 he enrolled as a student in the Cincinnati Law School, from which he received the degree of LL. B. on the 15th of June, 1918. Owing to conditions brought about by the World war he was admitted to the bar in December, 1917. On the morning of his graduation he wore his cap and gown and in the afternoon he donned the army uniform, having enlisted in the radio division of the service. His training was received at Camp Gordon near Atlanta, Georgia, where he was commissioned a second lieutenant, and was then sent to Anniston, Alabama, joining a detachment of infantry. While there he was called upon to defend a soldier court-martialed for forgery of a railroad pass and secured his acquittal. Mr. Schwab's ability in handling this case resulted in his appointment to the judge advocate's department, with which he was connected until the armistice was signed. On December 3, 1918, he was mustered out of the service, just missing his commission as captain.

Mr. Schwab returned to Cincinnati and there followed his profession for about a year in association with Ritchie and Hermann. On May 1, 1919, Mr. Schwab came to Akron upon the invitation of H. S. Firestone through the recommendation of Marmion Freeman, who had been his classmate in law school. He was appointed assistant secretary of the Akron Home Owners Investment Company, organized by the "big four" rubber corporations, and acted in that capacity for one and a half years. For three months he was secretary of the Brady-Ganyard Insurance Company and then resigned, returning to the practice of law. In 1924 he formed a partnership with Edward N. Heiser, and they have since been associated under the style of Schwab & Heiser. Both are attorneys of high standing and theirs is regard-

ed as one of the leading law firms of the city. Mr. Schwab is local attorney for the Home Savings & Loan Company of Ashland; the Massillon Savings & Loan Company; the Citizens Savings & Loan Company of Rittman; the Union Savings & Loan Company of Youngstown; the Citizens Savings & Loan Company of Medina, and the Wellington Savings & Loan Company. In forensic combat he is regarded as a formidable adversary and wins a large percentage of his cases. He is president of the Lillita Estates Company and a member of the advisory board of the Morris Plan Bank of Akron.

Mr. Schwab was married November 19, 1919, in Akron to Miss Lillian Fette, a daughter of Joseph B. and Mary Fette and a member of a prominent family of Cincinnati. Mr. and Mrs. Schwab have three children: Mary Jean, whose birth occurred August 26, 1920; Dorothy May, who was born on May 5, 1923; and Harry W. Jr., born April 25, 1927. All are natives of Akron and the elder daughter is a pupil at Our Lady of the Elms.

Mr. Schwab adheres to the Roman Catholic faith and has taken the fourth degree in the Knights of Columbus. He is grand knight of Akron Council and also belongs to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the American Legion, the City Club and the Luncheon Club of the Knights of Columbus. For relaxation he turns to golf, baseball, bowling and the game of quoits. He has traveled extensively and good books and music also afford him pleasure. Although a busy man, Mr. Schwab has found time to enjoy life and by nature is genial, sincere and unselfish. He has been the recipient of important trusts and his honesty, ability and public spirit are well known to his fellow citizens, who entertain for him the highest respect.

CHARLES SEBASTIAN JOST

Charles Sebastian Jost devoted twenty-five years to civic service and no life history presented in this volume indicates more clearly the value of loyalty and fidelity to duty. For a quarter of a century he was connected with the fire protection system of Akron and gradually worked his way upward until he long occupied a captaincy in its ranks. Born in Cleveland, Ohio, January 2, 1860, his record covered the intervening years to the 15th of January, 1927, when he passed away. His parents were John B. and Fredericka (Mark) Jost and the father was the

proprietor of the only dye shop in Akron in an early day, having taken up his abode here in 1862. He died when his son Charles was but fourteen years of age and the mother afterward disposed of the business.

Charles S. Jost pursued his education in the public schools of Akron and devoted his vacation periods to working in the old Schumacher mill, now the Quaker Oats factory, as shipping clerk. On attaining his majority he became one of the old minutemen—they who ran when the firm alarm was sounded, leaving any task in which they might be engaged to immediately answer the summons. There was something in this that strongly appealed to Mr. Jost and when the city department was organized he joined Unit No. 1. While associated therewith he was made a lieutenant and afterward was transferred to Company No. 6, of which he became captain. Subsequently he was transferred to Company No. 3, with which he was identified when, after a quarter of a century of service, he retired from active association with the city fire department. Later he became connected with the Firestone plant as chief of the Firestone fire department in June, 1917, and there continued until his death. He developed there a thoroughly modern, up-to-date department in connection with a business in which fire hazards abounded and these he reduced to a minimum through his powers of organization and administration.

On the 7th of November, 1882, Mr. Jost was married to Miss Clara Considine of Akron and they became the parents of three children: Frank C., who is employed in the county auditor's office; Maurice C., who is with the Firestone Company and who married Magdalene Kidder and has three children, Harriet Jane, Maurice Jr. and Mary Celia; and Alfred C., who is chief clerk at the new prison farm in London, Ohio, and who wedded Helen Langen of London.

Mr. Jost was affiliated with St. Vincent's Catholic church and Akron Council of the Knights of Columbus. For many years he served as a director of the Ohio Industrial Fire Chiefs Association. His work as fire chief, both of the city and of the Firestone plant, will long be remembered because of his splendid record for fire prevention and the manner in which he developed his organization, having it ready to answer the call of duty day or night. When his services were ended in this particular he found his greatest happiness in his own home and his life was one of marked devotion to his family and their welfare. He did not

care for clubs nor outside interests and was most happy when ministering to the happiness of those of his own household. His was an upright, honorable life, and his splendid devotion to public service is one which might well be followed by others.

HOWARD W. HAUPT

Among the well known representatives of the coal and ice trade in Akron is Howard W. Haupt, president and general manager of the Klages Coal & Ice Company, who has gained a high position in commercial circles and enjoys the respect, confidence and good will of all with whom he has come in contact. Ohio numbers him among her native sons, his birth having occurred at Loyal Oak, June 27, 1870, his parents being William F. and Ellen C. (Lerch) Haupt, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania, the mother having come to Ohio in a covered wagon with her parents. They were reared in the Buckeye state, educated and married here, and the father continued to reside here until called to his final rest. He devoted his life to farming and to stone masonry work until his life's labors were ended in 1913, when he had reached the age of sixty-five years. His widow survives and yet makes her home in Akron. They were the parents of two sons: Howard W.; and Clinton F., who resides in Barberton.

Howard W. Haupt attended a country school and afterward the Wadsworth Normal School, while his commercial training was received in the Spencerian Business College of Cleveland. When twenty years of age he secured a position as office boy with the Klages Coal & Ice Company. This was in 1890 and throughout the intervening period of thirty-eight years he has been identified with the business. Steadily he has worked his way upward, becoming bookkeeper and later holding other positions, executive and otherwise, until 1918, when he was elected to the presidency and has since remained at the head of the corporation. Under his management the business has steadily developed and the Klages Coal & Ice Company now controls a liberal share of the trade in its line. Mr. Haupt is also a director of the Standard Savings Bank and the Standard Mortgage Company and is widely recognized as a man of progressive spirit and sound business judgment.

On the 5th of October, 1897, Mr. Haupt was married to Miss



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Nellie O. Murphy, of Akron, a daughter of Marshall N. Murphy, of Mount Vernon, Ohio. In his fraternal relations Mr. Haupt is a Mason of high rank, having attained the thirty-second degree in the Scottish Rite, and he is a member of Tadmor Temple. He is also a Knight Templar and a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He also belongs to the Masonic Club of Akron, to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, to the Silver Lake Country Club, to the Akron Automobile Club, to the Exchange Club and to the Akron Chamber of Commerce. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Lutheran church. He enters with zest into recreational interests as well as in business, and it is characteristic of him that he accomplishes what he undertakes. In his vocabulary there is no such word as fail, and though no special advantages were his at the outset of his career, he has steadily worked his way upward, progress characterizing his activity at every point. Mr. Haupt's residence is at 271 Casterton avenue.

JESSE W. FAILOR

Akron has materially profited by the constructive efforts of Jesse W. Failor, a well known, successful business man and one of the city's best known realtors. He was born January 12, 1878, in Millersburg, Ohio, and his parents, John A. and Alice R. (Garmire) Failor, were also natives of this state. The father was a street railroad employe who filled various positions of responsibility. He is survived by the mother and two sons, Bert L. and Jesse W. Failor.

The latter attended the Central high school of Akron and obtained his start in life by working as a clerk in a grocery store. He then started to work for the D. Herberich Company, which later became the Herberich-Hall-Harter Company, and for sixteen years he remained with that company as sales manager of the real estate department after which he organized the Standard Realty Company. The business is now conducted under the style of the Failor-Myers Realty Company, located at No. 48 East Exchange street, and since its inception has enjoyed a steady growth. Mr. Failor is president of the firm and in the conduct of the business brings to bear the wisdom and ability acquired by the experience of nearly a quarter of a century in the real estate field. He has an intimate knowledge of the worth of

all property in this locality and his integrity has never been open to question.

Mr. Failor was married April 16, 1903, in Akron, to Miss Anna B. Storz, a daughter of George Storz, and they have become the parents of two children: Ralph J., who was born in 1904 and after his graduation from high school attended the Municipal University of Akron and Columbia University of New York; and Ruth, born in 1922. In religious faith, Mr. Failor is affiliated with St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran church and closely follows its teachings. He is connected with the Royal Arcanum, the Masonic order, the Masonic Club, and the local and national realty boards. The greater part of his life has been spent in Akron, whose welfare and progress are matters to him of deep concern, and the years have strengthened his position in public esteem. Mr. Failor's residence is at No. 817 Bloomfield avenue.

KYLE ROSS

Starting at the bottom, Kyle Ross has risen to a commanding position in the electrical business and controls the operations of one of the largest firms of this character in Akron, also figuring prominently in civic affairs. He was born November 16, 1883, in Millersburg, Ohio, and his parents, D. F. and Cora (Maxwell) Ross, were also natives of the Buckeye state. The father followed the occupation of farming for several years and in 1898 came to Akron. At that time he entered the field of merchandising and was thus engaged until his death in 1924 but the mother is still a resident of Akron. To Mr. and Mrs. Ross were born five children: Don A. and S. L., of Akron; Edmund, deceased; Mrs. Almyra Deneke, of this city; and Kyle Ross.

The last named was reared on his father's farm and attended the rural schools of that locality. His high school education was obtained in Berlin, Ohio, after which he came to Akron and entered the employ of the Imperial Electric Company. He was paid seventy-five cents per day and earnestly applied himself to his tasks, soon winning advancement. As time passed he was intrusted with greater responsibilities and eventually became vice president of this large manufacturing firm, with which he was identified for a quarter of a century. On the expiration of that period he took over the service department of the Imperial Electric Company and from this was developed the Ross Broth-

ers Electric Company. He is president and treasurer of the company, of which Don A. Ross is vice president and secretary, and both are expert electricians. Their new building at No. 838 South Main street was completed in June, 1927, and the display windows are illuminated by two flood lights of five hundred kilowatts. These lights were recently placed on the market by the General Electric Company. Ross Brothers have twenty employes and maintain an up-to-date sales service. They handle a complete line of electrical apparatus and do electrical work of all kinds. Recently they took over the agency for the Thor washing machines and the servicing of thirty-two hundred machines already installed. They have other types of the new machine known as the agitators, which relieve the housewife of all drudgery. One of the features of their store is the Iroquois electric refrigerator, indorsed by the Good Housekeeping institution, and the firm is distributor for this machine in three counties. Ross Brothers have also established a special service in power wiring with E. C. Richel in charge. This work involves outside construction, the estimating and installing of various types of motors and the servicing after the completion of the work. The Crosley, King and Bremer-Tully radios are handled by the firm, which has the sales agency for the Ilge ventilator and reports an increasing demand each season for electric fans. The electric dish washer which they carry is also coming into popularity and one of the newest appliances is the electric rug cleaner. In the administration of the affairs of the firm Mr. Ross brings to bear marked executive force and the knowledge and wisdom acquired by more than thirty years of practical experience in the electrical business. He is also secretary of the Walter Brick & Clay Products Company and the Norfolk & Thomas Company and a director of the South Akron Savings Association.

On the 19th of January, 1905, Mr. Ross was united in marriage to Miss Blanche Croysdale, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Croysdale and a member of one of Akron's prominent families. Mr. Ross is affiliated with St. Paul's Lutheran church and casts his ballot for the candidates of the republican party. For two terms he has been councilman at large from the seventh ward, working at all times for the best interests of the city and establishing an enviable record as a public servant. In 1927 he was elected president of the South Akron Board of Trade and his Masonic connections are with the lodge and grotto. He belongs to the Masonic Club, the City Club and the Tuscarawas Country

Club. Genial and companionable, he enjoys the social side of life and his genuine worth has won for him a high place in public regard. Mrs. Ross is a member of the local chapter of the Eastern Star and director of the Lincoln Home & School League. Like her husband, she is deeply interested in all movements for the betterment of the city and enjoys the esteem of many friends. Mr. Ross' residence is at No. 89 Bachtel avenue, Akron.

PHILLIP HARRISON CHITTY

Among the pioneers to whom honor has been paid in the naming of the thoroughfares of Akron are the members of the Chitty family, of which Phillip Harrison Chitty was a representative. A man of sterling character, he contributed in various ways to the development and progress of this section of the state, where he ranked with the leading contractors, doing much important work in that field of labor.

Mr. Chitty was born on West Market street, January 27, 1855, in a little dwelling which stood on the site now in the rear of Kline's meat market, his parents being John and Catherine (Gonder) Chitty. The father was a contractor and builder of the early days and was engaged in the construction of the old canal as well as various other public projects which contributed to the improvement and development of the city. When he was a young man he followed the occupation of farming and he also carried the United States mails between Akron and nearby towns before the steam roads were built. His son, John Chitty, Jr., served as marshal of Akron before the incorporation of the city. Mrs. Catherine (Gonder) Chitty lived to watch the development of Akron for seventy-six years and passed away at her home on Merriman road, January 24, 1908. She was born in Germany and died in her ninety-third year, her life having been one of great usefulness through the careful rearing of her children and through the display of those qualities which made her a kindly neighbor and a good friend.

Phillip H. Chitty, whose name introduces this review, attended the old Portage school while spending his youthful days in his father's home at 411 Chitty avenue, the thoroughfare having been named in honor of the father. From early youth he was dependent upon his own resources and at the age of seventeen years he paid the first taxes for his mother. For three years

he was in the employ of a Mr. Hovey, receiving a salary of fifty cents per day, after which he went to Thomastown and for five years was employed on the farm of a Mr. Brewster. He then returned to Akron, where he became associated with his father's business, working for him at a salary of three dollars per day. Later he was elected supervisor of Portage township and most capably and efficiently filled the office for seven years, at the end of which time he refused reelection. He then started in business on his own account as a contractor and soon was accorded a liberal patronage. He was given the contracts for street building in many of the leading thoroughfares of the city, including Beck avenue, Byers avenue, Kuder avenue, Hawthorne avenue, Caster-ton avenue, Aqueduct street, Wellsley avenue, Hillsdale and many other streets of the city. He also acted as inspector during the building of Merriman road. He was most careful in the execution of a contract, living fully up to the terms of his agreement, and his reliability and honesty, as well as thorough workmanship, were strong elements in his continued success. As the years passed by his business reached extensive proportions and he acquired a very substantial competence.

On the 26th of June, 1895, Mr. Chitty was married in Akron to Miss Caroline Wolf, a daughter of John Jacob Wolf, who came to the United States at the age of nineteen years from Wittenberg, Germany, and settled on Charlotte street, on West Hill, in Akron, where he had three acres of ground. He wedded Eva Wolf, a native of Alsace, France, and they became the parents of seven children. Both the father and mother died at the age of forty-one years. To Mr. and Mrs. Chitty were born seven children, one of whom died in infancy, the others being: Grace I, Clarence P., George R., Ruth C., Harold P., and Leonard J.

Mr. Chitty was never a man who sought recreation outside of his own home. He belonged to no clubs or organizations that had any claim upon his time but found his greatest happiness at his own fireside. His interests centered in his family and he counted no personal effort or sacrifice on his part too great if it would promote the welfare and happiness of his wife and children. He passed away January 11, 1922, and his death was the occasion of deep and widespread regret among his many friends, who had learned to respect and honor him because of the sterling traits of character which he displayed in business and other relations of life. He never sought to figure prominently in any connection nor was he neglectful of any public or private duty. Thus he

came to be regarded as a substantial citizen and as a reliable business man and his sterling worth was recognized throughout Akron, where his entire life was passed. He was a member of the Concordia Lutheran church and his entire life measured up to the standards of his religious belief.

ANTON VOLKE

Anton Volke is president and treasurer of the Portage Yellow Cab Company of Akron, in which connection he has developed a business of extensive proportions that is now regarded as an indispensable element in the life of the community. Mr. Volke was born in Germany, July 9, 1880, and his parents, Frank and Anna Volke, were also natives of that country, whence the father came to the new world in 1880, when Anton was a little lad of five summers. He preceded his family in order that he might prepare a home for them, which he did in Adams, Massachusetts, and the wife and children joined him in 1890. They afterward came to Akron, where the father was employed in various ways. He died in 1922 and his widow still survives. In their family were ten children, of whom nine are yet living: Anton, of this review; Gustave; Joseph; Frank; Otto; Frederick; Mrs. Mary Howesen; Mrs. Anna Clines; and Mrs. Jennie Adler.

Anton Volke attended the schools of his native country and later continued his education after coming to the United States. He was a lad of fifteen years when he accompanied his mother, brothers and sisters to the United States and went to work in the cotton mills of Adams, Massachusetts. Following the removal of the family to Akron he secured employment at farm work in Summit county and thus continued for a decade. He next took up his abode in the city and purchased an automobile with which he established a taxicab, or jitney, service in 1916. This he continued, adding other cabs as he could secure the funds, and in 1919 started in the conduct of a taxi business which has since been developed under the name of the Portage Yellow Cab Company, with Mr. Volke as the president. Today his company owns thirty-four yellow cabs, doing taxi service throughout the city and county or to other points if passengers desire. No distance is too great and no place too difficult to reach for a yellow cab. Since its organization Mr. Volke has



ANTON VOLKE

been treasurer as well as president and the success of the enterprise is due to his thorough business methods, his care for the interests and welfare of his patrons and his earnest desire to give adequate service at all times.

Mr. Volke is a popular member of the Akron Automobile Club and he belongs to the Lutheran church. While he had few advantages in his youth and early began to provide for himself the means of subsistence, he is now in comfortable financial circumstances as the result of untiring industry. In 1925 Mr. Volke made a trip to Germany, visiting the scenes of his birth and early childhood. He has traveled over the United States from the Atlantic to the Pacific coast and has visited the principal cities in that territory.

CARL LOOKER

The constructive faculties predominate in the career of Carl Looker, a successful business man who is bending his energies to administrative direction and executive control and has become one of the greatest individual forces in Akron's upbuilding and improvement. He was born May 2, 1886, in Cincinnati, Ohio, a son of Charles S. and Harriet Virginia (Williams) Looker, also natives of the Buckeye state. The father was in the wholesale grocery business for many years. Mr. and Mrs. Looker are survived by six children: J. B. and J. W. Looker, of Akron; Mrs. C. C. Fitzmorris and Mrs. A. H. Hofman, residents of Chicago; Mrs. H. M. Campbell, who lives in New York city; and Carl Looker.

The last named was a child of ten when his parents settled in Chicago and his education was acquired in the public schools of that city. His first commercial experience was gained in the employ of the Fleischman Yeast Company, with which he spent several years, and rose to the position of sales manager of their Akron office. After severing his connection with that corporation Mr. Looker entered the real estate field, in which he has since continued, buying and selling many pieces of property. He has also completed many important development projects, erecting more than two hundred desirable homes as well as a number of fine apartment buildings and other structures in Akron and vicinity. Other properties which he has successfully handled are the Carl Looker subdivision and the Merriman Road development

project. His activities in the automobile business have been equally resultant and he is now at the head of a large automobile financing company. He is president of the Looker-Singer Company, realtors, of the Carl Looker Company, realtors and home builders, the Looker-Freer Land Company and the Looker Motor Sales Company, all of which are prosperous concerns of well known reliability. Methodical, systematic and decisive, he accomplishes a large amount of work in a short time and the exercise of effort keeps him alert. Long before those of lesser foresight have discerned the approach of an emergency it has become apparent to him, and its arrival finds him already prepared to deal with it.

Mr. Looker was married February 26, 1911, in Akron, to Miss Edna A. Price, and they have three children: Betty Ann, who was born in 1911, and is attending the Old Trail school; Carl Jr., who was born in 1916 and is a pupil in the King school; and Nancy, who was born in 1922 and is attending a kindergarten.

Mr. Looker is a member of the City Club, the Portage Country Club and the Chamber of Commerce. Along fraternal lines he is connected with the Masonic order and his religious belief is indicated by his affiliation with the Episcopal church. He is one of Akron's "boosters" and belongs to that class of men who are essential to progress, constituting the strength and motive power of every community in which they are found.

Mr. Looker's Akron residence is at 225 North Highland avenue, his summer home is in Springfield township on the Springfield-Barberton road.

EARLE POLING

Courageous, self-reliant and energetic, Earle Poling has made his own way in the world, beginning the struggle for a livelihood at an early age, and is now numbered among the substantial business men of Akron, whose development he has furthered along cultural as well as mercantile lines. He was born July 8, 1889, in Parsons, West Virginia, and his parents, James L. and Elizabeth (Smith) Poling, were natives of Ohio. Both families were pioneers in the settlement of the Buckeye state and the paternal grandfather of Earle Poling was one of the early circuit riders of Ohio. By example as well as precept he pointed out to others the higher course in life and during the Civil war was a chap-

lain in the Union army. His widow has reached the advanced age of ninety-eight years and is well preserved. James L. Poling was a well known lumberman of West Virginia and both he and his wife have passed away. To their union were born nine children, four of whom survive; one of whom is Wade H. Poling, a dealer in musical instruments and one of the prominent business men of Detroit, Michigan.

Earle Poling attended a grammar school in Cumberland, Maryland, and owing to his father's death was obliged to contribute toward the support of the family, becoming a newsboy at the age of ten years. Afterward he was employed in various capacities, working his way steadily upward, and finally became a traveling salesman for the Victor Talking Machine Company of Cleveland, Ohio. His duties in that connection took him to various parts of the United States and also to Mexico, Canada, and many countries in Europe. During that time he had the privilege of meeting celebrities of the operatic and theatrical worlds, forming friendships which have continued throughout life. In association with his brother Wade he established a Victor Talking Machine and musical agency in Cleveland and there engaged in business until the World war, when he responded to the call of his country. He went to France with the American Expeditionary Force and was attached to that branch of the service which secured entertainers to keep up the spirit and morale of the men at the front. Mr. Poling was under the direct command of General Clarence R. Edwards and his reports were made through general headquarters for billeting welfare workers out of France. After receiving his honorable discharge he resumed the line of work in which he had previously engaged and in 1922 located in Akron. He had no capital but secured financial support from one of the city's well known bankers and started in business as an agent for the Victor Talking Machines, also handling sheet music, radio sets and musical instruments. Success attended the venture and he was soon able to discharge all of his indebtedness. His establishment contains everything required by those interested in musical goods and is characterized by an air of distinction in personal service as well as in merchandise. He is the executive head of the business, which is conducted under the style of the Windsor-Poling Company and located at No. 99 South Howard street. In addition, he is president of the Earle Poling Company, which books high-class musical attractions for Akron, and he is also vice president of the WFJC Company, which

has a broadcasting station in the Beacon Journal building. He enjoys his work and his business acumen, enterprise and broad experience have made him a leader in the lines in which he specializes.

Mr. Poling was married June 20, 1920, in Akron to Miss May Kneff, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Kneff and a member of one of the well known families of the city. Their residence is at 178 Overwood drive, Fairlawn. Mr. Poling is identified with the Masonic order, the Akron Chamber of Commerce, the Automobile Club and the Akron City Club. He is affiliated with the United Presbyterian church and contributes liberally toward its support. Time has proven his worth and as a self-made man of high principles and marked public spirit he is accorded the respect and esteem of his fellow citizens.

DAVID MILLER COLWELL

Unfailing energy and mental alertness are among the chief requirements of an executive and, liberally endowed with these qualities, David M. Colwell is successfully directing the operations of one of Akron's largest industries, the American Vitriified Products Company. He was born July 30, 1888, in Mansfield, Ohio, and is a son of Samuel J. and Fannie (Miller) Colwell, also natives of the Buckeye state. The father was employed as a traveling salesman for many years and is now living retired. Mr. and Mrs. Colwell have a family of three children: Jute A., a resident of New York city; Richard S., whose home is in Kansas City, Missouri; and David M.

The last named was a pupil in the public schools of Mansfield and took a three years' course in Wooster Academy. For a year he was a student of business administration at Dartmouth College and then entered the employ of the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company. His ability and devotion to the interests of the firm were rewarded by promotions and for twelve years he remained with the corporation, becoming manager of the southern district, with headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia. In 1921 he came to Akron as secretary of the American Vitriified Products Company, of which he has been president since 1925, and is also the executive head of its subsidiaries. Mr. Colwell combines a capacity for detail with the ability to think in large terms and under his administration the industry is making notable progress.

On the 25th of August, 1912, Mr. Colwell was married in Akron to Miss Alice C. Cunningham, a daughter of Albert Cunningham, and they have three children: Marjorie Alice, who was born in Akron, September 7, 1913, and is a student at the Old Trail school; Harriet Louise, who was born in Atlanta, August 27, 1915, and is a pupil at King school; and Katherine, who was born in Buffalo, New York, August 3, 1920, and is also attending the King school. Mr. Colwell's residence is at 206 Casterton avenue. In the Masonic order Mr. Colwell has attained the thirty-second degree and is identified with both the York and Scottish Rites. He is affiliated with St. Paul's Episcopal church and along social lines is connected with the Silver Lake Country Club. Mr. Colwell has discharged life's duties and obligations to the best of his ability and his career has been rounded with success and marked by the appreciation of those men whose good opinion is worth having.

REV. HENRY FARWELL

Among the citizens of Summit county whose lives have been devoted to the welfare of their fellowmen was the late Rev. Henry Farwell, whose career was marked by wholehearted and unselfish service in the ministry of the Gospel, and who commanded the unqualified respect and esteem of all who knew him. He was born in Twinsburg, Summit county, on the 17th of May, 1846, and was a son of Charles Henry and Ellen A. (Porter) Farwell. The father, who was of English descent, was born in Concord, Massachusetts, October 22, 1821, and early in life learned the trade of a blacksmith. On starting out in life for himself, he came to Summit county, probably in 1837, and here was not only successful in his material affairs, but became prominent and useful in the community, holding a number of positions of responsibility and trust. His wife was a member of an old New England family and was a cousin of Henry Ward Beecher and Harriet Beecher Stowe. To Mr. and Mrs. Farwell were born three children, Henry, Arba and Cyrus.

Henry Farwell accompanied his family on their removal to Hudson in 1847 and here received his elementary education in the public schools. He attended Western Reserve College, in which he later taught, and during that time also studied theology. In 1874 he was graduated from Lane Theological Seminary in Cin-

cinnati and was ordained to the ministry of the Presbyterian church, to which sacred calling he devoted the remainder of his life. He and his wife entered the home missionary field, being first located in various places in Wisconsin, also serving at Rome, Ohio, and were in Kansas until 1903, when they returned to Summit county and located at the old home which his father had purchased in 1850, and here he lived until his death, which occurred July 16, 1925. Mr. Farwell was a veteran of the Civil war, having enlisted in Company E, One Hundred and Twenty-eighth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was a man of intense patriotism and fine public spirit and gave his support always to those things which were calculated to promote the public welfare.

On April 19, 1876, in St. Joseph, Michigan, Mr. Farwell was united in marriage to Miss Mary Jane Maginnis. Her father, the Rev. Franklin Maginnis, was a native of Pennsylvania. He was an instructor in Western Reserve College; was graduated from a theological seminary, and for thirty-six years served in the ministry, occupying the pulpits of the leading Presbyterian churches of the Western Reserve, mostly in Cleveland. He served as a chaplain in the Union army during the Civil war and was a member of Memorial Post No. 141, G. A. R., in Cleveland. He married Miss Lucy Ann Porter, who was born in Waterbury, Connecticut, in 1810. To Mr. and Mrs. Farwell were born four children, two of whom died in infancy, the survivors being Franklin M. and Clara R. Mrs. Farwell is still living in the old home in Hudson and because of her kindly manner and gracious personality commands the love and affection of all who know her.

HENRY EMIL GREEN

Henry Emil Green, who was a well known citizen of Akron for many years, was born in Germany, March 5, 1864, and passed away May 21, 1918. He was a son of Frederick and Philomena (Brown) Green and when nineteen years of age left the old world to become a resident of the United States. He had a sister who was then living in Kent, Ohio, and there he joined her. For a short time he worked in the car shops there but afterward turned his attention to the building contracting business, which he followed successfully for a period, erecting many substantial structures at that place. He afterward removed to Mount Carmel, Illinois, where he remained for a time, and dur-



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ing that period he was joined by his parents, who came from Germany to the new world. When he had spent two years in Illinois all came back to Ohio together, settling at Kent. The father had two acres of land on the edge of the town and made his home thereon until his death. As a contractor, in Akron, Henry E. Green erected many buildings and he also established a wholesale and retail liquor business at No. 11 East Market street and later at No. 6 North Howard street, and then purchased the building at 49 North Howard street in Akron, continuing in that line until his death.

On the 21st of August, 1884, Mr. Green was married to Miss Lena Frease, of Indianapolis, Indiana, and they became the parents of two sons and a daughter: Henry Frederick Johann, who married Angie Hayes and has three children—Henry, Maryland and Cloyd F.; Lena V., the wife of Frank Higinbotham; and Frederick, who married Helena Roth and has two children, Frederick Parker and Vivian Louise.

Mr. Green was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and he also held membership with the German Turners and the Liedertafel. He belonged to the Lutheran church and he was a man of many attractive social qualities, being always courteous, obliging and kindly, so that he won many friends.

JOHN C. NEFF

John C. Neff was closely associated with business interests in Akron for many years and at his death the city lost one of its valued and esteemed residents. His birth occurred in Northampton, Summit county, Ohio, October 4, 1867, his parents being William and Nancy (Kline) Neff, who removed to Akron when their son John was but nine months old, the father becoming associated with the firm of Camp & Lane.

Here reared to manhood, John C. Neff pursued his education in the old Spicer school in Akron and during his youthful days he was the friend and associate of a number of those men who now have membership in Akron's Fifty Year Club. He started out in the business world with the firm of Murray, Hardy & Watt, proprietors of the old Boston Store on Howard street, his position being the humble one of errand boy. He afterward entered the employ of a Mr. Abbott to learn the tinner's trade and

subsequently was with the firm of May & Fiebeger as a tinner and furnace man. For ten years he continued with that house and later became associated with the Kash Roofing Company, which had its plant on the Bowery viaduct. When he left that position it was to engage in business on his own account in partnership with John Knapp under the firm style of Neff & Knapp, conducting a tinning, roofing and spouting business and also putting in fancy ceilings. The firm existed for a number of years without change, at the end of which time Mr. Knapp sold his interest to George Neff and the firm of Neff Brothers was thus organized. Eventually, however, George Neff retired to be succeeded by Charles Leininger under the style of Neff & Leininger. It was in 1918 that Mr. Neff withdrew, selling his interest to his partner, at which time he became identified with the Goodyear interests, acting as foreman of the tin shop for nine years. He was thus engaged up to the time of his death, having been closely associated with industrial and commercial activity in Akron for many decades.

On the 13th of August, 1889, Mr. Neff was married to Miss Theresa Apolonio, a native of Akron and a daughter of Anthony and Elizabeth (Gasser) Apolonio, who became residents of Akron in 1869, coming to this country from Switzerland, although Mr. Apolonio was a native of Austria. Many who were afterward residents of Akron came on the same boat with Mr. Apolonio and some are still living. Mr. and Mrs. Neff were married in St. Bernard's church in Akron by Father Brown and they became the parents of seventeen children, of whom eleven are now living. Lawrence, the eldest, married Minnie Worth and has three children: William, Merle and Dorothy. Bessie is the wife of Austin L. Lechleitner and the mother of four children: Robert, William, Richard and Ruth. George wedded Miss Cecelia Bidwell. Sister Gerard is a resident of Barberton. Helen became the wife of John Rauch and is the mother of seven children: Harold, Marie, Thomas, Betty, Ruth, Florence and Gertrude. Edna gave her hand in marriage to Joseph Eisenman. The younger members of the family are as follows: Joseph; Louis; Irene; Charles, who is pursuing a medical course in the University of Akron; and Mildred.

The family circle was broken by the hand of death when on the 4th of January, 1927, Mr. Neff passed away. He was a democrat in politics but never an office seeker. He belonged to St. Bernard's church and to the Knights of St. John and the Fra-

ternal Order of Eagles. He also had membership in the Relief Association formed among the Goodyear employees. He had led a busy, active and useful life and had gained the respect and confidence of his fellowmen, so that his death was deeply deplored by many friends as well as by his immediate family.

The family residence is at 275 West Chestnut street, Akron, which was erected by Mr. Neff in 1891.

LEE ROY REIFSNIDER

Lee Roy Reifsnider is president of the Exchange Realty Company of Akron, but this by no means indicates the scope of his activity. While the business of which he is now the head is one of the most important of the kind in the city, he has been active and prominent in other fields of commerce and finance and at the same time has taken a helpful part in civic affairs wherein the city has been a direct beneficiary.

Born in Akron, January 5, 1885, L. Roy Reifsnider is a son of Lee Clarence and Ida Maria (Adkins) Reifsnider, the former a native of Greentown, Ohio, and the latter of Akron. For many years they resided in the latter city, where the father conducted a plumbing and steamfitting business to the time of his death, which occurred in 1891. His widow survived him for many years, passing away in 1926. Their family numbered five children, three of whom lived to maturity, as follows: Lee Roy, of this review; A. C., living in Bisbee, Arizona; and Mrs. Edith R. Horn, of Denver, Colorado.

After attending the public schools of Akron, L. Roy Reifsnider began providing for his own support by entering the employ of the M. O'Neil Company in 1898. He was then a lad of but thirteen years and his opportunity to attend school had been somewhat limited through the necessity of contributing to his own support, for the father had died when his son Roy was but six years of age. He early learned the value and potency of industry and determination as factors in the business world. On leaving the M. O'Neil Company he worked for the Werner Company, engaged in the printing and publishing business, spending three years in that connection. In 1901 he entered the employ of the First National Bank, where his capability soon won him promotion. Realizing the worth of education, he had carefully saved his earnings and was able to finance himself during a two years' course in the

Ohio State University of Columbus. While pursuing his studies there he became a member of the Acacia fraternity and Triangle, a fraternity of engineers. Mr. Reifsnider returned to Akron and resumed his connection with the First National Bank and was serving as assistant cashier of the First-Second National Bank when in 1913 he resigned to become secretary of the Exchange Realty Company. For fifteen years he has now been closely associated with the real estate and general insurance business, entering into official connection with the Exchange Realty Company on its organization, while in 1926 he was elected to the presidency. A general real estate, investment and brokerage business is carried on, and the company has handled a large amount of property in the city, being now engaged in the development of Westover Park, an attractive residential district. His high standing in his chosen field is indicated in the fact that he has been honored with the presidency of the Akron Real Estate Board, is also a member of the Ohio Association of Real Estate Boards, and is now chairman of the brokerage division of that organization. He is also a member of the National Association of Real Estate Boards. His interest in financial affairs has continued and in 1921 he was one of the organizers of the Society Savings & Loan Company, of which he is vice president, while of the Standard Savings Bank he is a director. He is likewise a director and vice president of the Standard Mortgage Company and president of the Akron General Insurance Agency Company. In business affairs he displays sound judgment, a ready recognition of opportunity and the ability to combine seemingly diverse interests into a harmonious whole.

On the 30th of June, 1909, Mr. Reifsnider was married to Miss Lucretia Ruth Spray, a daughter of William and Carrie (Wilmot) Spray, who were natives of England and Ohio, respectively. Mr. and Mrs. Reifsnider have two sons: Lee Spray, who was born November 29, 1910, and is a graduate of the class of 1928, West high school; and Franklin, born October 8, 1915. The elder son is a veteran Boy Scout and has won the high honor of being an Eagle Scout. The younger son is a seventh grade pupil in the Portage Path school and is also a Boy Scout.

The cause of education has ever found in Mr. Reifsnider a stalwart friend, and he has ably served on the board of education. Fraternally he is both a York and Scottish Rite Mason and is a past commander of Akron Commandery No. 25, Knights Templar. He also belongs to the Shrine and Grotto and exemplifies in

his life the beneficent spirit of the craft. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, belongs to the Akron Chamber of Commerce, the Akron Automobile Club, the Akron City Club and the Masonic Club. His wife is a member of the Eastern Star and of the Social Order of Beauseant, of which she is president. Mrs. Reifsnider has also been presiding officer of the Home & School League of Portage Path school, and in a word both Mr. and Mrs. Reifsnider are interested in everything that has to do with progress and uplift in their community. They hold membership in the West Hill Congregational church. Their interests are broad and varied, their activities far-reaching and resultant, and they are accorded a most creditable place among the representative residents of Akron. Mr. Reifsnider's residence is at No. 36 Orchard road.

WILLIAM PHILO HINE

Enterprising, reliable and capable, William Philo Hine is regarded as one of the leading business men of Tallmadge and represents one of the oldest and most prominent families of this locality. He was born April 20, 1870, in Tallmadge, of which his father, Alonzo A. Hine, and grandfather William Hine, were also natives. The great-grandfather, Abraham Hine, was born January 4, 1775, and passed away April 14, 1856. His wife, Abigail (Elton) Hine, was born November 16, 1775, and died November 27, 1863. Their son, William Hine, reached the eighty-seventh milestone on life's journey, passing away July 27, 1888. His wife, Phila Amelia (Root) Hine, who was a member of a New England family, died January 25, 1881, at the age of seventy-five years. Alonzo A. Hine was born September 3, 1831, and at the outbreak of the Civil war joined the One Hundred and Sixty-fourth Regiment of Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was made sergeant of his company and valiantly defended the Union cause. After the conflict was ended he resumed the occupation of farming, which he followed during practically his entire life, and on February 16, 1893, responded to the final summons. His wife, Sarah Jane (Atwood) Hine, was born in Magadore, Ohio, August 30, 1829, and passed away January 26, 1909. Her remains were interred in the Tallmadge cemetery, where the other members of the family were also laid to rest.

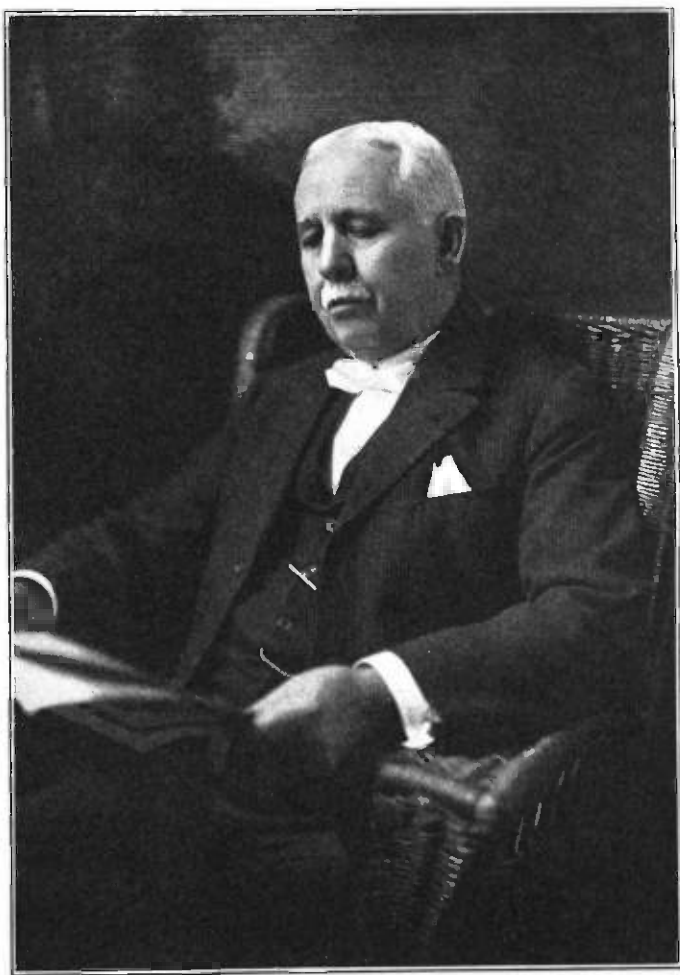
William P. Hine was reared on the home farm and attended

district school No. 4. He assisted his father in the work of tilling the soil and after reaching mature years started out in life for himself. He was appointed postmaster at Tallmadge by President Wilson, in 1913, and filled the office until 1918. His niece, Winifred Hine, has served since then. Mr. Hine was identified with various lines of activity and since 1918 has engaged in merchandising in Tallmadge. His stock of goods is carefully selected, and he is always prepared to supply the needs of the public. He is content with a reasonable profit, giving to each customer good value for the amount expended, and his patronage has constantly increased.

Mr. Hine was married June 20, 1899, in Kenton, Ohio, to Miss Kittie Park, a native of Mount Victory, Ohio, and a daughter of Horton and Phoebe (Dalzell) Park. Her father was a Union officer during the Civil war, holding the rank of captain, and her mother was a member of a prominent family of Columbus, Ohio. To Mr. and Mrs. Hine were born three children but all are deceased except a son, Horton Park, who is a student. Mr. and Mrs. Hine are Congregationalists and take a keen interest in church work. Mr. Hine is identified with the Knights of Pythias and his political allegiance is given to the republican party. From 1906 to 1922 he served as township treasurer, the office being discontinued at the end of that time. He proved well worthy of the trust, and has never deviated from the path of rectitude and honor, thereby winning and retaining the esteem of his fellowmen.

WILLIAM HENRY EVANS

On the list of Akron's valued citizens who have been called from this life appears the name of William Henry Evans, who was the secretary, treasurer and chief executive of the Dime Savings Bank, a successful realtor and a representative business man. His life record shows what can be accomplished through determined purpose intelligently directed and through the wise use of opportunities. His parents, Edward and Mary (Davies) Evans, were natives of Wales and had been in America only six weeks when occurred the birth of their son, William Henry, at Herkimer, New York, on the 18th of September, 1848. He was the youngest of eight children, the others having been born in Wales.



WILLIAM H. EVANS

During the period of his minority William H. Evans remained a resident of his native state, spending his youth in Oneida county and in Rochester, New York. His education was limited to the opportunities offered in the public schools and at eighteen years of age he went to Rochester, where he learned the cigar maker's trade, remaining in that city until he had reached the age of twenty-one. He next located in Clinton, New York, where there was a small college, and he opened a cigar and students' supplies store, at the same time attending the Clinton Institute at night and thus promoting his own knowledge, for he had come to realize that education is a basis for success in life. While thus engaged he became acquainted with Auntie Brown and Wallace Mayo, who were teachers in the institute and who came to Buchtel College in Akron when it was opened in 1872. In 1874, through their influence, Mr. Evans made his way to Akron, living in the old college building and working his way through the college. After completing the junior year's studies at Buchtel he left school to take up newspaper work, becoming associated with the old Argus. Later he entered the insurance, real estate and loan business, establishing, in 1891, an enterprise that is still carried on under the name of the William H. Evans & Sons Company at the corner of Mill and Howard streets. In 1901, in connection with other prominent business men, he was active in the organization of the Dime Savings Bank, of which he became secretary-treasurer and the principal executive officer, so continuing to the time of his death, which occurred June 14, 1923. He also was the founder of the William H. Evans Building & Loan Association. In business affairs he displayed sound judgment, keen enterprise and undaunted determination. In his vocabulary there was no such word as fail and he carried forward to successful completion whatever he undertook. He belonged to both the state and national banking associations and he enjoyed the highest respect and the warm regard of the leading representatives of Ohio's banking fraternity.

In October, 1877, Mr. Evans was united in marriage to Miss Carrie May Ranney, a daughter of Luther B. Ranney, who was one of the pioneer settlers of Boston township, Summit county. She died March 1, 1916. Their children were: William H., Jr., who married Flora G. Goodwin, of Akron, and has six children—Robert, Maurice, Josephine, Ruth, May and Elizabeth; Lida, the wife of A. S. Viers; Ethel, who is the wife of Herbert O. Hazard; David R., who married Ruth Crane and has a daugh-

ter, Phyllis; and Clyde A., who married Sara Landis and has one daughter, Patricia. All of the above named are residents of Akron. On the 24th of September, 1919, Mr. Evans was again married, his second union being with Miss Grace Sisler, who passed away June 6, 1928.

Mr. Evans was an active member of the High Street Church of Christ and a member of Akron Lodge, F. and A. M. and Washington Chapter, R. A. M. Altogether a home man he spent his leisure hours at his own fireside, having a large farm on the state road between Akron and Cleveland. All who knew him attested his sterling worth of character and spoke of him in terms of high regard because of his kindly spirit and his devotion to those principles which are manifest in integrity, honor and recognition of the rights and privileges of others.

WILLIAM HENRY ROOK, SR.

William Henry Rook, Sr., whose industry and well spent life commanded for him the respect and confidence of all with whom he came in contact, was born in Roxbury, Massachusetts, October 31, 1846, a son of William Henry and Elizabeth (Watt) Rook, of London, England. For thirteen generations it was customary in the family to name the oldest son William Henry. After attending a private school for boys William H. Rook of this review was apprenticed to the machinist's trade and when he was twenty-one years of age President Lincoln issued his call for volunteers to defend the Union. Mr. Rook immediately responded, joining Company H, of the Fiftieth Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, with which he participated in the battle of Bull Run and other important engagements which were the means of perpetuating the Union.

After the close of the war Mr. Rook was united in marriage to Miss Mary Mackey and removed to Mecca, Ohio, where he engaged in business as a machinist, but after a short time came to Akron to enter the employ of the Taplin Rice Company and become very skillful in his chosen line of work. While acting in that capacity he had his arm drawn into a machine and his hand was cut off. Notwithstanding this fact his courageous spirit was shown in the way in which when the arm healed he ran a lathe. All who knew him entertained for him warm regard and he had the sincere friendship of all who worked under him, show-

ing that he was a considerate and just manager. The family home was established on Spicer street at a time when the only other residence on that thoroughfare was the home of Hiram Spicer. In 1907 Mr. Rook retired from business and in April, 1908, was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife. He survived her for many years, passing away March 3, 1926, at the age of eighty-six years. Fraternally he was connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, being a charter member of Nemo Lodge, and was also a member of the Grand Encampment of that order. He passed through all of the chairs and for a long period was a patriarch militant. His religious faith was that of the First Methodist Episcopal church and in his political views he was a republican. He was always loyal to any cause which he espoused and the sterling traits of his character were many. Industry, integrity, energy and fidelity to duty marked him as a man well worthy of the high esteem in which he was held.

His son, William Henry Rook, Jr., was born in Mecca, Ohio, January 8, 1866, and was but two years of age when the family home was established on Spicer street in Akron, where he attended the public schools. Like his father, he also turned to industrial activity as a means of livelihood and became a machinist with the Taplin Rice Company on South Broadway, where he worked for a long period, being advanced through various positions until he became superintendent. In 1900 he left that firm to go with the American Sewer Pipe Company as mechanical engineer and continued with that business organization until 1918. Later he became connected with the Robinson Clay Products Company as general superintendent of production over the plants in Malvern, Mogadore, Midvale and Dover, Ohio, and Clearfield, Pennsylvania. Thus large responsibility was intrusted to him and in every respect he has adequately met his duties, measuring up to the highest requirements of the organization which he represents.

In November, 1888, Mr. Rook was united in marriage to Miss Emma Smith, of York, Pennsylvania, and they became the parents of four children: Ethel; Margaret; Helen; and Perry, who wedded Jeannette Warner and has one child, Barbara Ann. On the 25th of November, 1909, Mr. Rook married Miss Elizabeth Dressler, a daughter of William and Susanna Dressler. Mr. Rook is a member of the Anna Dean Country Club and finds his recreation in bowling, fishing and golf. He is also a great reader, taking much enjoyment in the best literature, and many

of his happiest hours are spent in the companionship of the men of master minds. He belongs to the Congregational church and he and his wife are charter members of Akron's 50 Year Club, indicating their long residence here, within which period they have become most widely and favorably known, having a circle of friends almost coincident with the circle of their acquaintance. Mr. Rook deserves much credit for what he has accomplished in a business way, as he has steadily worked his way upward from a humble position to one of large responsibility, calling for executive direction and control.

HENRY M. EHMANN

Akron has been the city of opportunity to Henry M. Ehmann, a progressive business man, who has directed his energies into constructive channels and who is well known as a manufacturer of brass and aluminum castings. Long a member of the famous McKinley Band, he was "Heinie" to the president, who was "Major" to him. Mr. Ehmann was born August 10, 1869, in Cincinnati, Ohio, his parents being John M. and Jeannette (Molsom) Ehmann, natives of Germany. The father left that country in 1848 and after a voyage of forty-eight days arrived in New York city. The mother sailed from Bremen in 1849 and the ship on which she was a passenger was forty-nine days in crossing the Atlantic. Mr. and Mrs. Ehmann resided for a time in New York city and then migrated to Ohio. They established their home in Cincinnati, and Mr. Ehmann followed the blacksmith's trade for a number of years. He became a foreman in the plant of the Diebold Safe & Lock Company, now located in Canton, Ohio, and acted in that capacity until his retirement, serving the firm to the extent of his ability. To Mr. and Mrs. Ehmann were born twelve children, three of whom survive: Henry M. and Mrs. Esther Morpie and Mrs. Katherine Hertzog, residents of Canton.

Henry M. Ehmann received his education in the public schools of Cincinnati and Canton and left high school at the end of his sophomore year, entering the employ of the Diebold Lock & Safe Company in 1886. For thirteen years he worked for the company, becoming proficient in the trade of a brass molder, and afterward followed that occupation as a journeyman in various

places. In 1902 he returned to Ohio, entering the service of the Adamson Machine Company of Akron, and later became an employe of the Taplin & Rice Company, with which he spent a year. It was in 1913 that he organized the Akron Bronze & Aluminum Company, which was incorporated in 1919, and of which he is now president and general manager, and has made this one of the largest firms of the kind in the state. Starting with two employes, Mr. Ehmann has increased the number to thirty and built the present plant, of which he is the owner. This modern, completely equipped factory is situated at No. 579 Washington street and makes castings of bronze, brass or aluminum for all of the rubber companies. The business has grown with Akron, and its executive head, who is a master craftsman, maintains a high standard of production, which has won for the firm orders from many large industries outside of this city.

Mr. Ehmann was a boy of twelve when he first came to Akron with the old Batallion Band of Canton to play at a Knights Templar convention. At that time he followed the big drum and played the cymbals. All he remembers of that memorable visit is that Howard street was not paved and that they were just finishing the Buchtel Hotel. He resolved to return some day and make his permanent home here, but first he was destined to become a musician of note and travel all over the United States. He gave up the cymbals and learned to play the slide trombone in the Grand Army Band at Canton. This later became known as "McKinley's Own" band and was regarded as the best amateur organization in the country. Mr. Ehmann's brother, Augustus E. Ehmann, also joined this famous band, whose forty-five members were all known by their first names to President McKinley. They played him into congress, into the governor's chair and into the president's chair. They played for him when he was nominated at St. Louis and at Philadelphia and later when he was inaugurated the second time. His favorite hymn was "Lead Kindly Light" and no concert the band played for him was complete without that number. While one hundred other bands journeyed to Canton when the president was buried, it was his own band that played the stirring hymn that he loved so well. Nine of the band members are dead. Leo Zimmerman, who used to envy Mr. Ehmann's skill as a trombone player, became the greatest trombonist in the world. Mr. Ehmann's most valued possession is the framed picture of this band which adorns the walls of his office, and he also treasures the old "slip horn" with which he

helped a fellow townsman in Canton to the highest office in the gift of this republic.

On September 12, 1889, Mr. Ehmann was united in marriage to Miss Bertha Volker, a daughter of George and Katherine Volker and a member of one of the prominent families of Canton. Mr. Ehmann is a thirty-second degree Mason and belongs to both the York and Scottish Rites. He is a member of the Masonic Club, and his religious faith is indicated by his affiliation with the Christian Science church. His wife is a member of the City Club and the Woman's Shrine Club. Their home has long been a center of Akron's social life, and their many admirable qualities have won for them a high place in the esteem of all with whom they have been associated. Mr. Ehmann's residence is at 115 Metlin avenue.

HOUSTON SISLER

Houston Sisler was a Summit county pioneer who was born in Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, December 15, 1815, and passed away in Akron, June 30, 1862. During his childhood days his parents removed with the family to Erie county, New York, settling near Buffalo, where his youthful days were passed and his education was acquired. Upon reaching his majority he came to Ohio, establishing his home at Manchester, Summit county, and as a teacher, merchant and farmer he was one of the most successful and one of the most influential men in that section. He labored diligently in the management of his business affairs and his enterprise and capability brought him a gratifying measure of prosperity. In 1854 he was elected to the office of treasurer of Summit county and removed to Akron, where his efficiency and faithfulness during his first term of office led to his reelection, so that he continued as county treasurer for two terms. Following his retirement he became associated with the Exchange Bank, which was the first banking institution organized in Akron, and he was also identified with various extensive and important business enterprises which featured largely in the city's commercial and financial development. In a number of these he was identified with John R. Buchtel, the founder of Buchtel College and one of the prominent pioneer business men of the city.

In 1841 Mr. Sisler was united in marriage to Miss Glorvinia



HOUSTON SISLER

Elizabeth Hamm, a daughter of the Rev. John W. Hamm, one of the pioneer preachers of eastern Ohio, who settled in Manchester in 1824 and for fifty years served as minister in various Reformed churches in this part of the state. Mr. and Mrs. Sisler became the parents of eight children. The mother survived her husband for forty-three years and three of the children are yet living. Of the eight, Esther is the deceased wife of Hayes Webb, a publisher of Akron. Ellen is the deceased wife of Thaddeus Pierce and they had a son, William, who married and had four children and is now living in the state of Washington. Thomas Jefferson wedded Ida Wood, of Massachusetts, and their children were: Grace, now the wife of C. O. Andrew, of Longmont, Colorado; and Cora, wife of William Bleakley, of Los Angeles, California. The mother, Mrs. Ida Sisler, passed away and Thomas Jefferson Sisler afterward wedded Mrs. Belle Emerson, by whom he had twin children, Rufus and Ruth, now living in Iowa. John, the fourth of the family, married Alice Souers and they had three children—Bessie, Almeda and Katharine, the last named being the wife of Fred Manthey of Fairlawn and the mother of three children: Mathilde, Fred and John. Anne, the next of the family, became the wife of George A. Peckham, who was a teacher of Hiram College for over forty years, and their children are Bertha, Mark, Harry and Anna Laura. Fanny B. Sisler was for twenty years a capable teacher in the public schools of Akron. Elizabeth was the next of the family. Grace became the wife of W. H. Evans, Sr., who is mentioned at length on another page of this work.

When Houston Sisler purchased his original homestead, a part of which is still occupied by members of the family, it comprised an acre and a third, but much of it has been sold off in city lots until only the lot on which the residence stands and a lot on Union street, occupied by the family of his son, John, remain of the original estate. The only surviving children of the family are Mrs. Peckham, Mrs. Evans and Miss Elizabeth Sisler. When the father died his youngest children were three and five years. His death left a large family for his widow to rear. Mrs. Sisler was a woman of strong intellect and splendid character. She came of a family of French Huguenots who settled in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, later removing to what was then Stark county, Ohio, her father being the Rev. John W. Hamm, and it was through his influence that the section of Stark county in which they lived was annexed to Summit county. He

was a minister of the gospel for more than a half century and his labors were a strong force in the moral development of this section of the state. Through the Hamm family (of French Huguenot lineage but early established in America) the Sislers are entitled to membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Daughters of 1812, as their ancestors fought in both wars. Mrs. Glorvinia Elizabeth (Hamm) Sisler was born May 23, 1823, in Newville, Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, and when she was but a year old her parents, Rev. John W. and Esther (LeFever) Hamm, removed to Manchester, Ohio, where her father became a minister of the German Reformed church. There she was reared and in 1841 she became the wife of Houston Sisler, whom she survived for forty-three years, passing away May 1, 1905. During the Civil war Mrs. Sisler did much work in connection with the women's organizations and she was always a most earnest and consistent worker in the High Street Church of Christ, in which she held membership. She was identified with the church for more than forty years and was ever a devout and faithful Christian, endeavoring to train her children in the faith and exemplifying to all with whom she came in contact the kindly spirit, the humility and the devotion which mark the consistent Christian life. She lived to be more than four score years of age and retained her faculties largely unimpaired, her mind remaining very active and her memory perfect. Unlike many aged people, she was interested in and well informed on the questions of the day, was a great reader and thought most intelligently upon problems that had to do with life. She possessed unusual powers and all who knew her loved her, her loss being regretted by a wide circle of friends.

CHARLES L. WIRTH

Placing his dependence upon the essential qualities of diligence and perseverance, Charles L. Wirth has pressed steadily onward and upward and is now a forceful factor in the management of the affairs of the Industrials Savings & Loan Company of East Akron, also figuring prominently in local real estate operations. From childhood he has been a tireless worker and knows the value of industry in the attainment of success. He was born near Orrville, in Wayne county, Ohio, February 27, 1876, and is a son of Jacob B. and Caroline (Yeakley) Wirth,

the former also a native of this state. The mother was born in Germany and when a child of six came to the United States with her parents. Jacob B. Wirth has always followed agricultural pursuits and is enjoying the rewards of a life of well directed industry. To Mr. and Mrs. Wirth were born eight children, seven of whom survive: Mrs. John Schutz, of Los Angeles, California; Mrs. John Troyer, who lives in Fulton, Ohio; Miss Almeda Wirth, of Kenmore, a suburb of Akron; Mrs. Henry Snyder, whose home is at Loyal Oak, Ohio; J. E. Wirth, of Canton, this state; Dr. Franklin Wirth, who resides in Sheridan, Nebraska; and Charles L. Wirth.

The last named was reared on his father's farm and attended the district school of that locality. He was graduated from the Orrville high school in 1897 and next took a three years' classical course in Wooster University. Entering the educational field, he taught for four years in Wayne county and also for four years in Summit county, acting as superintendent of schools of Portage township during the last three years. On the expiration of that period he retired from the profession and turned his attention to business pursuits. For three years he was in the employ of the M. O'Neil Company of Akron and in 1909 was made the first clerk and purchasing agent for the board of commissioners of Summit county, serving until the latter part of 1912. He then became connected with the Bankers Guarantee Title & Trust Company, as examiner of titles, where he spent a year, and for a similar length of time was one of the Summit county tax appraisers. In 1915 he accepted a position in the collection department of the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company and continued in that capacity until 1917. Shortly after the Industrials Savings & Loan Company was organized by several of the Goodyear executives he was elected its secretary and has since filled that office, also serving as general manager. Mr. Wirth has a comprehensive knowledge of property values and titles in Akron and renders to the company the services of an expert, discharging his duties with characteristic fidelity and efficiency. He is treasurer of the Wagner-Emmons Realty Company, a local concern, which has also profited by his business acumen and experience.

Mr. Wirth was married June 22, 1906, to Miss Lillian Botzum, a daughter of Adam Botzum and a member of one of the prominent families of Akron. Mr. and Mrs. Wirth have two children: Charles Arden, who was born in 1908 and is attending

the Kiskiminetas School at Saltsburg, Pennsylvania; and Lillian Ardella, born in 1913 and now a student at the West Akron high school.

Mr. Wirth is treasurer and a member of the official board of Grace Reformed church. A Knight Templar Mason and a Noble of Tadmor Temple of the Mystic Shrine, he holds the thirty-second degree in the order and takes a keen interest in its activities. He belongs to the Masonic Club, the Kiwanis Club, the Fairlawn Heights Golf Club, and the Vista del Lago Club, at Crystal Lake, being a charter member of the last named organization. Through his affiliation with the East Akron Board of Trade he is contributing his quota toward the city's development and prosperity and lends the weight of his support to all worthy public projects. Nature has endowed Mr. Wirth with much personal magnetism, which, combined with his honesty, sincerity and innate courtesy, has drawn to him a wide circle of loyal, steadfast friends.

CHARLES SENN

Forced to begin the struggle for an existence at an early age, Charles Senn courageously battled against adverse conditions, thus developing his strength of character and latent powers, which have carried him into important relations, and as one of the officers of the Munroe Falls Paper Company he is widely and favorably known in northeastern Ohio. He was born in New Philadelphia, Tuscarawas county, this state, a son of John B. and Anna (Sherrick) Senn, who were natives of Switzerland, in which country the father was employed as a coal miner. Prior to the Civil war he came to the United States. He enlisted in the One Hundred and Fifty-first Regiment of Ohio Volunteer Infantry and sacrificed his life for the Union, passing away in 1862. His family continued to live on the home farm in Tuscarawas county until about 1868, when Mrs. Senn removed to Massillon, Ohio, with her four children, and there resided until her death. Her son, John B. Senn, Jr., and a daughter, Mrs. Caroline Dulabahn, still live in Massillon, and the other daughter, Mrs. Louise Brahm, makes her home in Los Angeles, California.

Charles Senn attended the public schools of Massillon, Ohio, and when a boy of twelve years obtained work in the plant of a local paper company. At the age of eighteen he left home and was afterward employed in various paper mills, eventually mas-

tering the technicalities of the industry. His ability and trustworthiness were rewarded by promotions, and in 1889 he came to Munroe Falls to take charge of the plant of the Cleveland Paper Company. In 1899 the Munroe Falls Paper Company was incorporated with John Silk as president; Charles Silk as vice president; F. B. Silk as secretary and treasurer; and Charles Senn as superintendent. As a result of the personal supervision of Mr. Senn the output was increased and business connections favorable to the company were established. The capacity of the plant has been increased from time to time until this has become one of the largest and best equipped paper mills in Ohio. The present officers of the company are: C. B. Silk, president; Charles Senn, vice president; F. B. Silk, secretary and treasurer; and A. C. Fischer, assistant secretary and treasurer. The output of the mill includes wrapping paper, chip-board, deadening felt and carpet lining. Years of practical experience and intensive study have made Mr. Senn an authority on the subject of paper manufacture, and he is also a keen judge of men. He was a director of the Wadsworth Core Equipment Company of Akron for about twelve years.

Mr. Senn was married at Massilon in September, 1884, to Miss Mary Elizabeth Dixon, a daughter of Andrew and Margaret Dixon. Mrs. Senn presided with grace and dignity over her home and was prominent in church and social affairs. She was the possessor of many admirable qualities and her death in 1924 brought deep sorrow to her family and friends. To Mr. and Mrs. Senn were born four children: Hazel, who married Claude Kepler and died December 24, 1908, leaving a daughter Margaret, now living with Mr. and Mrs. Senn; Ada, who married James Adcock and died September 25, 1912, leaving a daughter, Isabelle; Maud, who died May 7, 1917; and Karl, living at Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, who married Leona Wallsmith and has a son, Richard. On October 25, 1925, Mr. Senn married Mrs. Caroline Adcock, who has one grandchild, Isabella Adcock, mentioned above. By her former marriage Mrs. Senn had a son, James Adcock, now deceased, who married Ada Senn, daughter of Mr. Senn by his first wife. Isabelle resides with Mr. and Mrs. Senn, whose home, with the two granddaughters in the family circle, is charming and complete.

Mr. Senn is a Methodist and an earnest worker in behalf of the church, serving as trustee and steward. Along fraternal lines he is connected with the Knights of Pythias, belonging to

Pavonia Lodge, No. 301, and is nonpartisan in politics. As a citizen he is loyal and public-spirited and served as township trustee from 1914 until 1918. For about twelve years he served on the special school board of Munroe Falls. His demeanor is marked by that instinctive courtesy which is the outward expression of a generous, kindly nature, and he is accorded the respect which the world ever yields to the honorable, self-made man.

HENRY EVAN WILLIAMS

It was recognition of superior talent that made Henry Evan Williams known as "America's greatest tenor and the world's greatest lyric tenor." In almost every section of the globe his magnificent voice gave pleasure to thousands of hearers and at all times he used his gift of song for the benefit and pleasure of his fellowmen, little regarding the pecuniary returns that it brought him. Akron has had many notable captains of industry but has had only one Evan Williams, and he, more than all others, has made Akron known to the world. His birth occurred at Mineral Ridge, Ohio, September 7, 1867, his parents being David and Gwendolyn (Harris) Williams. He attended the schools of Summit county and at the age of eighteen years began working in the shops of Webster, Camp & Lane, there learning the machinist's trade. As a child he sang in all local entertainments, none being regarded complete without his name appearing on the program. But it was not until after he attained his majority that he had the opportunity to cultivate his great talent. He was a youth of seventeen when he sang at a Welsh eisteddfod in Akron. Among his auditors on that occasion was Mrs. Henry Perkins, who immediately recognized his great gift and encouraged him to begin voice culture. He continued to work at the machinist's trade through the week, singing on Sundays in the Methodist church choir. When he was twenty years of age he was married on the 18th of October, 1887, at Thomastown, Ohio, to Miss Margaret Jane Morgan, and to his wife, more than to any other one person, Mr. Williams owed his success, for she shared with him uncomplainingly in all of the hardships and the sacrifices which it was necessary to make in order to secure his musical education and at all times she was his inspiration. He was about twenty-two years of age



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when Madame Louise Von Feilitzsch, a vocal teacher of Cleveland, heard him sing and induced him to go to Cleveland to study. She instructed him for four years and on the expiration of that period he went to New York city, where he continued his studies under James Savage, one of the most famous vocal teachers of that period. While thus pursuing his own musical education he sang as soloist in All Angels church for a number of years and afterward in the Marble Collegiate church on Fifth avenue in New York, at which time he was the highest paid church singer in the world. During all this period his services were in such constant demand in the concert field that in order to keep his concert engagements he was obliged eventually to give up his church work. His first outstanding success—that which really brought him world fame—came when he appeared in connection with the Worcester (Massachusetts) festival. For twenty-seven years he was before the public as the leading American tenor, singing in oratorios and concerts, being widely regarded as the world's greatest oratorio singer. He sang with all the notable orchestras of America and of England and was in constant demand on both continents. He lived in London for three years, but he always regarded Akron as his home, and it is remarkable that his fellow townsmen never heard "their own Evan Williams" sing with a great orchestra, yet his last public appearance was when he gave a concert in Akron.

On one occasion, when he landed in England, Landen Rolland, conductor of the great London Orchestra, was at the dock and there played the "Star Spangled Banner" as a welcoming salute to Mr. Williams. At that time he toured England, Scotland and Ireland, singing in ten of the great musical festivals, and he also sang in many notable festivals in Wales, which was the home of his ancestors. He possessed the most beautiful lyric voice the world has ever known and no one was ever more generous in giving of his talent to his audiences. Moreover, he was the first entertainer to offer his services for the entertainment of the soldiers during the World war, and notwithstanding he was booked for more than one hundred recitals, he sang for the soldiers in every cantonment to which he was sent. In fact it was his too great generosity in this regard that caused his demise. He placed too great a strain upon himself in meeting the appointments for musical entertainments for the soldiers, added to the strain which he felt in having two of his own sons in the service.

All through the years Mrs. Williams had shared with him in his struggles, his privations, his hardships of the earlier years, his notable triumphs and successes of later life. Mrs. Williams is a daughter of Levi and Anne (Williams) Morgan and is the mother of four children: Thomas Vernon, who married Alberta Price and has one daughter, Margaret Bernett; Edgar Morgan, who wedded Grace Dick and who has two daughters, Adrienne and Marmian; H. Evan Williams, Jr., who married Miss Fredda Slater and has a son, H. Evans (III); and Gwendolyn Anne.

Mr. Williams held membership in the First Baptist church of Akron and was a Knight Templar Mason and Shriner. His last appearance at the Cincinnati festival was in 1918. A few days later he gave a recital in the armory at Akron, and this was his last public appearance. He died May 24, 1918, when at the zenith of his powers. He had made the world richer and better through the exercise of his wonderful talent and he had the adulation of an admiring and appreciative audience wherever he went. A whole world mourned his death, cablegrams and telegrams being received from the lowly and the great from all sections of the globe. In 1908 he was requested to drill the Tuesday Musical Club chorus of Akron for the purpose of competing at the Welsh eistedfodd held at Canton, Ohio, that year and through his superb leadership won the first prize of six hundred and fifty dollars for the club. At his passing the Beacon-Journal said editorially: "Akron could easier have spared half a dozen millionaires than Evan Williams, for no half dozen men could have done more for the people of the nation than he. That wonderful voice is stilled. That wonderful buoyant spirit has gone. But in another sense and a very true sense the voice and the spirit that actuated it and governed it will still spread happiness and comfort and helpfulness throughout the world on down through the years wherever the genius of modern invention has reached and will reach. Evan Williams will live in the homes of the people and the hearts of the people, calling to those finer things of the spirit, comforting against the buffeting of the world and of fate, inspiring to the finer things of life. A lovable genius, Evan Williams could not help singing any more than a bird. It was self expression. That his singing gave pleasure to others was a source of great pleasure to him; that it brought material comfort and the good things of the world to his door was only incidental. He felt the world was good to him. It had heaped honors on him, had crowded to hear him, had applauded

him and brought him wealth and fame. He felt the world placed him under an obligation. But the obligation was all the other way and can never be repaid. The services he rendered are beyond computation and are incapable of measurement by our human standards of measurement. His career was one of the great romances of music, for starting life without any advantages, he made for himself a conspicuous place in musical circles and became known as the world's greatest lyric tenor."

Mr. Williams was laid to rest in East Akron cemetery and on his monument appears this beautiful inscription:

"God drew near to his children through
The singing heart of Evan Williams.
A world that laughs and loves and sings
Has enshrined the memory of this
Gentle soul whose song restored
And brightened the deep places."

JOSEPH RUDICK

Courageously battling against adversity, Joseph Rudick has risen superior to circumstances, bending them to his will, and his well developed powers and tireless efforts have placed him with Akron's leading merchants. In his struggle for an existence he was forced to undergo many hardships and privations and is deserving of great credit for what he has accomplished. A native of Roumania, he was born May 15, 1886, and his parents, Leib and Rita (Kohn) Rudick, were also natives of that country. The father had a large vineyard and engaged in making wine on an extensive scale, eventually acquiring great wealth. Being of a philanthropic turn of mind, he assisted his less fortunate neighbors and kinsmen and finally financed a movement which resulted in the establishment of fifteen Roumanian families in Palestine. There he continued his business activities successfully until the district was invaded by a horde of murderous Arabs, whose depredations reduced the families of the little colony to poverty and want. Illness and misfortune deprived the father of his reason, and he was taken back to his native land and cared for by those who had been the recipient of his benefactions. Conditions brought about by the World war reduced the members of the Rudick family to actual starvation, which caused the death

of this generous, unselfish and noble man who had been the staunch friend of the poor and downtrodden, and a year later his wife passed away.

Joseph Rudick was educated in the schools of Moinesti, Roumania, and afterward filled various positions. In 1907, when a young man of twenty-one, he came to the United States in the hope of bettering his fortunes and arrived in New York city almost penniless. For six months he was without steady work and luck seemed to have deserted him. Owing to his ignorance of the English language he was greatly handicapped and as quickly as he secured a position which he hoped to retain he was discharged. Having no money to pay for a night's lodging, he sought shelter in a doorway during a snow storm but a burly policeman came along and struck him over the shins with his club, so he was again forced to face the elements. He tramped through the blinding storm to Brooklyn and there was offered a place of refuge by a kindly disposed family, in whose home he remained until his departure for the west. Following the advice of his parents, he wrote to friends in Spokane, Washington, who forwarded him sufficient funds for the trip, and on his arrival he found a position awaiting him in their store. Mr. Rudick was thus employed for a year and managed to save seventy-five dollars, which he decided to invest in a business of his own, forming a partnership with a New York friend who had also journeyed to Spokane. With a combined capital of one hundred and fifty dollars they rented a store room and opened a second-hand clothing establishment. Having no stock, they placed their own street clothes on the racks to attract trade and finally secured a few garments, which were renovated and sold. At the end of three months they were doing a thriving business, and when his partner was called back to the east Mr. Rudick divided the assets, which amounted to seven hundred and fifty dollars, the partner's share being three hundred and seventy-five dollars. Mr. Rudick conducted the store alone from 1909 until 1911, when he sold the business and went to the oil fields of upper Canada. Locating in Prince Rupert, he devoted his attention to the buying and selling of oil leases and was thus engaged until 1913. He then removed to Edmonton, Canada, and became a dealer in musical instruments. For three years he prospered but after the outbreak of the World war in 1914 the music business in Canada was at a standstill and he sold what remained of his stock.

Mr. Rudick decided to locate in Akron and a small store with a fourteen-foot front at No. 27 South Main street was the site of his first venture in the Rubber city. This establishment, known as the Popular Music Store, he conducted for two years and resolved not to renew the lease, believing that he could do better elsewhere. For nine months he traveled throughout the middle west, visiting every city of importance, but none offered the future that Akron did, so in 1917 he returned to this locality. Temporary quarters were established in a small structure on South Main street near the home of the Young Men's Christian Association and three months later he made his most important business venture, opening a new store at Main and Market streets. Five years of successful business at that location terminated when his lease again expired and his next removal was to No. 194 South Main street. It was at this location that he started a credit business in connection with an extensive advertising campaign. The policy to which he attributes his success has been truthful advertising and a square deal to every customer. Owing to the rapid expansion of his trade Mr. Rudick found these accommodations inadequate and moved to No. 143 South Main street, where he now conducts one of the largest and most modern combination music and jewelry stores in the state of Ohio. Without compare in all the city, this is an establishment of perfect appointments and faultless service. Mr. Rudick handles a class of musical merchandise that has been tested throughout the world as standard for professionals. He carries a complete line of Buescher saxophones, trumpets, trombones and French horns, the Ballard horns, euphoniums, etc., and in fact all instruments required by orchestras or for special uses. In addition he handles sheet music, phonographs, radios, high class jewelry and precious stones. His fourteen employees are capable salesmen, each being assigned to the department of which he is an experienced head, and the establishment has an air of distinction in personal service as well as in merchandise. Mr. Rudick is sole owner of the business, which mirrors his administrative power, his progressive spirit and high commercial standards. He has created an institution which is a notable center of service in the everyday life of the community and a decided asset to Akron.

Mr. Rudick was married January 1, 1921, in Cleveland, Ohio, to Miss Leah Rosenblum, a daughter of Gus Rosenblum, of Alli-

ance. Rita Louise, the only child of this union, was born March 3, 1922, in Akron and is attending the Old Trail school.

Mr. Rudick is a member of the Akron Better Business Bureau, the Chamber of Commerce, the Automobile Club, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. Strong and purposeful, his efforts have been directed along steadily broadening lines of greater usefulness, and fortunate indeed is the city that can point to such men as her exemplars. His residence is at 134 Elmdale avenue.

RENO FRANKLIN DUTT

Reno Franklin Dutt was actively and prominently identified with manufacturing interests and thus contributed to Akron's upbuilding, becoming a leading figure in the life of the community. Besides this there were qualities which endeared him to all who knew him, for he was ever considerate of others and was extremely devoted to the welfare and happiness of his family. His birth occurred in Marshallville, Ohio, December 17, 1882, his parents being Cortland and Eliza (Delph) Dutt, who had eight children: Samuel; Mrs. John Le Viere; Mrs. Eugene Fite; William, now deceased; Anna, also deceased; Reuben, who died in early life; Reno F.; and Robert. The father, a blacksmith by trade, removed with his family to Akron in 1886, establishing his home at Hill and James streets.

Reno F. Dutt was at that time but four years of age, so that he pursued his education in Akron, attending the Jennings school and the Central high school. He started out in the business world in the employ of his brother, William Dutt, who was proprietor of a drug store on East Exchange street. Later he secured a situation with the Goodyear Company and afterward was identified with the Goodrich Company, working in both the office and in the factory. He afterward became connected with the Union Rubber Company, now the M. F. Murdock Company, owners of a wholesale and retail rubber supply house, with which he remained as a salesman upon the road and as an office employe until 1912, when he established business on his own account under the name of the Manufacturers Rubber & Supply Company, of which he was treasurer and manager. This firm does a jobbing business, handling mechanical rubber goods, mill sup-



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plies, leather belting, electric motors, soaps, greases, asbestos goods, fire equipment, Mazda lamps, the Alemite lubricating system, automobile tires, automobile accessories, Wright chain hoists, J. M. steam traps and Johns-Manville packings, their business being conducted at 103 South Howard street. They also carried a line of electrical goods, including washing machines, ironing machines, toasters and all electrical household articles. Mr. Dutt was also a stockholder in the Duncan Oil Syndicate and his business affairs were always wisely, carefully and successfully conducted.

On the 27th of November, 1907, in Akron, Mr. Dutt was married to Miss Frances A. Kelley, a daughter of Michael and Mary (Brennan) Kelley. They became parents of two sons, Arthur Reno and Robert Francis.

Mr. Dutt was a member of St. Vincent's Catholic church and fraternally he was connected with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Loyal Order of Moose and the Commercial Travelers. In politics he was a republican where national issues were involved but at local elections considered only the capability of the candidate, regardless of party ties. Mr. Dutt greatly enjoyed hunting and fishing, indulging in those sports when able to put aside business cares. He was strictly a home man, loving his home and finding in it all the entertainment necessary. He was charitable, good-hearted, a great entertainer and an interesting talker, well read on many subjects. He made pals of his boys and such was his worth of character that he was beloved by all who knew him. He sought continually to uplift and to stimulate others toward the better things of life. He was a man of charming personality and many years will have been added to the cycle of the centuries before Reno Franklin Dutt is forgotten in Akron. He died February 26, 1928, when in the forty-sixth year of his age.

ALMON DAVENPORT LYMAN

Starting in a lowly capacity, Almon Davenport Lyman has risen steadily in business circles of Akron because of his industry, ability and devotion to duty. He was born in Fayette, Iowa, November 11, 1879, a son of Charles A. Lyman, who was a native of Newton Falls, Ohio, born in February, 1842. The grandfather, Elijah Lyman, was born February 6, 1808, and was thrice

married. His first wife was Laretta Freeman, to whom he was married in 1837. After her death he married Hannah Bingham, and his third union was with Mrs. Musgrove, a sister of Laretta (Freeman) Lyman. By his first wife Elijah Lyman had three children: Sarah M., who became the wife of O. S. Treat in February, 1861; George F., who married Lizzie F. Lane in December, 1870; and Charles A. To the second marriage was born a son, Alfred E.

Charles A. Lyman enlisted in the Union army and toward the close of the Civil war was designated for guard duty at the White House in Washington, D. C. In December, 1871, he married Miss Millie Webb, who was born October 31, 1843, and for a number of years they made their home in Iowa. Subsequently they came to Ohio and during the latter part of his life Charles A. Lyman was connected with the John I. Wolf Dry Goods Company of Akron. On the 9th of February, 1915, he was called to his final rest, and the demise of his wife occurred on the 28th of May, 1908. They had three sons and a daughter: George, now deceased; John Walton, whose widow, Mrs. Nellie (Dague) Lyman, is residing in Akron; and Almon Davenport; and Grace L. Stewart, of New Rochelle, New York.

Almon D. Lyman received his early instruction in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and was a boy of nine when the family located in Akron. His education was completed in the public schools of this city and in 1897 he began his business career as an office boy for the B. F. Goodrich Company of Akron. He worked his way through the various departments, acquiring a detailed knowledge of the rubber industry, and was steadily promoted. For twenty-five years he remained in the employ of that corporation, and at the time of his resignation in 1924 was assistant manager of the service department, a position of large responsibility. In the spring of 1926 he became a dealer in coal and other fuel but sold the business to his partner in June, 1928, and is now connected with the United States Specialties Corporation of Chicago.

Mr. Lyman was married September 16, 1916, in Cleveland, Ohio, to Miss Mary Elizabeth Sheehy, a daughter of Edmund Thomas and Mary Ann (Lynch) Sheehy. Her father was born in Canada and his forbears were natives of Ireland. During his childhood the family journeyed to Zanesville, Ohio, and later they established their home in Akron, where he lived for more than a half century. As a manufacturer of brick and tile Mr. Sheehy contributed toward the industrial progress of the city

and now resides on his farm near Moscow, Ohio. In Findlay, Ohio, he married Mary A. Lynch, a native of New York city, and their family numbers three children: Maurice W., who lives in Miami, Florida; Mrs. Edna Stephens, a resident of Detroit, Michigan; and Mrs. Mary E. Lyman. Mr. and Mrs. Lyman have a son, Almon Davenport Lyman, Jr., born August 9, 1921.

In the winter of 1927 Mr. and Mrs. Lyman became residents of Tallmadge and their attractive home at No. 129 Kent road is a center of the social life of the community. Mr. Lyman is a member of the East Akron Board of Trade and a business man of high standing, while his personal qualities are such as make for strong and lasting friendship.

AXEL L. SANDBERG

Being a man of strong purpose, determined will and tireless energy, Axel L. Sandberg has made his own way in the world, and a large commercial institution, situated in Akron and devoted to the manufacture of ice cream, is the visible result of his well directed labors. He was born in Houtsdale, Pennsylvania, September 26, 1882, his parents being Andrew and Engabore Sandberg, natives of Sweden. Leaving that country in their youth, they sought the opportunities of the United States and established their home in Pennsylvania. The father was a baker and engaged in that business for many years. He remained in Pennsylvania until his death, which occurred in 1926, when he was eighty-six years of age, and the mother passed away in 1902. They are survived by six children: George, who lives in Akron; Mrs. Alma Gabreilson, of Patton, Pennsylvania; Mrs. Elva Little, whose home is also in Patton; Mrs. Sophie Callahan and Miss Agnes Sandberg, of Philadelphia; and Axel L.

The last named attended the public schools of Houtsville and at an early age became a wage earner, working as a miner in the coal mines. His best efforts were given to each task assigned him and he was steadily advanced, eventually becoming superintendent. For twenty-three years he was connected with mining operations in Pennsylvania, acquiring a thorough knowledge of the coal industry, and then he ventured in business for himself. Locating in Barnesboro, Pennsylvania, he opened a general store, of which he was the proprietor for eleven years, and succeeded far beyond his expectations. His capital was invested in a coal

mine and he established a yard and office in Barnesboro, where he remained until 1920, becoming recognized as one of its successful coal operators. In that year he came to Akron and began the manufacture of ice cream, starting on a small scale. He now has about thirty employes, and his plant, at No. 227 Beaver street, is modern and sanitary. In purity and excellence the product is equal to the best on the market, and the demand for the output of the factory is constantly increasing. The business is operated under the style of the Waldorf Ice Cream Company, of which Mr. Sandberg is secretary, treasurer and general manager. This is a wholesale industry and in its management he displays keen sagacity and the foresight and decisiveness of the true executive.

Mr. Sandberg was married September 26, 1906, to Miss Esther Johnson, of Patton, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Ernest Johnson, and they have become the parents of five children: Eleanor, who was born in 1907 and after her graduation entered the Ohio State University, which she is now attending; Lorraine Alexander, who was born in 1910 and is a cadet at the Staunton Military Academy; Iona, who was born in 1911 and is a student in the West high school of Akron; Betty, born in 1918 and a pupil in the Rankin grammar school and Robert Leonard. All of the children are natives of Barnesboro except the youngest, who was born in Akron.

Mr. Sandberg is identified with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Young Men's Christian Association, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Fairlawn Country, Optimist and Automobile Clubs. In politics he is a republican, and his religious views are indicated by his affiliation with the West Congregational church. His life has been well spent, and his genuine worth is attested by all who have been brought within the sphere of his influence. His residence is at 1158 Sunset View drive.

THOMAS A. SWEET

Thomas A. Sweet is now at the head of the large Kaase baking and restaurant business which is a decided asset to Akron, and his operations also extend to other cities of Ohio. A native of Trilligga, England, he was born April 20, 1884, and was but four years old when his parents, William and Amelia Ann (Paul) Sweet, sailed for the United States. They established their home

in Cleveland, Ohio, and the father obtained work as a machinist. Of the six children in their family, three are now living: Percy Sweet and Mrs. Beatrice Couch, residents of Cleveland; and Thomas A. Sweet.

The last named attended the public schools of the Forest city and his early business training was in the grocery business. He later became a traveling salesman for the Washburn-Crosby Company. In order to secure an education he pursued his studies in a night school and his connection with the baking business began as salesmanager with the Ward Baking Company with which he remained for twelve years. During that period he was steadily promoted, finally becoming manager. For five years he was manager and member of the board of directors of the Star Baking Company, and then decided that the time was ripe for an independent venture. It had long been his ambition to furnish a product superior to any on the market and when the famous Kaase bakery at Akron became involved in financial difficulties he took advantage of the opportunity to purchase the business and the right to use the name and script. On August 1, 1925, he purchased the control of the Kaase Company of Akron and since that time has added other stores, selling, exclusively the Kaase bread and pastry, which are unexcelled in purity and excellence. The corporation now has a chain of nine Kaase Pastry Shoppes, operating one in Canton, another in Massillon and one in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, while the others are situated in Akron. Mr. Sweet is president and treasurer of the Kaase Company and also of the Kaase Restaurant Company, displaying notable foresight and executive ability in the conduct of the business, which has made remarkable strides during the three years of his management. The fine restaurant at No. 53 Mill street is one of the high class and most popular dining places in Akron. Scientifically based upon inflexible economic rules, the food offered to patrons of these establishments is always appetizing and delicious, and the service leaves nothing to be desired.

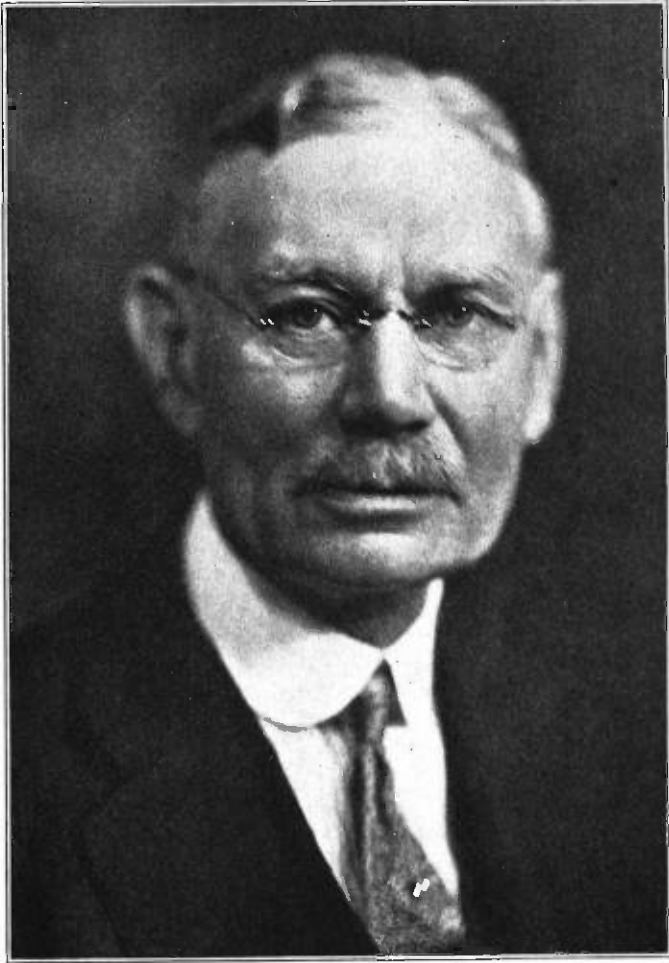
Mr. Sweet was married March 31, 1914, in Cleveland, Ohio, to Miss May E. Finch, a daughter of John Finch, who is a locomotive engineer in the employ of the Erie Railroad Company. Mr. Sweet is a thirty-second degree Mason and a Shriner. He is a member of the Silver Lake Country Club, the Chamber of Commerce, the Akron Automobile Association, the National Bakers Association and the National Association of Restaurant Owners. In religious faith he is a Congregationalist. He lends the weight

of his support to all worthy public projects and is one of Akron's useful and valuable citizens. Mr. Sweet has a pleasing personality and is esteemed for the qualities to which he owes his success.

HARRY PATRICK CAHILL

In the life record of Harry Patrick Cahill there is much that may be profitably scanned, for in his career he exhibited traits of character that brought him not only substantial success but also that good name which is rather to be chosen than great riches. He was born in Independence, Ohio, October 22, 1854, a son of Cornelius Cahill, and he pursued his education in St. John's school in Cleveland. When eighteen years of age he began learning the plumber's trade in that city and from that time forward he made steady progress in his business, owing to his close application, his persistent industry and his unfaltering enterprise. For fifty-three years he was continuously associated with the plumbing and heating business and through thirty-eight years of that period was actively identified with the commercial interests of Akron, where he carried on his business under the firm style of The H. P. Cahill Plumbing Company. It was his excellence as a craftsman that brought him to Akron in 1889, the firm of Morgan & Hill offering him the position of foreman. Within two years he had purchased the interests of both partners and was sole proprietor of the business. From that time forward important contracts were awarded him and his patronage steadily grew and developed until his trade made him one of the men of affluence in the city. To him was accorded the contract for the plumbing work in the palatial residence of Colonel A. L. Conger in 1890, rated at that time as one of the largest jobs in the state. He continued active in the direction and management of the business up to the time of the accident which terminated his life on June 12, 1927.

On the 1st of May, 1883, in St. John's cathedral in Cleveland, Mr. Cahill was united in marriage to Miss Louisa M. Otto, daughter of John and Margaret (Wichter) Otto. They became the parents of nine children, namely: Charlotte Louise; Gertrude Elizabeth, who is deceased; Walter Henry, who married Gertrude Mary McShaffrey and has six children—Janice Louise, Marjorie Jane, Gertrude Mary, Walter Henry, Jr., Mary Eliza-



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beth and Louise Mary (twins); Paul Ambrose, who married Ethel Ruscher and has three children—Eleanor Louise, Jean Marie and Martin Paul; George Frederick; Harry Cornelius, who wedded Anna Marie Rodden; Carl Joseph; John Otto, who married Frances I. Becker and has a daughter, Jane Frances; and Louis James.

Five of the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Cahill were in the World war, a brief record of their service being as follows: Paul A. enlisted June 30, 1917, as a private and was sent to Reserve Mallett Camp Dommiers and Longpont, France. He became an ammunitions truck driver; was in the Battle Aisne in August, 1917, and the offensive at Chemin des Dames in October, 1917, and was honorably discharged November 9, 1917, at Paris, France. George F. enlisted September 6, 1917, as a private and was sent to Camp Sherman. He was overseas from June 8, 1918, to April 15, 1919, and was discharged May 2, 1919, as sergeant. He participated in an engagement in the Vorago sector, Italy, the Battle Vitorio Veneto and the Tagliamento River. Carl J. entered the army August 3, 1918, as a private in the signal corps. He was first at the Ray Army school, Kansas City, Missouri, and later at Camp Leavenworth, was sent overseas November 8, 1918, and remained there until March 9, 1919, being honorably discharged as corporal March 29, 1919. John O. entered the United States Army October 3, 1918, as a private in the Coast Heavy Artillery and was discharged from service February 6, 1919, as a second lieutenant. He was a reserve officer in the coast artillery corps at Fort Monroe, Virginia. Harry C. also enlisted in the United States Army February 4, 1918, as a private in the signal corps at Ft. Slocum, New York; later was transferred to Kelley Field, Texas, and to Dayton, Ohio. He was discharged from the service March 3, 1919, as a sergeant of aviator corps.

Mr. Cahill was a member of St. Vincent's Catholic church and a fourth degree member of the Knights of Columbus. He also belonged to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, to the Rotary Club, to the Akron City Club and the Lakemore Gun Club. At one time he served as president of the Builders Exchange and he was likewise president of the local and state bodies of the Master Plumbers Association. At his demise the *Akrotarian* wrote of him: "Harry P. Cahill, affectionately known as 'Cal' and as 'Pop' is gone. To his family and his friends, the end came suddenly. But perhaps Cal would have

wished it just this way, to go full speed up to the tape, with full vigor of life and breadth of interests, rather than to see life taper out and dwindle away little by little. Cal Cahill was a good citizen. He got a lot out of life, just as he put a lot in. Whatever he did he did whole-heartedly and well. He had come to Akron as a young man, with little in his favor, and had built up a substantial and honorable place for himself in the business life of his community. He reared an old-fashioned family of nine children, seven of them boys, the largest family in the Rotary circle. His hard common sense and his energy and his friendly impulses made him a valuable member of any circle he entered. The tasks he drew in Rotary he filled, cheerfully and in good spirit. The tasks he drew as a citizen he met in the same fashion. He was particularly interested in boys. As a farm boy himself (he was born near Independence in 1854), he realized the value of a strong body, and realized as well that the life of an industrial city wasn't just the atmosphere to raise strong boys and girls, unless we did something as a city, to supplement the ordinary environment which surrounded them. Consequently he was active in support of amateur athletics and clean sport for the young folk. Cal Cahill would have been seventy-three years old had he lived until fall. You would never have taken him, however, for the fabled three score and ten. He wasn't an old man. A good foundation as a boy, good habits as a man, and an active and interested mind had kept him young. His passing is a real loss to the community—and to Rotary." He was ever an advocate of clean sports, was manager of a plumbers' baseball team, and he found diversion in shooting clay pigeons. He encouraged clean sport and fair methods among the children that he knew and in 1923, when the first Times-Press marble tournament was held, Mr. Cahill saw it as a wonderful means of instilling into youngsters the high ideals of the real sportsman. He thought it a great recreation and the means of spirited contests, and so he gave his time to its promotion. He conducted classes of marble-shooting and many times was to be seen on his hands and knees, showing the boys how to "knuckle down." His influence in this regard cannot be over-rated, as it gave to the boys a sense of the real value of honesty and square dealing in sports and developed in them habits which will go with them through life. At his passing the Beacon Journal said: "In his demise, Akron loses a citizen who had been an asset to it. A man of energy and acumen, H. P. Cahill represented the type

of business man to whom any community owes most. He was a skilled artisan and a born executive, yet he did not allow his work to usurp his entire life. He was fond of the society of his fellowmen and a lover of manly sports." The life of H. P. Cahill might be summed up in the words that he was a capable and successful business man, a devoted husband and father, a friend who was loyal and true, and that he enjoyed the love and respect of all his associates.

PETER D. KATZENMEYER

Directing his energies into constructive channels, Peter D. Katzenmeyer has steadily progressed as he has demonstrated his ability and worth and fills an important position in business circles of Tallmadge. He was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, June 1, 1873, a son of Peter and Margaret (Bickle) Katzenmeyer, who were natives of Germany. They came to America in their youth and resided in Pennsylvania for a time. In 1873 they migrated to Ohio, settling in Summit county, and spent the remainder of their lives within its borders.

Peter D. Katzenmeyer was reared on the homestead and received a common school education. He aided his father in developing the family home but decided that he was not adapted to agricultural pursuits and became a carpenter's apprentice. Later he learned the millwright's trade, which he chose as his life work, and has been intimately associated with building operations in northeastern Ohio. He is now connected with the United States Stoneware Manufacturing Company, which has a large plant in Tallmadge, and renders to the corporation the services of an expert, doing all in his power to promote its interests.

Mr. Katzenmeyer was married November 28, 1894, in Tallmadge to Miss Mary J. Traister, who was born in Suffield, Ohio, and they became the parents of two children: Herbert, who married Miss Margaret Orr, of Tallmadge, and lives on the home farm; and Vernon, who was killed by a train. Mr. Katzenmeyer's second union was with Mrs. Mabel E. Denning, to whom he was married February 18, 1925, in Tallmadge. Her father, John Henry Thomas, was born in Tallmadge and died in 1899. Her mother, Margaret E. (Colloum) Thomas, was a native of Pennsylvania, where she lived until twelve years of age and then moved to what is now the J. C. Lunaman farm. She taught

school before being married. She passed away in 1889. Their daughter Mabel first married Bert Orr, who died in 1903, leaving two children: Margaret E., who became the wife of Herbert Katzenmeyer; and John Emmett Orr, who married Rosarah Thomas, of Tennessee. Later Mrs. Mabel E. Orr became the wife of Joseph Denning, who died in 1918 as the result of injuries received in an automobile accident. To this union was born a son, William Joseph Denning, who is a student.

Mr. and Mrs. Katzenmeyer are zealous members of the Tallmadge Methodist Episcopal church, and both are teachers in its Sunday school. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and along fraternal lines he is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America. He has advanced through the medium of his own efforts and an industrious, upright life of quiet devotion to duty has won for him a secure place in the esteem of his fellowmen.

REV. W. HENRY MORTON

As pastor of the Congregational church, the Rev. W. Henry Morton exerts a strong force for moral and religious progress in Tallmadge, and the uniform success which has attended his labors in this country and abroad proves that he has chosen the vocation best suited to his talents. He is a native of England and his parents, William and Rebecca Lucretia (Morris) Morton, were lifelong residents of that country. Their home was in London, and the father was employed in the custom house for many years. He passed away in 1902 and had long survived the mother, whose demise occurred in 1882.

W. Henry Morton was graduated from Birkbeck College of London in 1880 and three years later came to the United States. From 1886 until 1892 he was in the employ of the Century Publishing Company of New York city and in 1892 matriculated in Oberlin College of Ohio, from which he was graduated in 1894 on the completion of a theological course. On the 17th of May, 1894, he was ordained at Unionville, Ohio, and had charge of the Congregational church of that place for four years. In 1901 he returned to England and accepted a call to the South Norwood church in London, remaining there for ten years. On the expiration of that period he went to Manchester, England, and for ten years was minister of the Roby Congregational church of that

city. His efforts were resultant both in temporal and spiritual advancement, and each of these parishes built fine new churches during his pastorate. In 1921 he sailed for America and after a short stay in Williamsfield, Ohio, was called to Tallmadge, where he has since resided. Under his able guidance the numerical and financial strength of the church has been materially augmented, and a strong bond of sympathy exists between pastor and people. He has had a wide and varied experience as a minister of the gospel and served his native country throughout the period of the World war, acting as chaplain to the military hospitals.

Mr. Morton was married May 4, 1887, in New York city to Miss Effie W. Jay, a native of Ohio, and a descendant of Chief Justice John Jay. Her father, Samuel Wilson Jay, was a native of Pennsylvania and died in Toledo, Ohio, in 1894. His wife, Olivia (Harple) Jay, a descendant of an old Huguenot family, was born in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, and passed away in 1876. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Morton were six children, one of whom, a son, died in infancy. The eldest daughter, Mrs. Olivia Woodfin, lives in Oldham, England, and has two children, William G. and Dennis. Scott Gladstone Morton, the next in order of birth, enlisted in the British army, becoming a second lieutenant in the Nineteenth Manchester Regiment. He was stationed in France and Belgium and was killed July 31, 1917, in the battle of Ypres, one of the first engagements on the Hindenburg line. Margaret, the second daughter, is the wife of Major W. L. Carbine, now stationed at Fort Bayard, New Mexico, and they are the parents of a son, Roy G. Mrs. Lillian Thompson, the fifth in order of birth, resides in Toledo, Ohio. Roy Hardy Morton, who completes the family, is married and also lives in Toledo.

In 1888 Mr. Morton became a citizen of the United States and retained his citizenship during the nineteen years he resided in England. During the World war his wife took an active part in caring for the soldiers of the United States in England, being a canteen worker, and in other ways showing her loyalty to this country and her interest in the men. Mrs. Morton takes a deep interest in church work and is chaplain to the Summit County Gold Star Mothers. She is devoted to her family and has a keen sense of life's duties and responsibilities. For thirty-four years Rev. Morton has been a zealous and untiring worker in a calling which is recognized as one of the noblest occupations of man, and his labors have been effective and resultant factors in promoting

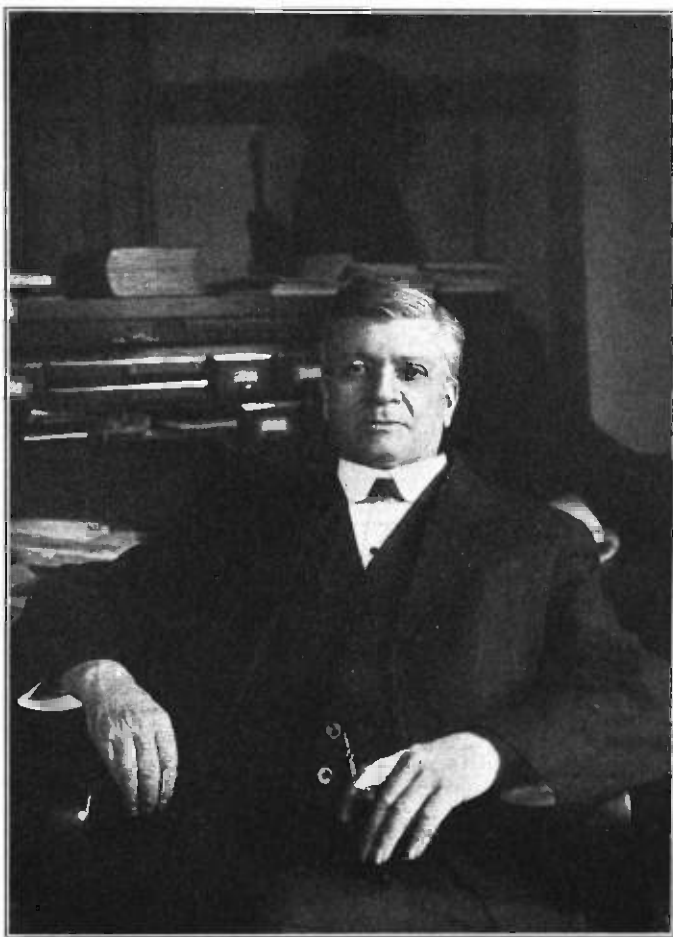
the spiritual welfare of those who have come under his guidance. His sincerity, earnestness and ability are well known, and his friends are drawn from all walks of life.

FRANK WADE ROCKWELL

In all the history of Akron there is perhaps no other man who has stood more fearlessly for principle and for what he believed to be right than did Frank Wade Rockwell and his fellow townsmen manifested their confidence in him by twice electing him mayor of the city and retaining him for many years as a member of the board of education. There are those who differed from him in opinion, but none ever questioned the integrity of his word or of his motives, and it has been said that "an honest man is the noblest work of God."

Frank Wade Rockwell was born at Franklin Mills, Portage county, Ohio, October 31, 1851, a son of Marshall Muratt and Sarah (Pendleton) Rockwell. The father was born in Ashtabula county, Ohio, July 15, 1826, and was a son of Harvey Rockwell, a native of New England, who became a pioneer of the Western Reserve. The mother of F. W. Rockwell was born in Stow township, Summit county, Ohio, September 15, 1828, and was a daughter of Ward Pendleton, who also came from New England to this state and cast in his lot with the early settlers of Summit county. His daughter, Mrs. Rockwell, passed away in Akron, January 31, 1885, while her husband, Marshall M. Rockwell, survived until May 20, 1899, his death occurring in Ionia, Michigan.

When Frank W. Rockwell was a lad of seven summers his parents removed to Worth county, Missouri, and were there living at the time of the outbreak of the Civil war, when they went temporarily to Fremont county, Iowa, but late in the fall of 1861 returned to Missouri. There in the spring of 1862 the father volunteered and became a member of the Thirty-fifth Missouri Infantry. While he was serving at the front in defense of the Union his wife and son made their home with her father, Ward Pendleton, in Summit county, Ohio. In the spring of 1863 Marshall M. Rockwell was discharged because of physical disability and the family then rejoined him in their Missouri home but in the spring of 1864 took up their abode in Andover, Ohio. In the spring of 1865, however, they again started for Missouri



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but while en route visited with a former neighbor at Windfall, Indiana, where they decided to locate. In 1866 the family home was established at Linesville, Pennsylvania.

In the meantime Frank W. Rockwell had attended the public schools of the various localities in which he had lived and he completed his education in Allegheny College at Meadville, Pennsylvania. In 1871, when twenty years of age, he obtained a position as bookkeeper with the Akron Sewer Pipe Company and there won promotion until in 1882 he was chosen secretary of the company. For many years thereafter he was actively associated with the manufacture of clay products both in Ohio and elsewhere. In 1884 he became a partner in the firm of Johnson, Rockwell & Company, manufacturers of stonework, and later purchased his partner's interest, continuing the business under the style of F. W. Rockwell & Company until 1890, when he became identified with the Pennsylvania Sewer Pipe Company of Huntingdon, Pennsylvania. Two years later he sold his interest in that business and in 1892 again established his home in Akron, where in 1893 he joined Samuel Shaffer in the purchase of a stock of groceries, Mr. Shaffer giving personal attention to the management of the store for five years. At the end of that period Mr. Rockwell purchased his partner's interest and conducted the business alone for an equal length of time. In 1899 he became identified with the firm of Robinson Brothers & Company, manufacturers of clay products, and for two years had charge of the sales department. On the expiration of that period, when a change was made in the ownership, Mr. Rockwell was placed in charge of the management of the extensive real estate holdings of the company and also had supervision over the claim adjusting department. He was with that company and its successor, the Robinson Clay Products Company, until January 1, 1912, when he resigned in order to give his undivided attention to public duties.

Mr. Rockwell long took an active and helpful interest in the political life of Akron and from 1887 until 1889 was chairman of the republican county central committee. There is perhaps no citizen who has done more to further public education in Akron than did Mr. Rockwell. In 1881 he became a member of the school board and so continued until 1890, serving as president of the board in 1883, as treasurer in 1887 and again as president in 1888. He gave the most thoughtful and earnest consideration to his duties and to all questions arising in connec-

tion with the improvement and direction of the public schools. In 1902 he was again elected to the board of education and served continuously until 1912, filling the presidency in 1905 and 1906. He favored every project that would benefit the public school system of the city and he was a leader in that movement which gave to Akron so many of its fine school buildings. While he was serving on the board the following school buildings were constructed: Kent School, Howe School, Henry School, Central High School, Lane School, Fraunfelter School, Samuel Findley School, Portage Path School, Lincoln School, South High and annex to the Central High School. Through all these years Akron's citizens were learning to know and appreciate his public service and in 1911 he was elected mayor and was reelected in 1913. During his first term as chief executive of the city the contract was let for the building of the waterworks and the site was purchased for the new city hall and the auditorium, while during his four years in the mayoralty he endorsed the construction of more than fifty miles of city street pavement. He successfully handled the flood situation of 1913 and the strike situation promoted by the Industrial Workers of the World. It was also while he was the incumbent in the office that the fire department was provided with complete motor apparatus and various improvements were made in the police department. With the utmost thoroughness Mr. Rockwell studied the public situation and gave to Akron the benefit of a most progressive and practical service.

On the 21st of September, 1875, at Akron, Mr. Rockwell was married to Miss Mary A. Johnson, a native of East Liverpool, Ohio, and daughter of Thomas and Harriet (Reed) Johnson, who were English people, the former of Staffordshire and the latter of Lincolnshire, England. Both came to the United States in 1849, the first named in December and the latter in May, and were married in Akron in 1850, residing first at East Liverpool, later locating at Akron where the father was at one time at the head of the firm of Johnson & Baldwin, crockery ware manufacturers. Mr. and Mrs. Rockwell became the parents of seven children. George W. graduated A. B. from Buchtel College, and took the degrees Ph. B. and M. D. from the University of Pennsylvania and is now practicing medicine in Akron. He married Nora Moyer and is the father of a son and a daughter, Theodore Frank and Harriet Anna. Frank Johnson, the second son, graduated from Buchtel College, read law, began the practice at Akron, was elected prosecuting attorney of Summit county in 1909

and reelected in 1911, and is now a member of the well known firm of Rockwell & Grant, attorneys at Akron. He first married Katharine Shultz, who passed away May 22, 1916, and for his second wife he chose Mrs. Gay Huber. Ellen Adelaide died September 2, 1881, at the age of two years. Thomas, the third son, is secretary of the Robinson Clay Products Company of Akron. His wife bore the maiden name of Margaret McFall. Mary married Daniel W. Merriman and they reside in Akron. Ida is the next of the family. Wade died June 17, 1907, at the age of twenty years.

In his fraternal relations Mr. Rockwell was connected with Apollo Lodge, I. O. O. F., and with the Royal Arcanum. He also belonged to the Chamber of Commerce and cooperated heartily in all of its projects for the city's development and improvement. He passed away February 9, 1917, and the Beacon Journal said of him editorially: "He was a man who did his own thinking and lived up to a rugged code of conduct which he had set for himself with but slight regard to what anybody else thought of it. The death of such a man is always a loss to any community and in the passing of Frank Rockwell Akron loses a valuable citizen." He never deviated from a course which he believed to be right, never weighed an act in the scale of public policy and never hesitated to support a cause in which he believed. Though he had political enemies, he never lost their friendship nor their respect.

CHARLES CLARK SACKETT

Among the up-to-date and progressive citizens of Summit county, one of the most highly respected is Charles C. Sackett, of Tallmadge, a member of one of the old and prominent families of this locality. He was born in Tallmadge on the 15th of January, 1859, and is a son of Hiram A. and Eliza A. (Treat) Sackett. The family was early established in this country, dating back to the colonial days of New England, in the affairs of which its members bore an active part. Hiram A. Sackett was born in Litchfield, Connecticut, March 28, 1824, and when about nineteen years of age started overland for Ohio, making the entire trip on horseback. He located at Tallmadge, Summit county, becoming the owner of a farm in the northeastern part of Tallmadge township, where he lived continuously up to the time of his death,

which occurred September 30, 1895. This farm of one hundred and eighteen acres still remains in the family, having been successively owned and operated by three generations. Hiram Sackett was a man of great energy and initiative ability and had no small part in the development of northern Ohio. His wife was born at Tallmadge, February 26, 1830, a daughter of Richard B. and Amoreth H. Treat, and her death occurred June 23, 1890. To this worthy couple were born nine children, four sons and five daughters, of whom three are now living, namely: Charles C., of this review; Stella S., the wife of William T. Thomas, of Akron, Ohio; and Gertrude V., the wife of Walter G. Atwood, of Tallmadge.

Charles C. Sackett attended the grade schools in Tallmadge and completed his school training in Kent, Ohio. He remained on the home farm until he had attained his majority and in his twentieth year had complete management of the place. In 1901 he bought the farm, on which he lived until 1921, when he moved into Tallmadge, where he built a fine, modern home at No. 86 Kent road, and here he has resided to the present time.

On October 21, 1884, in Tallmadge, Mr. Sackett was united in marriage to Miss Cora B. Alling, who was born in this place, May 25, 1860, and is a daughter of Francis D. and Electa (Beach) Alling, the former of whom was a prominent contractor and builder. The Alling family has long been well known in the Buckeye state, in which it was established in pioneer days. Of the children born to Francis D. and Electa Alling, besides Mrs. Sackett there are Charles B., of Colorado Springs, Colorado; Myrtle S., the wife of Benjamin Blackmore, of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio; Eliza T., of Norwalk, Ohio; and Sella K., of Cuyahoga Falls. Mrs. Sackett has been actively interested in the church, civic and social life of Tallmadge. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Sackett as follows: Claude C., born October 6, 1885, now lives on the old homestead farm, which he owns. On January 20, 1909, he married Miss Ruth Shanafelt and they have four children, Marian R., Winifred Virginia, Esther B. and Charles M. Francis A. was married July 26, 1913, to Miss Katherine Thomas and they have four children, Howard T., Elmore E., Elizabeth D. and Bruce C. Hazel F. became the wife of Raymond C. Klapp August 2, 1919, and they have two children, Burton C. and Raymond, Jr. Alfred is on the home farm.

Mr. Sackett is a republican in his political views and has been active in local public affairs. In 1913 he was elected assessor

of Tallmadge township, which office he has held continuously since. He was also appointed real estate appraiser, for which position he is well qualified, having a good knowledge of property values. In 1925 he was appointed a special appraiser, serving for Summit county in the general state appraisalment of counties. For many years he was a member of the school board and served as its president for eight years. He was one of the charter stockholders of the Summit County Bank, which in 1923 by consolidation with the Akron State Bank became the Ohio State Bank & Trust Company, of which he is still a stockholder. He is president of the Tallmadge Historical Society, which in February, 1928, held its sixty-ninth annual meeting. He is a member of the Summit County Grange. He belongs to the First Congregational church of Tallmadge, of which he has served as clerk and trustee, as well as superintendent of the Sunday school.

CLARENCE C. OSMUN

For several years manufacturing operations have claimed the attention of Clarence C. Osmun who is now prominently identified with the rubber industry of Akron. He was born July 18, 1886, in Danbury, Connecticut, and is a son of John W. and Emma C. (Cook) Osmun, natives of New Jersey.

He obtained his early instruction in Brooklyn, New York, and completed his high school course there. In 1907 he was graduated from the New York Law School but did not enter the profession, choosing a commercial career instead. For eight years he was engaged in business in New York city, which he left in 1915, disposing of all of his holdings there at that time, and then went to Detroit, Michigan. He was connected with one of the large automobile firms of that city for five years and in 1920 located at Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, becoming assistant sales manager and credit manager of the Marathon Rubber Company. Mr. Osmun acted in those capacities until 1924, when the business was absorbed by the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, and he has since been president of the Marathon Company.

Mr. Osmun was married August 30, 1912, in Boonton, New Jersey, to Miss Marguerite Raynar, a daughter of James A. Raynar. The children of this union are: Marguerite, who was born in Simsbury, Connecticut, in 1913, and is attending high

school; and Robert, who was born in Akron in 1922, and is a grammar school pupil.

Mr. Osmun is a member of the Chamber of Commerce of Cuyahoga Falls, the Akron Automobile Club and the National Rubber Manufacturers Association.

GEORGE J. HUBER

George J. Huber, an energetic young business man of proven ability, is successfully managing the Renner interests in Akron and has also become well known through his achievements as a sportsman. He was born April 14, 1889, in Newport, Kentucky, and is a son of Felix and Rose (Renner) Huber, the former also a native of the Blue Grass state, while the latter was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, and died on June 18, 1928. When a young man the father removed to Akron, becoming connected with the meat business, and is now a meat inspector in the service of the government, making his headquarters in this city. Mr. and Mrs. Huber have five children: Mrs. P. C. Gettins, Mrs. J. A. Reisinger, Mrs. Bruno Smith, Mrs. John Hearty and George J. Huber, all of whom are living in Akron.

The son attended the public schools of the Rubber city and continued his studies in the University of Buffalo. On completing his education he entered the employ of the Renner-Webber Brewing Company at Mansfield, Ohio, where he remained until 1910, and then returned to Akron as assistant manager of the Renner Brewing Company. Later he was made general manager of the business and after the enactment of the prohibition law the company transformed the brewery into a plant for the manufacture of soft drinks. Modern machinery was installed and this has become one of the leading industries of the kind in the country. Mr. Huber continues as general manager of the business and also acts as manager of the Renner-Deibel Oil & Gas Company, the Renner Products Company and the Renner Properties Company, contributing materially toward the success of these corporations. He has an unusual capacity for detail and to the many problems presented to him for solution brings to bear the mental alertness, the foresight and mature judgment of the true executive.

Mr. Huber was married at Detroit, Michigan, in 1928 to Miss Dorothy M. Wyler, a daughter of the late John and Kath-



GEORGE J. HUBER

erine Wyler, who were residents of Akron. Mr. Huber is affiliated with the Roman Catholic church and his fraternal connections are with the Elks and the Eagles. He is a member of the Akron Chamber of Commerce, the local Automobile Club, the Wisconsin Sportsmen's Club and the Maine Outdoor Hunting & Fishing Club. An expert shot, he has hunted big game in various parts of the United States and Alaska as well as in the Canadian provinces of Alberta and British Columbia. In company with Tris Speaker, Ty Cobb and Garland J. Buckeye in 1927 he spent thirty-five days in the sheep, elk and antelope country of Wyoming, making his headquarters at the Max Wilde ranch, forty-eight miles from Cody. The Akron Beacon Journal published an interesting account of the trip and the following is an excerpt from the article:

"Huber prizes most among the trophies of his recent hunt the head of a giant ram with horns forming a perfect circle. In all of his other trips Huber secured sheep but never managed to obtain one with absolutely perfect horns. The story of how he secured this one is interesting. He and Jim Fowler, his guide, were after elk when Huber saw three sheep, a giant ram, an albino and another. Before they could get within range the sheep had taken fright and disappeared. For three days these hunters kept on the chase of those sheep. On the third day they came upon a stray sheep. It was the albino and Huber shot it before he knew that it was doing sentry duty for a flock of perhaps a dozen. No sooner had the shot rung out than from below a sheltering ledge there arose the dozen or so other sheep, looking wildly about, and in the center of the group, towering above the heads of all the others, was the giant Huber had been after for three days. Only the head showed, but Huber drew a bead and fired. He hesitated to inspect the dead animal, fearing that his shot had ruined the perfect horns. But Huber is a good shot. The bullet from his rifle had struck in the exact center of the circle formed by the horn, had gone through the head and out the other side without having touched the horn, and Huber will soon be showing the head as evidence of his shooting ability. When he killed the sheep he had to leave them up in the hill country until the next day. While returning for them Huber noticed a lot of eagles hovering around in that part of the country where the sheep had been left. He wouldn't have given a nickel for what he expected to find of the sheep. But when he got within sight of the animals he saw a large eagle sitting guard over the

dead bodies and fighting off the other birds. The others left at Huber's approach and he killed the guard."

Next season Mr. Huber intends to return to Wyoming and has long been planning an expedition to Africa, the Mecca of all hunters of big game. He enjoys outdoor sports, which stimulate both his mental and physical powers, and is devoted to the interests intrusted to his charge. By nature he is frank, genial and companionable and has won a secure place in the esteem of all with whom he has been associated. Mr. Huber's residence is at 1266 North Howard street.

FRED E. JOHNSON

One of the well known men in automobile circles of Akron is Fred E. Johnson, vice president and sales manager of The Akron Buick Company. He was born January 4, 1884, in this city, a son of Ola and Matilda Johnson, natives of Sweden, who sailed for the United States in 1880 and established their home in Akron. For some time the father was engaged in the saddlery business and afterward became connected with the Goodyear Rubber Company. He is still a resident of Akron, but the mother has passed away. Their family consists of five children: William and Fred E. Johnson, Mrs. Olga Willaman, Mrs. George Anderson and Miss Hilda M. Johnson.

In the public schools of his native city Fred E. Johnson obtained an education, and his start in the business world was gained with the United States Express Company, with which he spent four years. Later he became connected with the postal service of the government and was a mail carrier for a number of years. In 1916 he entered the sales department of the Basham Motor Company and remained with the firm for eight years. On the expiration of that period he became connected with The Akron Buick Company, of which he later became vice president and sales manager, and has played a leading part in the development of the business, giving to it his undivided attention. The business was first located at 71 Bowery street and now occupies a modern building at No. 328 West Market street. The showrooms rank with the finest in the city, and the company also maintains a large garage and a completely equipped service station at this location. This is one of the most successful and reliable automobile firms of Akron, and its service is adapted to every need.

On November 3, 1910, Mr. Johnson was united in marriage to Miss Hilma A. Olsen, of Akron, and they reside at 1634 Preston avenue. Mr. Johnson is a Lutheran and a faithful follower of the teachings of his church. He is a Scottish Rite Mason and is also connected with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Turnverein, the Board of Trade of East Akron, the Fairlawn Country Club and the Automobile Club. As a business man he enjoys an enviable reputation, and his interest in the welfare and progress of his city has been demonstrated by effective efforts in its behalf.

REV. HOWARD CLARK BARNES

Gifted with the power to quicken the souls of men, the Rev. Howard Clark Barnes became one of the strong individual forces in the spread of the Congregational faith, and as an educator he has been equally successful, rendering valuable service to Tallmadge in that connection. He was born January 26, 1873, in this locality, of which his parents, Sidney C. and Caroline (Bronson) Barnes, were also natives. The family was established in Summit county by his grandfather, Sylvester Barnes, who migrated from Massachusetts to Ohio and was one of the founders of the Methodist church of Tallmadge. He married Miss Esther Treat, a native of Connecticut, and their son, Sidney C. Barnes, was born in 1833. For a number of years he was clerk of the Congregational church of Tallmadge and also served as justice of the peace, filling an important place in the life of his community.

His son, Howard C. Barnes, received excellent educational advantages, completing a course in Oberlin Academy in 1891, and five years later was graduated from Oberlin College. In the fall of 1896 he enrolled as a student in the Chicago Theological Seminary and was graduated with the class of 1899. After his ordination he took charge of the Puritan Congregational church of Chicago, occupying its pulpit for four years, and this was followed by four years of service in churches of that denomination at Edinburg and Charleston, Ohio. At the end of that time he returned to Chicago, having accepted a call from the Pacific Congregational church, of which he had charge for two years, and for a similar period was pastor of the Columbia Congregational church of Barberton, Ohio. Owing to failing health he retired

from the ministry and took up his abode in the old Barnes homestead at Tallmadge. Soon afterward he entered the educational field and was made principal of the Edinburg schools, of which he had charge for four years. He then returned to Tallmadge and has since been principal of its schools, which have made notable progress under his able management. Knowing the needs and requirements of the pupils, he has improved the methods of instruction and thoroughly systematized the work.

Mr. Barnes was married in Chicago in 1901 to Miss Jessie Willson, a native of that city and a daughter of James Henry and Violet (Bailey) Willson. The father is a member of an old family of New York, and the mother's parents were among the early settlers of Michigan. During the Haymarket riot Mr. Willson was a lieutenant of the Chicago police force and was injured by a bomb. While in the service of the city he narrowly escaped death on more than one occasion. He is still a resident of Chicago. To Mr. and Mrs. Barnes were born three children: Sidney Willson, who is a member of the faculty of Cornell University of Ithaca, New York, and prominent in research work; James Percy, who died in 1923; and Howard C. Jr., who is attending Oberlin College.

Mr. Barnes belongs to the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias and for years has been a deacon of the Congregational church, doing all in his power to further its influence. Studious by nature, he keeps in close touch with the most advanced ideas in regard to the instruction of children and has materially promoted the cause of education, morality and good citizenship. His life has been devoted to the service of others, and his course has at all times awakened admiration and respect.

JOHN TITUS NEWTON

Endowed with clear vision, keen intelligence and the capacity for sustained effort, John Titus Newton erected the guide-post of progress and success, and his achievements as stock-raiser, dairyman and chicken fancier won for him state wide prominence. He was long a resident of Summit county and spent the latter part of his life on his farm near Cuyahoga Falls.

A native of Ohio, he was born in Brecksville, Cuyahoga county, February 17, 1839, a son of Lucius and Caroline (Brockway) Newton, and was reared on his father's farm, obtaining

his early education in the rural schools of Richfield township and later attending Hudson Academy and Oberlin College. After his studies were completed he returned home and was associated with his father in farming until his marriage. Purchasing a tract of land in Richfield township he cultivated it for many years. He then sold the place and bought a farm of one hundred and ninety acres near Hudson, where he established a large dairy, in which he installed the latest appliances. His Jersey and Holstein cattle were the best that could be secured and as a sheep breeder he was equally well known, being the first importer of Shropshires in northern Ohio. His fields were carefully tilled and yielded rich harvests. In 1907 he sold his valuable place and located in the vicinity of Cuyahoga Falls. Purchasing the Gaylord farm, a tract of nineteen and three-fourths acres, on East Bailey road, he turned his attention to the raising of fine poultry, and later he became owner of Gaylord grove, adjoining this property. His White Leghorn and White Wyandotte chickens were prize winners and he brought home ten loving cups from the various places in which they were exhibited. Mr. Newton thoroughly demonstrated the value of scientific methods and systematic work and in every branch of agriculture which he entered his breadth of mind, marked enterprise and pronounced ability placed him in the vanguard. He transformed his home into a beautiful garden spot and there passed away April 24, 1916.

Mr. Newton first married Miss Mary Adams, by whom he had four children: Edward C., Dr. Jay Thorne, now deceased, Earl Brockway and Gertrude E. His second union was with Mrs. Laura Etta (Skinner) Hart, to whom he was married December 27, 1905. She was the widow of Arthur C. Hart and a daughter of Bradford W. and Laura (Dickinson) Skinner. By her first marriage four children were born: Pearl L. Hart, the eldest, is now district nurse of Cuyahoga Falls. Claude Eugene Hart, who is president of the Giant Tire & Rubber Company of Findlay, Ohio, married Miss Louise Benedict, of Cleveland, and they have four children: Lois Benedict Hart, Virginia Laura Hart, Evelyn Jane and Claude Eugene, Jr. Maude Dorena is the wife of Willis Roy Beal, a structural engineer, of Cleveland, and the mother of two children, Elizabeth Laura and Kathryn Pearl. Mabel Irene, the fourth in order of birth, married John Ferdinand Schaefer, who is vice president of the Cooper Corporation of Findlay, Ohio, a firm which manufactures batteries,

tires, tubes and other automobile accessories on a large scale. Mr. and Mrs. Schaefer have become the parents of two children, Laura Irene and Jack Hart.

Mr. Newton was a valued member of the Shropshire Sheep Association and kept not only abreast of the times but ahead of them. He belonged to that class of men who convert their private enterprises into public assets, and his death was a great loss to his community and state. By nature he was genial, sincere and kind-hearted and an exemplary life won for him the esteem and admiration of his fellowmen. Mrs. Newton is living in the family home on East Bailey road and possesses many admirable qualities which have made her greatly beloved.

CECIL OLINY STILES

For ten years Cecil Olin Stiles was well known as an undertaker of Akron and the spirit of enterprise which characterized him in all of his work enabled him to win a liberal patronage. As the years passed he became widely known in this city and his pronounced characteristics were of such sterling integrity as gained for him a high place in the regard of his fellow townsmen. He was born in Quincy, Ohio, December 26, 1876, and was a son of Enoch and Mary Theo. (Minnear) Stiles. He attended the public schools of his native city and pursued a course in the Findlay College of Music, so that at the age of seventeen years, having developed his native talents to a high point, he was a teacher of music. Later he took a full course in music and English at Oberlin College and following his graduation went to Sidney, Ohio, where he conducted a music studio. While following that profession he became interested in the undertaking business through a friend, who was thus engaged, and going to Columbus, he pursued a course of study in Dr. Burk's Embalming School and in the Columbus Training School for Embalmers. Almost immediately afterward he came to Akron, where he took up his abode in 1916, establishing his business on North Hill at the corner of Cuyahoga Falls avenue and Berwin street, in the Morgan block, where he remained for about six months, and then bought out the C. T. Parks undertaking establishment, one of the pioneer business enterprises of that character in Akron, its location being at Nos. 17-19 North High street. Mr. Parks had the first ambulance in Akron and always followed progressive methods.



CECIL O. STILES

In September, 1927, the business, which was conducted under the name of the Park-Stiles Company, was removed to No. 127 West Market street, where the funeral home is a private residence with surroundings as nearly as possible like those of a private home. Mr. Stiles was tactful and considerate in the discharge of his professional duties and his enterprise and progressive methods resulted in substantial financial returns.

In 1898 at Ada, Ohio, Mr. Stiles was married to Miss Addie B. Rice, a daughter of Rev. Lemuel and Florence (Banbury) Rice, the former a minister of the Methodist church. The mother of Rev. Lemuel Rice was Elizabeth Smith, a niece of James Smith, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. Mr. and Mrs. Stiles became the parents of three sons: Stanley R.; H. Thoburn, who married Ruth Hine and has two sons, Thoburn, Jr., and David Cecil; and Charles Donovan, who married Pansy Deckard and has one child, Charles Richard. The sons since their father's demise have carried on the business, Stanley R. as president of the company, H. Thoburn as vice president, and Charles D. as secretary.

Mr. Stiles' fraternal affiliations were with the Masons, the Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias and he was a member of the First Methodist church at Akron. He belonged to the Optimist Club and the Oberlin College Club and he also had membership in the Chamber of Commerce. His interests were broad and varied and all who knew him bore testimony to the sterling worth of his character. His death occurred September 23, 1925, and was deeply regretted, for he was a man whose friends were legion. He was sympathetic and kindly and was well qualified by disposition and characteristics to care for those who were suffering a bereavement. Outside of business his friends found him social, genial and considerate, while in business he was thoroughly reliable, and thus he left to his family the priceless heritage of an untarnished name.

HON. CHARLES C. BENNER.

Charles C. Benner was born in Manchester, Summit county, March 27, 1870, the son of Simon and Caroline (Slaybach) Benner, both natives of Summit county, the former a farmer who died in 1884, leaving his wife and six boys unprovided for. The original settler of the family in Ohio was Henry Ben-

ner, the father of Simon Benner, who came from Lancaster, Pennsylvania, to Summit county in 1825, where he operated as a blacksmith and also did some farming. The ancestors of the Benner family came originally from Holland. Mrs. Caroline (Slaybach) Benner, the mother of Charles C. Benner, died in 1890. The boys thus left orphaned were as follows: Clinton A., who became a prominent attorney of Cleveland, Ohio, specializing in insurance law; Melvin L., who was a successful rancher in Montana at the time of his death in 1914; Irvin R., a practicing dentist of Barberton, Ohio; Wallace J., a prominent and successful physician and surgeon of Lakewood, Ohio; Howard C., a mining engineer of Butte, Montana; and Charles C., of whom this is a record.

The early education of Judge Benner was obtained in the public, grammar and high schools of Copley and Norton townships, in Summit county. He read law in the office of Baird & Voris, who were outstanding men in their profession at that time. Judge Benner was admitted to the bar on June 8, 1893, and immediately began practice in Akron. In 1917 he was appointed, by Governor James M. Cox, judge of the court of common pleas, and served until January 1, 1919, when he retired to private practice. He formed a partnership with Dow W. Harter and Ray C. Watters, forming the firm of Benner, Harter & Watters, with offices in the Second National Bank building, at Akron. Judge Benner specializes in corporation law, while at the same time taking a certain amount of general practice. His long years of service have given him a distinguished record in the legal profession and his well known business qualifications have caused him to be sought as a member of various boards of directors, his public spirit leading him to accept some of these trusts. He is a director of the National City Bank, The Eastland Company, The Eastland No. 5 Company, The Eastland Development Company, Union Building Company, and the H. and H. Self Advertising Company. In his fraternal affiliations he is a member of Adoniram Lodge, No. 517, Free and Accepted Masons; Washington Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; a member and past commander of Akron Commandery, No. 25, Knights Templar; and of Tadmor Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a life member and past exalted ruler of Akron Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and a life member of the Grand Lodge of Elks. Judge Benner is a member of the American, State and Summit County Bar Associations, and his clubs

include the Portage Country and the Akron City. He was police prosecutor of Akron from 1897 to 1901, and was Akron's first safety director, from 1907 to 1911; civil service commissioner from 1911 to 1914, and on January 1, 1928, was appointed a member of the health commission. He has been serving as president of the City Hospital of Akron since 1922.

It is in connection with this latter institution—the City Hospital—that Judge Benner has done much work for which he will be ever remembered with gratitude by many. He was instrumental in raising a large sum for a new surgical building, a nurses' home, and a contagious disease building. He is the oldest member, in point of service, on the board of trustees of the City Hospital of Akron, and gives a great deal of his time and ability to assisting it in every possible way, having been elected to this post in 1906. His favorite recreation is golf, at which he plays a good game.

Hon. Charles C. Benner married, September 29, 1897, Gertrude F. Foster, daughter of Martin B. and Sarah Foster. They reside at 60 Mayfield avenue in Akron.

WILLIAM THOMAS TAYLOR

Basing his progress upon the essential qualities of energy and perseverance, William Thomas Taylor became a useful and influential member of society and contributed his full quota toward the agricultural development of Summit county. He was born in the old Taylor home on Thornton street in Akron, December 15, 1847, and was a member of one of its old and prominent families. Richard Taylor, the first white settler on these premises, was born March 14, 1798, in Surrey, England. On July 12, 1825, he was married in that country to Maria Durham, who was born April 10, 1805, in the city of London and lived at No. 3 Great Windmill street, in the upper section of the Haymarket district. The family of Richard Taylor came to America in January, 1831, on the packet ship Columbia, commanded by Captain Delano, and in this old-time sailing vessel they spent seventy days on the Atlantic. They lived in Camillus, Onondaga county, New York, for eighteen months and next went to Buffalo, that state. In that city they boarded a ship bound for Cleveland, Ohio, and then made the trip to Akron on a canal boat. Mr. Taylor purchased the home farm November 30, 1833, erecting a log

house on the property, and in 1841 the homestead was built. Richard and Maria (Durham) Taylor became the parents of twelve children, five sons and seven daughters. Four children were born in Surrey, England, one in Onondaga county, New York, and seven on the Akron homestead.

William T. Taylor was educated in the public schools of his native city and obtained work in the old Buckeye Reaper shop. There he was employed until 1870, when he married Miss Cordelia A. Robinson, who was born December 8, 1851. Her father, James Robinson, was born October 4, 1812, near Mudbrook Falls, in Summit county, Ohio, and was a son of Henry Robinson, who built the first log house in Norton township, Summit county. The mother of James Robinson died when he was a child of four and he was reared by an uncle, Sylvester Van Hynning, whose home was north of the present Taylor farm. Mary Willard, the first wife of James Robinson, died May 6, 1842. She was the mother of three children: Henry, Lydia and Curtis. Mr. Robinson's second union was with Sarah Ziegler, who passed away May 25, 1872, leaving two children, Cordelia A. and Philip. As one of the pioneer farmers of Summit county, Mr. Robinson aided in advancing the standards of agriculture in this region, and his sterling traits of character won for him a high place in the esteem of his fellowmen. He attained the ripe age of seventy-nine years, passing away in 1891. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. William T. Taylor resided on the Robinson farm, which originally comprised two hundred and thirty-four acres and was one of the largest in this district. Mr. Taylor devoted many years to the development and improvement of this property, utilizing scientific methods in the cultivation of the soil and keeping thoroughly abreast of the times. Here he passed away December 7, 1924, when nearly seventy-seven years of age, and his widow still resides on this valuable farm, which is situated on Springfield road, in the house built in 1905 by Mr. Taylor. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor became the parents of three children. Minnie S., born December 4, 1871, died in March, 1872. Bessie E., born February 19, 1874, became the wife of William McFarlin on October 27, 1896. Mrs. McFarlin died November 28, 1927. She was mother of three children: Ruth, who is Mrs. Leo Dautel; William J. and Robert J. James E., the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, was born August 18, 1878, and passed away August 20, 1916.

Mr. Taylor manifested a deep interest in community affairs

but never aspired to public office. By nature he was frank, genial and unassuming, and his genuine worth secured for him the high and enduring regard of all with whom he was associated. Mrs. Taylor has been a devoted wife and mother and possesses many admirable qualities of heart and mind.

WILLIAM FRANK CARLISLE

William F. Carlisle, a cost accountant by profession, is one of the leading citizens of Stow township, in the affairs of which he has been actively interested. He was born at Cortland, Trumbull county, Ohio, on the 3d of January, 1886, and is a son of William and Anna (Craig) Carlisle, the former of whom is of Scotch-Irish lineage and was born in Trumbull county, while the mother, who was of German ancestry, was born in Hartford township, that county. To them were born four children: Samuel, Mrs. Sue Stright, John and William F.

In his early childhood William F. Carlisle accompanied his parents on their removal to Sharon, Pennsylvania, where he attended the public schools, graduating from the high school, after which he took an extension course in higher accounting with La Salle University of Chicago. In 1915 he became associated with the Firestone Tire & Rubber Company as cost accountant, serving in that capacity for seven years, and then accepted a similar position with the Miller Rubber Company, of Akron, resigning March 15, 1928. He is now engaged in the insurance and collecting business.

On March 20, 1907, in Warren, Ohio, Mr. Carlisle was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Ann Cox, who was born in Wales, from which country she was brought to the United States in her girlhood, the family locating in Warren. She is one of a family of eight children, the others being James C. Oriel, an adopted son, Mrs. Jennie Lansdowne, Mrs. Emma Bush, Albert D., Leroy and Mrs. Gertrude Claypool, all of whom are living in northern Ohio. The parents of these children are deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Carlisle have been born two children, William Elmer, born October 6, 1909, now is a student in Akron University; and Ethel May, who was born March 24, 1915, and is at home.

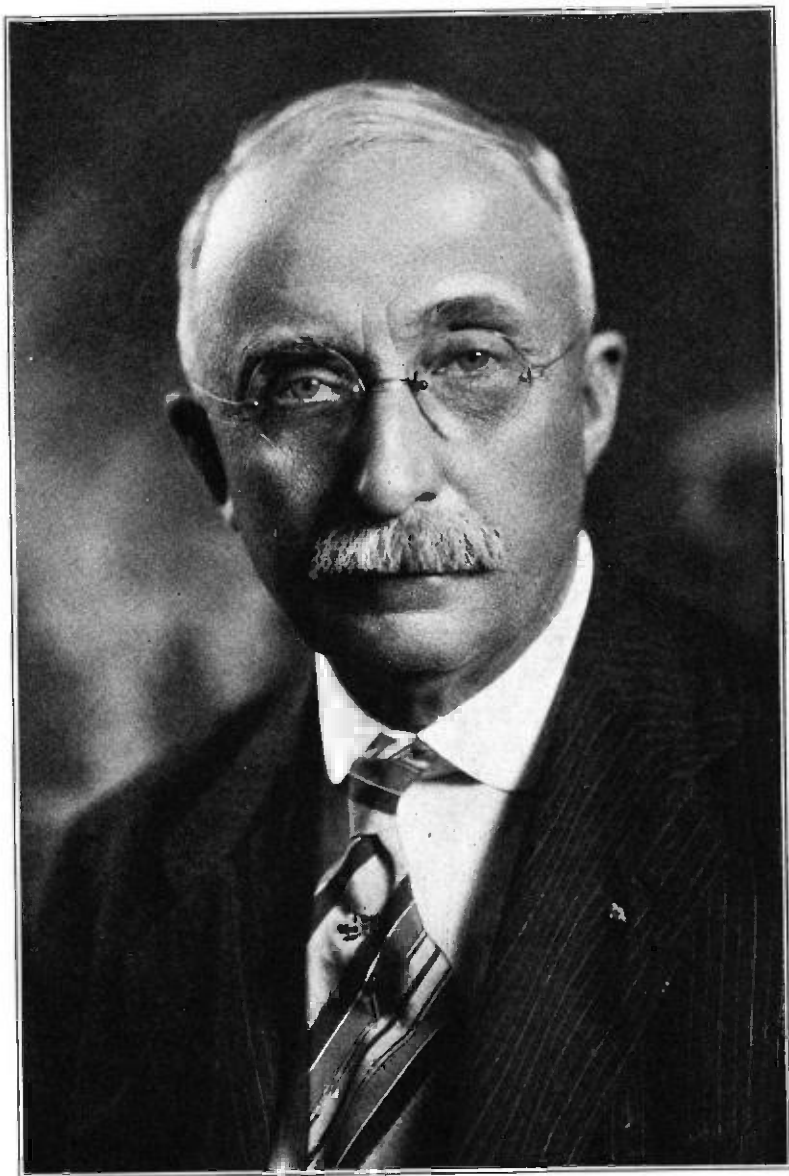
While Mr. Carlisle's business interests are in Akron, he lives in a comfortable home in Stow, where he has long been active in local public affairs. For the past four years he has served as jus-

tice of the peace for Stow township and has shown an effective interest in everything pertaining to the welfare and advancement of his community. He takes justifiable pride in the fact that the Stow centralized high school is the only first class, A1 rural school in Summit county, ranking with the city high schools in credits. Mr. and Mrs. Carlisle are active members of the Christian church, in which he holds the office of deacon and for the past five years has been clerk of the official board. Mrs. Carlisle has for a number of years been a teacher in the Sunday school, and they are both greatly interested in all of the activities of the church and its auxiliary societies. Mr. Carlisle is a member of the Akron Chamber of Commerce. He is a man of sterling qualities of character, progressive spirit and broad views, and throughout the community in which he lives he commands the confidence and respect of all who know him and who appreciate his genuine worth as a man and citizen.

SHERMAN GEORGE SWIGART.

One of the oldest civil engineers in point of continuous activity in this field is Sherman G. Swigart, manager of the firm of S. G. Swigart & Son, of Akron. He has operated in this field for thirty-seven years, making steady advancement until his progress has placed him in a position of leadership in his chosen calling. Ohio numbers him among her native sons, his birth having occurred in Copley, Summit county, June 28, 1865, his parents being George S. and Laura E. (Oviat) Swigart, the latter also a native of Copley. The father was born in Lawrence township, Stark county, Ohio, and engaged in farming throughout his entire life. He passed away in Copley in 1895, while his wife died in Los Angeles, California, in September, 1927. They were the parents of five children: Sherman G., of this review; Heman J., who is a resident of Akron; Louis A., living in New Mexico; Mrs. C. T. Adams, who makes her home in Los Angeles, California; and Mrs. O. E. Lytle, of Akron.

In his youthful days Sherman G. Swigart attended the public schools of his native town and following his graduation from high school entered Buchtel College, where he took work in the regular scientific course. With the completion of his studies in 1891 he entered business on his own account and has done important surveying and engineering work throughout the intervening period,



SHERMAN G. SWIGART

his business activities carrying him into various western states as well as throughout Ohio. From 1893 until 1896 he filled the office of county surveyor of Summit county. He is now manager of the firm of S. G. Swigart & Son, which he organized in 1923 and in which his son, Sherman T. Swigart, is associated with him. Skillful, efficient, earnest and thoroughly reliable, he has attained a well merited measure of success.

On the 20th of September, 1893, Mr. Swigart was married to Miss Anna Tait, a daughter of George Tait, and they became parents of a daughter and a son. The former, Pauline, now the wife of H. L. Howard, was born in Akron in 1895 and resides in Los Angeles. She has a son, Clifford Howard, born in October, 1923. The son, Sherman T. Swigart, born in Cleveland in 1900, is a graduate of the high school of Missoula, Montana, and is now junior member of the engineering firm of S. G. Swigart & Son. He wedded Miss Iris Russ, of Akron, and they have one child, Patricia Ann, born in Akron, February 6, 1924.

Mr. and Mrs. Swigart hold membership in the West Congregational church and he is also a Mason, belonging to the lodge, chapter and commandery and also to the Mystic Shrine. He is likewise a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and Akron Automobile Club, and is one of the original members of the Fifty Year Club of Akron. His has been a busy and useful life in which well directed and honorable activity has brought him to the goal of success. Long a resident of Summit county, he is widely known within its borders and enjoys the respect and good will of all with whom he has been associated. His home is at 542 Stratford avenue.

LUTHER KELSEY RANNEY

Among the old pioneer families of Summit county none has been more prominent through the passing years nor is more highly regarded than is the Ranney family, a worthy representative of which is Luther Kelsey Ranney, who lives on and operates the old home farm at Boston Heights in Boston township. The family is of Scotch lineage, the progenitor of the family in this country having been Thomas Ranney, who came to the American colonies from Scotland in a very early day. He was the father of Thomas Ranney, whose son Nathaniel died in 1766. He had a son, also named Nathaniel, who died in 1800, leaving a son, Comfort, who

became one of the first settlers of Boston township, Summit county, and was the grandfather of Luther K. Ranney, of this review. Comfort Ranney was born in New England, March 20, 1788, and on December 25, 1808, was married to Miss Betsey Hubbard. Soon after their marriage they removed to Cleveland, Ohio, where Mr. Ranney, who was a ship carpenter by trade, engaged in shipbuilding. Later he moved to Hudson, where he operated a sawmill until it was destroyed by fire in 1820, after which he moved to Boston township and bought the land which to this day remains the Ranney homestead. He died there, July 14, 1823, and his widow subsequently became the wife of William Collier. Her death occurred January 4, 1868. Comfort Ranney was the father of two sons, both of whom made splendid records as soldiers in the Union army during the Civil war. At the death of Comfort Ranney the home farm was badly encumbered with debt.

His son, Luther B. Ranney, was born in Hudson, Summit county, November 28, 1809, and spent his boyhood on the home farm in Boston township. After his father's death he worked by the month for Deacon Hudson, with whom he remained until he attained his majority, during which period, by hard work and rigid economy he saved sufficient money to regain possession of the home place. While in the employ of Mr. Hudson he hauled a part of the brick used in the construction of Western Reserve College, which is now Western Reserve Academy. In 1833 he married Miss Sally M. Carter, who died July 29, 1846, and on April 6, 1847, he married Miss Caroline Clapp, who was born May 3, 1821, and died May 26, 1895. To the first union were born five children, and to the second three children. Luther B. Ranney was essentially a self-made man, well informed on general topics of interest, and was a splendid citizen, standing for those things which were calculated to promote the best interests of his community. He served his township in various positions of trust and responsibility and commanded the respect of all who knew him.

Luther Kelsey Ranney, a son of Luther B. and Caroline (Clapp) Ranney, was born on the home farm in Boston township on the 19th of August, 1856, and secured his early education in the district schools. When seventeen years of age he entered the preparatory department of Buchtel College at Akron and completed the course in two years, after which he entered the classical department of that institution. He was a splendid student, becom-

ing proficient in Greek and Latin, and was urged to prepare for a professorship in languages but owing to the need of his assistance on the home farm, because of the failing health of his parents, he relinquished his ambition for an educational career and returned to his home, where he continues to reside. He has given his close attention to this well equipped grain, dairy and stock farm, also giving much effort to the raising of apples, peaches and all varieties of choice fruits and berries. He has been very successful and follows modern scientific methods in his operations. He is regarded as an up-to-date and progressive farmer, well meriting the prosperity which is now his.

Mr. Ranney was united in marriage to Miss Mary M. Ozmun, a daughter of Abraham and Eliza (Viers) Ozmun, and to them have been born three children. Luther Carroll, who was long a trusted employe of the Goodyear Rubber Company in Akron and is now the representative of that concern in Los Angeles, California, married Miss Florence Payne, of Akron, and they have two children, Luther Kelsey and Virginia Belle. Luther C. enlisted during the World war but was not sent overseas. Newman Clinton and Caroline Eliza are at home. Mrs. Ranney, who died July 27, 1897, was a member of the Congregational church in Hudson, where she was a leader in all departments of work, including the Sunday school, and was a prominent factor in the educational and social life of the community.

Mr. Ranney possesses a large and well selected library, containing the best classical and current literature, from which he derives constant pleasure, being a reader and student and in close intimacy with the best thought of the ages. He has in his possession some very interesting relics of pioneer days, one of which is a wooden bottle, drum shaped and about six by ten inches in size, which was carried by his great-great-grandfather and great-grandfather during the Revolutionary war and by Nathaniel Ranney in the French-Indian war. He also has his father's Bible, printed in 1828, which was read by his father in the home and at his work in the field, being his constant companion and guide. Mr. Ranney has in his library in book form a history of the Ranney family from 1650 to 1800. The Clapp family is traced back to Osgood Clapp, a Danish nobleman in the court of the King of England from 1017 to 1036. Richard and Anna (Alvord) Clapp were of early pioneer stock of Massachusetts. The Ranney family has been prominent in the affairs of every community in which it has been identified and has always shown a progressive

and initiative spirit. When Luther B. Ranney went to California during the gold excitement of 1850, he originated and built the first hydraulic mining machine, which, though comparatively crude in its mechanism, did its work and demonstrated in a practical manner the feasibility of that method of mining. He was a resident of California about four years. Luther K. Ranney has led a busy and useful life; is a loyal and public-spirited citizen and in every relation of life has been true to his ideals and his conscience, so that he has well earned the confidence and respect which are accorded him. He has held offices at different times, being on the school board as a director and a councilman for two years.

CLAUDE KING TRAXLER

Alert, energetic and capable, Claude King Traxler has made the most of his opportunities and is now classed with the substantial business men and leading realtors of Akron—his native city. He was born May 26, 1883, and is a son of Charles and Carrie A. (King) Traxler, also natives of Ohio. The father was connected with the B. F. Goodrich Company and the American Hard Rubber Company for a number of years and has spent the greater part of his life in Summit county. He still resides in Akron, but the mother is deceased.

In the acquirement of an education Claude K. Traxler attended the public schools of Akron and in June, 1901, was graduated from the Central high school. His first business experience was gained with the American Hard Rubber Company, with which he spent several years, and later he was in the employ of the B. F. Goodrich Rubber Company. His work was performed with ability and conscientiousness, and he was steadily advanced. In 1908 he entered the real estate field and soon evinced a special talent for this line of activity. While developing the business he also contributed materially toward the city's upbuilding and improvement, and owing to his intimate knowledge of the value of local property was frequently consulted by realty investors, negotiating many important deals. His enterprise, sagacity and ability won him the presidency of the Akron Real Estate Board in 1921, and since 1924 he has been its executive secretary, working earnestly and effectively to promote the interests of the organization.

Mr. Traxler was married June 10, 1911, in Burton, Ohio, to Miss Treasure I. Hotchkiss, a native of that place, who previous to her marriage was a teacher in its public schools. Her father, Clarence Hotchkiss, was born in Geauga county, Ohio, and her mother, Phila (Rice) Hotchkiss, is also a native of the Buckeye state. Mr. and Mrs. Traxler have become the parents of two sons, Eugene Rice and Donald King, who are public school pupils.

While his business interests have always been in Akron, Mr. Traxler has lived in Stow for a period of ten years and has a beautiful home which was built in 1927 and is situated on the Cleveland-Hudson road. For several years he has served as a member of the Stow township school board. His wife is one of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and both Mr. and Mrs. Traxler are earnest workers in behalf of the Stow Church of Christ, of which he is a deacon, also acting as superintendent of the Sunday school. Along fraternal lines he is connected with the Masonic order, belonging to the Adoniram Lodge, F. & A. M.; Washington Chapter and council. He takes delight in golf and is a member of the Silver Lake Country Club. As a business man he enjoys an enviable reputation, and his worth as a citizen is uniformly attested.

E. HARVEY SCHROP

A tireless, systematic worker, E. Harvey Schrop pressed steadily onward to the goal of success and is now living retired in Akron. He was born in Springfield township, Summit county, Ohio, October 23, 1856. His father, William J. Schrop, was a native of Berks county, Pennsylvania, and at an early age came with his parents to Ohio, thereafter living in Summit county until his demise. He served on the school board and manifested the interest of a good citizen in public affairs. His wife, Louisa (Henderson) Schrop, was a native of Springfield township, this county, and was of Irish ancestry.

E. Harvey Schrop obtained his early instruction in the rural schools of his native township and in 1876 was graduated from one of the high schools of Akron, it being the old Jennings school on Summit street. On starting out for himself he chose agricultural pursuits, which he followed for an extended period, and with the exception of five years which were spent in farming in Michigan, has always lived in Summit county. Gaining that expert

knowledge of his occupation which is acquired by broad experience, deep thought and study, he made his efforts count for the utmost and developed a highly productive farm, also conducting a large dairy. In 1913 he was able to retire and erected a fine home on East Market street in Akron, where he has since resided.

Mr. Schrop was married March 23, 1882, in Springfield Center, Ohio, to Miss Angeline Hilbish, a native of Springfield township and a daughter of Benjamin Hilbish. Ivan H., the only child of this union, married Miss Ada Wilson, of Marlboro, Ohio, and passed away October 10, 1927, leaving a son, Wilson Jay. The last named married Florence Shick and on June 20, 1928, there was born to them a son, Harvey Schrop, named for his great-grandfather. The home in which Mr. and Mrs. Schrop reside stands on land purchased by Henry Hilbish, the grandfather of Mr. Schrop, who was born on this place and represents one of the old and prominent families of Springfield township. Mr. and Mrs. Schrop have long been affiliated with the Presbyterian church of North Springfield, of which he has been treasurer and a trustee for fifteen years and an elder for twenty years. His wife has been equally active in religious work and has served as president and treasurer of the Ladies Aid Society. Mr. Schrop was clerk of Springfield township for five years and cooperates in all measures for the general good. Throughout his career he has conscientiously discharged every duty and obligation, and his influence upon the life of his community has been of the highest order.

HORACE S. SEYMOUR.

Seldom has a death brought such uniform sorrow and regret to a community as did that of Horace S. Seymour, who passed away April 18, 1928. He was then but fifty-two years of age and it seemed that his career of usefulness and service should have been continued for a long time. He was connected with the Akron Beacon Journal, but it was not alone his capability and success in the newspaper field that endeared him to his fellowmen. His was a nature rich in its sympathy and in kindly deeds, and particularly was he the friend of the young boys who constituted the delivery staff of the paper. His influence upon their lives was too great to be measurable, but there are many capable business men in Akron today who attest the fact that they



HORACE S. SEYMOUR

received encouragement and stimulus for better living from Horace S. Seymour.

His birth occurred in Pennsylvania May 19, 1876, in the little town of New Milford, where he spent his youthful days until after he had graduated from the high school. When a young man of twenty years he went to Binghamton, New York, and there secured employment in the office of the Binghamton Street Railway Company, with which he was associated until 1902, when he became identified with the circulation department of the Binghamton Evening Herald. He had been in that position for two years when members of the Kilmer family, then prominent in Binghamton, decided to establish a new paper. Several months before this plan reached its fulfillment Mr. Seymour set out with a corps of workers to develop circulation for the new publication, and so well did he succeed that between February and April, 1904, he had secured a subscription list of twenty thousand names, reaching this number before a press had turned in the printing of the first paper. Mr. Seymour remained in charge of the suburban circulation for the Binghamton Press until 1907, covering the territory within a radius of sixty miles of the city, and in the year mentioned became circulation manager of the paper, continuing to fill that position until 1911, when he was offered and accepted the position of circulation manager of the Beacon Journal of Akron. He continued to fill that position until his demise and he was also the treasurer and a director of the Beacon Journal Company, his sound judgment and executive ability contributing to the successful management of the paper.

While in Binghamton, in 1905, Mr. Seymour was united in marriage to Miss Harriet J. Burkmann, of that city, a daughter of Herman and Julia (Hagaman) Burkmann. The Seymour residence is at 524 Merriman Road. Though they had no children of their own, Mr. Seymour took the greatest interest in young people. It is said that thousands of Akron boys started their business training under Mr. Seymour and he never failed to win their friendship. He seemed to have an almost intuitive understanding of boy nature and he took great delight in talking with them and training them. Nearly six hundred Beacon Journal carriers were serving under him, and this is the story which one who knew him well wrote of him: "Into his hands came hundreds of boys every year in the seventeen years that he was circulation manager. They were just average boys; some good and

some bad and some not interested enough in life to be either. Some came from good homes and some from no homes at all. But they were all alike to Mr. Seymour—they were 'his boys.' They came to him just at the time they were beginning to awaken to a desire to get into the business of life and make a little bit of money for themselves. And Mr. Seymour took seriously the task of initiating them into the game of business. To him the boys were very human raw material which might either be made into a good, workable bit of fabric in the mill of life, or else spoiled and started early for the rag bag. They are at their most impressionable age, ranging from twelve to fourteen years, now and then varying a few years on either side of that figure. Things a boy learns at that age he rarely forgets. Recognizing that acquaintance with the parents as well as the boy would inevitably work toward a happier solution of the problem and help to weld the boy more firmly into a liking of his job, Mr. Seymour early instituted meetings at the Beacon Journal of the boys and their parents, together with himself and other circulation department heads. The meetings were simply 'get togethers' where they all talked things over, got acquainted and worked out problems that perplexed the youthful business men. And Mr. Seymour always had time to help any boy to solve his problem. Refreshments were served and after the meeting was over, the entire group would go to a movie to round out the evening. About three times a year these meetings were held, and to stimulate the boys to competitive effort he instituted campaigns and contests among them for new subscribers. One scene, typical of the man, remains clearly pictured in the writer's mind. It was at one of the meetings which marked the middle of such a contest. 'How many new subscribers have you got, Jimmy?' he asked a quiet little fellow who had hung back on the fringes of the crowd. The boy came forward rather hesitantly and in a small voice announced he had only three, protesting he couldn't get any more in his territory. 'Well, let's see about this,' was Mr. Seymour's serious rejoinder. 'How many are there on your route who aren't taking the paper? And how many of these have you seen?' The boy became interested, and Mr. Seymour, forgetting for a moment the many others in the room, turned his entire attention to working out the case at hand. The boy brightened and became enthused. 'Now, let's go and get 'em along that line,' said Mr. Seymour with an encouraging slap on the back as he rose to his feet and again turned to the group of boys. And the boy in ques-

tion came back a few days later with a good bunch of subscriptions, not enough to capture the prize, but enough to satisfy himself that he was capable of doing things. Today there are hundreds of young Akron business men who received their first business training under the guiding hand of the late circulation manager."

Albert Gross, who began seventeen years ago as a carrier boy under Mr. Seymour when he first came to the Beacon Journal and who worked himself up with the aid of a helping hand to become his assistant, said: "Nobody knew how sick he has been for years, and the boys he built into men never even guessed it as he pepped them up and taught them always to be square shooters. He was a square shooter himself and he made that one of his elementary teachings. He never fired a boy if he laid down on the job. He changed the boy around to a different route and always strove to create in him the idea of ownership of his business. He taught the boys that carrying the paper was only fifty per cent of the job, and that building up his business and taking care of it was the other fifty per cent."

This phase alone of Mr. Seymour's nature would entitle his memory to be honored and cherished for years to come, but there were other qualities just as admirable. He was a loyal follower of the teachings of Masonry and became a Knight Templar and Mystic Shriner and was also a past monarch of Yusef Khan Grotto, M. O. V. P. E. R. He belonged to the Fairlawn Country Club and the social side of his nature found expression in warm friendships and agreeable companionship. During the seventeen years of his residence in Akron he made for himself a warm place in the hearts of those with whom he came in contact and enjoyed the highest respect of all. One of the local papers said of him: "He despised sham and hypocrisy. Gentleness and modesty were the ruling attributes of his character. Combined with these was an industry, a faithful attention to his daily tasks, an ambition to excel in his professional efforts which gave him rank as one of America's leaders in the newspaper circulation field. He came to the service of the Beacon Journal when Akron was in the small city class. Always progressive in his methods, he grew with the city and the newspaper that he loved and served so well. He possessed the sterling personal qualifications that would have won success for him in any line of business. He had intelligence, foresight and system. He had a singular genius for inspiring the good will, confidence and affection of all with whom his lot

was cast. Long before the idea of vocational training became the rule in modern educational systems he was applying this precept in what he was pleased to term the Beacon Journal University. He took a deep personal interest in all the boys who came under his direction and when the boys grew up he did not cease his interest in their personal welfare. Many of them came back to him for advice. Still others were proud to come to tell him of the progress they were making in their own ventures, or the places of high trust they held in business and professional life. The untimely death of this man, so lovable, so able and so useful, brings a loss that is irreparable. Those who knew him best loved him most, for in him they recognized one of those rare characters wholly devoid of sham or pretense of any kind. Those who knew him will treasure only golden memories of his worth as a good citizen and friend."

Mr. Seymour was interred in Spring Forest cemetery at Binghamton, New York.

ISHAM FRANK ALLEN

Among those who occupy positions of prominence in the financial circles of Akron there is none whose life record illustrates more clearly the value of earnest and honest effort than does that of Isham F. Allen, the president of the Standard Savings Bank, president of the Standard Mortgage Company and treasurer of the Exchange Realty Company. Power grows through the exercise of effort, and it has been by reason of ceaseless activity, intelligently directed, that Mr. Allen has risen to executive position in connection with three of the foremost financial interests of this city. He is a native son of Akron, born January 2, 1868. His father, John Allen, was also a native of Ohio and he wedded Ann Morgan, whose birth occurred in Cuyahoga county, Ohio. He devoted his entire life to the occupation of farming and both he and his wife have now passed away. They were parents of four children, of whom the eldest, Mrs. Emma A. Sissler, is deceased. Three of the family survive—Jessie, John and Isham F.

At the usual age Isham F. Allen entered the public school of Akron and on leaving the high school after mastering all the intermediate grades he secured work with the Worthington Company of Cleveland, Ohio, being seventeen years of age when he thus entered into active connection with the wholesale hardware

trade. He remained a capable and trusted employe there for six years and then returned to his native city, where he became a partner in the firm of Rohrbacher & Allen in the retail hardware business, carrying on his interests under that name for a number of years. Eventually he sold out and turned his attention to the real estate field in connection with J. C. Dye under the firm style of Dye & Allen. He still remains a partner and the firm has long enjoyed an extensive patronage, making their business one of the profitable realty interests of Akron. As the years passed and Mr. Allen studied the business situation in Akron, he felt that there was opportunity for the conduct of a banking enterprise and in 1921 organized the Standard Savings Bank, of which he became president in 1924. This institution also entered upon a prosperous existence because its foundation was laid in principles that have carefully safeguarded the interests of depositors and at the same time have led to the steady progress in the growth of the business. He is likewise the president of the Standard Mortgage Company and thus through his connection with three large corporations he is controlling important interests which feature in the business development and material growth of the city. Aside from his association with the Dye & Allen Land & Improvement Company he is the president of the Allen Land Company and a director of the Akron General Insurance Company and his enterprising spirit has been a contributing feature to the success of all of these interests.

On the 30th of June, 1891, Mr. Allen was united in marriage to Miss Eva Geddes, a daughter of James D. and Marietta E. Geddes. They have one child, Clifford G., who was born in 1897 and was graduated from the Akron high school and also from the Case School of Applied Science in Cleveland. He is now general manager of the Palmer Match Company. He married Miss Grace Beatrice York of Massillon, Ohio.

Mr. Allen and his wife are members of the High Street Christ church, and fraternally he is connected with the Masons and the Odd Fellows, in which associations are found the rules that govern his conduct and the principles which guide him in all the relations of life. His social nature is expressed in his connection with the Akron City Club, of which he is a charter member, the Fairlawn Country Club and the Akron Automobile Club, and his interest in public affairs is manifest in his connection with the Chamber of Commerce. He has labored just as earnestly and effectively for public welfare and advancement as he has for the development

of his individual interests, and his business activities have ever been of a character which have contributed to general progress as well as to personal success. His life record is a splendid illustration of the value of industry and integrity as dominant factors in the business world. He has resided at No. 45 Oakdale avenue for thirty years.

WILLIAM PETER WELKER

William Peter Welker, vice president and trust officer of The Ohio State Bank & Trust Company, is one of Akron's well known and highly regarded bank officials. His experience as a banker began at the outset of his business career almost twenty-five years ago, and includes prominent and important banking affiliations previous to his coming to Akron.

Mr. Welker was born in Salem, Ohio, November 18th, 1876, a son of Wallace W. and Anna (West) Welker. Mr. Wallace W. Welker was connected with the iron industry, lumber trade and mercantile interests in Pittsburgh. His family consisted of a son and a daughter; William P. and Helen.

William P. Welker received his early education in Leetonia, Ohio, where he completed his high school course, while his college work was done at the University of Michigan with the class of 1901. For three years he was a student at the Pittsburgh Law School but did not enter the profession, choosing a financial career instead. His initial experience was gained in Pittsburgh with the American Trust Company, later merged with the Colonial Trust Company, of which he was made first assistant trust officer and served in that capacity until 1920. At that time he tendered his resignation and came to Akron as trust officer of the Ohio Savings & Trust Company, which in 1922 was consolidated with State Savings & Trust Company, becoming The Ohio State Bank & Trust Company. Mr. Welker was elected vice president, trust officer and secretary of The Ohio State Bank & Trust Company, and his efforts have been a contributing factor in the growth of this bank which occupies a foremost position among Akron's strong and ably managed financial institutions. A more extended mention of The Ohio State Bank & Trust Company appears on another page of this work. Mr. Welker has other business connections, being a director of The Nash Investment Com-



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pany, The Gary Company of Akron and The Main & Market Building Company.

On the 5th of March, 1912, Mr. Welker was married in Pittsburgh to Vera W. Wilson, a daughter of Mrs. G. W. Barricklow of that city. Mr. and Mrs. Welker have a son, Wilson Wallace, born in Akron, March 27, 1926.

Appreciative of the social amenities of life, Mr. Welker is a member of the Portage Country Club, the Akron City Club and the Exchange Club. A thirty-second degree Mason, he is identified with the York and Scottish Rites in Pittsburgh and Tadmor Temple of the Mystic Shrine in Akron. He is also a member of the Akron Chamber of Commerce and in his religious faith is a Presbyterian. Mr. and Mrs. Welker are well known in Akron's best social circles, and Mrs. Welker is a member of the Woman's Club, and is vice president of the Tuesday Musical Club. The Welker home is at 233 North Portage Path.

STANLEY SWIGART ROTHROCK

Well equipped for life's duties and responsibilities, Stanley S. Rothrock is coming rapidly to the fore in business circles of Akron but he resides in Tallmadge and is also a serviceable factor in that community. He was born in Portage county, Ohio, October 17, 1897, a son of Amos A. and Ada (Swigart) Rothrock, of whom further mention is made elsewhere in this work. In 1915 he completed a course in the West high school of Akron, then traveled to California by auto and spent a year there. Upon his return he matriculated in the Michigan State College, from which he was graduated with honors in 1920, B. S. On entering commercial life he applied himself with characteristic energy and zeal to his duties, soon demonstrating his capacity for business affairs, and is now filling a responsible position in the credit department of the Mohawk Rubber Company of Akron.

Mr. Rothrock was married June 30, 1924, in Tallmadge to Miss Rosalind Sackett, a daughter of Frank and Margaret (McNely) Sackett. Previous to her marriage Mrs. Rothrock was a well known educator and taught for five years in the public schools of Akron.

Mr. Rothrock is allied with the republican party, and his religious faith is indicated by his affiliation with the Tallmadge Congregational church, of which he has been a trustee for five

years. While attending the State College of Michigan he joined the Hermian Literary Society and is a member of Loyalty Lodge No. 645, Royal Arch Masons. Possessing a studious nature, keen intelligence and the capacity for sustained effort, Mr. Rothrock is destined to succeed in whatever he undertakes, and his high moral worth is attested by all with whom he has been associated. For amusement he turns to baseball and golf.

JOHN H. DELLENBERGER, SR.

John H. Dellenberger, Sr., an Akron pioneer, achieved prominence in the lumber business and is now enjoying the ease and comfort purchased by years of tireless industry, directed by keen intelligence and the spirit of enterprise. He was born in Suffield township, Portage county, Ohio, June 9, 1844, his parents being Joseph and Elizabeth (Stair) Dellenberger, who were natives of Alsace-Lorraine, the latter's home being in the vicinity of the River Rhine. They were French subjects and Joseph Dellenberger served in the army of Napoleon III. In 1839 he brought his bride to the United States, settling in the Congress Lake district of Stark county, Ohio.

There John H. Dellenberger was reared, pursuing his studies in the district schools, and during vacation periods assisted his father in the cultivation of the farm. In February, 1865, when a young man of twenty, he enlisted in the Union army, responding to President Lincoln's last call for troops, and served with Company H, of the One Hundred and Eighty-fourth Volunteer Infantry until the following fall, when he was honorably discharged at Camp Chase, Ohio. In 1866 he located in Akron and followed the carpenter's trade for a time. Later he established an enviable reputation as a building contractor and in 1870 began his career as a lumberman. He organized the Akron Lumber Company, capitalized at one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars, and owned and operated by Mr. Dellenberger and his three sons, who controlled the oldest business of the kind in the city. They maintained a high standard of production and the industry constantly expanded, progressing with Akron. In 1919 the firm sustained a heavy loss when their large planing mill was destroyed by fire, and in 1920 John H. Dellenberger, Sr., retired. He had devoted fifty years to the upbuilding of the business and was recognized as one of the foremost lumbermen of the city.

On Thanksgiving Day of 1868, Mr. Dellenberger was married in Linesville, Pennsylvania, to Miss Elizabeth Jane Acker, who was born in Wheeling, West Virginia. Her parents were William and Nancy Ann (Lopeman) Acker, the former also a native of Wheeling, while the latter was born in Maryland. To Mr. and Mrs. Dellenberger were born three children. Albertus Jay, the eldest, married Miss Jeannette Feller, by whom he has a daughter, Ruth, and they make their home in North Springfield, Summit county, on three acres adjoining his father's home. Harry A. resides at No. 60 Rhodes avenue in Akron. His first wife, who was Miss Belle Morgan, died in May, 1918, leaving a daughter, Vandalia. His second union was with Miss Mabel Thornton and they have become the parents of two children, Billie Arthur and Jane Arlette, while they also have an adopted son, Carl. John H., Jr., the third son, married Miss Helma Nelson, by whom he has a daughter, Elizabeth, and their home is at the corner of East Market street and Grand avenue in Akron.

In 1910, after a residence of thirty-five years in the Rubber city, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Dellenberger, Sr., removed to the suburban district of North Springfield, purchasing a tract of several acres, and their beautiful home at No. 2325 East Market street has become a center of the social life of the locality. They are consistent members of Grace Methodist Episcopal church of Akron and manifest a deep and helpful interest in movements for the betterment of their community along material, moral and civic lines. Mr. Dellenberger belongs to Buckley Post of the Grand Army of the Republic, and his wife is a member of the Woman's Relief Corps and other organizations. They have a wide acquaintance and stand deservedly high in public esteem.

W. OLIVER WISE

W. Oliver Wise, lawyer and lawmaker, advancing steadily since admitted to the bar on his twenty-first birthday and now numbered among the able and successful attorneys of Akron, was born in Summit county, September 8, 1875, his parents being Jacob and Martha E. (Gigger) Wise, who were also natives of Ohio and spent their entire lives in this state. The father was an inventor of farm implements and machinery, also dealt in implements and was owner of a hotel.

W. Oliver Wise, an only child, pursued his early education in

the graded schools of Manchester and afterward attended the Akron high school, from which he was in due time graduated. He was also a student in Duff's College at Pittsburgh and with a desire to become a member of the bar began reading law in the office and under the direction of Judge C. R. Grant and of Senator George W. Sieber. Later he matriculated in the Cincinnati Law School, in which he completed a three years' course, winning the LL. B. degree, and on the day on which he attained his majority he also realized another ambition—that of being licensed to practice law. He has ever remained a student of his profession and completed a postgraduate course in the Columbian University law department, now the George Washington University, at Washington, D. C., from which he received the LL. M. degree in 1897. He was admitted to the bar of the supreme court of the District of Columbia in 1896 and to the United States supreme court in 1899, having the distinction of being at that time the youngest member of the United States supreme court in the entire country. He entered upon the active practice of his profession in Akron in 1899 and through the intervening period, covering almost three decades, he has been numbered among the leading lawyers of the city. On one occasion Mr. Wise said that he "wanted to be a lawyer because he was fascinated by knotty problems and arguments to which he listened when his father was involved in litigation." Moreover, he had another ambition and that was to become a member of the legislature "because he had always been interested in debating and enjoyed participating in it." This desire on his part found its realization in his election to the Ohio house of representatives as a member of the eighty-fifth and eighty-sixth general assemblies and during his incumbency in that office he was made chairman of the common schools committee. So acceptable was his service in the lower house that he was chosen to represent his district in the state senate of the eighty-seventh assembly and is now chairman of the fish and game committee and secretary of the committee on agriculture.

His efforts, however, have not been confined to law or to law-making. He is a man of the broadest interests. Birds and flowers, education, music, art and all those things which make life brighter and better and give man a broader vision have featured in his career. For eight years he served as a member of the Akron board of education and was its president for one term, laboring earnestly and effectively in the interests of the schools. It was Mr. Wise who originated the idea of the Wooster Stadium and who

encouraged orchestral music and athletics in the schools. In a word he introduced progressive ideas that have kept the schools of Akron on a par with the leading institutions of like character in the country. His love of birds has led him to attract the feathered songsters to his home, which is known as "Birdland" in the Portage Lakes region, and there more than five hundred birds spend the summer months. He is the vice president of the American Audubon Society. Moreover, he is one of the trustees of the Portage Fish & Game Association and a past president of the Akron Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America. He is likewise a director of the Akron Automobile Club and a director of the Summit County Historical Society. He is well known in fraternal circles, having attained the Knight Templar degree in the Masonic order, while with the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine he has crossed the sands of the desert. He was also one of the organizers of Yusef-Khan Grotto and of the Masonic club. He assisted in the organization of the Summit County Historical Society, of which he is a director and has membership in the Congress Lake Club and the University Club. As a matter of course he became a member of the Chamber of Commerce and in the path of his profession he has association with the Akron, Ohio State and American Bar Associations. He also is a charter member of the 50 Year Club of Akron.

If one were actuated by a desire to reach a climax in biographical writing, it could best be done in the history of Mr. Wise by thus introducing the record of his home and family relations, for it is here that his interest chiefly centers. He was married October 31, 1900, in Orrville, Ohio, to Miss Grace Griffith, a daughter of Oliver K. Griffith, a prominent resident of Orrville. After a most happy married life of a quarter of a century Mrs. Wise passed away in Akron in February, 1926, survived by two daughters of whom the father has every reason to be proud, for innate culture and liberal education in the arts and sciences have not only qualified them for prominent social position but for almost any calling to which they might choose to turn their attention. The elder daughter, Janet, born in Akron in 1902, was an honor student at Central high and was graduated from Dana Hall of Wellesley, Massachusetts. She also attended Western Reserve University College for Women and completed a further course in Smith College at Northampton, Massachusetts, and was graduated in June, 1926. The younger daughter, Eleanor, born in Akron in 1904, after leaving Central high school attended

Dana Hall at Wellesley, Massachusetts, and following her graduation there entered the Women's College of the Western Reserve University at Cleveland, Ohio, and was graduated in June, 1927.

Mr. Wise and his daughters attend the First Presbyterian church, of which he is a trustee. There are few men of such breadth and variety of interests. Life has been to him full and rich with its opportunities for work and study and pleasure and service. Along each line he has accomplished much, and while he disclaims any great credit as a contributor to the world's work, he may well feel that he has gained much from life's opportunities. His contemporaries and his colleagues, however, speak of him as one whose labors have been vital to the community, enriching city and state by what he has accomplished as lawyer and lawmaker and as the advocate of progress, improvement and achievement.

FRED W. FUCHS

Through the wise utilization of his powers of organization and administration Fred W. Fuchs has achieved success in the dairy business and represents the third generation of the family in Akron. He was born July 9, 1889, in this city, of which his parents, F. William and Anna (Wilhelm) Fuchs, were lifelong residents. They were of German lineage and members of families that were established in the Rubber city during the formative period in its history. F. William Fuchs was a maltster and the owner of the business conducted under the name of the Akron Brewing Company. He responded to the final summons in 1916 and his wife's death occurred in 1919. They had two children, Mrs. J. B. Kittelberger and Fred W. Fuchs, both of whom are residents of Akron.

The son completed a course in the Central high school and was next a student at Buchtel College, becoming a member of the class of 1912. After leaving that institution of learning he entered the employ of the B. F. Goodrich Rubber Company, and then became a member of the clerical force of the Akron Brewing Company, working for his father for five years. His first independent undertaking was the formation of the Akron Beverage & Cold Storage Company, with which he was identified for a few years, and on January 1, 1925, organized the Peoples Dairy Company, now located on Grant street. The plant is immaculate and thoroughly up-to-date. When Mr. Fuchs started



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the business he had about twelve employes and maintained about five delivery wagons. In three years he has developed an industry which furnishes work to seventy-five persons and eleven trucks and twenty-two wagon routes are now required for delivery purposes. He is president and treasurer of the business, which reflects his progressive spirit and high standards, and he is also president of the Kramer Clothing Company, at 193 South Main street, a director of the Kittelberger Electric Company, and member of the firm of Crockett & Fuchs at Barberton, distributors of coca-cola and soda waters.

Mr. Fuchs was married July 11, 1911, in Akron, to Miss Lucy C. Hanscom, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Hanscom, and they have become the parents of one child, Fred W., Jr. He was born in this city, January 12, 1914, and is attending the West high school.

Mr. Fuchs is a thirty-second degree Mason and Shriner and also an Elk. He is also a member of the Lone Star Fraternity, the City and Automobile Clubs, the Akron Chamber of Commerce, and the Ohio and International Dairymen's Associations. His life is governed by the teachings of the First Reformed church, and his genuine worth has established him high in public esteem.

His residence is at 871 Ardmore avenue.

PAUL C. LAYBOURNE

Paul C. Laybourne, senior partner in the law firm of Laybourne, Zesiger, Johnson & Crafts, is one of the prominent members of the Akron bar. He was born in Springfield, Ohio, July 23, 1887, a son of Christopher and Anna B. (Walker) Laybourne. The Laybournes are from an old family of Virginia. Christopher Laybourne came to Ohio in early life, and here he married Miss Anna B. Walker, who was born and reared in this state. He had attained the venerable age of eighty-two years at the time of his death in 1926, and his widow still survives. Their family consists of a son and a daughter, the latter being Hazel, now Mrs. Clement Jones, who resides in Springfield, Ohio.

Paul C. Laybourne, who was reared in Springfield, attended the schools of that city and later Ohio State University, from which he was graduated in 1911, having pursued the regular law course. He sought opportunity in the west, locating in Oregon,

where he practiced for a year but at the end of that time returned to Ohio, opening an office in Springfield, where he remained until 1916. In that year he came to Akron and in 1917 entered the office of the county prosecuting attorney, while from 1918 until 1921 he filled the position of assistant prosecuting attorney. He has since devoted his energies to his private law practice, and his present association with Earnest E. Zesiger, Harold V. Johnson and Clayton E. Crafts, comprises one of the strongest law firms in this section of the state. He is a member of the Summit County Bar Association and enjoys the high respect and confidence of his colleagues and contemporaries. Among his business interests outside of his profession, he is a director of the Depositors Savings & Trust Company of Akron.

On the 24th of December, 1912, Mr. Laybourne wedded Miss Pauline B. Breckenridge, daughter of John C. Breckenridge, inventor of steel wool machinery, now widely used. Mr. and Mrs. Laybourne have two children: Bruce B., born in Springfield, Ohio, October 10, 1914; and Paul C., born in Akron, December 21, 1919.

In his fraternal connections Mr. Laybourne is a member of the Elks lodge of Akron, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias. He also belongs to the Summit County Bar Association and the Civitan Club. For eight years he was chairman of the civil service commission of Cuyahoga Falls, and he has ever manifested a helpful attitude toward projects and measures instituted for the public good and at all times has given staunch support to those activities which are a matter of civic virtue and of civic pride.

Mr. Laybourne's residence is at 416 Chestnut boulevard, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

THE FALLS RUBBER COMPANY

The Falls Rubber Company, one of the largest and most important industrial concerns in Cuyahoga Falls, was incorporated May 7, 1909, the original incorporators being H. F. Siegrist, William Sherbondy, A. H. Stevenson, W. G. Short and A. J. Latimer. The original capitalization was seventy-five thousand dollars, and the first plant was established in the tile building at Water and Broad streets, which is still used by the company. At the beginning the company manufactured automobile tires, bicycle tires, special tires for electric cars, horseshoe pads and rubber

accessories. J. H. Weld was the first president; L. H. Steurgen, vice president, and H. F. Siegrist, secretary, and in 1910 Frank Nolte came into the company as secretary and factory manager. In 1911 W. S. Bailey of Cleveland was elected president, with O. C. Nelson as secretary, and Frank Nolte as treasurer. In 1914 M. J. O'Donnell of Cleveland became president, and during his administration the company bought additional property adjoining their first location and erected a new and modern factory building. The business of the company increased rapidly, so that by 1917 the sale of tires and tubes alone ran over one million dollars, and by 1920 had increased to one million eight hundred thousand dollars, so that further additions to the plant and equipment were made necessary. By 1924 the sales had grown to two million seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars, and during that year J. O. King of Cleveland became president of the company, serving until January 23, 1927, when George D. Kratz succeeded him and is still at the head of the business. The present capitalization of the company is two million five hundred thousand dollars; it utilizes the latest type of machinery for producing extra high grade tires and tubes, and occupies over two hundred thousand square feet of floor space, while about five hundred persons are employed in producing what are believed to be the best tires and tubes in the market today.

FLOYD A. REES

An able advocate as well as a wise counselor, Floyd A. Rees occupies a place of prominence in legal circles of Akron. He was born April 12, 1893, in Minersville, Ohio, the only child of his parents, John E. and Lettie E. (Evans) Rees, the former a native of Wales. The mother was born in the Buckeye state and previous to her marriage engaged in teaching. John E. Rees has lived in Ohio since he was a child of three and is superintendent of a large mining corporation whose holdings are located in the Minersville district.

Floyd A. Rees attended the grammar school in his native town and the Middleport high school. His higher education was received in the Ohio State University, from which he received the degree of LL. B. in 1916, and in the following year he opened an office in Akron, where he has since engaged in the general practice of law. His studies did not cease with his admission to the

bar for he has been a constant reader, ever eager to broaden his knowledge of the law in its various branches. He has steadily advanced in his profession, winning the confidence of the public and the respect of his fellow practitioners. He enjoys a representative clientele and is accorded a most creditable position among the representative members of the Akron bar. Aside from his professional connections Mr. Rees is president of the Knights of Pythias Building Company, owners of the Pythian Temple property on South High street.

He is a member of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He is a charter member and first secretary of the Welsh Cambrian Society of Summit county; is past chancellor commander of Akron Lodge No. 603, Knights of Pythias, and past prince of Zinebi Temple No. 216, D. O. K. K. His professional connections are with the Summit County, Ohio State and American Bar Associations. He is a member of the First Presbyterian church. Mr. Rees' residence is at No. 370 Wildwood avenue.

OAKLEY SPAGHT

Oakley Spaght, a farm boy and identified with farm work until 1906 and then for ten years foreman and park superintendent of the Silver Lake Park Company, is now connected with the real estate business at Stow, where his activities are wisely and successfully conducted. He has always resided in Summit county, his birth having occurred in Uniontown, December 3, 1880. He is a son of William and Susan Spaght. The father was born in 1850 and in young manhood wedded Susan Baughman, whose birth occurred at Uniontown, Ohio. He was of German descent, while his wife was a representative of an old Pennsylvania Dutch family.

During his early boyhood Oakley Spaght remained upon his father's farm and early became acquainted through practical experience with the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops. After obtaining a common school education he attended the Akron high school and was graduated in 1896. Following the completion of that course he returned to the farm and again concentrated his efforts and attention upon general agricultural pursuits for a decade but in 1906 determined to try his fortune along

other lines. Accordingly he sought what he believed would prove an advantageous field and accepted a position with the Silver Lake Park Company as foreman and park superintendent. He worked along that line until 1916 and then turned his attention to the real estate and insurance business, in which he has won a substantial measure of success, enjoying the confidence and respect of the general public. He is now senior member of the firm of Oakley Spaght & Son, realtors, builders and insurance representatives. The junior partner is his son, Harold W. Spaght. They give their attention to real estate transactions of every character, have done considerable building, have handled estates and have promoted successful development projects, some of the most important being Paradise Park, Stow Highlands, Silver Lake Highlands and Clairmont Acres. The members of the firm are recognized as dependable and energetic men of marked ability and of high character. Aside from his other interests Oakley Spaght is a director of the Falls Savings & Loan Association, which is one of the outstanding financial institutions of Ohio.

At Stow, on the 22d of April, 1903, Mr. Spaght wedded Miss Jennie Ripley, who was born in Tallmadge, Ohio, January 9, 1882, and is a daughter of John and Celia Ripley, the former a native of the Buckeye state and the latter of Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Spaght have become parents of three children: Harold W., Jeannette C. and Martha E., who is private secretary to her father. The son is a graduate of the University of Akron and received military training which entitles him to rank as first lieutenant if called into the United States service, for he was a first lieutenant of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps of the University of Akron. He was married in 1927 to Georgiana Valentine and is now associated with his father in business under the firm style of Oakley Spaght & Son. The daughter Jeannette is a graduate of the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music and is a capable piano teacher. Mrs. Spaght is widely known for her deep, effective and helpful interest in local and state affairs. She is an active worker in the church, a prominent figure in the social life of the community and is a member of the Federation of Women's Clubs. She has at various times held important positions in connection with these organizations.

Mr. Spaght stands firmly for progress and improvement along all lines affecting the material, intellectual, social and moral welfare of the community. He has held various local offices, the duties of which he has discharged with promptness and fidelity.

His political allegiance is usually given to the republican party, but he maintains an independent course, regarding the high character of the candidate rather than his party affiliation. He is a member of Cuyahoga Falls Kiwanis Club and at one time served as president of the Akron Real Estate Board. Fraternally he is a Mason, a member of Cuyahoga Falls Lodge No. 247, and is an active member of the Church of Christ, serving as chairman of its official board, a member of its board of trustees and an elder of the church. Nought can swerve him from a course which he believes to be right in his relations with his fellowmen. He never weighs his acts in the scale of policy and has therefore ever enjoyed the respect, confidence and good will of those who know him.

OWEN F. ELLIOTT

The horizon of every man's achievements is fixed by his own powers. Owen F. Elliott, who possesses the requisite ability and the equally necessary quality of industry, has accomplished much for one of his years and is well known in commercial circles of Akron owing to his activities in connection with the baking business.

He was born in Elliott, Illinois, January 9, 1892, and is a son of Hugh and Elizabeth (Yasel) Elliott. His father was born in Millersburg, Ohio, but the mother was a native of Illinois. In early life Hugh Elliott went to Illinois, where he was married, and followed agricultural pursuits in that state for many years. He returned to his native town in 1900 and still resides there but his wife died in 1922. To their union were born ten children: Irvin, Donald, Mrs. Edna Close, Mrs. Bessie Hellen, Mrs. Harry James, and Bonnie, Elizabeth, Evelyn, Leota and Owen F. Elliott.

The last named received his education in the grammar and high schools of Millersburg, Ohio, and came to Akron when a young man of nineteen years, securing a position with the B. F. Goodrich Rubber Company, with which he spent three years. For two years he was a salesman for the Norwald Candy Company of Cleveland, Ohio, and then became a driver of one of the delivery wagons of the Tri-State Baking Company. He also acted as salesman and later worked in the plant. Mr. Elliott mastered the trade and eventually was made manager of the sales department, filling the position for five years. Since 1923



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he has been general manager and has also become supervising manager of the Toledo and Decatur, Illinois, branches. The business of the Summit Baking Company was absorbed by the Tri-State Baking Company, which was later taken over by the Purity Bakeries Corporation with general offices in Chicago, Illinois. M. L. Molen is president, J. W. Hines, vice president and J. T. McCarthy, secretary and treasurer, the corporation operating thirty-six separate plants in the United States. The Akron plant was started by Mr. Elliott with six ovens and forty employes, and in 1928 has one hundred and twenty employes, being the largest bread plant in Summit county, and is second largest baking plant in northeastern Ohio. It now has fourteen ovens and the number of routes has been increased from ten to forty. In every respect this is a model institution and there is a wide demand for its products, which are distinguished by purity and excellence. Mr. Elliott is supervising manager of the corporation, which owes its local development and prestige to his wisdom, experience and methodical, systematic efforts. The plant is located at No. 693 South High street and the business is conducted on a wholesale basis.

Mr. Elliott was married October 10, 1917, to Miss Bessie Magenau, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Magenau and a member of one of the old and prominent families of Akron. Mr. and Mrs. Elliott have one child, Gloria Anna, who was born July 7, 1922, in this city.

Mr. Elliott is identified with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Akron Chamber of Commerce and the Automobile Club. He is affiliated with the Wooster Avenue Reformed church and shapes his conduct by its teachings. His energy, diligence, perseverance and fidelity to duty are amply illustrated in his career, and the respect accorded him is well deserved. Mr. Elliott's residence is at 937 Copley road, Akron.

HUBERT CONRAD PECK

Hubert Conrad Peck was long a resident of Akron and although many years have elapsed since his death his memory is still fresh in the hearts of those who knew him, for his manhood bore the impress of sincerity and candor and his life was rightly lived. He was born December 5, 1847, in this city, and received his education in its public schools. In 1864, when a youth of

seventeen, he joined the One Hundred and Eighty-eighth Regiment of Ohio Infantry, enlisting for a term of six months, and at the end of that time reenlisted, serving with Company H of the One Hundred and Seventy-seventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry until the close of the Civil war, when he was honorably discharged.

Mr. Peck returned to Akron and in 1867 was married in this city to Miss Lydia Clowner, who was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, December 12, 1847, and when a child of six came to Summit county, Ohio, with her parents, Jacob J. and Fiana (Mellinger) Clowner, who were also natives of the Keystone state. Her grandparents in the paternal line were Charles and Lydia Mellinger. The latter was also a native of Pennsylvania but her husband was born in Germany, and left the fatherland in his youth, hoping to better his fortunes in America. Jacob J. Clowner was born May 10, 1819, and remained in Pennsylvania until 1853, when he migrated to Ohio, settling in Summit county. He was a carpenter, contractor and cabinet maker, and during the Civil war served as postmaster of North Springfield. Mr. Clowner was a good citizen and enjoyed the esteem of all who knew him. His daughter Nancy became Mrs. John Schrop and has passed away.

To Mr. and Mrs. Peck were born seven children. Eugene C., of Macedonia, Ohio, married Miss Iva Kessler and has a son, Lionel, who married Miss Lucile Millett and has a family of three children, Louise, Lionel S. and Eugene C. Perry, the next in order of birth, is deceased. Hubert C., of Akron, who married Miss Ella Quigley, has become the father of two children: Lee, who married Miss Ruth Freeman and has a son, Lee Jr.; and Nellie, the wife of Fleming H. Coy. Hubert C. Peck also has two adopted daughters: Sybil, who is the wife of Raymond Rett and the mother of one son, Hubert; and Ethel, who is Mrs. Charles Baur. Nora married William Wert, of Akron, and they have become the parents of four children: Mrs. Ruth Wilcox, who has one daughter, Maryland; and Glenn, Clifford and Bruce Wert, all at home. Johnnie, the fifth in order of birth, has passed away. Melville is a successful architect and resides at home. Pearl is the wife of Floyd Palmer of Akron and the mother of two children, Thelma and Richard.

Mr. Peck adhered to the Episcopalian faith and conscientiously followed the teachings of his church. For a number of years he was connected with the local fire department and also served in the Ohio National Guard. His interest in his com-

munity was deep and sincere and he was always ready to further plans for its advancement. He was true to the ties of home and friendship, and his death on February 26, 1910, deprived Akron of a citizen of substantial worth. Mrs. Peck lives in Springfield Center in the beautiful home in which her father resided and which is over one hundred years old. She is an Episcopalian and devotes much time to religious, charitable and civic work. Forgetful of self, she has found true happiness in serving others and is highly esteemed in the community in which practically her entire life has been spent.

HURL JACOB ALBRECHT

Hurl Jacob Albrecht, widely known in mercantile circles, is now extensively engaged in the wholesale and retail grocery trade not only in Akron but in other towns and cities of Ohio. In all that he undertakes he is actuated by a progressive spirit that is based upon a thorough knowledge of present-day conditions and a thorough understanding of the market. His rise has been rather spectacular because of the rapidity with which he has extended his business connections and written success after every venture, and yet an analysis of his career shows that his basic qualities are those which have ever made for advancement—industry, perseverance and loyalty to high principles.

Mr. Albrecht was born in Massilon, Ohio, February 10, 1886, but has practically been a lifelong resident of Akron, as the family home was here established in 1891. The name indicates his German lineage. His grandfather, Frederick Albrecht, was born in Bavaria, Germany, September 18, 1818, and was a son of Nicholas and Elizabeth (Engle) Albrecht. He was twenty years of age when in 1838 he came to the new world after having previously learned the shoemaker's trade. Landing at New Orleans, he proceeded northward by way of the river and canals until in the spring of 1839 he established his home in Massilon, where he was employed as a shoemaker for a few years. He then opened a shop of his own and also established a retail grocery store, his brother Michael managing the latter for six years. Frederick Albrecht continued the two lines of business up to the time of his retirement in 1875. His wife, who in her maidenhood bore the name of Elizabeth Daum, was born in Hesse Darmstadt, Germany, in 1828, a daughter of John Daum, who brought his family

to the United States in 1841. Elizabeth Daum became the wife of Frederick Albrecht in 1847. Mr. Albrecht died in Massilon, June 29, 1887, after a forty-eight years' close association with the business development of that place.

His son, Fred William Albrecht, was born in Massilon, April 3, 1861, and became acquainted with the grocery trade while assisting his father in his boyhood days. In 1884 he purchased the business but in 1891 sought the broader field offered in Akron and opened a store near Buchtel College. Here he began developing a chain system of stores in 1900 until more than one hundred such establishments, known as the Acme Cash Basket Stores, are owned by the Fred W. Albrecht Grocery Company, covering Ohio territory as far distant as Warren and Canton. The initiative and enterprise of F. W. Albrecht is evidenced in this extensive business. He likewise became identified with the Central Savings & Trust Company and other business interests in Akron which have featured in the development and prosperity of the city. He belongs to the Chamber of Commerce and the Retail Merchants Association and he has membership in the Rotary, Akron City and Congress Lake clubs. He has also given much attention and valuable service to civic affairs and he belongs to the Trinity Lutheran church. He was married to Miss Mary E. Buehl, a native of Akron and a daughter of the Rev. P. J. Buehl, the founder and first pastor of the German Lutheran church on High street in Akron and later the founder of St. Paul's Lutheran church of Massilon, of which he was pastor for twenty-seven years.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Albrecht had a family of four children, of whom the eldest is Hurl J., who pursued his education in the public schools of Akron to the age of seventeen years, when he began assisting in his father's stores. His experience in the grocery trade, therefore, has been of long duration and his enterprise and progressiveness have brought a gratifying reward. Working his way upward through merit and not through parental authority, he ultimately became general manager of the Acme retail stores, but this was not accomplished all at once. He graduated from the Central high school in 1905 and the following year went upon the road as salesman for the Albrecht Barber Supply & Drug Company, with which he remained until the spring of 1908, when he resigned and went to Cuba, establishing an automobile agency in Havana in connection with a partner. They also instituted the first cross-country bus line on the island, mak-

ing the trip of twenty-two miles to Batabano. After leaving Cuba, Mr. Albrecht resumed connection with the Acme stores, which were then seven in number. He did everything that there was to be done almost in connection with managing and directing the business and in 1912 was in charge of construction, superintending the erection of Acme stores in Kent and in Akron.

His military experience caused another break in his mercantile career. In 1916, upon the organization of Battery B, First Ohio Artillery—a unit of the National Guard—he was elected captain and six months later was sent to Camp Willis, where he was appointed major and a little later was advanced to the rank of lieutenant-colonel. Troops were needed on the Mexican border and he left for El Paso, Texas, returning to Fort Sheridan, Illinois, in March, 1917. He was about to be mustered out when the United States entered the World war and he was assigned to recruiting duty for the Akron district to expand the battery into a war-strength outfit. He helped train the first two officers training corps at Fort Benjamin Harrison and soon after rejoining his battery at Camp Sheridan, Montgomery, Alabama, he was detailed to the School of Fire at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. In June, 1918, with his command, he left for France and spent two months in training at Camp De Souge, near Bordeaux, and was on active duty at the front with his men from September until the armistice was signed. He remained overseas for more than ten months, returning to the United States in May, 1919, and on resigning his commission resumed active connection with the grocery business in Akron.

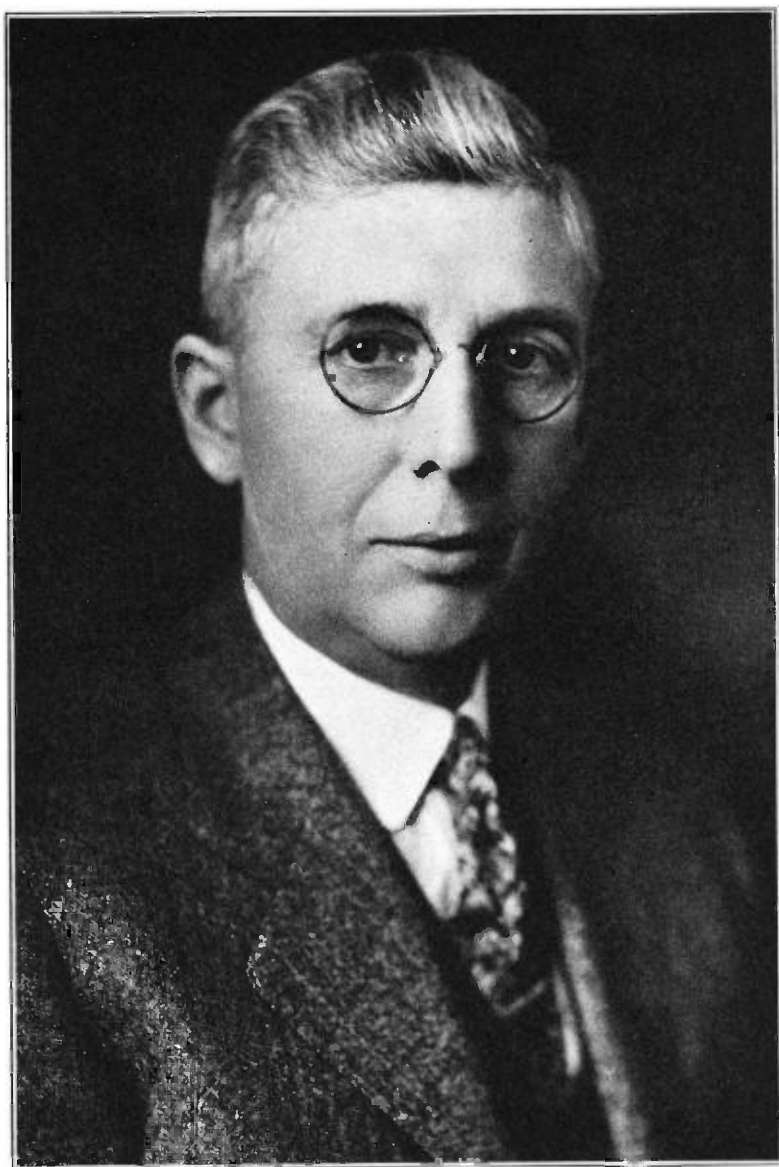
Within a few months thereafter Mr. Albrecht built eight new Acme stores and in 1921 superintended the erection of the seven-hundred-and-fifty-thousand-dollar Albrecht bakery, of which he is the general manager. When the Fred W. Albrecht Company was incorporated in 1920 he became its vice president and general manager. This organization conducts both a wholesale and retail business, which includes one hundred and fourteen Acme stores, showing a steady growth in the business, while the Acme bakery furnishes bread, biscuits and cookies to the one hundred and fourteen Cash Basket Stores. In addition to his connection with this business as its second executive Mr. Albrecht is a director of the Hudson National Bank. What he undertakes he accomplishes. In his vocabulary there is no such word as fail, and obstacles and difficulties in his path seem to serve as an impetus for renewed effort on his part.

In September, 1910, Colonel Albrecht was married to Miss Jessie Anderson, a daughter of Judge G. M. Anderson, a distinguished Akron attorney. Colonel and Mrs. Albrecht have two daughters, Julia Elizabeth and Barbara Jane. The parents hold membership in Trinity Lutheran church and Colonel Albrecht was formerly a member of its council. He has served as commander of Summit Post of the American Legion and has been chairman of the military affairs committee of the Akron Chamber of Commerce. He belongs to the Portage Country Club; the Lions Club, of which he is a past president; is a life member of the Thirty-seventh Division Association; and has membership in the Congress Lake Country and Akron City clubs. For recreation he turns to golf, to art and to music and these phases of his character constitute the even balance in his make-up that otherwise would be too strongly inclined to business. He is forceful and resourceful, yet genial and courteous, and the passing years strengthen his ties of friendship, which is indicative of the fact that his life is well lived.

JOSEPH G. CHALFANT

One of the important industrial enterprises of Akron owes its existence to the progressive spirit and determination of Joseph G. Chalfant, who with his loyal associates, organized the Summit Mold & Machine Company, of which he is now the president and general manager. He qualified for this business as best he could through preliminary study and has constantly added to his knowledge by valuable experience. He has thus broadened his capacities and powers and success is attending his efforts in the direction of his present interests.

A native son of Ohio, he was born near Mount Vernon, Ohio, April 5, 1875, while his parents, James A. and Margaret A. (Statler) Chalfant, were natives of Pennsylvania. In early life, however, they came to Ohio. The father had previously conducted a general store at Johnstown, Pennsylvania, until all of his property and holdings were destroyed by fire, leaving him without capital. He started out anew, possessing a courageous spirit that enabled him to staunchly face conditions. He and his family, then consisting of two sons, moved to Ohio, and during the remainder of his life he followed farming. He and his wife have passed away, and of their eight children only four, all sons, are



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now living, namely: Joseph G.; John S., residing in Mount Vernon, Ohio; Walter Irving, living in Mansfield, this state; and Emory W., of Akron.

Born and reared on his father's farm, the educational advantages accorded Joseph G. Chalfant were only those of the district school and he had to walk more than a mile to attend. In the early morning he would arise, do the chores around the place and then trudge off to pursue his studies. He was ambitious, however, and afterward took a correspondence course in engineering. He studied intensively and thus qualified for later service in that field. Thoroughness and energy, resulting in marked capability, have been outstanding features in his life work. He has always commanded and enjoyed the confidence and trust of his employers, to whom he has ever been most faithful. His first job was with the C. & G. Cooper Company at Mount Vernon, but after about a year he removed to Akron and became associated with the Wellman-Seaver-Morgan Company, machinists, for whom he worked for four and one-half years. On the expiration of that period he became connected with the McNeil Boiler Company, spending a year in the welding department. He next secured a position with the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company in the engineering and experimental department and remained with that corporation for three years. On the 1st of June, 1913, he established his first independent business venture by opening a welding plant and from this small beginning the business has constantly grown until he organized his interests on the 5th of May, 1915, under the name of the Summit Mold & Machine Company. In August, 1919, they began the manufacture of molds and machinery for the rubber industry and are now the sole manufacturers of the Breitenstein tire mold and engraving machines so extensively used by tire manufacturers. The plant furnishes employment to from fifty to one hundred and fifteen people and is usually operated to capacity. Mr. Chalfant remains the president of the company and general manager of the business and has builded his success upon broad experience and thorough mastery of every task which he has undertaken.

Appreciative of the social amenities of life, Mr. Chalfant belongs to the Fairlawn Country Club, the Tuscarora Country Club, the Pennsylvania & Ohio Rod and Gun Club of Clearfield, Pennsylvania, the Izaak Walton League, and to the Akron Automobile Club. He is also identified with the South Akron Board

of Trade and with the Akron Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Chalfant is fond of outdoor sports, and his recreational exercise is fishing, hunting and golf. Fraternally he is an Odd Fellow and in religious belief a Methodist. His life is well balanced in its interests and activities, and his business affairs find their counterpart in loyal and effective service for the public good.

PROSPER WALES GOTT

During the later part of his life Prosper Wales Gott lived retired from active business in Hudson and here passed away on the 5th of April, 1922, honored and respected by all who knew him. He was born in Summit county, June 18, 1846, and in the paternal line was of German and Irish parentage, while on the maternal side he came of an old American family. When he was still quite young he responded to the call of the country for troops to aid in the preservation of the Union and served for four years and four months in the Civil war as a member of the Nineteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry with the rank of corporal. Although but a boy in his teens, he displayed the soldierly qualities of bravery and loyalty equal to those of many a veteran of twice his years. He won a badge for bravery and took part in the battles of Missionary Ridge, Chickamauga, Stone River, Shiloh and many other engagements. For many years he attended Grand Army reunions.

Following the close of hostilities Mr. Gott engaged in business for a time in town and then turned his attention to farming in his home county, not only tilling the soil but also conducting a dairy business on his farm, his capable management, close application and unremitting industry bringing to him a substantial measure of success as the years passed. Thus he acquired a comfortable competence which justified him in retiring from active business in 1903, at which time he took up his abode in Hudson, where he resided until his demise.

It was on the 26th of January, 1869, that Mr. Gott was united in marriage to Miss Maria L. Oviatt, a native of Summit county, born of American parentage, her grandfather, Colonel John Oviatt, having held the rank of colonel in the War of 1812. Her parents were Luman and Lucinda (Craig) Oviatt, the former born in Summit county and the latter in Muskingum county, Ohio. Her father was a cattle dealer and farmer. Mr. and Mrs.

Gott had two children, of whom the daughter, Donna May, now deceased, was the wife of William Hoyer. At her death she left two small children, Marvel and Ruth, who were adopted by their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Gott. The son, Thurman O. Gott, is married and resides on a farm in this county.

In community interests Mr. Gott took an active and helpful part and served on the school board for many years while living in Twinsburg. At all times he gave his allegiance and support to those measures which he believed would prove helpful to the district in which he lived. He was very widely and favorably known and beloved, having an extensive circle of warm friends, as has Mrs. Gott, who still makes her home in Hudson, where she is highly esteemed by all who know her.

ROSS MENDENHALL

Among the important industrial institutions of which Akron is justly proud is that of the Furnas Ice Cream Company, which has attained its present status under the able management of Ross Mendenhall, whose identification with the business covers a period of almost twenty years. He was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, December 3, 1880, a son of Edward and Ella (Weatherly) Mendenhall, the former also a native of that state, while the latter was born in North Carolina. The father, who was a successful farmer, died in 1924, and the mother passed away in 1914. They had four children: Orin, the eldest, is deceased, while the others are Ross, Mrs. Kate Barnett and Mrs. Maude Elliott.

Ross Mendenhall was reared on a farm; attended the country schools and the Indianapolis high school, and received his degree of Bachelor of Arts from the University of Indiana with the class of 1907. After his graduation he took up educational work and for two years was an instructor in the public schools of Elwood, Indiana. He came to Akron in 1907 and has since been manager of the Furnas Ice Cream Company's interests in this city. Through close study and deep thought he has instituted well devised plans for the upbuilding of the business and under his management the small plant has been replaced by a large modern structure containing every appliance for expediting the work. It is situated at Nos. 34-42 North Broadway, and is one of the seven factories operated by this corporation, the others being located in Columbus, Ohio; St. Louis, Missouri; and Fort Wayne, Indian-

apolis, South Bend and Terre Haute, Indiana. The company manufactures Standard ice cream and fruit ices unsurpassed in purity and excellence and has long been the recognized leader in its line of business in Akron. Among his other business connections Mr. Mendenhall is a director of the Depositors Savings & Trust Company of Akron.

In Jamestown, Greene county, Ohio, Mr. Mendenhall was married to Miss Mary Robinson, a daughter of James Robinson and a member of one of the prominent families in that part of the state. Mr. and Mrs. Mendenhall have two children, Sarah Read, born March 14, 1912, and Robert, born December 16, 1914, both of whom were born in Akron.

Mr. Mendenhall is a Knight Templar Mason and is a member of the Masonic Club, the Akron City Club, the Kiwanis Club, the Akron Automobile Club and the Silver Lake Country Club. He also belongs to the Akron Chamber of Commerce. In religious faith he is a Quaker. He has a high conception of duty and honor, and his business relations, like his standing as a citizen, fully measures up to these conceptions. He has resided in Suffield, Ohio, since 1926.

ROY H. STULL

Development work in Akron has received marked impetus from the well directed efforts of Roy H. Stull, an enterprising, farsighted business man and a prominent realtor and home builder. He was born August 20, 1878, in Millersburg, Ohio, and his parents, Frank W. and Mary C. (Hanna) Stull, were lifelong residents of this state. His father was a millwright and blacksmith and for many years was in the employ of the American Sewer Pipe Company at Barberton. Mr. and Mrs. Stull are survived by two children, Roy H. and Mrs. Grace Hummel, both of Akron.

Roy H. Stull obtained his early instruction in Millersburg and was next a student in the Barberton high school. He learned the trade of a machinist and worked for a number of years for the American Sewer Pipe Company, becoming foreman of the shop. In 1917 he entered the employ of the Waggoner & Emmons Realty Company and was assigned the task of selling lots in one of their subdivisions. He was so successful that he decided to continue in that field of activity and in 1917 began dealing in real estate

and mortgages, becoming identified with the Holmes County Savings & Loan Association of Millersburg, Ohio, and the Ashland Building & Loan Company of Ashland, Ohio. Mr. Stull also entered the contracting business and in four years has erected and sold more than seven hundred houses in and near Akron. His buildings are substantially constructed and attractive in design, representing the best in workmanship and material consistent with the prices charged. In addition he makes loans and also writes insurance. He is sole owner of the business conducted under the name of the Stull Realty Company and president of the Stull-Shoop Contracting Company, which owe their success to his executive capacity and excellent business judgment.

Mr. Stull was married March 30, 1919, in Cleveland, Ohio, to Miss Olga Kluth, a daughter of August Kluth of that city, and they have three children. Mr. Stull enjoys outdoor life and spends the summer months at his country home on the shore of Hower Lake. He is a member of the Akron Automobile Club, the Akron Real Estate Board and the East Akron Board of Trade. He is broad in his views, progressive in his standards and high in his ideals, a man whom to know is to esteem and respect.

GEORGE A. ROHNER

George A. Rohner, affectionately termed "Tony" by his many friends in Akron, has made efficiency his watchword, and the story of his career is the record of an orderly progression that has brought him from a minor position to that of treasurer of the Burger Iron Company, the largest structural iron concern in the city, in which his life has been spent. He was born February 14, 1882, and is a son of Joseph A. Rohner, whose sketch is published elsewhere in this volume.

In the acquirement of an education George A. Rohner attended St. Bernard's parochial school, and his first commercial experience was gained in his father's grocery store, in which he spent several years. In December, 1899, he entered the employ of the Burger Iron Company, becoming a member of the office force, and soon demonstrated his worth to the firm. He was advanced through the various departments and is now treasurer and one of the directors of the corporation, with which he has been identified for nearly thirty years, serving the firm to the extent of his ability. Broad experience and close study have given him a detailed

knowledge of the iron industry and this is supplemented by the forcefulness and initiative of the true executive. He is a director of the Rohner Paper Company, controlled by his father, and also of the Industrial Fire Insurance Company, the Evans Building & Loan Company and the First Trust & Savings Bank of Akron.

Mr. Rohner was married December 27, 1905, in Akron to Miss Eva M. Sutter, a daughter of Joseph and Henrietta Sutter of Akron. Mr. and Mrs. Rohner have three children: Robert George, who was born January 7, 1910, is a graduate of St. Vincent's Academy and is now a student at the University of Dayton; Genevieve, who was born February 9, 1915, is attending the school of Our Lady of the Elms; and Ralph Joseph was born July 23, 1924. The family reside at No. 912 Hereford drive, in one of the fine homes in the West Hill district.

Mr. Rohner adheres to the Roman Catholic faith and is a devout communicant of St. Bernard's church. In the Knights of Columbus he holds the fourth degree and under his leadership was developed a program of widespread activities that brought more financial reward to the Akron Council and more civic good will than any previous efforts. He was made secretary and treasurer of the Knights of Columbus Building Company and reorganized its finances, secured additional stock subscriptions and led the way toward the construction of the new auditorium. Mr. Rohner is a member of the Rotary Club of Akron, of which he has served as trustee. He is a director of Akron Chamber of Commerce and belongs to the Automobile Club. His hobby is horseback riding and he is a member of the Portage Riding Club. Conscientious and energetic, he gives his best efforts to every cause that he espouses, and an exemplary life has won for him the high and enduring regard of all who have been brought within the sphere of his influence.

GEORGE ANDREW MILLER, M. D.

Prominent among the able professional men of Hudson and of Summit county is numbered Dr. George Andrew Miller, who is now successfully practicing, his ability being attested in the liberal patronage accorded him. He was born in Twinsburg, Ohio, July 30, 1875. His father, Robert J. Miller, a native of Ireland, was of Scotch-Irish lineage and came to the United States when a young man of twenty-two years. He wedded Amelia



DR. GEORGE A. MILLER

Foster, who was born in Boston township, Summit county, Ohio, while her parents were Connecticut people.

Dr. Miller was reared to young manhood on the old homestead farm, situated two miles south of Aurora, this state, and after completing a high school education in 1894 he entered the Western Reserve Academy, which he attended until 1897. He next became a student in the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and won his diploma in 1903, after which he matriculated in Tufts Medical College and was graduated therefrom with the class of 1908. During the years in which he was engaged in the study of medicine he also owned and conducted a drug store in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and thus he provided the means for his college course.

It was in the year 1908 that Dr. Miller came to Hudson and opened a drug store, while two years later he entered upon the active practice of medicine and surgery, in which work he has attained splendid success, being recognized as one of the foremost representatives of his chosen profession in northern Ohio. Through close study, broad reading and wide research he keeps in touch with the trend of modern professional thought and progress and he employs the most advanced methods in his efforts to check the ravages of disease. The Doctor is a director of the National Bank of Hudson, also a director of the Hudson Library & Historical Society, and a member of the Summit County Medical Society, the Ohio State Medical Association and the American Medical Association.

Dr. Miller was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Rogers, of Hudson, who for years was instructor in institutional schools of Columbus, Ohio, and later did a similar work in the schools of Cleveland. She was prominent in social and club activities and in musical and church circles and at one time was matron of Hudson Chapter of the Eastern Star. She passed away at her home in Hudson, November 11, 1927, and her demise was the occasion of deep and widespread regret because of the kindly regard and the love entertained for her by all who knew her.

On the 23d of June, 1928, Dr. Miller married Mrs. Helen (Lowman) Evans, of Hudson, who is a daughter of Matthew and Mary Lowman, of Cleveland. Mrs. Miller is a graduate of Western Reserve College and took postgraduate work at Wellesley College and Columbia University. For the past four years she was curator of the Hudson Library & Historical Society and pre-

vious to that time was a teacher in the public schools of Akron and also in the University of Akron for a time.

Dr. Miller is a member of the Masonic fraternity and a past master of Hudson Lodge, No. 510, F. & A. M. He also belongs to Akron Commandery, No. 25, K. T., Lake Erie Consistory of Cleveland, and Al Koran Temple of the Mystic Shrine, also of Cleveland. He is past commander of Lee Bishop Post, No. 464, of the American Legion, of which he was one of the organizers, his right to membership being the result of his service in the World war as a member of the Medical Corps of the United States army, and at present he is a captain in the medical detachment of the One Hundred and Forty-fifth Infantry of the Ohio National Guard. He belongs to the First Congregational church and in its principles finds the motive spirit of his upright, honorable life. Always greatly interested in Indian relics, he possesses one of the finest private collections in the country and these are shown with many fine mountings, the work being done by himself. A broad-minded man of scholarly attainments, actuated throughout life by a spirit of kindness and sympathy, he enjoys to an unusual degree the respect and confidence of all who know him and the warm friendship of many.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

This historic church was organized at Tallmadge by the Rev. David Bacon, January 21, 1809, with a voluntary system of taxation upon persons and property, raising from two to four dollars a year. The Rev. Simeon Woodruff was the first settled minister. Services were held regularly in the old academy building, which stood upon the site now occupied by the church. For some years the people worshipped in the academy but in 1821 they decided to build a church, as the growth of the organization made this imperative. The new house of worship was dedicated September 8, 1825, and for more than a century the structure has been the center of the religious life of the community, being the oldest church building still in use in the state.

A group in this church sent a contribution to the American board one hundred and ten years ago and in September, 1826, the women of the church organized the Female Association of Tallmadge, the first foreign missionary society west of the Alleghenies. The celebration of its centennial brought to light many

facts of historic interest. It seems that the constitution was suggested by William Slocum, the agent of the American board. The annual dues were fifty cents a year, and five collectors were appointed to secure silver, if possible, or if not, goods of various kinds. Cash was scarce in those days, but we find that in 1828 the society gave thirty-five dollars and sixty-five cents, a piece of cloth valued at sixty-two and a half cents, and four pairs of stockings. In 1843 the society sent eighty-three dollars to the American board, besides forty-two yards of flannel, which the donor undoubtedly spun and wove herself. By this time the church had begun to contribute to other causes—the Home Missionary Society, the American Bible, the Seamen's Friend and education societies. From 1843 the records are complete and show that for years the Congregational church of Tallmadge has been a decided factor in the work of moral and spiritual uplift and a strong force for good in this locality. This noble old church with its beautiful Corinthian pillars, all hand made, always kept fresh in its coat of pure white paint, and with its green window shutters, set in the midst of a grove of fine old trees, is truly an imposing picture of colonial times. The interior of the building is true to type and age—with a balcony around two sides and back of the auditorium. A modern pipe organ has been installed and an important feature of the church is its good music. An outstanding event in the history of the church was its centennial celebration, which started September 6, 1925, and was continued for three days. The present pastor is the Rev. William Henry Morton, whose biography appears elsewhere in this volume.

GEORGE E. FURST

George E. Furst, who resides on a small but highly productive farm near Twinsburg, has always been an earnest, systematic worker, and his prosperity is well deserved. He was born in Bedford, Ohio, July 1, 1868, his parents being Jacob and Mary (Hist) Furst, natives of Germany. In infancy they were brought to the United States and both were reared and educated in Bedford, Ohio. There they resided until 1902 and then removed to Twinsburg, Ohio, where they spent their remaining years. During the Civil war Jacob Furst enlisted in Company B of the One Hundred and Seventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry and participated in the

battles of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania; Hagerstown, Maryland; Chancellorsville, Virginia; and Fort Wagner, South Carolina, valiantly defending the Union cause. In their family were eight children, five of whom survive; George E., the second in order of birth; William, of Cleveland; Albert, whose home is at Springfield Lake, a suburb of East Akron; and Charles Furst and Mrs. Lillie Belle Hardaker, who reside in Stow township, Summit county.

In the public schools of Bedford, George E. Furst obtained an education and remained in that locality until he reached the age of thirty-four years, removing to Twinsburg with his parents at that time. In that vicinity he engaged in farming for many years, bringing his land to a high state of development, and rich harvests rewarded his well directed labors. His dairy was efficiently conducted and his income was also increased by the manufacture of baskets, made from the willow trees on his farm. In the fall of 1927 he purchased a tract of seven acres on the Stow-Hudson road and in the attractive home on this property he has since resided with his brother Charles and sister Mrs. Hardaker. Mr. Furst has demonstrated the value of scientific methods in promoting productiveness and has a highly specialized knowledge of agricultural pursuits, which have constituted his life work. He is a member of the Twinsburg Methodist Episcopal church and shapes his conduct by its teachings. His public spirit was prompted his cooperation in well defined plans and projects for the growth and betterment of his district, and his personal qualities are such as inspire strong and enduring regard and friendship.

JACOB PULVER WRIGHT

For twenty-five years a resident of Summit county, Jacob Pulver Wright left the deep impress of his individuality upon its business life and won national renown as an authority on the match industry. He was born in Amsterdam, New York, July 12, 1847, and was reared and educated in that state. Mr. Wright served his time as a machinist with the firm of Bogley & Sewell of Watertown, New York, and steadily worked his way upward, eventually becoming a master craftsman. In the spring of 1882 he entered the employ of the Beecher Match Company, then a subsidiary of the Diamond Match Company, and came to Akron in 1900, later moving to Barberton, where he spent the remainder of his life. During 1897 he was in Europe for six months, being

engaged in patent work for the Diamond Match Company, and in 1900 was again sent abroad. In 1904 he visited the Paris Exposition for the purpose of inspecting the match machinery on exhibition in that city and studying the methods of foreign manufacturers. His life work was the development and improvement of match machinery in all of its phases—a field in which he excelled. Many patents for machines and improvements now in use by the Diamond Match Company were taken out by Mr. Wright, who acted in the capacity of a consulting engineer and rendered to the corporation service of inestimable value. He was a tireless, painstaking worker but never too busy to give assistance and advice in matters pertaining to the manufacture of matches, having an exhaustive knowledge of that subject, in which he was deeply interested. Mr. Wright was at the head of the mechanical research department and remained with the Diamond Match Company until September 3, 1925, when he was killed by a speeding automobile. For some time he had virtually been pensioned and had just recovered from a protracted illness. His kindly, cooperative spirit was always in evidence, and all of his associates were looking forward with pleasure to the time when he would be with them again.

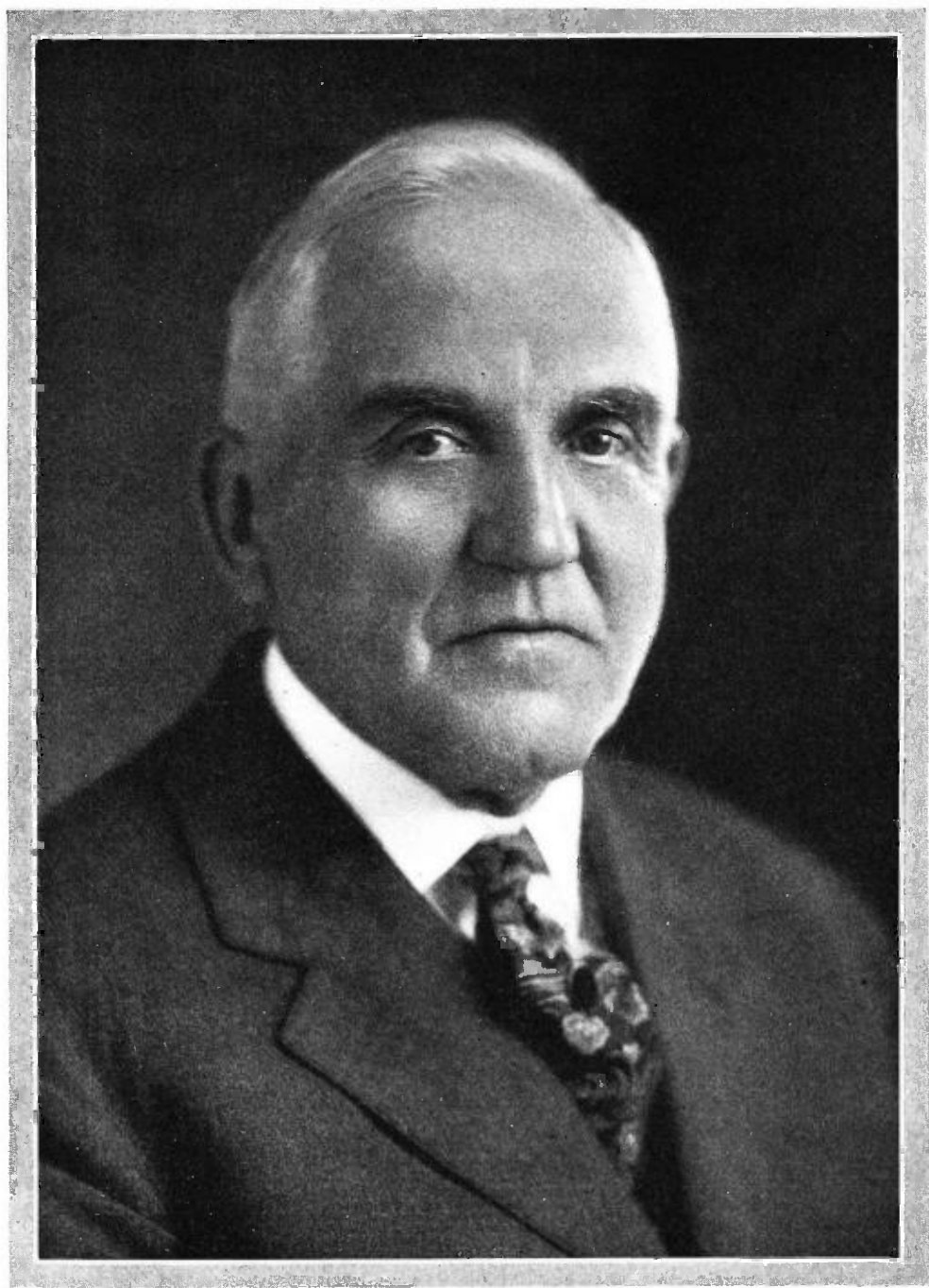
While a resident of Watertown, New York, Mr. Wright was married December 25, 1871, to Miss Mary Jane La Fave, who survived him by two years, passing away May 25, 1927. They were the parents of five children. Charles Frederick, the eldest, who is connected with the Diamond Match Company, married Miss May Estelle Dennison, by whom he had three children: Marguerite and Corinne Estelle, at home; and Charles Jacob, deceased. Bertha Viola, the next in order of birth, is the wife of Archer Henry Harris, who is now retired, but for many years was connected with the rubber industry. Dr. James Newton Wright, a prominent dentist of Pasadena, California, married Miss Mary Alice Beighley and they have one daughter, Mary Alice. Mabel Jeanette is the wife of William Leonard Klein and the mother of three children, Leonard Wright, Bertram Louis and Harriet Muriel. Harry Pulver La Fave, who completes the family, married Miss Mary Josephine Cranz and is living in Barberton. He is connected with the Barberton branch of the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company.

Mr. Wright was a Mason and a member of the advisory board of National Lodge No. 558, F. & A. M. He attended the Presbyterian church and was an adherent of the republican party. Con-

centrating his energies upon the attainment of a definite objective, he was carried steadily forward and eventually reached a field of broad influence and usefulness. His life was filled with unrecorded acts of charity and kindness, and his memory is cherished by all with whom he was associated.

EUGENE ADELBERT HAWKINS

Eugene Adelbert Hawkins was seventy-three years of age when death called him on July 15, 1927. He had long enjoyed an enviable position as one of the foremost residents of Copley township, being treasurer of the Summit Rural Telephone Company, a large owner of farming land and proprietor of a business at Copley Centre, where he handled coal, farming implements, wagons, cement and particularly fertilizers, devoting his personal attention almost exclusively to selling the latter commodity. For many years he resided on forty acres of his land, the home farm being situated on Stony Hill, on the south side of the Bath and Copley township roads, about nine miles west of Akron. Mr. Hawkins was born on this farm June 28, 1854, and was a son of George Washington and Matilda (Hubbard) Hawkins. Samuel Hawkins, father of George Washington Hawkins, came from Connecticut to Copley township at an early day and spent the remainder of his life on his pioneer farm. George Washington Hawkins, father of Eugene A., was the first white child born in Copley township, where he spent the whole of his life. He assisted his father to clear the land and frequently told his children how in early days he followed a blazed trail to the village of Akron, carrying grain to and from the mill. He always engaged in general farming and during the Civil war he also did some garden trucking. He married Matilda Hubbard, whose parents came to Ohio from Vermont. Thereafter George W. Hawkins settled on the farm which subsequently became the property of his son, Eugene A., and cleared a part of the land, continuing to reside thereon until his death, which occurred in 1896. For a decade he had survived his wife, who passed away December 5, 1886, when seventy years of age. Their family numbered five children, namely: Adelia, who died in early life; Eliza, who became the wife of Warren Miller and who is now deceased; Alice, who gave her hand in marriage to Dr. A. O. Huntley; George, who



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passed away at the age of twenty-five years; and Eugene A., of this review.

During his youthful days Eugene A. Hawkins attended the country schools and through vacation periods worked upon the home farm, so that he early became familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops. He was married when in his twenty-fourth year and he and his bride began their domestic life on a farm near the home place of which he had been in charge since attaining his majority. In 1892 he was engaged as local agent for the Philadelphia firm of S. M. Hess & Brother, manufacturers of fertilizer. Mr. Hawkins at first accepted the agency of only Bath and Copley townships, but he made such progress in his sales that more territory was added until he had control of sixteen Ohio counties for the company. Practically his entire time and attention was required in advancing the interests of the concern which he represented throughout this extensive territory. He was a man of excellent business foresight. In 1903 he began the conduct of a coal and fertilizer business of his own at Copley Centre and in the same year admitted Newton Smith to a partnership but later purchased Mr. Smith's stock and took in his son-in-law, Homer A. Swigart, who attended to the business at Copley Centre, while Mr. Hawkins continued on the road. Mr. Hawkins was the first dealer to handle coal in Copley township and in 1906 he sold over three thousand tons. Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins owned a half interest in the Summit Rural Telephone Company, of which the former was treasurer. He also remained a most capable, efficient and trustworthy representative of the Hess interests until 1919, when he resigned in order to accept the office of county commissioner and took up his abode in Akron.

Mr. Hawkins was frequently called upon to serve in public office and his devotion to duty was one of his marked characteristics. During his residence in Summit county he served on the school board for twelve years and was a member of the committee which built the first high school in Bath township and also the new district school on Stony Hill. A spirit of progress and improvement actuated him at all times, and after Copley cemetery had been in a dilapidated condition for some time Mr. Hawkins started a campaign to put it in order. He was named one of the cemetery trustees and made chairman of the board and instituted work that resulted in making the cemetery one of the finest in the state. His political allegiance was always given to the republican party and he was again and again chosen as a delegate to party

conventions. He did not seek the office of county commissioner and in the year in which he was elected the county went democratic. However, he received a majority of the votes cast—a fact indicative of his personal popularity and the confidence reposed in him. In the fall of 1920 he was reelected for a three years' term with the largest vote of any candidate on the ticket. He was serving as a member of the board at the time the North Hill viaduct was completed and he procured options on the property for the opening of North Main street. He was also on the board when the annex to the court house was built and thus he was closely associated with many progressive interests which contributed in substantial measure to the benefit and upbuilding of his community.

On the 1st of January, 1878, Mr. Hawkins was married to Miss Juvie O. Colson, daughter of Orren and Valencia Colson. The wedding ceremony was performed in the bride's home on Copley road by the young minister, Rev. George Peckham. Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins became the parents of three children. Jessie Hawkins was the wife of Professor Harvey O. Bolich, and died in November, 1918, leaving four children: Gerald H., Donald E., Ruth R. and Doris M. Mabel A. married Homer Swigart, who died March 2, 1924, leaving two children: Alverda M., now the wife of Ralph Long; and Alice V., the wife of Raymond Osborne. Mrs. Swigart was married again in October, 1927, to Dr. George A. Huntley, and they resided at Greene, Trumbull county. Dr. Huntley died June 3, 1928. Ruth B., the youngest of the family, is the wife of David V. Cowan.

Mr. Hawkins held membership in the High Street Church of Christ, to which his widow still belongs and in which he was a trustee, taking a very helpful part in the church work. He was also a member of the Akron Chamber of Commerce. His home was his lodge and his club. He found his greatest happiness in the midst of his family and at his own fireside and enjoyed the companionship of the young people who visited his own children. He found recreation in a ball game and he also took great interest in horses. For twenty-five years he had a party on his birthday, entertaining his children and grandchildren. There are few men who have given more of themselves to their families than did Mr. Hawkins and he counted no personal effort on his part too great a sacrifice if it would enhance the pleasure or welfare of his wife and children. At the same time he sought to advance the public good in every possible way and labored effectively to pro-

mote the interests of his native county. Not long before his demise he published an article in the Beacon Journal which was a protest against the hard conditions that are oppressing the farming industry and in this relation mentioned foolish laws, regulations, inspections and high taxes which have so discouraged many farmers from owning land. Mr. Hawkins was the type of man who made friends through his honesty, his courage and his loyalty to his convictions. He represented one of the pioneer families of Summit county and among his cherished relics of the early days was a cradle made by his father, George W. Hawkins. After his marriage the latter had settled on the Stony Hill farm and cleared a part of his land. With his own hands he had made all of the household furniture, including the cradle which had been in existence for ninety-two years when Eugene A. Hawkins passed away. All of the five children of George W. Hawkins were rocked in that cradle and after them the three daughters of Eugene A. Hawkins. Another of the prized possessions of Eugene A. Hawkins was the old signboard of the G. H. S. Inn, just east of Stony Hill. The old signboard remains, having been in use one hundred and four years ago, but the building has long since been torn down. There is also a clock which has been in the Hawkins family for over a century and there are ancient andirons and other relics of pioneer times. Eugene A. Hawkins was ever much interested in the history of the past as well as he was in later progress and he was a most worthy representative of an honored pioneer family. So closely was he associated with the work of improvement and development here that no history of Summit county would be complete without reference to him.

FRANK HUTCHINS SACKETT

Agricultural and mercantile pursuits occupied the attention of Frank Hutchins Sackett, who spent the greater part of his life in Summit county and was a highly esteemed citizen of Tallmadge. He was born in Tallmadge township, this county, September 13, 1861, and was a son of Hiram A. and Eliza (Treat) Sackett, the latter a native of Tallmadge. Hiram A. Sackett made farming his life work and always resided in Ohio. He was prominent in the affairs of a number of agricultural societies and labored earnestly and effectively to advance the standards of farming in his state. Religious work also claimed a considerable

portion of his time, and for thirty years he was a deacon and clerk of the Congregational church of Tallmadge.

Frank H. Sackett was graduated from the high school at Kent, Ohio, in 1881 and later attended the Eastman Business College of New York. After completing his course he returned to Ohio and cultivated the home farm near Tallmadge for some time. He spent about two years in Cass county, Nebraska, and after his marriage took his bride to that state, in which they established their home. Mr. Sackett opened a hardware store and also became a dealer in furniture, fostering the growth of the business by close attention to detail, judicious management and efficient service. In 1902 he returned with his family to his native state, purchasing a farm on the outskirts of Tallmadge, and there he resided during the remainder of his life. Having an expert knowledge of the occupation of farming, he utilized the most effective methods in tilling the soil and as the years passed transformed the place into a comfortable and beautiful home.

On February 14, 1893, Mr. Sackett married Miss Margaret McNely, who was born in Waupaca, Wisconsin, and previous to her marriage filled a secretarial position in Akron, Ohio. Her father, John A. McNely was justly proud of his ancestors, some of whom fought in the American army during the Revolutionary war. He was born in Ashley, Ohio, but resided for many years in Wisconsin. Mr. McNely devoted the earlier years of his life to teaching and was later called to offices of trust and responsibility in his locality. His wife, Esther A. (McCauley) McNely, was of Scotch and Irish lineage, was a woman of scholarly tastes who taught school previous to her marriage. To Mr. and Mrs. Sackett were born three children. Paul F., the eldest, is manager of the Greenville, South Carolina, branch of the Crane Company of Chicago. He is married and has three children: Margaret C., Julianne and Jean. Rosalind is the wife of Stanley S. Rothrock and resides in Tallmadge. Kathryn M., who completes the family, is a senior in the Tallmadge high school.

Mr. Sackett was a Congregationalist in religious faith and a zealous church member. While in Nebraska he was elected city assessor and filled the office for a number of years. He was a charter member of the Summit County Grange and was also identified with the Knights of Pythias. His interest in the welfare of his community was deep and sincere, and he was ever ready to further plans for its advancement. A man of fine character and substantial worth, Mr. Sackett possessed the sincere

affection of all with whom he was associated, and his death on February 20, 1928, was deeply regretted. Mrs. Sackett resides on the home place, which is situated near Tallmadge Center and is known as "Echo Farm." While in Nebraska she was secretary of the State Federation of Women's Clubs and served for two years. She aided in organizing the Country Study Club, becoming one of its charter members, and she also belongs to Cuyahoga Portage Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Her heart responds readily to the call of the needy, and her influence has been a potent force for good.

ADOLPH ADAM LEY

The interests and activities of Adolph Adam Ley were of that character which makes for public progress as well as individual success and Akron numbered him among its leaders of business enterprise and citizens of worth. He was born in a frame dwelling which stood on South Main street on the site now occupied by the building which houses the business of the Commercial Savings & Trust Company, his parents, Theodore and Mary Agnes (De Couvy) Ley, being pioneer settlers of Akron. In the acquirement of an education he attended St. Bernard's parochial school and completed his studies in the Perkins public school. While in the employ of the Dales Company he learned the jeweler's trade, which he followed until the death of his brother, Theodore Ley, when he took over the latter's barber shop, which was located where the Eastern Cigar store is now situated. Adolph A. Ley successfully conducted the shop until 1920, when because of poor health he discontinued the business. He had for many years the management of his mother's property near Main and Buchtel streets, and he also owned considerable real estate in Akron. An expert valuator, he was well qualified to direct investments and the force of his personality, the keenness of his insight and the soundness of his judgment brought him to the fore in business circles of Akron.

Mr. Ley was married November 17, 1897, in this city to Miss Anna F. Noonan of Akron, and they became the parents of six children, five of whom are living and all are graduates of Sacred Heart Academy. They are as follows: Mary L., who is the wife of Paul M. Burke and the mother of two children, Paul M., Jr., and Marjorie Ann; Adolph A., Jr.; Bernard W., who took a

course in domestic commerce at the University of Notre Dame, from which he was graduated with high honors; Theodore, who specialized in athletics and domestic commerce at the University of Notre Dame, of which he is also a graduate, and for some time has been connected with Livingston and Company, brokers; Charles E., who is now in the employ of Otis & Company, brokers; and Gertrude Ann, who lived but five months.

Mr. Ley was an ardent democrat and for a number of years was presiding judge of voting booths. He attended St. Bernard's Catholic church and was one of the energetic members of the Chamber of Commerce. Deeply attached to Akron, he was constantly striving to further its advancement and championed all movements for the general good. He enjoyed his home and was devoted to his family. With the exception of a few months spent in the country, he always resided within a few blocks of the house in which he was born and was one of the best known men in Akron. His innate courtesy and high sense of honor made him universally respected, and his death on March 3, 1921, was deeply mourned. Mrs. Ley resides at No. 516 Roslyn avenue in Akron and has a wide circle of friends in the city, possessing those qualities which inspire esteem and respect.

JOSEPH FREDERICK BETZLER

Akron was the city of opportunity to Joseph Frederick Betzler, who fought life's battles alone and unaided. The exercise of effort developed his latent powers and strength of character, and he became widely known as an inventor and manufacturer of fountain pens. He was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, April 9, 1868, and received his education in the public schools of that country. In 1882, when a youth of fourteen, he responded to the call of adventure and made the voyage to America. Having an uncle, William Mangold, in Akron, he came direct to this city and obtained work in the plant of the American Hard Rubber Company, which was then a subsidiary of the B. F. Goodrich Company. While thus employed he attended a night school and also took a business course, exerting every effort to advance. He remained with the same firm for six years and then went to Chicago. A year later he journeyed to Cincinnati, where he spent four years, and in 1891 returned to Akron.

In association with Wesley E. Wilson he embarked in the



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business of manufacturing fountain pens and this partnership existed for a quarter of a century. Mr. Betzler was the senior member of the firm and the inventor of a self-filling fountain pen which stood the most thorough tests. It was hand turned and hand molded and rapidly gained in popularity, proving superior to other products of a similar character. Betzler & Wilson featured this pen, which was sold throughout the United States, and manufactured one hundred styles in all, also making other hard rubber goods. They had a model plant on East South street and maintained a high standard of production, developing an industry of extensive proportions. Endowed with executive force as well as inventive genius, Mr. Betzler left the indelible impress of his individuality upon the business. About 1918 he retired from business, disposed of his residence at 172 Oakdale avenue and established his home in Cleveland, where he spent the remainder of his life, passing away May 1, 1920, at the age of fifty-two years.

On December 24, 1895, Mr. Betzler had been married in Cincinnati to Miss Elizabeth Kipp, who survives him and is now residing at No. 959 Wye Drive, Akron. Their only child, Alma Elizabeth, is the wife of Theodore L. Cook, assistant secretary of the Ornamental Iron Company of Akron, and they have become the parents of two children, Joseph Frederick and Geraldine Martha.

Mr. Betzler was a past grand in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and a Scottish Rite Mason of the thirty-second degree. His membership relations were with Lake Erie Consistory and he was also a Shriner. In religious faith he was an Episcopalian and his political support was given to the republican party. Mr. Betzler resided in South Akron for about fourteen years, and to him is due much credit for the establishing of the Lincoln school, which drew its pupils from a section that previously necessitated the school children crossing dangerous railroad tracks but the location of the new school eliminated that danger. During the thirty-six years of his residence in Akron he witnessed notable changes in the aspect of the city and materially furthered its advancement along industrial lines. He was an enthusiastic motorist and owned one of the first automobiles in Akron, purchasing an Olds car in April, 1902. In 1909 he went to Germany for the purpose of visiting his mother and greatly enjoyed the trip. Mr. Betzler was the soul of honor in business and private life and enjoyed to the fullest extent the

esteem and confidence of his fellowmen. He was devoted to his family and friends, and his death occasioned deep and widespread regret.

COLONEL GEORGE MITCHELL WRIGHT

Of the highest type of American manhood, unswerving in his loyalty, unfaltering in the performance of duty, Colonel George Mitchell Wright rendered distinguished service to his country and his state and brought additional luster to an honored family name. A natural leader of men, he brought the Ohio National Guard up to a high standard of military efficiency and was a commanding figure in the Spanish-American war. His achievements as a geologist won for him widespread prominence and his superior legal attainments made him a recognized leader of the Akron bar.

Colonel Wright was born August 8, 1847, in Tallmadge township, Summit county, Ohio, on the farm on which his great-grandfather, Captain John Wright, and his grandfather, Alpha Wright, settled in 1809. It was there that his father, Clement Wright, was born, and four generations of the family lived on the homestead, while the Colonel's children represent the fifth generation of Wrights in Tallmadge. The family is of English origin and was founded in Connecticut prior to 1640. Through his mother, Lucy Ayer (Whitney) Wright, the Colonel was a descendant of an ancient and prominent family of Herefordshire, England, tracing his lineage to one of the invaders who aided William I of Normandy in the conquest of 1066. Of this branch of the family the emigrant ancestor was John Whitney, who left England in 1635 and came to America with his wife, Elinor, and five children, settling in Watertown, Massachusetts.

Reared on the home farm, George Mitchell Wright obtained his early instruction in a country school and was next a pupil in Tallmadge Academy, afterward attending the Western Reserve College at Hudson, Ohio. His law studies were pursued in Akron in the office of Sidney Edgerton, his uncle, and Jacob A. Kohler, and on June 16, 1873, he was admitted to the Ohio bar. He began practice in Akron with Henry McKinney, with whom he was associated until 1882, when he was appointed assistant geologist in the United States Geological Survey, and acted in that capacity for four years. His time was devoted to geological field work and

investigations for the government, and his duties took him to Nevada, California, Utah, Wyoming, Montana and Idaho, the Yellowstone National Park being included in the territory assigned him. While his work was concerned with structural and dynamical geology in general, his specialty was volcanic and crystalline rocks—a subject on which he was thoroughly informed. In 1886 he resigned his position and resumed his professional activities in Akron, where he practiced with marked success until the outbreak of the Spanish-American war.

Keenly interested in military affairs, Colonel Wright joined the Ohio National Guard and for five years had been an officer in the First Regiment of Light Artillery. On May 13, 1898, he entered the United States army as second lieutenant and battalion adjutant of the Eighth Regiment of Ohio Volunteer Infantry and on the following day was made acting ordnance officer of the regiment. On June 13, 1898, he was appointed aide-de-camp and brigade ordnance officer on the staff of Brigadier-General George A. Garretson and served as such until the close of the war. In July, 1898, he sailed from Charleston, South Carolina, for Cuba on the United States Steamship Yale, carrying Major-General Nelson A. Miles, in command of the United States Army. Colonel Wright was sent to Porto Rico and was present when General Miles planted the flag and took possession of the island for the United States. During the Porto Rican campaign Colonel Wright was especially commended for gallantry and coolness under fire and recommended by General Miles for brevets as first lieutenant and captain. On November 21, 1898, he was honorably discharged from the service and returned to Akron. For eight years he was chief of staff of division of the Ohio National Guard, with the rank of colonel, serving under General Charles Dick, and had charge of the funeral procession of President McKinley. He also had charge of the dedication of the McKinley monument at Canton. He was highly complimented by President Roosevelt for the manner in which he conducted the funeral arrangements of President McKinley, of which he had complete charge. From 1899 until his death on June 19, 1923, Colonel Wright practiced continuously, building up an extensive clientele. Felicitous and clear in argument, he was a formidable adversary in legal combat and won a large percentage of his cases. Throughout life he remained a student, constantly adding to his store of legal knowledge, and he closely observed the unwritten ethics of the profession. While his office was located in Akron, he always lived in Tallmadge, and the

furnishings and appointments of his beautiful home reflected his refined and cultured tastes.

Colonel Wright was married October 18, 1876, in Akron to Miss Lucy Josephine Hale, who was born in Akron, March 14, 1854, on Howard street opposite Cherry street, where the Polsky department store now stands. She is of English lineage in the paternal line. The American progenitor of the Hale family came to the new world about the year 1635, settling in New England, and some of his descendants migrated to the Western Reserve of Ohio. Mrs. Wright's father, James Madison Hale, was born in Bath township, Summit county, where the family home was established in 1810. He was a son of Jonathan Hale, one of the first settlers in this part of Ohio, and the mother, Mercy Sanderson (Piper) Hale, was of Scotch lineage. Mrs. Wright's mother, Sarah (Allen) Hale, was a daughter of Jesse and Catherine (Teithrich) Allen and of Holland Dutch descent. Jesse Allen fought in the War of 1812, and his father served in the Revolutionary war, sacrificing his life for the American cause.

Colonel Wright gave his political allegiance to the republican party and was affiliated with the Tallmadge Congregational church, in which members of the family have been earnest workers for more than fifty years. He invented the gun sling that is now in use in the regular army equipment and was also an able writer, contributing articles to the Journal of United States Artillery of Fortress Monroe, Virginia, and the Journal of Military Service Institution of Governors Island, New York. His professional standing is indicated by the fact that he was called to the presidency of the Akron Bar Association and was its first secretary, and he was also a member of Alpha Delta Phi, a college fraternity, the Philosophical Society of Washington, D. C., the Sons of the American Revolution and various military organizations. His was a many-sided, forceful personality. Possessed of high ideals and patriotic impulses, he left the deep impress of his individuality upon the annals of his state and died rich in accomplishments, rich in attainments and rich in service. During his long and useful career Colonel Wright never knew fear, either moral or physical, and of him it can truly be said that he approached his grave

"Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch
About him and lies down to pleasant dreams."

Mrs. Wright was reared in Akron and completed her high

school course in 1872. She is one of the Daughters of the American Revolution, a member of the Historical Society of Tallmadge, and president of the Country Study Club. During the Spanish-American war she organized the Soldiers Aid and for a number of years was chairman of the Red Cross auxiliary of Tallmadge. She is active in church affairs, taking part in the work of its societies. Unselfish, patriotic and broad-minded, she has fostered many worthy movements and is esteemed and admired in the community in which she has so long resided.

Colonel and Mrs. Wright became the parents of three sons. Clement Hale, the eldest, was born in Tallmadge, July 4, 1882, and in 1900 entered the United States Military Academy at West Point, from which he was graduated in 1904. Since the latter date he has served continuously as a commissioned officer in the United States infantry, being at present a major. His service has included military duty in the Philippines, in the Hawaiian islands, on the Mexican border, and in September, 1918, he went to France with the American Expeditionary Force, returning to the United States in April, 1919. He is an honor graduate of the school of the line, a graduate of the general staff school, the Army War College and the Naval War College, and since August 15, 1928, has been a member of the General Staff Corps, on duty with the war department general staff at Washington, D. C. At Hartwell, Ohio, he was married January 1, 1906, to Miss Laura Mitchell, a daughter of the Rev. Frank Gridley Mitchell, D. D., and Mary Electa (Davis) Mitchell. Eleanor Mitchell Wright, the only child of this union, was born at Schofield barracks, Oahu, in the territory of Hawaii, June 23, 1911.

Allen Whitney Wright, born July 17, 1889, completed a course in the Tallmadge high school and attended Buchtel College at Akron for a year. For four years he was a student at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville and was graduated with the class of 1916. On the 12th of May, 1917, he enlisted and was sent to the first officers training camp at Fort Benjamin Harrison in Indiana. He was commissioned a second lieutenant August 15, 1917, and assigned to the Three Hundred and Thirty-first Infantry, Eighty-third Division, at Camp Sherman, June 2, 1918. On the 1st of January, 1918, he was promoted to the rank of first lieutenant and went overseas with the Three Hundred and Thirty-first Infantry, Eighty-third Division, June 2, 1918. He served with the construction engineers in the Le Mans area of France and on June 1, 1919, was made captain of the One Hundred and

Thirty-first Company of Engineers. On the 6th of August, 1919, he was honorably discharged and since 1923 has been an electrical engineer in the employ of the Ohio Bell Telephone Company, being at present connected with the Akron office. He was married August 25, 1917, to Miss Louise Carter Nelson, a daughter of Judge Frank and Ida (Withers) Nelson, of Rustburg, Virginia, and they reside in the old home in Tallmadge.

George Maltby Wright, the third son, was born June 24, 1892, and was graduated from the Tallmadge high school in 1911. He attended Buchtel College for a year and during 1911-12 was a student at the University of Virginia. In 1915 he enlisted in Battery B of the First Ohio Field Artillery and during 1916 was stationed on the Mexican border. He was commissioned a second lieutenant of the Twentieth United States Infantry in March, 1917, a first lieutenant in May of that year, and in August, 1917, was promoted to the rank of captain, serving in that capacity until August, 1919, when he resigned. He is now at the head of the solid tire department of the business of the Firestone Tire & Rubber Company and resides in Akron. On the 5th of February, 1919, he was married in Kansas City, Missouri, to Miss Marjorie Byford Jerrems and they have become the parents of three daughters: Helen Elizabeth, who was born December 11, 1919; Marjorie Jean, born November 24, 1921; and Virginia Louise, born July 27, 1924.

ANTHONY JORDAN

Enterprising, resourceful and methodical, Anthony Jordan has been successful in widely divergent lines of activity and is now dealing in real estate, insurance and bonds, figuring prominently in business circles of Akron. He was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, March 29, 1879, and is a son of Charles and Nancy (Bellucci) Jordan, who were natives of Italy. They came to the United States in 1867 and established their home in Pittsburgh. At the time the Pennsylvania Railroad was built between Pittsburgh and New York the father was superintendent of construction and continued in the same line of work until his death in 1913. The mother passed away in 1926. To their union were born thirteen children, four of whom survive: Anthony; Louis, who lives in Pittsburgh; Mrs. Rose Modarelli,



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of Youngstown, Ohio; and Mrs. Josephine Tronzo, a resident of Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania.

Anthony Jordan received his early education in Italy, where he was taken as a child of two years, and was ten years old when he was brought back to Pittsburgh, there completing his education. Entering on his business career he became associated with his father in railroad building and remained with him until 1902. While in Kent, Ohio, he had charge of the construction of the Pennsylvania line and later supervised the construction of the Ravenna, Hudson & Youngstown Belt Line Railroad, completing the work in 1907. He then embarked in merchandising in Akron and was thus engaged until 1911, when he sold the business, having been elected constable. For two terms he was the incumbent of that office, retiring in 1914, and in the following year he became connected with the sales department of mechanical goods, of the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company. Mr. Jordan was placed in charge of a force of experienced salesmen who carried on a campaign throughout the United States and created a widespread demand for the Wingfoot rubber heels which still continues. In 1917 he severed his relations with the Goodyear Corporation, becoming a salesman for the insurance firm of Aker & Garrigan, and was employed along that line until 1925. At that time he entered the field independently and now has a prosperous business with offices on the sixth floor of the Second National Bank building. Mr. Jordan is local agent for the Canadian Life Insurance Company and writes all forms of insurance. His real estate activities have covered a wide scope, and the bond department is another important feature of his business, which is conducted with system and efficiency. He employs about ten capable salesmen and is one of the directors of the Mendler-Jordan Realty Company.

Mr. Jordan was married April 3, 1897, in Youngstown, Ohio, to Miss Mary Aceirno, a daughter of Rocco Aceirno, who was born in Italy and became a resident of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Jordan became the parents of five children but one died in infancy and Charles W. is also deceased. Julia, now Mrs. L. J. Clinton, the eldest, was born April 22, 1898, in Pittsburgh and was graduated from the West high school in Akron. She resides in Akron and at one time was deputy county clerk of Summit county. Virginia, born March 30, 1901, in Pittsburgh, is also a graduate of the West high school. She completed a course in the Russian Academy of Dancing in New York

city and is now a teacher of dancing in that metropolis. Adeline, who was born February 2, 1902, in Pittsburgh, also received a diploma from the West high school and later was graduated from Buchtel College of Akron. She won the Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Pittsburgh and is a teacher of history and English in the Forest Hill school.

Mr. Jordan is a member of the real estate board of Akron, the Automobile Club and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. His mental and physical powers are well balanced, and his labors have been manifestly resultant. He is a broad-gauged man and one of Akron's "boosters." Throughout life he has followed the course dictated by conscience and honor, and the respect accorded him is well deserved.

Mr. Jordan's residence is at 79 Rose boulevard, Akron, where he has resided since 1913.

ARVED ELMER HINMAN

Arved Elmer Hinman, a Tallmadge pioneer, has been dependent upon his own resources from an early age, and the prosperity which he now enjoys is the merited reward of an upright life of well directed industry. He was born in West Richfield, Ohio, August 19, 1858, and his parents, Oliver Benton and Jane (Pool) Hinman, were also natives of this state. His grandfather, Marcus Hinman, lived in Waterbury, Connecticut, during his youth and about 1820 migrated to Ohio, casting in his lot with the early settlers of Summit county. Oliver B. Hinman was born in Tallmadge in 1834 and attained the age of seventy-seven years, passing away in 1911. His wife, who was a member of one of the old Quaker families of the east, was called to her final rest on April 18, 1867. They were the parents of three children: Arved E.; one who died in infancy; and Mrs. Minnie Oles, who lives in Akron.

Reared on his father's farm, Arved E. Hinman attended the district school near his home and when a boy of twelve obtained work in a store. He was thus employed until he was about fifteen years of age and then came to Tallmadge, where he has since resided. For some time he was a carpenter's apprentice and also worked for a painter, mastering both trades, which he has followed for many years. He has been intimately connected with

building operations in this locality, which bears many evidences of his craftsmanship, and success has attended his undertakings.

Mr. Hinman was married March 2, 1882, in Tallmadge to Miss Sarah A. Williams, a daughter of Daniel and Jane (Marsden) Williams, natives of England. Mrs. Hinman's father was born in Somersetshire in 1853 and made the voyage to the new world in childhood. The mother was born in Yorkshire and came to America in 1854. In their family were ten children, seven of whom are deceased. Those who survive are: Mrs. Hinman, who was the fourth in order of birth; and Mrs. Emma Orchard and Walter Williams, who live in Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Hinman have four daughters. Helen, the first born, is the wife of H. J. Walters, foreman of a tile shop at Tallmadge, and they are the parents of three children, Floyd, Kenneth and Bernice. Olive E. is Mrs. Austin Sayer, of Smithville, Ohio, and is the mother of four children, Harold, Clara B., Delbert and Ralph. Mabel J. Hinman is in the employ of the Polsky Dry Goods Company of Akron and lives at home. Clara B. is the wife of Francis Hoffman, of Tallmadge, and has been in the service of the Goodrich Rubber Company for eleven years.

Mr. and Mrs. Hinman are affiliated with the Methodist Episcopal church and for an extended period he has been one of its stewards. The cause of education finds in him a strong advocate and his public spirit is expressed by service on the Tallmadge school board, of which he has been president for three years. His residence in the community covers more than a half century and notable changes have occurred during that period. With deep interest he has watched the progress of civilization in this region, and his conversation is enriched with interesting reminiscences of the early days. Time has proven his worth, and no citizen of Tallmadge occupies a higher place in public esteem.

ANTON PETERSEN

Anton Petersen, who was a well known box manufacturer of Akron, was born in Denmark, October 23, 1869, and was reared and educated in that country. In 1893 he was sent from Europe to the World's Fair in Chicago as a representative of the Social Democrat press and intended to return to Denmark when his tasks were completed. However, he found the opportunities in this country so alluring that he decided to remain in the United States

and secured a position with the Wrigley box factory in New York. There he remained until 1901, acquiring a comprehensive knowledge of the paper box industry, and then located in Akron.

Here Mr. Petersen established a factory at No. 482 South High street, starting with eight men, and organized the A. Petersen Box Company but later adopted the present style of the Akron Paper Box Company. In the development of the business he achieved the full measure of success and remained at its head until his death on March 17, 1928, when he was in his fifty-eighth year and at the height of his usefulness. His passing was deeply regretted by the leaders of that industry as well as by those with whom he was associated in other relations of life, for he was a high-minded man of exceptional worth. He was long a familiar figure in conventions of paper box manufacturers and a faithful attendant at the Indiana-Ohio-Michigan group of sessions, being present at the last meeting of this kind, which was held October 4, 1927, in Columbus. His membership was with the Western Association of Box Makers, and in religious faith he was a Universalist.

On May 22, 1894, Mr. Petersen had married Miss Dagmar Henriette Jensen, who was also born in Denmark and who proved an ideal companion and helpmate, aiding him materially in the upbuilding of the business. He is survived by Mrs. Petersen and their two children: Reinholdt; and Magda P., who is the wife of W. H. Juve and the mother of four children, Robert, Richard, Walter, Jr., and Henriette Marie.

Reinholdt Petersen, the only son, was born July 10, 1900, and completed his studies in the South high school. In 1913 he started to work in the plant of the Akron Paper Box Company, being at that time but thirteen years old, and eventually he passed through the various departments. He was elected secretary and treasurer of the company and thus served until March, 1928, when he succeeded his father as president. Thoroughly experienced and efficient, he meets every requirement of this important office and is ably assisted by his mother, who discharges the duties of secretary and treasurer. The industry is located at No. 476-482 South High street and furnishes employment to about sixty skilled mechanics. The factory is equipped with the latest types of box-making machinery and its product is sold all over the country.

On September 19, 1920, Reinholdt Petersen was married in Akron to Miss Hazel Pritchard, of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. Mr. Petersen is deeply engrossed in his work, and his connection with

outside interests is limited to membership in the Akron Automobile Club. A young man of pleasing personality, he readily wins friends, and his record sustains the high reputation which has ever been borne by the family.

HOWARD A. THAM

Constantly expanding the scope of his activities, Howard A. Tham has become a dominant personality in industrial circles of Akron and also figures conspicuously in other walks of life. He was born in this city, April 30, 1891, his parents being Conrad and Louise (Bickel) Tham, natives of Germany. Both left that country when very young, the father being a child of four when brought by his parents to the United States. He was reared and educated in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, and when a young man located in Akron, where he was married. For a number of years he was identified with the steel industry and later became a refrigerating engineer, following that profession until his death in 1909. The mother passed away in 1920. They left a family of four children: Irwin, Elmer and Howard A. Tham, and Mrs. Helen Zimmerman, all residents of Akron.

Howard A. Tham completed his studies in the Central high school of Akron and afterward served an apprenticeship in a machine shop. For seven years he followed that line of work and then aided in forming the Mechanical Mold & Machine Company, of which he is now the treasurer. All of the original officers of the company are still serving and take an active part in the operation of the plant, which is located at No. 962 South High street. This is one of the largest and best equipped institutions of the kind in the state and furnishes work to about one hundred and fifty persons. The members of the firm have taken every possible precaution to safeguard the lives of their employes and enjoy the distinction of having the lowest insurance rate of any industrial organization in Ohio. A harmonious spirit of cooperation prevails throughout the institution, thus facilitating the work of production, and the extent of the industry is proof of the high quality of the output and the efficiency of the men who control the business. Mr. Tham is also a director of the South Akron Savings & Loan Company, the Sun Rubber Company, the Falls Paper Box Company, and the West Exchange Realty Company. He has an unusual capacity for detail and readily grasps the

possibilities as well as the difficulties of a business situation, carefully avoiding the latter while improving the former to the fullest extent.

On December 29, 1917, Mr. Tham was married in Akron to Miss Mabel A. La Monte, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles La Monte and a member of one of the prominent families of Detroit, Michigan. In Masonry Mr. Tham holds the thirty-second degree and is identified with both the York and Scottish Rites. He belongs to the Masonic Club and is president of the Gyro Club. As a member of the Chamber of Commerce he is working earnestly and systematically for Akron's development, and his religious belief is indicated by his affiliation with St. Paul's Lutheran church. Mr. Tham is a tireless worker and his rapidly expanding powers have carried him into important relations. He typifies the spirit of progress in Akron and is a young man of exceptional worth, esteemed and respected by all who know him. His residence is at 298 Long street.

CHESTER ARTHUR PIERCE

Chester Arthur Pierce, president of the C. A. Pierce Oil Company, is one of Akron's live, energetic business men, who has built up a successful organization and occupies a foremost position in his line of commercial activity.

Mr. Pierce is a native of Michigan, born in Merrill, on the 5th of March, 1883, his parents being A. D. and Emma (Friend) Pierce, the former being a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Ohio. They removed to Michigan shortly after their marriage and for a time lived in Merrill but later returned to Ohio and established their home in Medina county. The father was a mason contractor during his active life. Both he and his wife are now deceased. They were the parents of five children: C. Arthur; E. E. and George F., who reside in Dayton, Ohio; Mrs. Lola Bentz, of Akron; and Mrs. Estella Rarog, of Los Angeles, California.

C. Arthur Pierce was but a child when his parents removed from Michigan to Medina county, Ohio, so that he was practically reared and received his schooling in that county. He learned the bricklayer's trade, which he followed for a number of years, first as a journeyman and later went into the general contracting business for himself, which he followed successfully



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until in 1921, when he turned his attention to the oil business. Success has followed him from the beginning for he has built up a fine business and has one of the most complete and up-to-date bulk plants in the state of Ohio. He is now the owner of sixteen major oil stations and is extensively interested in others. Mr. Pierce puts out the Blue Ribbon line of oils and station accessories that have become well known through their high standard of excellence which he makes a special effort to maintain. He has been the executive head of this business ever since its incorporation, and its growth and development offers a magnificent tribute to his enterprise and straightforward methods.

On the 8th of March, 1904, Mr. Pierce was married to Miss Blanche Hamilton, of Gardner, Ohio, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hamilton. Mr. and Mrs. Pierce have a son and two daughters: Thelma, who was born in Seville, Ohio; Nelson A., born in Rittman, Ohio, March 27, 1910; and Wanda, also born in Rittman.

Mr. Pierce is a member of the Akron Automobile Club and also belongs to the Akron Chamber of Commerce and East Akron Board of Trade. He is actuated by a progressive spirit in all that he does, whether for the public good or the advancement of his individual interests. What he has accomplished in life is the sole result of his own efforts and his energies wisely directed. He is accorded a most creditable position among Akron's strong and able business men and highly respected citizens.

Mr. Pierce's city residence is at No. 130 Berkley avenue, while his summer home is on East Reservoir.

RAYMOND EDWARD MILLER

For many years Raymond Edward Miller has been associated with the National Malleable & Steel Castings Company of Cleveland, which he has represented in various capacities, always loyal to the interests of the corporation and faithful in the discharge of every duty entrusted to him. He makes his home in Hudson, where his birth occurred August 11, 1874, and is a son of Sebastian Miller, who was also born in Hudson and was descended from Holland and New England ancestry. Sebastian Miller held various village and township offices, the duties of which he discharged most faithfully. He was also allied with the Episcopal church of Hudson and took a keen interest in the moral

development of the town. For many years he engaged in merchandising here and his reliable business methods were one of the strong elements in his success. He died in the early '90s, when but fifty-one years of age. His wife, Lillias (Hawkins) Miller, was born in Portage county, Ohio, and represented one of the old New England families. They became parents of three children: Clare G., who died in 1895; Florence M., who is living in Cleveland; and Raymond E., of this review.

Raymond E. Miller acquired his elementary education in the public schools of Hudson and subsequently attended the Western Reserve Academy, in which he completed a course with the class of 1893. Later he studied in the Spencerian Business College of Cleveland and thus qualified for life's practical and responsible duties. It was on the completion of his school life that he became associated with the National Malleable & Steel Castings Company of Cleveland, which he has now represented through all the intervening years, covering more than a third of a century, in various capacities. No higher proof of his capability, faithfulness and efficiency could be given than the fact that he has been associated with the corporation throughout all this period.

On the 27th of September, 1899, Mr. Miller was married to Miss Lotta A. Blackburn, of Summit county. Her parents were natives of England and came to the United States in early life with their respective families, who settled in northern Ohio. Her father served throughout the Civil war as a member of Battery D, First Ohio Volunteer Light Artillery and participated in thirty-three battles. He was present in the engagements at Shiloh and Murfreesboro, went with Sherman on the march to the sea, took part in the battle of Antietam and of Lookout Mountain and was also a participant in the siege of Atlanta. Although in the service for four years, he was never wounded nor imprisoned. To him and his wife were born four children: Florence J., the wife of Fred Stauffer; Harry J.; Lotta A., now Mrs. Miller; and Edna, the wife of Harry M. Page.

At the time of her marriage to Raymond E. Miller, Lotta A. Blackburn was a young lady who had enjoyed the advantages of an education at the Western Reserve Academy and had for several years been a teacher in the rural schools of Summit county and in the Hudson schools. She is now very prominent as a club woman, active in the local organization and in the state federation. She is also an untiring worker in various branches of the church, has been a teacher of the Bible class for a number

of years and cooperates in every activity that promises the development of the church. She has likewise served on the board of Associated Charities of Cleveland and also on the board of St. Luke's Maternity Hospital of Cleveland. At the same time she has carefully reared her children, the elder of whom is Claire Louise, now the wife of Alden C. Dittrick and the mother of one daughter, Mary. The son, Roger T. Miller, is a student in the Hudson high school.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller have been members of the Hudson Congregational church from early youth and stand ready at all times to give of their service and of their means to the church work and to every project for the betterment and uplift of the community. Mr. Miller, like his wife, has held various offices in the church and in community affairs he has taken an active and helpful part, serving for many years on the Hudson council and on the city school board, while at the present writing he is Hudson's mayor and is giving to the city a businesslike and progressive administration which has brought about various reforms and introduced many municipal improvements. Evidence of his public spirit is found at all times and no public project of worth fails to receive his allegiance. He is a member of the Cleveland Athletic Club and of the Hudson Club, is a lover of nature and finds pleasure and recreation in fishing and golf.

WILBUR E. PERRINE

Self-reliance, energy, intelligence and determination were the youthful patrimony of Wilbur E. Perrine, whose success has been achieved through the stimulating friction of battling with difficulties. His postgraduate work in the school of experience has placed him at the head of a large furniture house in Akron and as mayor of Munroe Falls he is proving an ideal public servant, working at all times for the best interests of the community.

Mr. Perrine was born in Sherodsville, Carroll County, Ohio, May 15, 1883, a son of John A. and Annie E. (Totten) Perrine. The mother, who was a native of the same county, passed away in February, 1920. The son of Peter Perrine, a Union veteran, John A. Perrine was born in Somerset County, Pennsylvania, and came to Ohio at an early age. The greater part of his life has been spent in the Buckeye state and since the death of his

second wife in 1926 he has resided with his son, Wilbur E. Perrine.

The latter was a child of two years when the family settled near Cadiz in Harrison county, Ohio, and his early education was acquired in the schools of that locality. In 1898 the family removed to Alliance and about a year later located in Minerva, Ohio. His first money was earned when he was a boy of eight and at the age of twelve he became a section hand, "paddying" on the Panhandle Railroad. Later he worked on a farm and at one time was employed in a restaurant. In 1898 he started to learn the molder's trade and in 1899 entered a blacksmith shop, where he served a three years' apprenticeship. During that time he met drovers and butchers, and became interested in the meat business, being next a meat cutter in a Minerva market. Afterward he spent six months in Kent, Ohio, and then proceeded to Cuyahoga Falls, where he remained for a year, working for the firm of Roethig Brothers. His brother, Charles H. Perrine, now deceased, who was connected with the Kirk Furniture Company of Akron, urged him to enter the service of that firm and he started as assistant on a truck, of which he was made the driver soon afterward. Later he was sent on the road and traveled for the house until 1902, when he returned to the store as floor salesman, window trimmer and decorator of the retail sales department. For thirteen years he was in the employ of the company and during nine years of that period was manager of the office and credit department, which handled over six thousand, five hundred accounts, valued at more than three hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

In 1913 Mr. Perrine became office and credit manager for the Star Rubber Company and a year and a half later entered upon his duties as sales manager for the Ravenna Rubber Company. At the end of six months he resigned the position and returned to Akron. On the 28th of March, 1917, he joined J. C. Cranmer in forming the Cranmer-Perrine Furniture Company, which first occupied a room twenty-five feet wide and ninety feet long, but in the fall of that year the floor space was increased by the acquisition of a double store room fifty by ninety feet in dimensions. Starting with a capital of only three hundred and fifty dollars, they prospered beyond their expectations and with the aid of outside capital leased the entire building at Nos. 5-7 North Arlington street in the spring of 1918 at a rental of three hundred dollars per month. At an outlay of twenty-two thou-

sand dollars they made extensive repairs and improvements and in 1919 they transacted a business of more than two hundred and fifty thousand dollars. Needing additional storage room, they leased ground on East Market street in 1919 and erected a warehouse one hundred by seventy-five feet in dimensions and three stories in height at a cost of one hundred and twenty-seven thousand dollars.

In August, 1922, Mr. Perrine severed his connection with the firm and on September 1 of that year he perfected his plans to reenter the furniture business in Akron, making a loan of funds to cover the first month's rent of a twenty-two by seventy-five foot room at the corner of Mill and College streets, while on the same day he purchased stock to the value of ten thousand dollars. The capacity of the store was doubled January 1, 1923, and on May 1 of that year he again enlarged his quarters, securing a total of twenty thousand square feet of floor space. Continued success in the undertaking enabled Mr. Perrine to close a deal for the majority of the stock of the Cranmer Furniture Company, the business which he had aided in founding, and for a number of years he conducted both stores. In 1927 he closed the Arlington street establishment and the business is now centered at Mill and College streets, while the warehouse is located at No. 816 East Market street, where the wholesale department is maintained. The Perrine Furniture Company, of which he is the president, is one of the largest and most progressive firms of the kind in the state. Their house is noted for its friendly atmosphere and courteous service, while taste, quality and moderate prices distinguish the display of merchandise.

Mr. Perrine was married September 3, 1907, in Akron to Miss Luella I. Evans, a native of Kenton, Hardin county, Ohio, and a member of one of its pioneer families. Her parents, David and Verina (Fry) Evans, are deceased. Her father was a farmer and conducted two large farms in Kenton, on one of which was an artesian sulphur well. Mrs. Perrine has three brothers: Earl, a resident of Akron; and Emory and Willis Evans, who live in California. Mr. and Mrs. Perrine have two sons, Charles E. and Louis D., both at home. The family residence is situated on the Stow-Tallmadge road and is regarded as one of the most modern and attractive country homes in Summit county.

Mr. and Mrs. Perrine are earnest members of the Stow Church of Christ, of which he is a deacon, and both are keenly

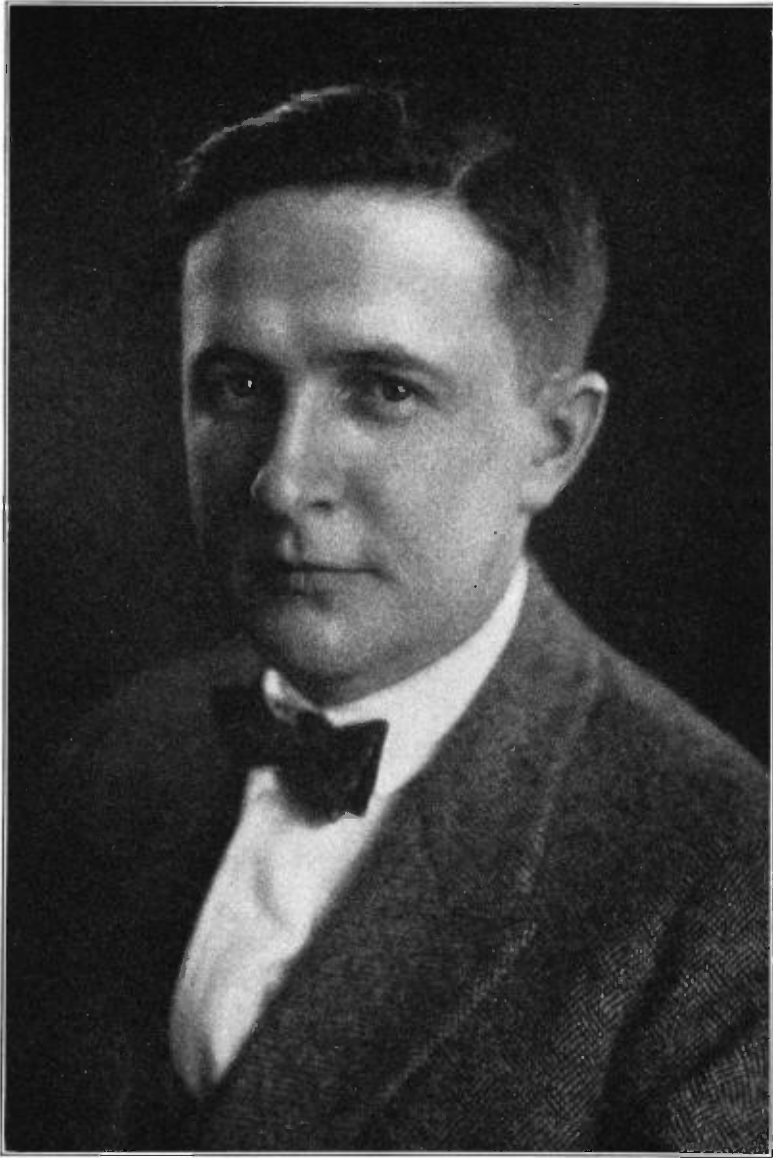
interested in religious work. For four years Mr. Perrine was one of the school directors of Stow township, doing all in his power to advance the cause of education in that district, and his service as mayor of the village of Munroe Falls has been equally resultant and beneficial. He belongs to the Stow Civic Association and is always found in the van of movements looking toward the accomplishment of real and practical good. The East Akron Board of Trade numbers him among its charter members and he is also connected with the Exchange Club. He belongs to Pavonia Lodge, K. P., at Cuyahoga Falls, and is also a prominent Mason, belonging to Akron Lodge, No. 83, F. & A. M.; Washington Chapter, No. 25, R. A. M.; Akron Council, No. 80, R. & S. M.; Akron Commandery, No. 25, K. T., and Tadmor Temple of the Mystic Shrine. Mr. Perrine is much interested in aviation, and trout fishing is his favorite sport. A business man of exceptional acumen and ability, he has left the indelible impress of his individuality upon his work, and the strength that he manifests in mercantile affairs has its root in those qualities which command respect and inspire confidence and esteem.

HAROLD S. WAGNER

Harold S. Wagner, one of the young men of Akron who is steadily forging to the front, is now a director and the secretary of the Metropolitan Park Board and is regarded as an authority upon horticulture and floriculture, while years of study and application have gained him wide knowledge of landscape gardening, so that he is well qualified for the responsible position he is now filling.

Mr. Wagner is a native of Boston, Massachusetts, his birth having there occurred December 18, 1892, his parents being Henry and Barbara (Heintz) Wagner, the former a native of Bavaria, while the mother was born in Boston. In early life Henry Wagner came to the new world and for many years has engaged in the furniture business in Boston, where he still makes his home, but his wife has passed away. Their family numbered four children, including three daughters—Minnie, Lillian and Ethel.

The only son, Harold S. Wagner, attended the public schools of Boston, passing through consecutive grades to the high school, while later he devoted three years to intensive study



HAROLD S. WAGNER

at the Arnold Arboretum, the tree museum of Harvard University, acquainting himself with the most modern and scientific methods of tree culture, including tree surgery and subsequent care. When he had completed his course he became an associate of Warren H. Manning, a noted landscape architect, under whom he continued to study for a period of five years while representing his employer in many important projects. It was during that period that he was sent to Akron to design and lay out Fairlawn Heights, and through his excellent work he also contributed greatly to beautifying that district. When that work was accomplished he became connected with the Akron city park commission and for two years was superintendent of parks. He next became director and secretary of the Metropolitan Park Board, which positions he now fills, and his work is eminently satisfactory, for he embodies the most advanced methods of landscape architecture. His broad knowledge enables him to visualize a completed task and to recognize the possibilities of improving and beautifying any district. His labors have been indeed of great benefit to the city and the results achieved reflect credit and honor upon him.

On the 8th of April, 1917, Mr. Wagner was married to Miss Bertha Rau, of Boston, a daughter of Gottlieb and Minnie Rau of that city. They now have one child, Barbara Wagner, who was born in Boston, May 18, 1919.

Mr. Wagner is a Mason who loyally follows the teachings and high principles of the craft. He is a member of the American Institute of Park Executives, National Parks Association, Playground and Recreation Association, National Conference on State Parks, National Conference on City Planning, and American Civic Association. He belongs to the Exchange Club and during his residence in Akron he has gained a wide acquaintance and is most favorably known here, his sterling qualities and traits of character gaining for him warm friendship and kindly regard. Mr. Wagner's residence is at 1026 Emma avenue.

JOHN WESTON EWART

John Weston Ewart is one of the successful agriculturists of Springfield township and represents an honored pioneer family whose members have influenced the development and progress of this part of the state for a period of one hundred and sixteen

years. He was born on the home farm in Springfield township, October 14, 1878, and in the maternal line traces his ancestry to the colonial epoch in American history. His father, Charles C. Ewart, was born July 13, 1849, in Springfield township, and was a son of John Ewart, who came with his parents from Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, to Tallmadge, Summit county, Ohio, in 1812. Later the family removed to Springfield township, acquiring a tract of three hundred and twenty acres, which constituted the Ewart homestead until 1919, when a portion of the land was sold.

Charles C. Ewart was reared to manhood on this farm and supplemented his public school education by a college course in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He then returned home and engaged in farming, sheep raising and dairying for many years. Success attended his well directed labors and about 1914 he retired, establishing his home in Springfield Center, where he spent the remainder of his life. On New Year's Day of 1874 he had married Miss Leora Weston, a native of Springfield township and of English lineage. Her parents were S. N. and Mary Jane (Force) Weston, both of Revolutionary stock. Mr. Weston's forbears migrated from New England to Ohio and were numbered among the early settlers of Summit county. He was born in Springfield township and served in the Union army during the Civil war. His wife was a native of Akron, Ohio, and an adherent of the Quaker faith. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Ewart were six children, four of whom survive: Eva, who is Mrs. L. E. Housley, of Brooklyn, New York, and has one child, Burton; Aurie, who is the wife of Curtis Ewart of Pomona, California, and the mother of four children, Robert, Elizabeth, Charles and Mary; John W.; and Elizabeth, who is in the employ of the Uniontown Savings & Loan Association. The father was a Presbyterian in religious faith and filled various offices in the Springfield Presbyterian church. He was an exemplary citizen, and his death in 1917 was the occasion of deep and widespread regret. His widow and daughter Elizabeth occupy the home in Springfield Center, and he is also survived by a brother, Perry G. Ewart; and two sisters, Belle, who is the wife of John Shephard, of Painesville, Ohio; and Ada, who is Mrs. Hubert Wright, of Perry, this state.

John W. Ewart attended the district school near his home and continued his studies in Akron and Columbus. He then returned to the home farm and has since devoted his energies to its

development. Through scientific methods he has enhanced the fertility of the soil and follows diversified farming. He has a good grade of stock and has found dairying a profitable industry. The work is expedited by up-to-date equipment, and no farm in this district is more highly developed or more efficiently operated. Mr. Ewart is one of the most progressive farmers in the township and is also interested in financial affairs, being connected with the Uniontown Savings & Loan Company.

On the 24th of May, 1917, Mr. Ewart was united in marriage to Miss Emma Loreaux, a daughter of Desire and Adeline (Grabber) Loreaux and the third in order of birth in a family of seven children, six of whom survive. Previous to her marriage Mrs. Ewart was engaged in educational work and taught for a number of years in the public schools of Akron and Barberton, Ohio.

Mr. Ewart is a member of Apollo Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, which he joined at East Akron, and his religious views are in harmony with the doctrines of the Presbyterian church. He bears a name that has long stood for the highest traditions in Ohio's citizenship and is esteemed and respected throughout the district in which his life has been spent.

WILLIAM E. HINMAN

William E. Hinman is one of the venerable citizens of Tallmadge and represents an honored pioneer family that has been closely associated with the development of this district for more than a century. He was born in 1839 and has always resided in this community, to which he is deeply attached. His ancestors settled in New England in colonial times, and his grandfather, Lemuel Hinman, was a Continental soldier during the Revolutionary war. Although much younger, he was a close friend of General Washington and because of this friendship was chosen standard bearer, proudly carrying the American flag from the beginning of the struggle for independence until its close. His son Marcus, who became the father of William E. Hinman, was a native of Waterbury, Connecticut. He journeyed from that state to Ohio and arrived in Summit county, May 27, 1819, the day on which he attained the age of twenty years. He was married October 14, 1824, in Tallmadge to Miss Harriet Saxton, who was born in New Haven, Connecticut, and they became the parents of four children, all of whom are deceased except William.

E. Hinman. He was reared on the home farm and attended the local schools. During his youth he assisted his father in the work of plowing, planting and harvesting and received thorough training in agricultural pursuits, which occupied his attention for a considerable period. Tiring of farm life, he decided to enter the field of commerce and for twenty years was engaged in merchandising in Tallmadge. His stock was carefully selected, and his enterprising methods and well known honesty enabled him to win a large share of the local patronage.

On the 7th of March, 1864, Mr. Hinman was married in Tallmadge to Miss Nellie Barber, who was born September 14, 1844, in Copley township, Summit county, and was a daughter of Colonel Barber. A staunch republican, Mr. Hinman exerted considerable influence in the local councils of the party and was a member of the county executive committee for eight years. He was elected a member of the school board, on which he served for seven years, and furthered the educational advancement of the district to the extent of his ability, also cooperating in other movements for the general good. Although afflicted with blindness for years, he is alert and active, appearing much younger than he is, and keeps in close touch with affairs of public moment. He lives in the house in which his father was born—a substantial, commodious dwelling, situated on the outskirts of the village of Tallmadge. This homestead has been in possession of the family for more than one hundred years and throughout that period has been kept free of all encumbrances. Mr. Hinman is a nonagenarian and comes of a long-lived race. His paternal grandfather attained the remarkable age of one hundred and ten years, his father died when ninety years old and his mother reached the ripe age of eighty-five years. Imbued with a strong sense of duty and honor, Mr. Hinman has conscientiously fulfilled life's responsibilities and obligations, and his reward is the unqualified respect of his fellowmen.

THE CAMP BROTHERS COMPANY

Among the up-to-date business institutions to which Mogadore is indebted for its industrial growth and prosperity is that of The Camp Brothers Company, which specializes in clay products. Building operations were started June 19, 1919, and in 1921 the plant was opened for business. It is equipped with the

most improved machinery, and modern methods are used throughout. A high degree of efficiency is maintained in the operation of this model institution, which has a capacity of one hundred thousand bricks per day. The promoters of the business chose this location because of the fact that they were able to secure many acres of valuable clay land which enables them to produce an unusually fine line of brick and tile. The industry is controlled by business men of proven ability and worth and mirrors their enterprise and high commercial standards. The officers of the company are: Henry H. Camp, president; Louis W. Camp, vice president; R. E. Armstrong, secretary; and C. C. Baird, treasurer.

Henry H. Camp is a native of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, and a son of Horace B. and Amelia (Babb) Camp, both of whom were born in this state. The father's birth occurred in New Philadelphia, Tuscarawas county, November 7, 1838, and in 1907 he was called to his final rest. The mother was born in Uniontown, Stark county, in 1853 and now resides at No. 87 Highland avenue in Akron. They had a family of four children: Grace, who became the wife of R. E. Armstrong and died in 1918; Henry H.; Louis W., who is married and resides in Akron at the corner of Mayfield and Twin Oaks road; and Laura, who is the wife of Professor William E. Mosher, of Syracuse, New York, and the mother of five sons.

When Henry H. Camp was a child of six the family left Cuyahoga Falls and settled on a farm which the father purchased in Tallmadge township, Summit county. He was manufacturer of sewer pipe and the clay soil on his property was admirably adapted to this purpose. Henry H. Camp remained in Tallmadge township until he was eighteen and supplemented his common school education by a course in the Western Reserve Academy at Hudson, Ohio. His first independent venture was in 1906, when he organized the Camp Conduit Company and began the manufacture of clay products in Cleveland, Ohio. This business he learned under his father and it has constituted his life work. There is no phase of the industry with which he is not thoroughly familiar and success has attended all of his undertakings. He enjoys his work and through concentrated effort and judicious management has made The Camp Brothers Company one of the leading organizations of the kind in northern Ohio. Mr. Camp is a director of Central Savings & Trust Company, also the Mo-

gadore Savings Banks and the Akron Coal Company, and is a trustee of the City Hospital of Akron.

Mr. Camp was married September 10, 1902, to Miss Anna Metlin, a daughter of John and Alice (Christy) Metlin and a member of an old and prominent family of Akron. Mr. and Mrs. Camp usually spend a portion of each winter in Florida. Their residence in Akron is at No. 138 Fir street, the old Christy mansion, and they are now making plans to remove to their modern home in Fairlawn, an attractive suburb of the Rubber city. For three years Mr. Camp has been a director of the Akron City Club and the Portage Country Club and is also connected with the Fairlawn Golf Club, the Turkey Foot Island Club and Akron Lodge of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. His energy, ability and determination have brought him to the fore in local business circles, and his innate courtesy and high moral qualities have enabled him to win and retain the esteem and confidence of his fellowmen.

FRANCIS HENRY HOLTON

It is hardly possible to realize what would be the business status and condition of Akron without the rubber interests here. For a considerable period Francis Henry Holton, who passed away January 19, 1918, at the venerable age of eighty-six years, was closely associated with the rubber industry in this city but was even more broadly connected with the rubber industry of the country, having been a pioneer in this field of development. His contribution to progress along this line was notable and his inventive genius brought out many valuable devices.

Francis H. Holton was born in Northfield, Massachusetts, November 17, 1831, a son of Luther and Marcia (Mixer) Holton. The family was founded in America by one of the name who emigrated from Ipswich, England, in 1630 and settled near Hartford, Connecticut, whence more immediate ancestors of Francis H. Holton removed to Northfield in 1735. Only limited educational opportunities came to Mr. Holton inasmuch as he began earning his living when a youth of fourteen years. He was employed in the shoe and rubber store of his uncle, Samuel Holton, in finishing for the market the crude rubber shoes imported for the American trade before these were superseded by the kind made under the Goodyear patents. From that time for-



FRANCIS H. HOLTON

ward Mr. Holton was continuously associated as dealer, inventor and manufacturer with the rubber interests of the United States. In 1856 he removed to New York, where he was employed as a clerk by a Broadway firm dealing in rubber goods, but soon resigned that position to engage in the manufacture of druggists' and stationers' specialties in rubber, opening a factory on Broadway, near Thirty-seventh street. In 1856 he took up his residence in Brooklyn and removed his business to that city four years later. The enterprise prospered from the beginning and in 1868 William Gray was admitted to a partnership, remaining with the firm until 1870, when he sold his interest in the business to Charles B. Dickinson, who in 1874 acquired sole ownership by purchasing the interest of Mr. Holton. At that time the latter established a factory in New York but in 1877 again moved his business to Brooklyn at the foot of Adams street. He began his rubber manufacturing with only five or six employes and the business had grown to such proportions that in 1883 he was giving employment to from eighty to one hundred people. The demand for his output, however, far exceeded the capacity of the plant and it was this that led him to seek larger quarters, but through the influence of Dr. B. F. Goodrich he was induced to close out his interests in Brooklyn and remove to Akron. In the meantime he was closely studying the needs of the trade as well as the processes of manufacture and his initiative resulted in various inventions of note. One of these, seemingly small in itself but regarded as an absolutely indispensable adjunct of every home and business house of the world, was the rubber eraser. He was also the inventor of coil pads for guns. Mr. Holton was himself a good marksman, very fond of shooting, and it was this experience that led to his study resulting eventually in the production of the coil pads. To him belonged the distinction of having received Patent No. 1,000,000 from the patent office in Washington. There were many others who sought to obtain this, and although Mr. Holton did not have it in mind, it was accorded him on his invention of an automobile tire. He was also the first man to make rubber sponges in this country, prior to which time sponges of that character had been imported from Russia. Others had attempted the manufacture, but without success, and to Mr. Holton came the distinction of producing a marketable article of value. It was while conducting his own manufacturing plant in Brooklyn that he was induced to come to Akron as superintendent of the rubber specialty depart-

ment of the Goodrich Company, which profited greatly by his work, and he remained with that corporation until 1898, when he retired, after which he spent the next three years in travel and recreation. At the end of that time he answered the call of the rubber business by going back to work. His contribution to the trade is inestimable and as a pioneer he aided in establishing the rubber industry upon a broad and substantial basis in America. He entered the field at a time when practically all rubber goods in the United States were manufactured in New York, New Jersey and New England, with New York as the leading center of production, and Mr. Holton's plant there was the principal one of a dozen or more located in the Empire state. He was always recognized as the pioneer of the rubber industry in the east and Akron felt that she had gained a valuable addition to her ranks when he decided to become actively allied with rubber production in this city. He introduced many new and useful products while he was connected with the Goodrich Company and a most substantial trade was developed in connection with his department.

In young manhood Mr. Holton was united in marriage to Miss Anna M. Blake, who passed away in Akron in 1894. Two years later, in 1896, he wedded Leora L. Hodgeman of Akron. There were four children by the first marriage, but Mr. Holton outlived all of his descendants save one granddaughter, Florence Holton, now a resident of Brooklyn, New York. He is survived by his wife, who is most highly esteemed in Akron, where she has long occupied an enviable position in social circles. In 1924 there was a family reunion held at the old Holton homestead in Northfield, Massachusetts, which has been in possession of the family since 1737, the grant thereto being received from the king of England, while the property has been handed down from father to son through many generations. There was at the same time a Holton reunion held in Pasadena, California, for members of the family who were too far away to attend the Northfield celebration.

Mr. Holton won fame through his marksmanship, which gained for him many medals and prizes. He was a veteran of the Twenty-third Regiment of the old New York National Guard and also of Company G, Thirteenth Regiment of the National Guard of New York, usually called the Brooklyn City Guard. While a member of those organizations he became recognized as an expert shot and received many tangible tokens of his skill.

He belonged to the famous Creedmore Rifle Club of New York and to the Rifle Association of America and in both organizations was recognized as one of America's best marksmen. His life was also rich in its social contacts, for he had the ability to win and retain friendships. He was intimately acquainted with Ralph Waldo Emerson and many other distinguished men who cherished his companionship and felt honored by his friendship. There are few men who have so adequately expressed in their lives the principles and qualities which are embodied in the term gentleman. Throughout his entire career he held to high ideals and one of his marked characteristics was his consideration for and courtesy to others. He was charitable in his opinions, benevolent in his relations to those who needed assistance and at all times he not only practiced but advocated right living, his conscience being his strong guide. He knew what sacrifice and adversity were, having experienced both, but he never allowed them to embitter him nor did he allow his successes to dwarf his kindly nature. He was a lover of clean wit and humor and both enriched his conversation. He found great pleasure in reading history, with which he was widely familiar, and he also enjoyed literature of a scientific and educational nature but cared nothing for fiction. He thought broadly and his opinions were the result of careful consideration guided by his conscience. Loyalty in friendship was one of his marked traits and if at any time a friend abused his confidence his attitude was one of forgiveness. His entire life was the expression of high ideals of service and of devotion to his opportunities to contribute to the material, intellectual and moral progress of the world. He reached the age of eighty-six and his were "the blest accompaniments of age—honor, riches, troops of friends."

SAMUEL HENRY POST

In business circles of Hudson no name is more highly spoken of than that of Samuel H. Post, who for the past fifteen years has had the local agency for the Willys-Knight and Overland automobiles, in the selling of which he has met with distinctive success, while his business methods have been such as have gained for him the confidence and good will of all who have had dealings with him.

Mr. Post was born on a farm in Boston township, this county.

on the 7th of October, 1884, a son of Lyman Curtiss and Sarah Nancy (Tyson) Post, of whom extended mention is made elsewhere in this work. He received a common school education in his home neighborhood and remained on the farm with his parents until thirty-two years of age, devoting his efforts to farming and stock raising and assisting in the management of the farm. He purchased his father's threshing outfit, which he operated a number of years, being one of the few successful men in that line in Summit county and always having a big run. He also owns a sawmill and cider mill, which are in operation on the farm at the present day.

From 1914 to 1916 Mr. Post was engaged in the automobile business, being connected with the Willys-Knight Motor Company, and, in October, 1917, he moved to Hudson, where he purchased property and built a substantial garage. Here he has continued the handling of Willys-Knight and Overland cars. He has a modern, well equipped and attractive salesroom, in connection with which he maintains storage and repair departments, and is doing a very satisfactory business, being at this time the second oldest dealer in point of service with the Willys-Knight company in northern Ohio.

At her home in Boston township, November 14, 1906, Mr. Post married Miss Zella Maxan, a daughter of John B. and Ella O'Dell (McBride) Maxan. Her father, who was born in Twinsburg, Summit county, in 1854, devoted his life to farming and died at his home in Boston township, July 12, 1915. Her mother, who was born in Boston, Summit county, is now living with her son, LeMarr Maxan, in Cleveland, Ohio. To Mr. and Mrs. Maxan were born four children, two sons and two daughters, as follows: Isaac, who lives in Cleveland; Eva, who is the wife of C. W. Gleason and lives in Northfield, Ohio; Zella, now Mrs. Post; and LeMarr, of Cleveland. Mr. and Mrs. Post are the parents of five children, namely: Laura Dell, born July 25, 1908; Clarice Mary, March 7, 1910; Samuel Henry, January 1, 1912; Allan Lyman, November 7, 1915; and Ray Elwood, January 29, 1920.

In his political views Mr. Post is a republican on national issues, but in local affairs he maintains an independent attitude. He has shown a proper interest in the welfare of his community and rendered effective service as a member of the board of public affairs of Hudson from 1920 to 1926. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, the Knights of Pythias and the Order of the Eastern Star, Mrs. Post also belonging to the last named order,

of which she is past worthy matron. The family are members of the Church of Christ. Mr. Post is an ardent sportsman and each season enjoys a trip to the big woods of Pennsylvania, Michigan and Canada, from which he usually brings home trophies of his skill as a marksman. In his gun locker at home he has a valuable assortment of guns, for both large and small game during the various hunting seasons. His has been a life of varied and useful activity, productive of excellent results not only in the attainment of individual success, but also in the advancement of the community welfare, and his sterling worth as man and citizen is attested by all who know him.

JAMES THOMAS McILWAIN

James Thomas McIlwain, for many years prominently known in railway circles as a construction engineer, was recognized as an expert bridge builder, making his own plans for timber and other bridges. He was born in Peninsula, Summit county, Ohio, on the 10th of November, 1854, of Scotch-Irish parentage, a son of William and Mary (Crawford) McIlwain. The father was a ship carpenter and joiner.

James T. McIlwain attended the district school in Peninsula and for a time worked with his father as a carpenter, but in June, 1873, entered the railway service in connection with the building of bridges, trestles and buildings on the old Valley Railroad between Cleveland and Valley Junction, becoming superintendent of bridges and buildings in 1882. In 1891, when the branch of the Baltimore & Ohio was extended westward to Chicago Junction, Mr. McIlwain in sixty days constructed all the depots, water tanks and freighthouses for the contractors, between Warwick and Chicago Junction. In 1902, when the Valley and the Cleveland, Lorain & Wheeling Railroads were consolidated to become the Cleveland division of the Baltimore & Ohio, Mr. McIlwain was made master carpenter, which position he held during the remainder of his active life. To him was accorded a service record of which any railroad man would well be proud. In this it was officially certified that he had never caused an accident or a wreck through faulty construction of any bridge or building which he had built. In 1897 he was in sole charge of the construction of the Everett block in Akron in connection with his work for the railroad company.

On the 4th of October, 1893, in Akron, Mr. McIlwain was married to Miss Mary M. Jones, a daughter of Watkin W. and Ann (Thomas) Jones. Their children are: Mary Ann, who is on the staff of the Akron Public Library; and James Thomas, who is connected with the engineering department of the General Fire Extinguisher Company of Philadelphia.

Mr. McIlwain always found his greatest happiness at his own fireside and was devoted to the welfare of wife and children. He attended the West Congregational church and was a man of high character and esteemed by all who knew him. The death of Mr. McIlwain occurred August 17, 1915.

A. LOUIS GRANER

A. Louis Graner, vice president and treasurer of the Akron, Canton & Youngstown Railway Company, has been identified with railroad interests ever since he entered on his business career and is one of the well known railroad officials in this section of the state. He was born April 18, 1882, in Oak Harbor, Ohio, a son of John and Mary (Clarke) Graner, who are also natives of the Buckeye state, in which they have spent their entire lives. The father is engaged in the grain elevator business and is also an extensive raiser of poultry. His family consists of two sons and two daughters: A. Louis, Grover E., Iva and Bessie, all residents of Akron.

A. Louis Graner attended the Akron schools and after leaving high school pursued a course of study in the Fremont Business College. He then entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, remaining with that corporation from 1902 to 1912. He occupied various positions, winning promotion from time to time as the recognition of work well done and his capacity for assuming greater responsibilities. He resigned from that connection to become auditor of the Akron, Canton & Youngstown Railway Company and has since been advanced until he is now identified with the executive management and control of the company. The development of the Akron, Canton & Youngstown Railway is one of the outstanding achievements among the smaller railroad lines in this part of the country and offers a magnificent tribute to its management. It is a locally owned line and is giving to northeastern Ohio a valuable and efficient service. Mr. Graner is also a director of the Akron, Can-



A. LOUIS GRANER

ton & Youngstown Terminal Properties Company and a director of the Northern Ohio Railway Company.

On the 28th of November, 1907, Mr. Graner was married to Miss Maude Money, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Money of Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Graner have five children: John Louis, who was born November 22, 1909, in Cleveland, is a student at the Ohio Wesleyan University; Katherine Louise, born December 9, 1913, is attending Stow high school; Frank Maxwell, born May 6, 1917, is also a pupil at Stow high; James Richard was born February 21, 1919; and Louis Albert was born August 4, 1923.

Mr. Graner is a member of the Railroad Treasurers Organization and of the Railroad Accounting Society. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, while he belongs to the Akron City Club, the Akron Automobile Club and the Akron Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Graner takes a helpful interest in public affairs, standing at all times on the side of progress, reform and improvement, and his cooperation can be counted upon to further measures destined to advance the public good. He is the president of the board of education of Stow Centralized Schools of Stow township. He is a self-made man whose activities, intelligently directed, have been the basis of his success, and he is accorded a most creditable position among the representatives of Akron's important interest. In 1920 he completed his home in Stow.

HERBERT E. BIGELOW

Peninsula has directly profited by the enterprising spirit and constructive activities of Herbert E. Bigelow, a business man of varied and important interests and a tireless worker, whose success is entirely attributable to his own efforts. He was born in Copley, Summit county, April 2, 1887, a son of Frank A. and Della (Myers) Bigelow, also natives of Ohio. His father was reared on a farm in Summit county and received a common school education. He devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits until 1911, when he located in Peninsula and began dealing in builders' supplies and fuel, forming a partnership with his son and being thus engaged until his death on September 13, 1913. He is survived by a widow and two children. The daughter, Marcia, is

now Mrs. Virgil Stein and resides in West Richfield, Ohio, where her mother is also living.

Herbert E. Bigelow attended the district schools of Summit county and assisted his father in the cultivation and improvement of the farm. At the age of seventeen he assumed the burden of self-support and filled various positions, working his way steadily upward. In 1911 he embarked in business in Peninsula as a dealer in coal and building material and with the able assistance of his father secured a large patronage. His attention was thus occupied for five years but in 1916 he sought a new outlet for his energies, organizing the Bigelow Motor Company, which now handles a complete line of Chevrolet cars. The first building, which he erected in 1917, was destroyed by fire in January, 1927, and immediately he set about the task of rebuilding, making plans for the completion of a structure which should be one of the chief ornaments of the town. The work was finished in 1928 and on January 3 he opened one of the finest garages in northern Ohio. The show room is spacious and beautiful, and the offices are well arranged. In addition there is a completely equipped repair department and a service force of first class mechanics. The salesmen are thoroughly trained and courtesy and efficiency and square dealing are the distinguishing characteristics of the firm. Mr. Bigelow is president of the company and has fostered the growth of the business by close attention to detail and judicious management, while through earnest study of the automobile industry he keeps abreast of the latest developments in the trade. He is regarded as the leading dealer of the town, and his annual sales now amount to a large volume.

Mr. Bigelow was married April 18, 1908, to Miss Jennie Halliwell, a daughter of Levi and Cora Halliwell, of Summit county. The father was one of the first settlers of Richfield township and aided in bringing to light the natural resources of that section of the state. He is survived by a widow and three children: Jennie, now Mrs. Bigelow; Doris, who is the wife of Everett Owen, of Alliance, Ohio; and Clare, who lives in West Richfield, where his mother also resides. Mr. and Mrs. Bigelow have a son, Lloyd, who was born April 12, 1909, and is a member of the senior class of the Peninsula high school.

Mr. Bigelow is a thirty-second degree Mason having taken the degrees of both the Scottish and York Rites. He is a member of Meridian Sun Lodge No. 266, F. and A. M., at West Richfield, of which he is past master; Washington Chapter, R. A. M., at

Akron; Akron Commandery, K. T.; Lake Erie Consistory of Cleveland, and Al Koran Temple of the Mystic Shrine.

His wife belongs to the Order of the Eastern Star and is a past matron of the local chapter. They manifest a keen interest in all projects for the general good and enjoy the esteem of all with whom they have been associated.

AMOS A. ROTHROCK

Devoting his earlier years to the acquirement and dissemination of knowledge, Amos A. Rothrock became widely and favorably known as an educator, after which he achieved success as an agriculturist. He was born in Stark county, Ohio, November 3, 1851, and passed away May 9, 1928. His parents, Samuel and Catherine (Stauffer) Rothrock, were natives of Pennsylvania and settled in Summit county, Ohio, in 1853. In this section of the state Samuel Rothrock spent the remainder of his life, passing away in 1870. He was long survived by his wife, whose demise occurred in 1901.

Amos A. Rothrock was reared on his father's farm, attending the schools of that locality, and he afterward was a teacher in the rural schools of Summit county, being thus employed for about ten years. In order to perfect himself in that line of work he enrolled as a student in Otterbein University, from which he was graduated June 11, 1885, and then became superintendent of the Mogadore schools. He was next at the head of Dover Academy and afterward was called to West Richfield, Ohio. Mr. Rothrock was also principal of one of the high schools in Akron and had charge of the Copley high school for two years, returning to Mogadore at the end of that time. His educational work covered a period of twenty-nine years and was productive of excellent results. Impelled by high ideals of service, he progressed with his profession and advanced the standards of education in every community in which he labored. In 1901 he retired from that field of activity and returned to the occupation which he had followed in youth, taking up his abode at Fairlawn, his splendidly improved farm, situated a few miles west of Akron. There he lived for fourteen years, bringing his land to a high state of development, and in 1918 he purchased an attractive home in Tallmadge, where he resided until his death. He was also identified with business affairs and was one of the directors of the

Norton Mutual Fire Insurance Company for a quarter of a century.

In 1892 Mr. Rothrock was married in West Richfield to Miss Ada Swigart, who passed away in February, 1904, leaving one child, Stanley S., mentioned elsewhere in this volume. Mr. Rothrock's second union was with Miss Harriet E. Stone, to whom he was married in April, 1905. Mr. Rothrock was affiliated with the Congregational church, of Tallmadge, of which he was a trustee for a number of years. His widow is a member of the Country Study Club. In politics he was a republican and filled public offices of trust and responsibility. Courteous, sincere and broad-minded, he held a secure place in public esteem and his life was a serviceable factor in the cause of human progress.

GEORGE MICHAEL KEMPEL

Important commercial interests profited by the keen sagacity and enterprising spirit of George Michael Kempel, who was one of Akron's leading business men and a lifelong resident of the city, which derived substantial benefit from his constructive labors. He was born February 1, 1863, and was a son of George Kempel, a native of Germany. The father left that country during his boyhood and came to the United States, locating in Akron. In 1849, when a young man of twenty, he started for California with a party of '49ers and spent three years in the Golden state. On the expiration of that period he returned to Akron and subsequently became a dealer in shoes, establishing a large business. Possessing the self-reliant nature and sturdy qualities of the true pioneer, he made his own way in the world and stood deservedly high in the esteem of his fellowmen. He married Miss Barbara Honodle and passed away in 1867, leaving a family of five children.

George M. Kempel attended the Jennings school and obtained his start in life with the Gintz Upholstering Company. He remained with that firm for several years, mastering the trade, and when he had accumulated sufficient capital opened a furniture store on South Main street. Through untiring effort and judicious management he fostered the growth of the business and was thus engaged until 1910. At that time he began to buy and sell real estate, displaying marked foresight in making his investments and prospering in his speculations. He was regarded

as an expert valuator and many important realty deals were consummated through his agency.

Mr. Kempel was married July 17, 1901, to Miss Cora Cecelia Steinmetz, and they became the parents of four children: Maria, who is the wife of Abram G. Gill and the mother of one child, Helen Marie; and Leo C., George Paul and Anna Rosalie Kempel. The father enjoyed home life and was devoted to his wife and family.

In politics Mr. Kempel maintained an independent course, supporting the candidates whom he considered best qualified for office and advocating measures of reform, progress and improvement in public affairs. He adhered to the Catholic faith and was affiliated with the Holy Name Society, the Knights of Columbus, the Knights of St. John and the Fraternal Order of Eagles. Fishing and travel afforded him recreation, and previous to his marriage he had visited nearly every state in the Union. Mr. Kempel considered Akron a most desirable place of residence and its growth and progress was a matter in which he took much personal pride. Modest and unassuming, he quietly performed life's duties and obligations, and time established his worth. The friends of his youth remained steadfast and true throughout life, and his passing on July 14, 1926, occasioned deep and widespread regret.

GUY A. JENKINS

The Jenkins family of Macedonia township has long been numbered among the leading and most influential families of Summit county, having been actively interested in all local movements for the advancement and improvement of the community. One of its worthy representatives is Guy A. Jenkins, who owns and operates the old home farm and is a man of progressive spirit and exemplary citizenship.

Mr. Jenkins was born on his father's farm in Macedonia township on the 19th of August, 1884, a son of Edmund S. and Mary (Morse) Jenkins, who are referred to at length on another page of this work. He was reared on the home farm and secured his early education in the local schools, completing his educational training at Ohio State University. He has followed farming practically all of his life and has met with a very gratifying measure of success, being now the owner of the farm of ninety

acres which was bought by his father in 1896. The place is well improved and, under his careful management, produces abundant crops. For the past eleven years Mr. Jenkins has also served as a rural mail carrier.

On May 24, 1905, in Cleveland, Ohio, Mr. Jenkins was united in marriage to Miss Evalyn Johnston, of Macedonia, who is of Scotch and Irish parentage. To them have been born three children, Morse A., Allan E. and Jeannette. Mrs. Jenkins was graduated from Macedonia high school and when seventeen years of age began teaching school, following that profession up to the time of her marriage. She has taken an active interest in local civic affairs, being a member of the Farm Bureau Association, and is now serving her thirteenth year as a member of the school board during seven years of which time she has been clerk of the board. Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins are members of the Grange. Mr. Jenkins is a man of forceful character, agreeable personality and fine public spirit and throughout the locality where he has spent his life he is held in the highest regard.

JOHN OLIVER BETZ

John Oliver Betz is a dominant figure in the management of important commercial interests and a conspicuous member of that select company of enterprising young business men to whom Akron looks for its future growth and prosperity. He was born in Clearfield, Pennsylvania, July 3, 1895, and is a son of George F. and Dorothy D. (Metzler) Betz, natives of Harrisonville, that state. They remained in Pennsylvania until 1909, when they settled in Akron, and the father became a silent partner in the J. Haller Construction Company, with which he was connected for a number of years. In 1922 he organized the Akron Cylinder Grinding Company, of which he is now the president, and acts as vice president of the Akron Parts Company, both of which have profited by his business experience and ability.

John O. Betz attended the public schools of his native state until he reached the age of fourteen years, when he came to Akron with his parents, and for three years was a student in the South high school, from which he was graduated with the class of 1912. This was followed by a course in the Akron Automobile School, where he qualified as an expert mechanic, and was appointed manager of the Firestone Tire & Rubber Company's garage, of



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which he had charge for three and a half years, meeting every requirement of the position. In 1922 he established what is now known as the Akron Parts Company, which handles parts for automobiles and radios, and as its president is following a policy which makes for rapid development by inspiring public trust and confidence. His employes are carefully chosen and no imperfect piece of work ever leaves the plant. He is also vice president and secretary of the Akron Cylinder Grinding Company, a steadily growing concern which is operated in connection with the Akron Parts Company, and the two industries furnish employment to about twenty-five persons. These two institutions are managed with system and efficiency and mirror the executive force and progressive methods of the men who control them.

John O. Betz was married April 5, 1915, in Akron to Miss Maude E. Lee, a daughter of George Lee of New Philadelphia, Ohio, and they have become the parents of one child, Eugene Franklin, who was born February 28, 1916, in the Rubber city and is attending the Perkins school.

Mr. Betz is a Royal Arch Mason and belongs to the Masonic, Automobile and Optimist Clubs. The Chamber of Commerce numbers him among its energetic members and he is vice president of the Akron Service Association. He is affiliated with the Methodist Episcopal church and shapes his conduct by its teachings. A man of action, gifted with initiative and determination, Mr. Betz has risen rapidly in the business world and the future undoubtedly holds much in store for him. He has a winning personality, and his genuine worth is attested by all who enjoy the privilege of knowing him.

WILLIAM LOCKHART

Summit county received a very desirable addition to its citizenship when, in 1925, William Lockhart came here to make his permanent residence, for he is the type of man whose labors are constructive in character and whose efforts and influence are in the direction of progress and advancement. He was born in Cleveland, Ohio, on the 5th of May, 1889, and is a son of William and Mary (Drummond) Lockhart, the former of whom was born in New York city and was of Scotch ancestry, while the latter, who was of Irish descent, was born and reared in Cleveland. In their family were seven children, of whom William is the second in

order of birth. He has two brothers, Clarence and Fred, living in Rochester, Pennsylvania, and a sister, Mrs. Hazel Hansen, in Cleveland. The others are deceased.

William Lockhart, Jr., was reared in his native city and was graduated from its public schools in 1906, after which he learned the trade of a machinist. Through his efficiency and faithfulness he received successive promotions and eventually became superintendent of works of the McMyler Interstate Construction Company. He remained with that concern until 1918, when he, in company with others, organized the Marble Equipment Company of Cleveland. This proved a very successful venture and Mr. Lockhart remained actively identified with it until 1925, when he sold his interests and, coming to Northfield, Summit county, bought one hundred and fifty-three acres of land adjoining the village. Here he has erected a good set of buildings, including a splendid home, costing thirty-five thousand dollars, and which is ideally located. Mr. Lockhart has platted the greater part of his land for suburban residence purposes, it being but seventeen miles from the center of Cleveland and very attractively situated.

On October 14, 1911, Mr. Lockhart was united in marriage to Miss Sadie Borgerman, who was born in that city of Holland and English lineage. Her father, John Borgerman, who was born and reared in Holland and served in the Boer war, after which he came to the United States, locating in Cleveland. Later his wife, who bore the maiden name of Sarah Looney, arrived. To them were born six children, all of whom live in Cleveland, namely: John, who is married and has three children; Albert; Thomas, who is married and has two children; Mrs. Anna Miller, who is the mother of a daughter; Mrs. Susan Roniger, who is the mother of two children; and Sadie, now Mrs. Lockhart. Mr. and Mrs. Lockhart have two children, Leonard and Elenore.

In his political views Mr. Lockhart maintains an independent attitude, voting according to the dictates of his judgment as to men and measures. He is well informed on the leading issues of the day, on which he holds well defined opinions, and is an earnest supporter of every measure which is calculated to promote the public welfare. He is at this time giving effective service as a member of the board of public affairs. He is a Mason, belonging to Bedford Lodge, F. & A. M.; Bedford Chapter, R. A. M.; Allenby Commandery, K. T.; Al Sirah Grotto; and Al Koran Temple of the Mystic Shrine, and belongs to several country clubs and various social organizations. He and his wife are members

of the United Presbyterian church at Northfield, in the work of which they take a deep interest. Because of his unfeigned cordiality and his sterling traits of character, he has gained a high place in the esteem of the people of his community, while he and his wife are deservedly popular among their associates.

PATRICK HENRY MORAN

Patrick H. Moran, late of Hudson, Ohio, whose death, on January 3, 1928, was deeply regretted by all who knew him, was a man of sterling qualities of character and sound business judgment, standing high in the estimation of his fellowmen. He was born near Syracuse, New York, on the 20th of June, 1864, and was the oldest of the four children who blessed the union of James and Bridget Moran, both of whom were natives of Ireland. He received his educational training in the public schools of his home neighborhood and at Garrettsville, Portage county, Ohio, to which place the family moved during his early youth. When about eighteen years of age he went to work for the C. M. Oviatt Manufacturing Company, at Dover, Ohio, and he remained with that concern for many years. Through his diligent efforts and faithful performance of duty, he received several promotions and later, when the plant was moved to Cadillac, Michigan, he was also transferred to that place and given a position of trust and responsibility. Six years later the plant was destroyed by fire and at that time, 1901, Mr. Moran decided to engage in business for himself. He located in Hudson, Ohio, and established a grocery store, which he successfully conducted for twenty-two years when, on account of ill health, he was forced to retire. Thoroughly upright and honest in all of his dealings with his employes and the general public, his word was considered as good as his bond, and he won and held the respect of all who knew him.

On New Year's eve, 1892, Mr. Moran was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Litzell, who is a member of an old Summit county family of German extraction. Her paternal grandfather, Martin Litzell, came to the United States in an early day, settling in Carroll county, Ohio, and there was born his son, Martin, who was Mrs. Moran's father. Her mother, whose maiden name was Louvina Cannom, was of English lineage and was born in Jamestown, Pennsylvania. On coming to Hudson, Mrs. Moran be-

came the owner and has managed to the present time the Park Hotel, an interesting old brick and stone structure, erected more than one hundred years ago, but is well preserved and in excellent condition, having been improved and made modern throughout. Mrs. Moran has been tireless in her efforts to give the best of service to the traveling public and is meeting with well merited success.

Mr. Moran always maintained a deep interest in everything pertaining to the welfare and prosperity of the community and rendered effective service for a number of years as a member of the town council. A man of unquestioned integrity of motive and action, he was also kindly and cordial in manner, and throughout the range of his acquaintance he commanded genuine respect and gained many warm friends. His home was his club. During his funeral services all of the business houses of Main street were closed.

OLIVER H. JOY

Horticultural pursuits occupy the attention of Oliver H. Joy, who is a product of the Buckeye state and the owner of a beautiful country estate near Tallmadge. He was born in Springfield township, Summit county, July 29, 1874, his parents being Ernest J. and Elizabeth (Hickmott) Joy, natives of Maidstone, Kent county, England. They sailed for America in 1867 and located at Utica, New York, but in 1873 settled in Summit county, Ohio.

Oliver H. Joy attended the district school near his father's farm and completed his education in Buchtel College at Akron. He began his commercial career with the Diamond Rubber Company and was afterward in the employ of the Goodrich and Alden rubber companies. Later he opened an office in East Akron, where he conducted business until 1926, when he purchased a tract of twenty acres on the Cleveland road near Tallmadge, where he has since resided. With a natural talent for gardening, he has wrought a marvelous transformation in the appearance of his place, making it one of the most attractive and desirable farms in the county. In 1927 he raised many rare and beautiful flowers and had more than two thousand choice dahlias. He also has a fine orchard and owes his success to a comprehensive understanding of horticultural science, close application and a deep interest in and love for his work.

In East Akron, June 29, 1904, Mr. Joy married Miss Lillie Louise Hart, a native of that place and the youngest daughter of Delos Hiram and Phebe Ann (Haley) Hart. Her paternal grandparents were Hiram and Sarah (Smith) Hart, the latter a daughter of Moses and Sarah Smith. Mrs. Joy's paternal grandfather, Rufus Hart, came to Summit county, Ohio, in 1816 from Batavia, New York, and settled in Coventry township, about one mile south of Middlebury, in the midst of a dense forest. His first occupation was to clear away the trees and burn the timber into charcoal, his blast furnace being located on the present site of the Goodyear rubber factory. The Hart family were also prominently identified with the early development of that region and were widely and favorably known. Delos Hiram Hart still resides in Akron, and although eighty-six years of age is alert and active, enjoying excellent health. His wife was born in Groton, Connecticut, March 24, 1840, and belonged to an old New England family, being a direct descendant of John and Priscilla Alden of Mayflower fame. Before her marriage she engaged in teaching for some years in Connecticut. She passed away August 13, 1910, and was laid to rest in the East Akron cemetery. Both daughters are most generously blessed with a great love for flowers and are cultivating thousands of gladioli for commercial purposes.

In politics Mr. Joy is a staunch republican but has never sought office as a reward for party fealty. However, he is deeply interested in all matters of public moment and throughout life has followed the course dictated by conscience and honor, thereby winning and retaining the esteem and confidence of his fellowmen. Mr. and Mrs. Joy are affiliated with the First Baptist church of Akron, and the latter is active in social, philanthropic and civic affairs. A leading spirit in the organization of the Akron and Summit County Historical Society, she has been a tireless worker in its behalf and is also an influential factor in the affairs of the Akron Home and School League, in which she has filled a number of offices. In this connection she was a diligent chairman of the committee for the promotion of better films for children and also acted as chairman of the school children's garden work in the Akron schools for several years, besides holding other offices. She is an interested member of the Federation of Women's Clubs and also a member of the Cuyahoga Portage Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, with which her daughters are also connected, and has fostered many move-

ments for the general good. Tactful, considerate and gracious, she readily wins friends and possesses those accomplishments and virtues which grace her sex.

HARVE LOUIS ORTON

While Akron is known as the world center of the rubber industry, it has many other important manufacturing and commercial interests which feature largely in its upbuilding and material development—interests which have been promoted, financed and developed by men of marked enterprise and progressive spirit. In this class is numbered Harve Louis Orton, now president and manager of the Rybolt Furnace Company, manufacturers of the reliable Rybolt furnaces. Mr. Orton was born in Sharon Center, Ohio, November 19, 1882, his parents being William and Finna (Derr) Orton, who were natives of Pennsylvania but in early life came to Ohio, where the father gained prominence along mechanical lines. He has now passed away, but the mother is still living. In their family were three children: H. L., of this review; George W., who is a resident of Medina, Ohio; and B. W., living in Medina county, this state.

Having attended the country schools and also the schools of Sharon Center, Medina county, H. L. Orton entered upon an apprenticeship as a mechanic at the age of nineteen, early displaying considerable aptitude along that line. He developed his powers through close application and thorough study of the work entrusted to him and in 1920 organized the Abrams-Orton Company at Wadsworth, Ohio, for the manufacture of furnaces to be used in homes and larger buildings. That he was well equipped for this work was manifest by the success which accompanied the undertaking, and Mr. Orton continued with the company as its president until 1922, when he sold his interest in that concern and organized the Orton-Ault Company of Wadsworth, Ohio, for the installation of heating plants and furnaces. He continued with the latter enterprise for some time but later sold out and became the general agent for the Rybolt Furnace Company of Wadsworth, Ohio. In 1925 the plant was removed to Akron and Mr. Orton has since been president and manager of the Rybolt Furnace Company, which manufactures an economical, efficient and durable furnace for which there is ready sale, as the output has met with general satisfaction on the part of patrons. Mr.



HARVE L. ORTON

Orton is an authority in the heating and ventilating business, having over twenty-five years' experience in this type of work. Much of his success he claims is due to building first his own organization with reliable and efficient help. He demands that the company policy of prompt service, honesty and reliability, satisfaction and courtesy to the customer, be carried out at all times. The business has enjoyed a steady and substantial growth and the success of the undertaking is attributable largely to the executive ability and capable direction of the president.

On the 22d of October, 1907, Mr. Orton was married to Miss Mary Merfield, of Wadsworth, daughter of Nicholas Merfield, and they have one child, William Louis, who was born in Wadsworth, April 24, 1917, and is now a pupil in the Akron schools.

While living in Wadsworth, Mr. Orton served as chairman of the board of public affairs but has never been a seeker for public office, preferring to concentrate his time and attention upon his individual business interests. In politics he is a republican. He is not neglectful of his duties of citizenship and staunchly supports all worthy measures for the general good. Fraternally he is connected with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks at Barberton and he belonged to the Rotary Club of Wadsworth. His religious faith is that of the Reformed church and his interest centers in those activities which feature as valuable factors in public and private life.

LYMAN CURTISS POST

Among the old and worthy citizens of Summit county none is held in higher regard than is Lyman C. Post, who has spent his entire life in Boston township, where he has been actively and successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits and owns a valuable and well improved farm. He was born on section 2, Boston township, on the 9th of October, 1850. His parents, Henry, Jr., and Lucy Ann (Curtiss) Post were also natives of Summit county, the father having been born May 8, 1809, and the mother July 22, 1816. Both the Post and Curtiss families are of New England origin, having been connected with the early history of Connecticut and Massachusetts, and they became pioneer settlers of Ohio. Henry Post, Jr., was said to have been the first white child born in Boston township, Summit county. To him and his wife were born six children, namely: Minerva, born in 1837; Lyda, born in

1839; George, born in 1842, now living in Monroe county, Michigan; Mary Ann, born in 1844, the wife of George B. Clisby, living in Trumbull county, Ohio; Eunice Sophronia, born in 1848; and Lyman Curtiss, of this review. Of these, George was a veteran of the Civil war, in which he made an honorable record.

Lyman C. Post attended the common schools of Summit county, which gave very good educational advantages for that day. With the exception of about three years, he has resided continuously on the home farm, to the operation of which he has been closely devoted, and is still, despite his age, vigorous and energetic, giving his attention to its supervision and management. In an early day he established a sawmill on his farm, being numbered among the pioneers in that line in his section of the county, and in his later years he ran a threshing outfit. His boyhood ambition was to become a locomotive engineer, but, finding it necessary to remain on the farm, he has throughout his life maintained a close and active interest in machinery and tools, of which he has a wide and intimate knowledge.

On April 30, 1881, Mr. Post was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Nancy Tyson, the ceremony being performed at Akron by the Rev. T. E. Monroe. Mrs. Post was born in Twinsburg, May 13, 1852, and is a daughter of John Evan and Lucy (Chamberlain) Tyson, the former of whom was born in Pennsylvania and the latter in Hudson, Ohio. The Chamberlain family was early established in Connecticut, whence its representatives came to Ohio in pioneer days and here became well and favorably known. Of the nine children born to John E. and Lucy Tyson, Mrs. Post is the fifth in order of birth, and but three are living, her two sisters being Mrs. Lucy Zeigler, who lives in Pennsylvania, and Mrs. Lydia Chamberlain, who lives in Mahoning county, this state. To Mr. and Mrs. Post have been born two children, namely: Howard Worth, who was born March 7, 1882, and died December 20, 1908; and Samuel Henry, who was born October 7, 1884, and is living in Hudson. He is represented in a personal sketch on another page of this work. Howard Worth Post married Miss Florence Fleshman, and their daughter, Dorothy, born February 15, 1905, is now the wife of John Wolf, of Springfield township, Summit county, and they have one child, Howard Lawrence, born March 24, 1924.

Mr. Post is nominally a republican but at local elections he gives his support to the candidates whom he believes to be best qualified for the offices they seek. He has shown a good citizen's

interest in public affairs and has at different times served as school director, township assessor and in other local offices. He and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and he has consistently given his support to every worthy benevolent or charitable cause. He has lived in accordance with the highest principles and has always stood for the best things in the life of his community, so that he is well worthy of the high place which he holds in the confidence and esteem of his fellowmen.

AUGUST E. EHLERT

Any satisfactory record of Summit county must include specific reference to August E. Ehlert, of Northfield, for he has rendered active and distinctive service to his fellowmen through his deep interest in and tireless efforts for the public welfare and the improvement of his community.

Mr. Ehlert was born on the 9th of July, 1861, in Cleveland, Ohio, his birthplace being on East Fourteenth street, which at that time marked the city limits. He is a son of Henry F. and Mary (Borges) Ehlert, the former of whom was born in Germany, whence he came with his parents to the United States in his very early youth. The family located in Cleveland in 1832, and there the father established one of the first stores, being engaged in mercantile business for many years. His death occurred there in 1870. His wife was born on board an ocean vessel while her parents were en route from Germany to this country, and they were numbered among the very early settlers of Cleveland.

August E. Ehlert was reared in his native city and received his educational training in its public schools. For eleven years he worked for the Standard Oil Company, but in 1884 he and his brother Henry embarked in the making and beveling of mirrors, theirs being the first plant of the kind in Cleveland. This proved a successful venture and became a large and prosperous concern, with which Mr. Ehlert remained actively identified for many years. In 1910 he came to Northfield and bought fifty acres of land on the Cleveland-Akron state road, where he has since resided. The house in which he lives is one of the oldest in this locality, having been built one hundred and nine years ago, but is remarkably well preserved and has been greatly improved and

made modern in every respect, being now a very comfortable and attractive home.

On May 1, 1884, in Cleveland, Mr. Ehlert was united in marriage to Miss Louisa K. Farthman, a native of Cleveland and of German ancestry, and to them have been born two children, Louisa M. and Walter H., who married Miss Freda Dietz and is a prominent Sunday school worker of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Mr. Ehlert has taken a deep interest in local public affairs and has served two terms as a member of the Northfield city council. He is a strong believer in public improvements and gave practical evidence of this when he and four other Northfield men decided that an improved state road was needed from Cleveland to Akron. They petitioned for the road, but things moving too slowly to suit them, they for three successive weeks sent daily telegrams to Governor Cox asking for the improvement, with the result that their petition was granted and the splendid concrete highway was constructed through Northfield. In various other ways also Mr. Ehlert has showed a progressive tendency and is regarded as a most valuable citizen. Years ago he took for his motto, "Be just and fear not," and he has endeavored to live in accordance with this principle, a fact which he believes has contributed to his success. A man of kindly and gracious manner, he has won a host of loyal friends throughout the community and all who know him hold him in the highest esteem.

REV. EDWARD JACKSON SMITH

A distinguished theologian and an eloquent speaker, the Rev. Edward J. Smith is widely and favorably known throughout northeastern Ohio as one of the pioneer ministers of the Methodist Episcopal church and a consistent follower of the faith he preaches. He is also an honored Union veteran and one of the venerable citizens of Cuyahoga Falls. A native of West Virginia, he was born in Brooke county on the 17th of June, 1842, a son of Andrew and Jane (Green) Smith, who were of English lineage, and both passed away in West Virginia.

Edward J. Smith attended the public schools of West Virginia and the Brown Academy at Dansville, New York, afterward taking courses in the Biblical Institute at Concord, New Hampshire, and Wilbraham Academy of Massachusetts. He was next a student in Northwestern University at Evanston, Illinois,

and in 1871 was graduated from Bethany College in West Virginia, which conferred upon him the degree of A. B. and A. M. Later he matriculated in the Wesleyan University of Illinois and was awarded the degree of Ph. D. In 1871 he entered the Pittsburgh conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, with which he was identified until 1876, and during that period had charge of Mount Washington church in Pittsburgh, also spending some time in Claysville, Pennsylvania. He then joined what is now known as the Northeastern Ohio conference, of which he was a member for more than thirty-two years, filling pastorates at Kent, Cuyahoga Falls, Cleveland, Canton and Chardon. At the age of twenty-four he began his career as a minister and during the years of his service he has won for the church more than four thousand members and officiated at a thousand weddings—a notable record of achievement. Although Dr. Smith took the retired relation several years ago, he still preaches at intervals and delivered the opening sermon of the encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, held at Lancaster, Ohio, June 17, 1928, the day on which he celebrated his eighty-sixth birthday anniversary. His discourses are scholarly and forceful, and his message goes straight to the hearts of his hearers.

Dr. Smith was one of the "Boys in Blue" and is deeply attached to his old army comrades. On the 8th of August, 1862, when a young man of twenty, he enlisted in Company K of the Twelfth West Virginia Volunteer Infantry, and was made corporal of his company, later being promoted to the rank of sergeant. He participated in the Lynchburg raid and fought in the battles of Lynchburg, Piedmont, Winchester, Snigger's Gap, Keantown and Newmarket. For seven months he was held by the Confederates, being incarcerated in Libby Belle Isle and Salisbury prisons. He was honorably discharged June 12, 1865, at Annapolis, Maryland, with the rank of sergeant.

Dr. Smith was married December 31, 1873, in Washington, Pennsylvania, to Miss Eva Frances Daugherty, who was born in that state and passed away at Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, in 1886. Four children were born to them. Fred F., the eldest, married Mrs. Emily Burroughs, of Green Bay, Wisconsin, who had a daughter, Mary Ann. Herbert H. served in the Spanish-American war, holding the rank of sergeant in the Fourteenth United States Engineers, and is now living in Cleveland, Ohio. He is a widower with one child, Harold H. Paul D., who resides in New Castle, Pennsylvania, is married and has three daughters,

Catherine, Ida May and Dona Jean. Edna K. is the wife of Harry F. Moore, a prominent attorney of Washington, Pennsylvania. In 1887 Dr. Smith was again married in Kent, Ohio, to Miss Eva Cook, whose forebears were natives of Ireland.

In 1869 Dr. Smith took the degree of the blue lodge of Masonry and is now a member of Akron Lodge No. 83. F. & A. M.; Akron Chapter, R. A. M.; and Akron Commandery, K. T.; taking a keen interest in the activities of the order. He is also a member of Buckley Post No. 12, G. A. R., and is chaplain of the Department of Ohio. For nearly fifty years he has been a member of the Summit County Horticultural Society of which he served as president for two years and also holds membership in the Summit and Portage Counties Pioneer Association, serving as president of the same for two years. Religiously he is identified with the First Methodist Episcopal church, belonging to the Quarterly Conference of Akron. Time has dealt kindly with Dr. Smith, who remains young in spirit and enjoys excellent health notwithstanding the hardships which he endured while valiantly fighting to preserve the Union. His powers and talents have been a leavening force in making high ideals a tangible asset in the affairs of daily life, and an admirable character has won for him the esteem and affection of all who have been brought within the sphere of his influence.

AARON G. TEEPLE

The notable success of Aaron G. Teeple, an outstanding figure in the business circles of Akron, is due to good management, and good management results from a thorough understanding of every phase of a business and a correct appraisal of every opportunity presented. He stands today at the head of the Akron Pure Milk Company, having one of the best equipped plants of the kind in the state. Summit county numbers him among her native sons, his birth having here occurred November 2, 1864. His parents were David and Elizabeth (Getz) Teeple, the former a lifelong resident of Summit county, while the latter was born in Pennsylvania. The father devoted his life to the occupation of farming but has now passed away. In the family were four children: Aaron G., Harry D., Flora and Edward.

Reared on his father's farm, Aaron G. Teeple early became familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for



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the crops. He attended the country schools and when his course was completed he decided to leave the farm and seek employment elsewhere. Accordingly he obtained a situation with the Empire Mower and Reaper Company of Akron in the fall of 1881, and remained with that organization for ten years—a fact indicative of his capability and his faithfulness to the interests which he represented. He then began working for the Akron Iron Company, with which he remained for six years. On the expiration of that period he went with the Harter Brothers Milk Company and established a business that they later sold to the Akron Milk Company on the 18th of November, 1901. He has remained at the head of the business but changed the name to the Akron Pure Milk Company and has developed the enterprise from a small concern into the largest enterprise of the kind in the state. He has studied the question from every possible standpoint and has established a plant which is one of the notable institutions of the kind in the country. This is an Akron institution of which every citizen is proud, and the corporation has three hundred and sixty-five satisfied employes, handling seven and one-half million gallons of milk annually. Aside from his immense duties as president of the Akron Pure Milk Company, Mr. Teeple is a director of the Depositors Savings & Trust Company and is vice president and chairman of the Sanitary Milk Company of Canton, Ohio.

On the 11th of October, 1888, Mr. Teeple was married to Miss Mary F. Harter, of Western Star, Ohio, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah Harter, and they have become parents of three children: Mrs. Edna Petley, who was born in Akron and is now the mother of two children, Robert and Helene Petley; Beulah, who was born in Akron and is now the wife of Dr. R. J. Shale, of Cleveland, and the mother of one child, Mary Frances; and Dorothy, who was born in Akron and was educated at Harvard College.

Mr. Teeple belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, to the Akron Chamber of Commerce, the Akron Automobile Club and to the National Milk Dealers Association. He is a deacon of the Christian church and is interested in all that promotes the intellectual and moral as well as the material progress of his community. He and his wife are very fond of travel and have visited the leading points of interest in this and other countries. They enjoy outdoor life to the fullest and they also find great pleasure in extending the hospitality of their beautiful home to their many friends throughout Summit county. In all that he does Mr.

Teeple has been actuated by high ideals and broad humanitarianism, and thus it is that he has striven to make his business the exponent of the highest efficiency. Starting out in life empty-handed, he has worked his way steadily upward until he is numbered among Akron's prosperous residents, his entire record constituting an example which others may profitably follow. Mr. Teeple's residence is at 241 Merriman road.

RONALD LEROY ROSS, M. D.

Among the younger representatives of the medical profession in Akron, Dr. Ronald Leroy Ross has won an enviable place. His training was thorough and comprehensive and further experience and study have constantly broadened his knowledge, enabling him to capably meet the exacting demands of his chosen calling. He was born April 14, 1895, in Woodville, Ohio, his parents being Charles Watson and Sarah Jane (McArthur) Ross, both of whom are natives of Pennsylvania, the former born in Mercer county and the latter in Crawford county. The father became identified with the oil industry in Pennsylvania and afterward operated in the oil fields of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Oklahoma. Eventually he took up his abode at Woodville, Ohio, and he became one of the pioneers in the oil fields of Findlay, Ohio. He is still active. To him and his wife were born two sons, of whom Archibald Ross is now an oil operator at Brownwood, Texas.

The other son, Dr. Ross, began his education in the public schools of Woodville, Ohio, and continued his studies in Marion, Indiana, and in the high school at Palestine, Illinois. Following his graduation there he entered Adelbert College, a part of Western Reserve University, in which he won the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1917 and the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1920. Soon afterward he was appointed an interne in the Ancon Hospital at Ancon in the Canal Zone, where he was on duty from July, 1920, until July, 1921. This brought him unusual and valuable experience and with his return to the United States he took up industrial practice, securing a mine contract with the Pruden Coal Company at Valley Creek, Tennessee. In 1921 he came to Akron, where he was resident physician of the People's Hospital for the year following. Since that time he has continued independently in the general practice of medicine and

surgery and is also serving on the staff of the People's Hospital. Reading and research have kept him in touch with the trend of modern professional thought and his ability is widely acknowledged.

On the 15th of May, 1926, in Fostoria, Ohio, Dr. Ross was married to Miss Gertrude M. Hummer, a daughter of Theodore Hummer. During the World war Dr. Ross was in the enlisted Medical Reserve, and is now a member of the Officers Reserve Corps and of the American Legion. In Masonry he has taken the degrees of the lodge, chapter, commandery, consistory and the Mystic Shrine, and he also belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Royal Arcanum, the Akron Turnverein, the Fairlawn Heights Golf Club and the Akron Automobile Club. His religious faith is indicated in his connection with the First Presbyterian church. Along strictly professional lines he has membership in the Summit County Medical Society, the Ohio State Medical Society and the American Medical Association and he allows nothing to interfere with the faithful performance of his professional duties, all of which he discharges with a sense of conscientious obligation that has been productive of splendid results. His residence is at 378 Beechwood drive.

FRANK H. CARTER

Frank H. Carter, who is one of Northfield's best known and most public-spirited citizens, has led an active and industrious life; has been rewarded with well merited success and is now enjoying the fruits of his former years of labor. He was born in the Woodland Hills district, now known as Ninety-third street, in Cleveland, Ohio, on the 29th of August, 1862, and is a son of Charles and Ann (Rock) Carter. The Carter family is of English origin and his paternal grandfather, Alonzo Carter, was one of the very first settlers in Cleveland, having located there on May 2, 1797. He bought several hundred acres of land, and on this property was born his son, Charles, and his grandson, Frank H. At the onset of the first winter the other families who had come with him from Canada returned to their homes in that country, thus escaping some of the discomforts of pioneering in winter time, but the Carter family remained, and through all the subsequent years they have had a definite place and part in the development of this section of the state. Charles Carter was

born April 15, 1834, and died March 28, 1918. In 1861 he married Miss Ann Rock, who was born in Cleveland of French-Canadian ancestry.

Frank H. Carter was reared in his home city, where he received a good public school education. For a couple of years he was employed in a factory, and then began learning the carpenter's trade, which he followed for thirty-seven years and during that period, by thrift and good management, he became very successful in his material affairs. In 1914 he and his wife came to Northfield and erected a splendid residence on the state road, about midway between Cleveland and Akron, their home commanding a magnificent view of the surrounding country, and here they have resided to the present time.

On October 18, 1882, in Cleveland, Mr. Carter married Miss Hattie E. Adams, who is of English and Irish ancestry. She is a graduate of the Cleveland high school and is a woman of kindly and tactful manner, being very popular in the circles in which she moves. Mr. Carter has taken an active interest in the affairs of his community, always looking to the advancement of the public welfare. He has served as a member of the town council of Northfield and is a member of the board of trustees of the Northfield-Macedonia Cemetery Association, which owns one of the most beautiful burial grounds in this part of the state. His fraternal relations are with the Junior Order of United American Mechanics. In every relation of life he has measured up to the highest standard of American citizenship; has stood for the best things in the life of his community, and his record has earned for him the respect and good will of his fellowmen.

HIRAM ROOT BOYDEN

For nearly a half century Hiram Root Boyden was engaged in farming near Northfield, manifesting the enterprise, sagacity and ability which make for leadership in all lines of endeavor, and was equally well known because of his public service and religious activities. He was born in Shelburne, Massachusetts, December 5, 1852, and in the paternal line was of English descent.

His father, Dwight Boyden, was a native of Buckland, Massachusetts, and settled in Summit county, Ohio, in March, 1873. The land which he purchased steadily increased in value, owing to the care and labor which he bestowed upon it, and in that local-

ity he spent the remainder of his life. He was generous and high-minded and an earnest, sincere Christian. His demise occurred at Northfield, October 27, 1895, and his wife, Sophia (Hanson) Boyden, passed away February 7, 1887, at the same place. Their daughter, Helen F. Boyden, was a missionary and settlement worker among the poor in Marietta, Ohio, afterward transferring her activities to South Carolina, where she taught in a colored school; and Caroline Ruth Metcalf, another daughter, is deceased.

The son, Hiram R. Boyden, was educated in the public schools of Shelburne and when a young man of twenty-one came with his parents to Summit county. He assisted his father in developing the home farm, of which he subsequently became the owner, and was constantly improving the property, in which he took justifiable pride. Mr. Boyden modernized the house, a New England type of dwelling, which was erected in 1848 and is still in a good state of preservation. His dairy was a model of neatness and efficiency, and a large portion of the output was purchased by the Bell-Vernon Company, which specialized in milk for children, handling only the highest grade. His success was based upon system and science, and he was classed with the foremost agriculturists and dairymen of the district. He was also identified with financial affairs and served on the directorate of the Twinsburg Bank, which he aided in organizing.

Mr. Boyden was married November 18, 1888, to Miss Anna Marsh, who was born in Iowa and passed away in June, 1900. On August 27, 1901, Mr. Boyden was married in Northfield to Miss Sarah McConnell, a native of Summit county and of Scotch and English ancestry. Her father, John McConnell, was born in Londonderry, Ireland, May 10, 1826, and in 1832 came to the United States with his parents, who settled in Ohio. He was educated in the Buckeye state and married Jane Shannon, who was born in Jefferson county, Ohio. They lived for a number of years in Coshocton county, Ohio, and in 1864 came to Summit county. To Mr. and Mrs. Boyden were born three children: a son who died in infancy; Ruth, who was graduated from Wellesley College and is now a technician in the research department of Lakeside Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio; and Floribel, a student nurse at the Western Reserve University of that city.

Mr. Boyden joined the first Northfield Grange and through Elijah Boyden, one of his ancestors, was eligible to membership in the Sons of the American Revolution. His deep interest in

educational affairs led to his service on the Northfield school board, and in all matters of citizenship he was loyal and public-spirited. Like his father, he was an elder in the Presbyterian church and also became superintendent of the Sunday school. He was a man of exceptional worth, and his death on October 19, 1921, was a distinct loss to his community. Mrs. Boyden received a good education and previous to her marriage was a teacher in the public schools of Northfield and Hudson. At Cambridge, Ohio, she joined the Daughters of the American Revolution and is a member of Anna Asbury Stone Chapter, which was named for her maternal great-grandmother. Mrs. Boyden enjoys the beauties of nature and is a great lover of flowers. Of cultured tastes, she has long figured prominently in the social life of Northfield and also finds time for church work and civic activities. She is a member of the Northfield-Macedonia Cemetery Association and is endowed with those qualities which inspire esteem and friendship.

FRANK SIRILO

Frank Sirilo, one of the popular automobile dealers of Akron, knows the value of hard work and tenacity of purpose, for all that he possesses has been won through the medium of his own efforts. A native of Hungary, he was born July 13, 1880, a son of Andrew and Mary (Mongport) Sirilo, who were natives of the same country. In 1899 they came with their family to the United States and established their home in Cleveland, Ohio. The father was an experienced tailor and secured work in the shop of the Landsman Company. He remained with the firm until his death in 1916 and is survived by Mrs. Sirilo and their family of four children: Jesse, who lives in Akron; Mrs. Ethel Aiben, also a resident of this city; Mrs. Cornelia Dorony, of Cleveland; and Frank Sirilo.

The last named was educated in his native land and at an early age started to work for a blacksmith, serving a four years' apprenticeship. At the age of nineteen he sailed for America and obtained employment in Cleveland, where he followed his trade for three years. He then turned his attention to mercantile pursuits, to which he devoted his energies for eighteen years, and gradually increased the scope of his activities. In 1915 he came to Akron and opened a garage, also securing the agency for the



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Davis and Holmes automobiles. The latter venture proved disastrous, resulting in the loss of about thirty thousand dollars. In 1924 he discontinued the Holmes and Davis lines and has since handled the Hudson and Essex cars, for which there is a steady demand. Mr. Sirilo has made a close study of trade conditions and keeps in touch with all new developments in the automobile industry. His salesmen are well trained and the business is managed with system and efficiency. A well equipped repair shop is a feature of the establishment, which is located at No. 113 Ira avenue. In 1918 Mr. Sirilo erected the building at this number and has owned it ever since. He maintains a high standard of service, and his sales are rapidly increasing.

Mr. Sirilo was married in Cleveland to Miss Barbara Singley, a daughter of Stephen Singley, and they have become the parents of four children: Matilda, who was born in Cleveland July 5, 1904, and is a graduate of the Akron high school; Julius, who was born February 12, 1906, and completed his high school studies in Akron; Frank, born October 22, 1907, and also a graduate of the Akron high school; and Rudolph, who was born March 8, 1915, and is a public school pupil.

Mr. Sirilo's fraternal affiliations are with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Eagles. He is a member of the Hungarian Society, the South Akron Board of Trade, the Akron Automobile Dealers Association and the Automobile Club. His life is governed by the teachings of the Roman Catholic church, and his personal qualities are such as inspire respect, confidence and friendship. His residence is at 290 Lake street.

IRVING LEE WRIGHT

Among Summit county's alert, public-spirited and successful men of affairs stands Irving Lee Wright, who is engaged in business in Northfield, and in the development of that locality he has been an active and influential factor. He is a son of Charles S. and Laurinda (Lee) Wright and on the maternal side is a descendant of John Alden of Mayflower fame. His parents spent the greater part of their lives at Rose, New York, where the father conducted business as a general merchant for thirty-five years.

Irving L. Wright came to Summit county from Cuyahoga

county in 1915 and, locating in Northfield, engaged in the real estate business, in which he has been very successful, and he is also the owner of the only drug store in the township, it also serving as the ticket office and station for the Northern Ohio Power bus line.

Mr. Wright was united in marriage to Miss Ida E. Nauman, of Canton, Ohio, whose family was early established in this state. Mrs. Wright is a daughter of George E. and Mary J. (Shull) Nauman, of Canton. Her father, now deceased, played in the Grand Army band of Canton for fifty-four years and was its president for three decades. This is a celebrated musical organization which has been heard from coast to coast.

Mr. Wright has taken the lead in the promotion of measures for the development and building up of Northfield, which is rapidly becoming a residential suburb of Cleveland. He served as mayor during 1920-21 and gave a strong, businesslike administration. Because of his business ability, his sterling citizenship and his excellent personal qualities, he commands the uniform respect of his fellowmen.

ROLAND E. SMITH

Roland E. Smith is one of Summit county's enterprising and progressive business men, being a member of the firm of Smith Brothers, who sell the Smith Brothers electric brooders, which are manufactured by contract for them, and are also distributors for the Petersime electric incubators, both shipped all over the world. They are located about a half mile from Hudson.

Roland E. Smith was born in Canada in 1885 and is a son of Robert J. and Charlotta Irene (Chase) Smith, the former of Irish ancestry and the latter of Scotch-Irish lineage. This branch of the Smith family was established in Michigan at an early day, while the Chase family settled in New York state. Both parents are deceased. To them were born four sons: William Y.; Albion J., deceased; Wellington J.; and Roland E.

The last named was about a year and a half old when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Michigan, where he was reared and educated, remaining on the home farm until twenty-three years of age. In 1909 he went to Oklahoma and Kansas and in the former state was engaged in the oil business. Coming to Ohio in 1925, he located in Cleveland and entered into

business with his brothers, William and Wellington. They bought the old Clarke farm near Hudson, comprising thirty acres, which has been transformed into a beautiful place. Here they have engaged in the poultry business with marked success, having an incubator of fifteen thousand eggs capacity, and in all other respects the place is equipped in a modern way for the conduct of their business. The farm is one of the best improved places in the county and is admirably adapted to their purpose. Besides the fine residence there is a large conservatory, a sunken garden and well kept grounds laid out in an artistic manner, and the farm buildings are in keeping with the rest of the place.

On the 30th of October, 1920, Roland E. Smith was united in marriage to Miss Bertha Young, of Bartlesville, Oklahoma, to which state her family removed from Illinois at the time of the historic rush on the opening of the territory for settlement. Mrs. Smith's father is deceased, but her mother still resides in Oklahoma. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Smith, namely: Theresa Belle and Mary Ann. Mr. Smith is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and is one of the progressive and enterprising men of his section of the county.

WILLIS W. THORNTON

Few men of Akron are more widely known than Willis W. Thornton by reason of his former prominent connection with the Scripps-Howard newspapers. Practically his entire life has been devoted to journalistic interests, and while he has now retired from that field, the years of his service had made him known throughout the length and breadth of the land. He has always found opportunity for public service, particularly in the field of social and welfare work, and is today a member of the Akron board of education and a stalwart champion of the city's public school system. His birth occurred at the Thornton homestead south of Akron, February 8, 1871, his parents being Amias and Lucinda (Reeser) Thornton. He is a representative of one of the oldest of the pioneer families in this part of Ohio. His father was also born on the old homestead which has been a landmark of Summit county through many decades, while its occupants have gone forth to take prominent place in their various communities as important factors in the world's work. Early in his married life Amias Thornton became an invalid but lived, however, to the

age of seventy-four years, passing away in 1923. His widow survives and likewise their three children: Freeman, who is now a resident of Tallmadge, Ohio; Mrs. Thomas Price, of Akron; and Willis W.

The last named, reared under the parental roof, is indebted to the public school system of Akron for his educational opportunities, passing through consecutive grades to the completion of his high school course with the class of 1889. In that year he secured a position as cub reporter on the old Beacon and after two years' initial experience and training he became a full-fledged member of the reportorial staff. Later he went to Cleveland, accepting a position in the business office of the Press of that city, and that he thoroughly qualified in discharging the duties that devolved upon him is shown by the fact that in 1899 he was appointed business manager of that paper, having in the meantime established an Akron edition of the Cleveland Press as a separate property which later under his direction became the Akron Press. Six years after his promotion to the position of business manager of the Cleveland Press he was elected president of the Scripps-McRae group of newspapers in this state, including the Cleveland Press, Cincinnati Post, Toledo News-Bee, Columbus Citizen, Akron Press, Oklahoma News and Des Moines News, and as the executive officer of the company through a period of ten years he traveled extensively, looking after the interests of the varied papers, but always made Akron his home. He continued in executive and advisory capacities in the Scripps-Howard organization until 1925, when he withdrew and retired from active business. He had given able demonstration of his powers as an executive and had been instrumental in building up an organization which gave prestige to the journalistic interests of the state.

Since his retirement from business Mr. Thornton has devoted much attention to welfare work. He had previously given much thought and consideration to vital questions of this character and his labors are far-reaching and effective. He is prompted by a spirit of broad humanitarianism and this, supplementing his business ability, makes him a force in the field to which he is donating his labors. On the 8th of November, 1927, he was elected to membership on the Akron board of education and is putting forth every effort to eliminate politics from the schools and give to the city a progressive administration of her educational affairs. His standards are high, his service valuable and

his is the success that is not measured by wealth but by achievement.

On the 1st of June, 1899, Mr. Thornton was married to Miss Emma Overholt, of Akron, daughter of J. L. Overholt, and they have one son, Willis, Jr., who was born in Cleveland in 1900 and is a graduate of the Akron high school and of Adelbert College. He is now a member of the editorial staff of the Washington Post in the national capital and during the World war he was a member of the Students Reserve and served at Fort Sheridan and at New Orleans with the commission of second lieutenant. Through the same period Mr. Thornton served on the National Council of Defense through appointment of Governor Cox of Ohio. He is a trustee of the Better Akron Federation and is one of the directors of the Akron Chamber of Commerce for the years 1927 and 1928. Fraternally he is connected with the Masons and he also has membership in the Akron City Club, and the Akron Rotary Club. Throughout his entire life he has been actuated by high ideals that have prompted earnest effort to bring about their adoption into the everyday affairs of life. His influence has been far-reaching and its benefits unquestioned. He holds an open mind on all vital problems, seeking ever the general good, knowing that the passing years bring about changing conditions which must be met with a spirit of high resolve, of firm purpose and of determined effort to use each opportunity to the best advantage and to establish higher standards of service, of manhood and of citizenship. His home for the past fifteen years has been at 483 Merriman road.

FRANK B. JENKINS

Frank B. Jenkins, who is conducting a successful mercantile business at Macedonia, is numbered among those whose efforts and influence have been given in the direction of local improvement and progress and is regarded as one of the leading citizens of his community. He was born on his father's farm in Macedonia township on the 11th of December, 1876, a son of Edmund S. and Mary (Morse) Jenkins, who are represented in a personal sketch on other pages of this work. He spent his boyhood days on the home farm and secured his education in the public schools of the locality, later taking a commercial course in the Cleveland Business College. During subsequent years he engaged in several

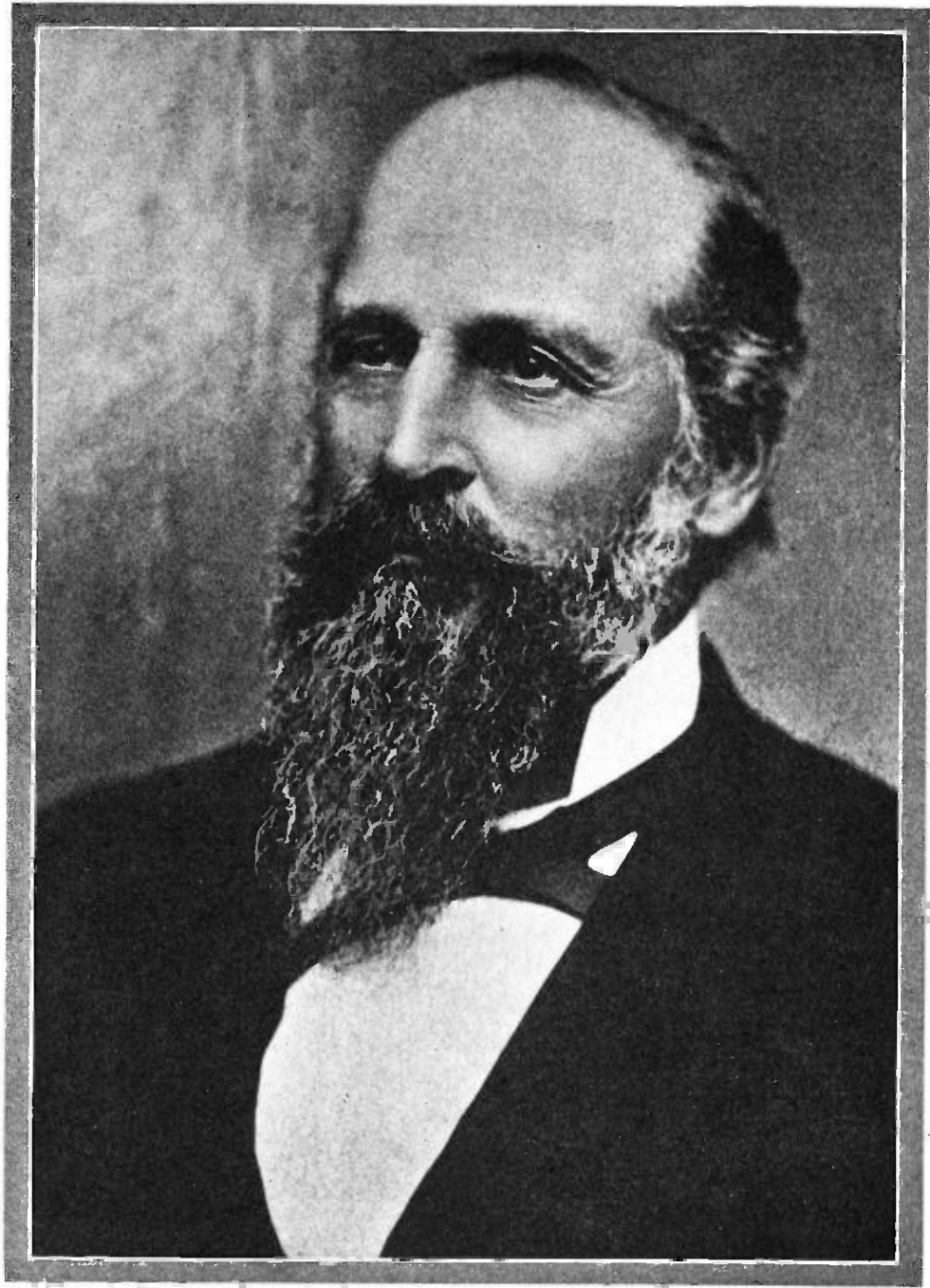
lines of business, both in Cleveland and his home county, and for the past fifteen years has been engaged in general mercantile business in Macedonia, in which he has prospered. He carries a large and well selected line of goods and, by his square dealing and prompt and efficient service, has built up a large trade.

In June, 1905, Mr. Jenkins was united in marriage to Miss Ouida Herbert, who was born and reared in Macedonia and is of New England lineage. They are the parents of a daughter, Phyllis, who is at home.

In his political affiliation Mr. Jenkins is a staunch republican and has been active in local public affairs, having served for fifteen years as clerk of the village of Macedonia. A great reader and keen observer, he keeps in close touch with the leading questions of the day, on which he holds well defined opinions, and everything relating to the welfare of his community commands his interest and support. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias, and he and his wife are active members of the Methodist Episcopal church, to which they give generous support, as they also do to benevolent causes. Cordial and friendly in manner and a man of sterling qualities of character, he has many warm friends throughout this section of the country and commands the respect and good will of all who know him.

FRANK ADAMS

Frank Adams was one of the pioneer citizens of Middlebury and of Akron and was prominently known as a leading manufacturer, being president and superintendent of the Akron Sewer Pipe Company. His life record constitutes an important chapter in the history of this community. He was born in Windsor county, Vermont, July 5, 1819, and was a son of Benjamin and Betsey (Crowley) Adams, who were natives of Massachusetts but were married in the Green Mountain state, to which they had gone with their respective parents when young. In 1838 they left New England for Ohio, the journey being made by wagon to Troy, New York, thence by canal to Buffalo and on by lake to Cleveland, from which point they traveled to Norton township in what is now Summit county, taking up their abode upon a farm which Mr. Adams had previously purchased. He continued to engage in farming for about ten years, at the end of which time



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they removed to Akron, where he lived retired until his death on the 22d of November, 1849, his wife passing away about twenty years later. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal church for many years and contributed to the moral progress of the community.

Frank Adams spent his youth under the parental roof, remaining at home until a short time before he attained his majority. His educational opportunities were confined to a limited attendance at the district schools, but all through life he was a keen observer and possessed a retentive memory, so that he was continually broadening his knowledge. Upon leaving home he went to live with his brother-in-law, Samuel Manning, who was engaged in the publication of maps, and with him Mr. Adams remained for two years, working in the printing department. He afterward accepted a clerkship in the post office at Akron but after a year spent in that position resigned, although a year later he returned to the post office, spending two years there during the second period of his employment in the government service. Later he again engaged in the mapmaking business, entering into partnership with his brother-in-law under the firm style of Manning & Company. After a year the firm became Adams & Eggleston, the junior partner having purchased the interest of Mr. Manning in the business. This association was continued until the spring of 1848, when their building was destroyed by fire, resulting in the dissolution of the firm and the discontinuance of the business in Akron. Mr. Adams then became an active factor in the political campaign which was in progress and acted as treasurer of the Whig Club. In March, 1849, he was appointed postmaster of Akron by President Zachary Taylor, under whose administration he continued to fill the position, as he did under that of his successor, President Millard Fillmore. After retiring from the post office he opened a hat store but again suffered a loss by fire in the spring of 1855. In the following May he purchased an interest in the business of Merrill, Powers & Company, which was taken over in 1859 by the firm of Hill & Adams and by them was conducted until 1868, when the firm merged their interests with those of a stock company known as the Hill & Adams Sewer Pipe Company. In January, 1871, Mr. Hill retired and the corporate name then became the Akron Sewer Pipe Company, of which Mr. Adams was made president and superintendent, holding both offices from the formation of the stock company.

On the 21st of January, 1846, Mr. Adams was married to Miss Sarah J. Gale, a native of Vermont, who was brought to Akron by her parents during her girlhood days and who passed away January 11, 1863, after a happy married life of seventeen years. They had become the parents of three children, one of whom died in infancy, the others being Julia, who became the wife of Arthur Latham and died in 1908; and May, now the widow of Charles E. Perkins, mentioned elsewhere in this work. On the 2d of September, 1863, Mr. Adams was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Jeanette L. (Hart) Murphy, who was born in Guilford, Vermont, in 1829, daughter of Hiram Hart, and widow of Dr. James G. Murphy of Alstead, New Hampshire. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Adams. The son, Frank H., who for many years was connected with large business interests in Akron, but is now living retired, married Miss Frances R. Robinson, daughter of William Robinson, a leading business man of the city. His wife is now deceased. The daughter, Zelle M., became the wife of Edward A. Oviatt.

The family are adherents of the Episcopal church. In his political views Mr. Adams was originally a whig and upon the organization of the new republican party he joined its ranks, continuing an active worker in its interests until his demise, which occurred in 1908, when he was in his eighty-ninth year. During the Civil war period he served as a member of the school board, as a member of the city council, as treasurer of the school board, as corporation treasurer and as treasurer of the Soldiers Relief Fund. He took an active interest in everything that pertained to the progress and development of his community and his influence was far-reaching and resultant. The extent and importance of his business interests made him widely known as a manufacturer, while his political work gained him leadership as a citizen. Those who knew him esteemed him most highly and his memory is yet cherished by many who are still residents of Akron.

JACOB FINLEY JAMES RICHEY

Among the men of Northfield who have led active and useful lives and have achieved a gratifying measure of material success, being now numbered among the county's substantial citizens, specific mention should be made of Jacob F. J. Richey, who has

long been known as one of the most progressive and scientific farmers of this section of the state. He was born on his father's farm in Northfield township, Summit county, on the 20th of September, 1859, a son of Andrew K. and Elizabeth (Bain) Richey. The progenitor of the family in America was Thomas Richey, who came to this country when twenty-one years of age and first worked in the fisheries near Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. During the War of 1812 he was an employe of the Dupont Powder Works at Wilmington, Delaware. Later he made a trip to Ohio and preempted land in Chippewa township, Wayne county. He continued to work in the powder mill until he had made his third payment on this land, when he came to Ohio and located on it, residing there until 1852, when he sold the property and bought two hundred and eleven acres of land in Northfield township, Summit county, where he engaged in general farming, dairying and cheese making. He spent his remaining years on that farm, his death occurring August 27, 1867, when he was seventy-seven years of age. On April 3, 1826, in Wayne county, Ohio, he married Miss Margaret Koplin, who was a native of Pennsylvania and died June 22, 1879, when past eighty years of age. To them were born eight children: Andrew K., Matthias, Jane, Margaret, George, Catherine, Thomas and Mary Ann, all of whom are deceased.

Andrew K. Richey was born in Chippewa township, Summit county, January 31, 1828, and received his early education in the Tallmadge school. He was a fine student and at the age of eighteen years began teaching school, in which profession he continued for a number of years after his marriage. He subsequently purchased the Richey homestead farm of one hundred and fourteen acres, to which he later added from time to time until he owned two hundred and thirty-one acres. He erected substantial buildings and made many other improvements, developing one of the best equipped and most productive farms in Northfield township. During the Civil war Mr. Richey served as a lieutenant in the state militia. He served his township as justice of the peace, assessor and trustee, and commanded to a marked degree the respect and confidence of his fellowmen. On November 6, 1856, he married Miss Elizabeth Bain, who was born September 19, 1836, and passed away April 8, 1919. She was a daughter of Jacob and Catherine (McNaughton) Bain, the former of whom was born in Washington county, New York, April 30, 1807, and the latter April 14, 1806, their marriage occurring

in 1832. On coming to Ohio in July, 1855, Mr. Bain first stopped at Macedonia but in December of that year settled on his farm, where he resided until his death on May 5, 1877. He was a carpenter and joiner by trade and also proved a successful farmer. He and his wife were members of the Associated Presbyterian church. To them were born five children. Mr. and Mrs. Richey were members of the Presbyterian church, of which he was a deacon and trustee. To them were born six children, namely: Margaret Zephina, who became the wife of John L. Richey; Jacob F. J., of this review; Thomas Tell, Andrew Fenn, Emmer Ross and Elizabeth Catherine. The father of this family departed this life July 7, 1900.

Jacob F. J. Richey was reared to the life of a farmer and secured his education in the public schools. He remained on the home farm continuously for sixty-six years until its recent sale to the state of Ohio for an extension of the Newburg Hospital for the Insane. A firm believer in scientific farming, making use of the most approved methods of agriculture, as well as in dairying and stock raising, he was more than ordinarily successful in his operations, and long enjoyed a reputation as one of Northfield township's most progressive, enterprising and substantial citizens.

Mr. Richey was united in marriage to Miss Mary Alice Martin, a daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Soden) Martin, of Northfield township. Her death occurred October 8, 1922. To this union were born four children. Clarence LeMar has followed teaching ever since his graduation from the public schools and is now a teacher in the public schools of Canton, Ohio. He is a veteran of the World war, having enlisted in the Engineers Corps, with which he served two years, and while in France he was engaged in the building of pontoon bridges. He also served as shipping clerk for his division, and while overseas had the advantage of several months of special schooling under army supervision. Laura Alice was for a number of years a teacher in the public schools and was engaged in office work with the Goodyear Rubber Company both at Akron and in California and is now with that company in Cleveland. Willis Paul, who is employed with the Charles H. Fenton Coal & Lumber Company at Macedonia, Summit county, married Miss Rebecca McConnell, a daughter of Isaac McConnell. Ada Blanche is the wife of Glenn H. Wright, who is an employe of the C. H. Fenton company at Macedonia, and they have one child, Gerald Lee. Mr. Richey

has erected a fine, modern residence just out of the center of Northfield, on the Macedonia road, for his son, Willis Paul, and one for his daughter, Mrs. Wright, and is completing the building of a splendid home for himself, adjoining the other property, Mrs. Wright's home being across the street. His purpose has been to provide for them comfortable homes in proximity to his own so that he may have the constant pleasure of their company.

Mr. Richey has always shown a public-spirited interest in the welfare of his community and has in various ways contributed to its prosperity and progress. He has been particularly active in public affairs of Northfield township, having given effective service for a number of years as a member of the school board and also serving as township trustee. He is one of the most enterprising men of his community, having in all of his operations proven a man of mature judgment and keen discrimination, while his business relations have been marked by honor and integrity. For these reasons, as well as for his cordial and friendly manner, he commands the respect and good will of all who know him.

ORVILLE E. GRISWOLD

Orville E. Griswold, recognized as one of the leading business men of Macedonia, is also discharging the duties of justice of the peace and has devoted much of his life to public service, possessing all of the qualities of a useful and desirable citizen. He was born in Twinsburg, Summit county, on Christmas day of 1853, his parents being Ira and Elizabeth (Hall) Griswold, natives respectively of Schroon, New York, and Springfield, Ohio, and of colonial stock.

In the acquirement of an education Orville E. Griswold attended the public schools of Twinsburg and Macedonia and also had the advantage of a commercial course at Mount Union College of Alliance, Ohio. His youth was spent on the homestead, which was retained by the family until 1922, and through practical experience he became familiar with the duties and labors which fall to the lot of the agriculturist. In 1874, when a young man of twenty-one, he turned his attention to the carpenter's trade, which he followed for a number of years, performing his work with thoroughness and skill and erecting many substantial homes and other types of buildings in this part of the county. He is now the owner of a well equipped gasoline and oil station in

Macedonia. His business is efficiently managed, and his patronage has steadily increased.

In November, 1875, Mr. Griswold was married in Solon, Ohio, to Miss Cleora J. Chamberlin, a daughter of Corydon and Harriet (Ward) Chamberlin, of Cuyahoga county, this state. Mr. and Mrs. Griswold have two children, Dean and Clell. The elder son married Gertrude Halley and is living in Lakewood, Ohio. Clell married Elmira Laing, who is postmistress of Macedonia, and they have become the parents of a daughter, Arline. For fifty-three years Mr. and Mrs. Griswold have shared life's joys and sorrows, and their attractive and hospitable home has been the scene of many enjoyable social gatherings.

In politics Mr. Griswold is independent. For twenty-one years he was personal property assessor and at various times was real estate appraiser for his district, being regarded as an expert valuator. He was justice of the peace of Macedonia for sixteen years afterward retiring from public affairs, and in the election of 1927 was recalled to that office in recognition of his exceptional qualifications. Carefully ascertaining the facts of each case brought before him, Mr. Griswold dispenses justice with an even hand, and his course has received strong approbation. He has never used political office for personal ends, and his honesty, fidelity to duty and breadth of mind are well known to Macedonia's citizens, who entertain for him the highest regard.

LEWIS E. BOTZUM

Lewis E. Botzum, president and treasurer of The Botzum Brothers Company, secretary of The Botzum Theatre Company, and secretary of The Botzum Brothers Seed Company, was born on a farm at Botzum, Ohio, March 20, 1879. His father, Conrad Botzum, was a native of Cleveland, Ohio. His mother Louisa Young, was born in Alsace-Lorraine. She came to this country at the age of six, her parents locating on the site where Young's Hotel stands in Akron. They were the founders of that hotel.

There were nine children born to Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Botzum, four girls and five boys. Lewis E. was the youngest of the five boys. His four sisters are Mrs. John Dettling, Mrs. A. A. Hilkert, and the Misses Amelia and Carolyn Botzum, all of Akron, Ohio. The four brothers, who along with him make up



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the Botzum Brothers combination so well known in business and financial circles in Akron, are Charles C., Harry, Albert P. and Joseph C.

Lewis E. Botzum, in addition to experiencing the hardships incident to poverty, had the disadvantage of poor health in his early childhood. At the age of fifteen he contracted a severe case of asthma, which proved a great handicap to him throughout the major portion of that period of his life, when he was putting forth his best efforts to establish himself in the world of commerce and business. Although his affliction became less severe in later years, he never completely recovered from it. It was rather peculiar and unfortunate for Mr. Botzum that he should contract asthma as a result of his very first business venture.

He had entered into a contract with his teacher to build the fire in the school house every day during the winter months for the consideration of five cents per day. The distance from his home to the school was a mile and a half. Being a little behind schedule one morning, he decided to make up time by running along the ice covered canal, which furnished a direct route from his home to the school house. He had scarcely gotten started when he broke through the ice. Realizing that he did not have time to return home to change and not wanting to neglect his duty he continued with his wet clothes. As a result he contracted a severe cold which finally developed into asthma. His early education was received in the district school of Botzum and Ira, Ohio. At a considerable sacrifice, due to the poverty of his parents, he managed to attend high school at Akron, Ohio, where he completed the three-year course in two and one-half years. He was graduated from this institution in the year 1897.

Following his graduation he secured a position as bookkeeper with the firm of Botzum Brothers; a modest little concern selling feed, which had been organized about seven years prior to this time and was then owned by Charles C. and Harry as partners. During these years fate was not kind to Mr. Botzum. His health continued to fail, until he finally decided to try a change of climate, which he did by going to California in the year 1901. He remained in California until the year 1904. These three years of his life were filled with a variety of experiences and many of the lessons learned during these years, in the school of hard knocks, stood him in good stead in later life. Mr. Botzum seldom refers to the years spent in California. How-

ever, when pressed for the details, he outlines the high spots in something like the following manner:

"When I left home my parents accompanied me as far as Columbus, Ohio. There with a heavy heart, I bid them goodbye. I had an uncle living in Bakersfield, so I decided to go there. Upon my arrival I discovered that fifty-two dollars and fifty cents was all the money that I had in the world. It didn't take me long to realize that the most important thing in life for me just then was the securing of a job. This I promptly did by going to work as a clerk in a department store at the munificent salary of twenty dollars per month. This salary did not appeal to me and I told the boss so. When he informed me that he could not afford to pay me any more I decided to quit and go into business for myself. I bought a horse and harness for twenty-five dollars and a wagon for fifteen dollars and began to peddle fruit and eggs from house to house. A little later I bought out what a chap called a wholesale poultry and egg business. After about one year's operation I managed to clear over and above all expenses personal and otherwise, about three hundred dollars. I decided it was about time that I try for a larger field of activity. So I struck out with my horse and wagon across the mountains for Los Angeles. A brief stay there convinced me that climatic conditions were not favorable to me, so I hitched up my outfit and drove to San Bernardino. The second day after my arrival in San Bernardino, I effected the purchase of a young grain and wood business for the sum of one hundred dollars. This business I developed rapidly, in fact too rapidly for my limited capital. I began to handle coal. Due to my limited finances I was compelled to purchase my supply of coal from my competitors as I sold it. I knew that this would never do, if I were to expand my business as my ambition prompted me to do, so I decided that ways and means must be found whereby I could purchase my coal in carload quantities. I went to a banker and layed my case before him. I explained that my total net assets at that time were only four hundred dollars; that I wanted to buy coal in carload quantities in order that I might make two dollars per ton more profit; that a car of coal cost three hundred and fifty dollars and that I would probably require financial assistance. He told me to order my car and that if I were unable to pay for it when due he would assist me. I ordered my first car and I am proud to say that I never found it necessary to call on my banker friend for aid. This experience, the confidence placed in me at

this particular time in my life by this banker, had, I am sure, a tremendous bearing on my future life. It gave me the type of encouragement that I needed at a time when I most needed it. I will always be thankful to this man."

In the year 1904, the year of the World's Fair in St. Louis, Mr. Botzum found himself with one thousand dollars cash on hand earned through his various business ventures. He decided it was about time to take a trip back east, to the old homestead. His heart yearned to see his parents and his brothers and sisters. From the narrative of his sojourn in California one would be inclined to believe that he was possessed of a wandering disposition. This was not the case. Home meant all to him. The urge, the longing to return was ever present. Despite this fact, his ambition, desire and determination to establish himself in the world of business, were so strong that the trip back east was planned as a visit only. He was determined to return to the field of his early successes. Fate decreed otherwise.

After his return home, his parents, his brothers and sisters brought pressure to bear to induce him to remain here. Their pleadings were of no avail until finally his four brothers offered him as an inducement a one-fifth interest in their struggling little feed business. This was the determining factor. He sensed the future possibilities in Akron. Here again was an opportunity to build a business, a big business. His ambitions could be realized. The first ten years of his new formed partnership were trying years. The usual order of things was hard work, plenty of worry because of limited finances and small profits. Many a night after the place of business was closed the midnight oil was burned while Mr. Botzum was analyzing the business and planning for the future.

Comparatively little progress was made during these early years. About the year 1913, Mr. Botzum sensed the dawn of a new era of great development for Akron and vicinity. With his usual foresight he decided that the business must be gotten into such shape so as to make the best of what opportunities might present themselves. It was decided to incorporate the partnership. This was done in February, 1914. Mr. Botzum was chosen secretary. His brother Charles C. filled the office of president; Harry was vice president, and Joseph C., treasurer.

This same year in June, 1914, he married Helen Barry, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James D. Barry of Canton, Ohio. If there was still some shadow of a doubt in his mind as to the choice

of a location for his field of activity, this was now definitely removed. He determined to set about in real earnest to make the name of Botzum a factor in the commercial life of Akron. His wife proved an added aid and inspiration.

From this time on things began to move rapidly. A seed store which had been opened on South Main street began to grow with leaps and bounds. The Dreamland Theatre, one of Akron's pioneer moving picture houses, which was opened during these years by the Botzum boys was having a difficult struggle to establish itself and yet the future of this industry was so apparent to them that nothing could persuade them to abandon the enterprise. After a few years the results obtained vindicated their judgment. In the course of a few years land was purchased on the west side of Main street and the Orpheum Theatre was built; several down town business blocks were leased, remodeled and sublet again. The Strand Theatre in Canton was built.

As far back as 1915 the demands of the various activities of the company became so exacting that his associates one by one began devoting their entire time to some one phase or other of the business leaving him alone to look after the original enterprise. In this same year he was elected president, treasurer and general manager of the company.

As year after year went by each one aiding in share of development and expansion, it was finally decided to create two additional corporations to simplify the management of the widely developed enterprises. The original parent company, The Botzum Brothers Company, retained the building material, flour and feed business. Mr. Botzum continued in the capacity of president, treasurer and general manager of this company. The Botzum Theatre Company took over the three theatres and the business blocks. Mr. Botzum was elected secretary of this company. The Botzum Brothers Seed Company took over the seed interests in both Akron and Cleveland, and Mr. Botzum serves this company as secretary.

With the completion of these three corporations the boyhood dreams of Mr. Botzum were realized. It has always been his ambition and desire to make the name Botzum occupy a prominent place in the commercial world. This ambition has been realized. To the casual observer the success which Mr. Botzum attained might appear as mere luck or chance. On the contrary, an analysis of his character reveals logical reasons why he should have been successful.

Evidence of his ambition to succeed has been given abundantly. He has always adhered to a policy of absolute fair dealing. Honesty to the extreme, has always been his motto. He is blessed with an even temperament, at no time showing any unusual emotions. He is jolly, witty and a good mixer; makes friends very easily. Yet, strange to say, he makes few intimate personal friends, friends of the sort in whom one unreservedly confides. His ability to judge men is almost uncanny. A large part of his success can be attributed to this ability of his to select the right type of men for the personnel of his organization. Kindness toward his men has endeared him to all. He is known to all of them as "Lew." At no time does he show any evidence of that attitude of superiority which usually results in the development of a feeling of jealousy and ill will on the part of subordinates.

If there is need of still further proof of his sterling qualities a glimpse into his home will suffice. He has four children living, Rose Louise, born February 16, 1916; Rita Helen, born April 11, 1922; Thomas Joseph, born February 18, 1924; and Mary Lou, born October 12, 1927. He loves them all dearly. It is his greatest delight to do things to make them happy. He loves his home and considers the hours which he spends in the family circle as the happiest.

Mr. Botzum is a member of the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus, the Elks, Kiwanis and the Portage Country Club.

CHARLES M. FENTON

One of Northfield's leading business men is Charles M. Fenton, a dealer in coal and builders' supplies. He was born in North Bristol, Trumbull county, Ohio, on the 29th of April, 1883, and is a son of Sherbourne W. and Sophia R. (Sager) Fenton, also natives of North Bristol and now deceased. The Fenton family is of English origin, its American progenitor locating in New York state many years ago, whence members of the family came to Ohio in pioneer days. The Sager family is of Swiss and German ancestry and Mr. Fenton's Grandfather Sager was the first white child born in Bristol township, Trumbull county, Ohio.

Mr. Fenton is the ninth in order of birth in a family of ten children, seven boys and three girls, all of whom are living with the exception of one girl, who was killed by lightning. Mr. Fen-

ton attended the public schools of North Bristol, graduating from high school, after which he spent three years at Hiram College and one year in Western Reserve University. He was in Cleveland for several years and in 1913 he came to Northfield, where he engaged in general farming until 1924, when he turned his attention to the coal and builders' supply business. He carries a large and complete line of supplies, and by his square dealing and progressive business methods has built up a large and prosperous trade. He is also financially interested in other enterprises in Summit county; is a director in the Macedonia-Northfield Bank and is regarded as one of Northfield's solid and substantial citizens.

On September 27, 1911, in Akron, Ohio, Mr. Fenton was united in marriage to Miss Flora R. Coy, a native of Pennsylvania and a daughter of Josiah and Clara Coy, of Louisville, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Fenton have an adopted son, Nathan.

Mrs. Fenton is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and the Nordonia Club and takes an active interest in the social and civic life of the community. Mr. Fenton is an independent democrat in his political views and is president of the Northfield village school board. He is a member of Bedford Lodge, F. & A. M., and he and his wife are earnest members of the United Presbyterian church, to which they give generous support, as they do also to all other worthy causes.

JOHN MELVIN ALDERFER

One of the most prominent and influential business men of Summit county is John Melvin Alderfer, president of the India Tire and Rubber Company at Mogadore. Not only has he been more than ordinarily successful in industrial affairs, but he has also gained distinction as one of the leaders of the Young Men's Christian Association in county and state, his activities in that direction being prompted by his deep interest in the welfare of young men. Mr. Alderfer was born in Norton township, Summit county, Ohio, on the 15th of January, 1867, and is a son of Frederick and Deborah (Longacre) Alderfer, both of whom are deceased. Mr. Alderfer is descended from old Pennsylvania stock and is the sixth in direct line from Frederick Alderfer, the progenitor of the family in this country, who came from the Palatine, Germany, and settled in Montgomery county, Pennsylvania,



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where the old homestead is still occupied by an Alderfer. John M. Alderfer's father was engaged in the lumber business all of his active life, and he had three sons, John M., of this review, Frederick Grant, who is connected with the Trump Brothers Rubber Company, at Akron, and Jacob F., now deceased, who was a noted organist and pianist and was professor of the organ in Oberlin College. He studied abroad extensively and during the World war was in France as a member of the University Union West of Pittsburgh. There were also three daughters in the family of Frederick Alderfer: Deborah, who is the widow of D. Austin Grubb and resides in Akron; Pearl, who is the widow of William McCracken and resides at Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio; and Ella, who married Almon Trump and died at Wadsworth, Ohio.

John M. Alderfer attended school until twenty-one years of age, and in the following year he and his brother, Frederick G., bought out their father's lumber business. This plant, which was destroyed by fire in October, 1915, had been established by their father during the Civil war, and in it lumber was sawed for caskets for the government. Mr. Alderfer gained his first business experience in this factory, working for his father during school vacations, and he was the inventor of the wooden crate which was first used as a circular packing case for automobile tires. After the loss of the factory, Mr. Alderfer turned his attention to the rubber manufacturing business and with associates organized the India Tire and Rubber Company, in 1917, the plant being located at Mogadore, Summit county. Under his progressive policy and judicious management, this has become one of the leading rubber tire manufactories of the country. Mr. Alderfer is also interested in a number of other enterprises, being vice president of the Franz Foundry and Machine Company, of Barberton; vice president of the Rubber Reclaiming Company, of Barberton; a director of the Ohio State Bank & Trust Company at Akron, and is a stockholder in the Trump Rubber Company, the Akron Rubber Reclaiming Company and the Eclat Rubber Company.

In July, 1890, Mr. Alderfer was united in marriage to Miss Stella Santee, of Medina county, Ohio, and they are the parents of a son and daughter, Sterling William, who is purchasing agent and assistant secretary of the India Tire and Rubber Company; married Miss Mary McGinnis, of Akron; and Ruth Emma, who was educated in Oberlin and later graduated from the College for Women of Western Reserve, and subsequently took special work

at Columbia University, was engaged in reconstruction work and in charge of a hospital in France during the World war, and is now studying art in France. Mr. Alderfer is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, belonging to its official board and has taught a Sunday school class for twenty-five years. He has long been interested in the work of the Young Men's Christian Association, and is a director of the association at Akron, chairman of the county association and a member of the executive committee of the state association, in all of which positions he has done most effective and appreciated work. He is a member of the Akron City Club, the Akron Kiwanis Club, the Portage Country Club and a director of the Akron Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Alderfer and his family reside in an attractive home of Colonial style of architecture, built in 1839, at Sharon Center, Medina county. In every relation of life he has performed his full duty conscientiously, earning a reputation as a broad-minded, generous and public-spirited citizen, and has shown a deep interest in whatever has tended to promote the public welfare. A man of forceful personality, ripe judgment and high ideals, he has won the confidence and esteem of his fellowmen and has a large circle of warm and loyal friends.

ALFRED H. MOON.

Among the model farm properties of Stow township is that owned by Alfred H. Moon, who for many years was a leader of agricultural progress in this district and is now living retired in the house in which he was born December 13, 1859. His parents were Horace and Fanny (Cochran) Moon, the former of English and Irish lineage. Both were natives of Summit county and representatives of honored pioneer families of this section of the state.

Alfred H. Moon attended the rural schools of this county and assisted his father in tilling the soil and other tasks, thus acquiring a practical knowledge of farming. This occupation he chose as his life work, bringing to his daily activities an intelligent, open and liberal mind, and keeping in close touch with the latest developments along agricultural lines. His systematic, well directed efforts were productive of excellent results, and he is now reaping the reward of his former years of toil. He has added many improvements to the home farm, which is situated on the

Hudson-Stow road and comprises seventy-seven acres of valuable land. It originally contained one hundred and forty acres but he has sold sixty acres for the W. C. Arnold allotment and also three acres direct. During the winter months Mr. Moon makes a business of dealing in raw furs and is a member of the Akron Fur Dealers Association.

Mr. Moon's first marriage was solemnized in 1883 and in 1889 he was married in Metz, Summit county, to Miss Belle Carey, who was of Irish lineage. She was a native of Columbiana county, Ohio, and passed away in 1907. Fanny Jane, the only child of the second union, is the wife of C. W. Chandler and their residence adjoins the Moon homestead. They have five children: Helen, George, Clyde, Walter and Edward, all at home.

Mr. Moon has seen notable changes in land values in Stow township and has watched with deep interest the progress of civilization in this part of the state. He is well informed on matters of public moment and lends the weight of his support to all projects destined to prove of benefit to his district. Motoring affords him recreation, and he also enjoys gardening, having many beautiful flowers which add to the attractiveness of his home. Mr. Moon has a wide acquaintance in Summit county, in which his life has been passed, and the friends of his youth are still his friends, for he possesses those qualities which make for strong and enduring regard.

MINOTT LUCIUS NEWTON

Diligence, perseverance and thoroughness were salient traits in the career of Minott L. Newton, who advanced the standards of agriculture in Summit county. He sowed wisely and well, and his life was a succession of harvests. A native of Ohio, he was born March 6, 1845, in West Richfield and was a son of Lucius and Caroline (Brockway) Newton, members of old families of Connecticut. His grandfather was Judge John Newton, the founder of the family in the Western Reserve of Ohio.

Minott L. Newton was reared on a farm in Summit county and supplemented his public school education by a course in Oberlin College. Choosing the career of an agriculturist, he closely studied soil and climatic conditions in Richfield township and labored with hand and brain to develop his land, which constantly increased in value. As time passed he increased his holdings and

eventually became the owner of a fine farm of seven hundred acres, improved with good buildings and supplied with up-to-date equipment. He followed diversified farming, raising the crops best adapted to this region, and was also a breeder of high-grade stock. His standards of farming were high, and he was well informed on all modern developments relating to his line of work. In 1912 he retired and established his home in the village of Richfield, where he spent the remainder of his life.

Mr. Newton was married April 15, 1885, in Richfield to Miss Emma A. Ellas, a native of Bath, Ohio, and of English and French extraction. Her parents were Lewis and Amanda (Munday) Ellas, natives respectively of Vermont and New York. To Mr. and Mrs. Newton were born two children. The daughter, Laura, is the wife of H. W. Carter of Richfield and the mother of two children, Donald and Virginia, both at home. The son, Lucius J. Newton, married Miss Helen Lauterer and is also living in Richfield. They have one child, Virgil J.

Although never an aspirant for public office, Minott L. Newton was deeply interested in projects for the general good and lent the weight of his support to all measures of reform, progress and improvement. His life was useful and upright, the expression of worthy purposes and high ideals, and his demise on February 11, 1917, brought deep sorrow to all who were privileged to know him. In 1919 Mrs. Newton erected what is generally regarded as one of the finest homes in Summit county. It is situated on a knoll and the beautiful gardens of the estate were laid out by a well known landscape architect. Mrs. Newton champions every movement for the uplift and betterment of her community and is esteemed and respected because of her many good qualities. She is a member of Ellsworth Chapter No. 247, of the Eastern Star.

ADELBERT SCOTT VIERS

Adelbert S. Viers, whose home place is known as Boston Ledge Farm, was for many years actively connected with important industrial concerns in Summit county, to which he rendered efficient and satisfactory service, and is now devoting his attention to farming with very satisfactory success.

Mr. Viers was born in Akron, Ohio, on the 21st of July, 1878, and is a son of William J. and Alice Rebecca (Mann) Viers, the

latter of whom was born and reared in Summit county and is still living in Akron. William J. Viers, who settled in Akron in an early day, was a man of industrious habits and dependable character, and was in the employ of one of Akron's large business concerns for more than forty years. He was a veteran of the Civil war, in which he served for three years and three months. To him and his wife were born four children, namely: Mrs. Frank Viers Coyle, who lives in Delaware, Illinois; Mrs. John Griffith, of Akron, Ohio; Adelbert S., of this review; and William Floyd, who has been with the Miller Rubber Company in Akron for the past eighteen years. He is married and has one child.

Adelbert S. Viers secured a good public school education and took a course in a business college in Akron. At the age of eighteen years he entered the employ of the Diamond Rubber Company of Akron, with which concern he remained about thirteen years, and later was with the Quaker Oats Company for a number of years. In 1921 Mr. Viers and his wife moved to Los Angeles, California, with the intention of establishing their permanent home there but at the end of eleven months decided to return to Ohio. They located on what is known as "Boston Ledge Farm," in Boston Heights, which for many years had been the home of Mrs. Viers' parents. They are living in the original house and have made improvements which have converted it into one of the nicest and most attractive residences in this locality, it being well located and modern in all of its appointments. All of the farm buildings are substantial in character, and the farm equipment is up-to-date in every respect.

On May 30, 1900, Mr. Viers was united in marriage to Miss Lida E. Evans, a daughter of William H. and Carrie May (Ranney) Evans, a family long resident in Summit county. Mr. Evans, who was born September 18, 1849, died June 13, 1923, and Mrs. Evans passed away March 13, 1916. Prior to her marriage, Mrs. Viers had been with her father in his banking and insurance business for a number of years, thus gaining much valuable experience, and she has the reputation of being a good business woman. She is a member of Cuyahoga Chapter, D. A. R., at Cleveland; Elva Chapter No. 304, O. E. S., at Akron; and is vice president of the Fairview Cemetery Association. Mr. and Mrs. Viers are earnest members of the First Christian church in Akron, in the work of which they take an active interest. In his political views Mr. Viers is a staunch republican and has shown a good citizen's interest in public affairs, giving his support to

all measures for the advancement or betterment of his community and county. He is a man of sterling character, kindly manner and loyal in his friendships, and wherever known is held in high regard.

GEORGE W. AUTEN

Among the well known representatives of the legal fraternity in Akron is numbered George W. Auten, who has successfully practiced here since 1902, largely specializing in real estate law. He was born in Knox county, Ohio, February 24, 1875, and is a son of Jacob W. and Mary (Pealer) Auten, who were natives of Ohio and Pennsylvania respectively, the mother coming to this state in early life. Caleb Hopkins, who was the first Episcopal minister in Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania, was the grandfather of Mary Pealer's mother. He was a lieutenant in Capt. Bonnett's Company during the Revolutionary war. Jacob W. Auten was for many years actively and successfully engaged in farming in Knox county, where he is still living, and although eighty-three years of age, he has not altogether relinquished business affairs. He makes his home in Fredericktown, Ohio. Jacob W. Auten was married three times. His first wife, Mary Pealer, who died in 1875, was the mother of three children: Mrs. E. C. Chambers, of Akron; Mrs. W. W. Kinney, of Knox county, Ohio; and George W. Auten. The second wife was Caroline Love and was the mother of Robert Auten, of Lakewood, Ohio. The third wife, Anna Gibson, was the mother of Mrs. H. L. Bolinger, of Fredericktown, Ohio.

George W. Auten attended the rural schools and afterward was graduated from the high school of Fredericktown, Ohio, with the class of 1894. He next entered Berea College at Berea, Kentucky, and was graduated with the Bachelor of Literature degree in 1897. He was licensed to teach school when he was only seventeen and taught one year in Knox county before he had finished his high school work. After he had completed his college course he again took up educational work and for three years successfully followed teaching in Richland and Knox counties. He then became a law student in the office of Bricker & Workman and also pursued his law reading with the firm of Beery & Snyder and with Judge Pealer, being admitted to the bar December 1, 1901. In his practice he has largely specialized in real



GEORGE W. AUTEN

estate law and has won notable success in that field, being regarded as an authority upon that branch of practice. He is also well known in business circles as secretary and treasurer of six allotment companies.

On the 3d of September, 1902, Mr. Auten wedded Miss Kate E. Daugherty, a daughter of William E. Daugherty, of Akron, and they have three children: George Russell, who was born in Akron, June 3, 1903, and was graduated in 1928 from the law school of Western Reserve University; Ralph W., who was born in Akron, February 24, 1906, and is a student in the University of Akron; and Josephine E., who was born April 11, 1908, and is also attending the University of Akron.

Mr. Auten belongs to the Masonic order, in which he has taken the degrees of lodge and chapter, and he is likewise a member of the Knights of Pythias and of the Automobile Club. He belongs to the West Congregational church, of which he is serving as a trustee, and he is keenly interested in all that pertains to the intellectual, social and moral development of the community. Along strictly professional lines he is associated with the Summit County, Ohio State and American Bar Associations and he has ever been most careful to conform his practice to the highest professional ethics and standards. Mr. Auten's residence is at 153 Castle boulevard.

WILLIAM SOMMER, SR.

A notably successful career is that of William Sommer, Sr., a distinguished artist, who resides near Northfield. He was born January 18, 1867, in Detroit, Michigan, his parents being Joseph and Christiana (Hess) Sommer, who were natives of Germany. His education was acquired in the public schools of Detroit and at an early age he obtained a position with the Calvert Lithograph Company of that city. Throughout life he has continued in this line of work and his well developed powers have carried him steadily onward and upward. For a time he was with the Otis Lithograph Company of Cleveland, which was afterward absorbed by the Morgan Lithographing Company of that city, thus forming the largest concern of the kind in the United States, and his work has been essential to the success of this well known corporation, in whose service he has been retained since the consolidation. Mr. Sommer has not only attained high stand-

ing as a commercial artist but is also well known owing to his portraits, landscapes, pastels and pen drawings. As a painter he is the apostle of clearness, both in conception and execution, and the minuteness of his technique is ennobled by the high quality of his art. All of his productions during 1927 and 1928, ten in number, have been accepted by the Cleveland Museum of Art, and his talent has won for him recognition as the ultra modernist painter of northern Ohio.

Mr. Sommer was married July 28, 1895, in New York city to Miss Martha Obermeyer, who was born in Jersey City, New Jersey. Her parents, Henry P. and Margaret (Meyer) Obermeyer, were natives of Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Sommer have three sons. William Jr., the first born, married Miss Clara Frank, of Medina, Ohio, and they reside in Little York, Northfield township, Summit county. They have two children, June and Marvin. Edwin G. married Miss Juliet Klein and they are residents of Cleveland. Raymond, the youngest son, married Miss Evelyn Kirk, and they are also living in Cleveland.

Mr. and Mrs. Sommer remained in the Forest City until 1914, when they purchased several hundred acres of land on the Brandywine road near Northfield, and have since resided on this fine estate, which is situated in a spot noted for its scenic beauty. The Brandywine district is one which tends to inspire the best efforts of an artist, and Mr. Sommer's work shows the effect of his ideal environment. His talents, natural and acquired, have made him a celebrity in the world of art, and the strength and depth of his character have won for him a high place in the esteem of his fellowmen.

CYRUS W. GLEASON

Cyrus W. Gleason, one of the best known citizens of Northfield, has engaged in mercantile pursuits for a number of years, and has shown a public-spirited interest in everything pertaining to the progress and prosperity of the community. He was born in Independence, Cuyahoga county, Ohio, on the 12th of December, 1891, a son of Frank and Amelia (Prentiss) Gleason. The father was also born in Independence, February 21, 1849, and died in 1926, and the mother was born at Copley, Summit county, Ohio, about 1846 and died in 1907. The Gleason family, which is of Irish descent, came to this state in a very early day,

while Zachariah Prentiss, Mrs. Gleason's father, was of English descent and came from the New England states to northern Ohio in pioneer days, settling in Summit county.

Cyrus W. Gleason was reared on his father's farm in Cuyahoga county and received his educational training in the common schools of that locality. In addition to farm work, he also did much threshing and was greatly interested in mechanical employment, working as a carpenter and in similar lines. He remained in that locality until 1919, when he came to Summit county on his return from the war, since which time he has conducted a successful mercantile business in Northfield. He is a man of sound judgment in practical matters and has been influential in the affairs of his town, having served as town marshal during 1926-7.

Mr. Gleason was married in Akron to Miss Eva Maxam, who was born in Twinsburg, Ohio, May 6, 1885, a daughter of John B. and Ella O'Dell (McBride) Maxam. Mr. Maxam was born in Twinsburg in 1854 and died at his home in Boston township, Summit county, July 22, 1912. His wife, who was born in Boston township, now resides with her son, LeMarr, in Cleveland. Both the Maxam and McBride families came from New York state to Ohio in pioneer days. To Mr. and Mrs. Maxam were born four children, namely: Isaac and LeMarr, both of whom reside in Cleveland; Zella, who is the wife of Samuel Post, of Hudson, Ohio, and Eva, now Mrs. Gleason. Mr. and Mrs. Gleason are the parents of two children, Merrill R. and Valerie O'Dell.

Mr. Gleason is a member of Twinsburg Lodge No. 213, F. & A. M., and takes an active interest in the Federated church, to which the members of the family belong. Mrs. Gleason is chorister in the Sunday school, while in the social affairs of the community both Mr. and Mrs. Gleason are active and popular. Mrs. Gleason is a member of Summit Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

Mr. Gleason is a veteran of the World war, having voluntarily enlisted June 2, 1917, in the Engineers Corps of the regular army. He was assigned to a special unit and went into active service October 10, 1917. He was sent overseas early in the following year, landing in France on January 20th, and became attached to the Twentieth Engineers, an exceptionally large unit, almost a division in itself. He was made a sergeant in the Eleventh Engineers Company and saw continual service until July 5, 1919, when he sailed for home, and was honorably dis-

charged and mustered out at Camp Sherman, Chillicothe, Ohio, July 29, 1919. He is a man of splendid personal qualities, being loyal and true to every responsibility, and he holds a high place in the esteem of all who have come in contact with him and who recognize the high type of citizenship exemplified in his career.

JOHN HUNTER SELBY, M. D.

The medical profession in Akron finds a worthy representative in Dr. John Hunter Selby, who is keenly alive to the interests, the opportunities and the obligations of his chosen calling. He is rendering valuable service in this connection and is a nationally accepted expert in the field of radiology. Dr. Selby came to Ohio from South Carolina, his birth having occurred in Columbia of the latter state February 27, 1878. His parents, Julian Augustus and Alice Elizabeth (Peers) Selby, were natives of South Carolina and of New York city, respectively, the mother removing to the Palmetto state in early life. The father was a well known journalist, having at Columbia published the *Carolinian* and the *Phoenix*, while for many years he was state printer. He died in 1907, when he had reached the age of seventy-eight years. His wife passed away in 1913, at the age of seventy-seven. Their family numbered six children, all of whom are yet living: John Hunter; Gilbert Augustus, a publisher of Columbia, South Carolina; Alice Julia, Adeline McKenzie, who became the wife of Charles Coker Wilson, Margaret Scott, the wife of James Detyens and Julian Peers, all residents of Columbia.

Dr. Selby completed a course in the Columbia high school and then devoted a year and a half to study in the engineering department of the University of South Carolina. Starting out in the business world, he became a traveling salesman but did not find this altogether to his liking and determined to prepare for the practice of medicine, which he did by matriculating in 1903 in the medical department of the University of Virginia. He continued his studies the following year at the University of Pennsylvania, which conferred upon him his professional degree in 1907. He also had the benefit of practical experience as an interne in Moses Taylor Hospital at Buffalo, New York, where he practiced surgery, and later he became general interne in the Moses Taylor Hospital at Scranton, Pennsylvania, after which he opened an office in Warrenton, Virginia, where for two years

he engaged in general practice. Desiring to obtain greater efficiency for his chosen life work, he pursued a special postgraduate course and did X-ray work in the Snook Roentgen Laboratory in Philadelphia, after which he was called to the Mayo clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, where for three months he acted as assistant, doing special X-ray work, after which he was for three years chief of the X-ray laboratories of Mayo Clinic. Resigning his position, he again took up postgraduate study in his favorite specialty, coming under the instruction of eminent authorities in that line in Vienna, Berlin, Munich, London and Paris. Following his return to his native land he engaged in X-ray practice at Washington, D. C., from August, 1913, until July, 1917, when the country having entered the World war, he obtained a commission as captain in the medical department of the United States army, in charge of the X-ray laboratories at the Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D. C., where he was later promoted to the rank of major. In September, 1919, he was transferred to the Letterman General Hospital in San Francisco, California, and in November, 1920, was transferred for duty in the surgeon general's office in Washington, D. C., where he resigned his commission to establish an X-ray laboratory in Akron.

Dr. Selby has resided at Akron since January 1, 1921. He has equipment of the most superior character and in his special field stands as a leader of the profession in Ohio. He is identified with many of the leading professional societies, including the American Medical Association, the Ohio State Medical Society, the Summit County Medical Society, the Virginia Medical Society, the District of Columbia Medical Society, the American Medical Society of Vienna, the Minnesota State Medical Society, the Association of Resident and Ex-Resident of the Mayo Clinic, the American Roentgen Ray Society, and a charter member of the New York Roentgen Ray Society. In addition to his extensive private practice he is Roentgenologist to the People's Hospital of Akron. He is the author of numerous monographs upon various phases of Roentgenology.

On the 6th of October, 1909, Dr. Selby was married to Miss Delia Towles Slaughter, of The Plains, Virginia, a daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Philip Slaughter. They became parents of four children: Catharine Foster, who was born in Rochester, Minnesota, August 14, 1910 and is now a student in Fairlawn Academy; John Hunter, Jr., who was born in Akron, February 20, 1922; Elizabeth Peers, who died at the age of two and one-half

years; and Mary Mercer, who died in Akron in January, 1926, at the age of nine years.

Dr. Selby is a past president of the Celsus Club and is treasurer of the Akron Garden Club. He belongs to the Akron City Club and Akron Chamber of Commerce. He is also president of The Akron Chapter of the Archaeological Institute of America. Fraternally he is a Mason, belonging to various branches of the York Rite and to Tadmor Temple of the Mystic Shrine. He is interested in horticulture and philately and in these various activities finds release from the onerous duties and responsibilities of his profession. His activities have been evenly balanced, making for a well rounded development, and thus when people meet him socially they find a genial companion, when they touch upon his hobbies they find one who is well informed along those lines and when they come to him for professional service they know that they will benefit by the highest standards of his calling.

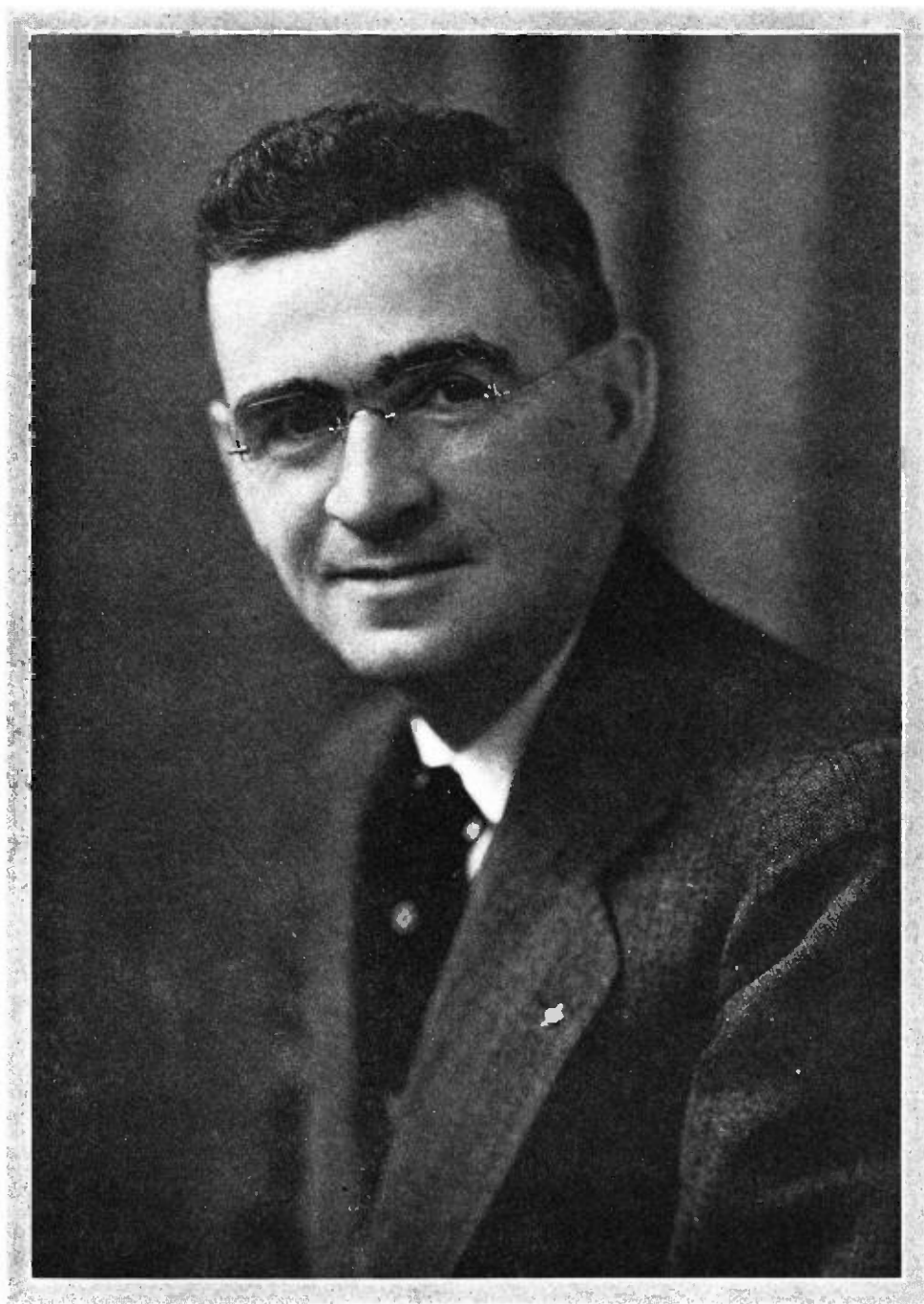
In 1922 Dr. and Mrs. Selby acquired an acre upon the southwest corner of Sillars avenue and Dyas avenue formerly the hill-top of the Weber estate and upon this they built their spacious residence amid beautiful natural surroundings.

JOHN WARREN THOMAS

John Warren Thomas, organizer and president of the Thomas Title & Mortgage Company, has been for a number of years a well known figure in Akron's financial circles, and has brought to his position long experience covering all branches in titles, escrows, mortgages, real estate and loans, affording an equipment probably unsurpassed by that of any other executive head of a similar institution in this city.

Mr. Thomas was born in Thomastown, Summit county, July 24, 1888, a son of John J. and Ann (Harris) Thomas, who were natives of Pennsylvania and of Wales, respectively, the mother coming to America in early life and settling in Ohio. John J. Thomas was identified with the coal mining industry and was a machinist of note. Both he and his wife have passed away. In their family were eleven children, seven of whom are yet living: H. H.; L. R.; W. W.; Mrs. J. H. Hildebrand; Mrs. Clarence H. Cranz; Mrs. Gwendolyn Degnon; and John W., who is the youngest.

The last named attended the graded schools of Akron and re-



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ceived his Bachelor of Arts degree from Buchtel College. He had determined upon the practice of law as a life work and to that end he entered the law department of the University of New York, receiving his LL. B. degree with the class of 1908. Having thus prepared for a professional career, he returned to Akron and began the active practice of law, in which he continued for one year, but circumstances changed his plans and he became title examiner for the Bankers Guarantee Title & Trust Company in 1912. From that point forward he worked his way upward through the various departments and in 1925 was elected president of that institution, which executive position he filled until his resignation on the 1st of January, 1928, to organize the Thomas Title & Mortgage Company, which opened for business in February, 1928, with offices in the Akron Savings & Loan building. In the formation of the Thomas Title & Mortgage Company, its founders endeavored to answer a long-felt and oft-expressed public demand for an institution manned by a personnel of mature experience and unquestioned reliability in the handling of transactions, whose accuracy is as vital to future generations as to the present one. This company has three major departments, consisting of first mortgage loans, titles and escrows and through its eastern connection with strong financial interests is prepared to make first mortgage loans on residence, apartment or business property in the greater Akron district. Among his other business interests, Mr. Thomas is president of the Pond View Building Company; a director of the Universal Boiler Company, president of the Summit County Mortgage Association and president of the Portage Holding Company.

On the 13th of October, 1923, Mr. Thomas was married to Miss Elizabeth Barnes, of Fredericksburg, Ohio, a daughter of Edward B. Barnes, of a well known family of that section of the state. They have a son, John Warren, Jr., born October 14, 1924, in Cleveland, Ohio.

In his fraternal relations Mr. Thomas is a Mason and also a Shriner. He belongs to the Akron City Club, to the Portage Country Club and the Twin Lakes Country Club and thus gains something of needed recreation to counterbalance his intense business activity. He is also member of the advisory board of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. He is the secretary of the National Association of Title Insurance Men and was president of the Ohio Association of Title Men in 1924. He still has membership connection with the legal profession, belonging to the Summit County,

Ohio State and American Bar Associations. In his religious connection he is a member of the West Congregational church. Mr. Thomas has a wide acquaintance among financial men and investors throughout this section of the state and is regarded as a very capable executive in his field of activity. His residence is at 735 Ecton road, Akron.

EDSON AMHERST OBERLIN, JR.

Edson A. Oberlin, Jr., vice president of the Firestone Park Trust & Savings Bank, is among the best known of Akron's younger bank officials and occupies a prominent position in the city's financial circles. His entire business career has been devoted to banking and his advancements have come in recognition of his native ability.

Mr. Oberlin was born in St. Paul, Minnesota, February 18, 1894, a son of Edson A. and Ellen (Maloney) Oberlin, who were natives of Ohio and Minnesota, respectively. The father was for some time associated with the Ohio Sash & Door Company of Cleveland but is now connected with the Reserve Lumber Company of that city and is a well known figure in the lumber trade. His wife passed away in Cleveland in 1918, survived by a daughter and a son, Marie and Edson A., Jr.

Edson A. Oberlin, Jr., was reared in Cleveland and received his education in the schools of that city. He began his business career at the age of seventeen as a messenger for the State Banking & Trust Company of Cleveland, starting at a salary of twenty dollars per month. While thus employed during the day he attended law school until he had completed a thorough course, and his knowledge of law has ever been of value to him in the conduct of his business affairs. He remained with the State Banking & Trust Company from 1911 until 1918, and then came to Akron to accept the position of secretary with the Firestone Park Trust & Savings Bank. While acting in that capacity he attracted the attention of Harvey S. Firestone, who made him his private secretary, and he thus served while also filling the position of secretary of the Firestone Park Trust & Savings Bank. He was made treasurer of the bank and acted as secretary and treasurer. Leaving Mr. Firestone's office he continued in this dual capacity until 1925, when he was elected vice president of the bank and so continues at the present time, bending his energies to the

direction and control of this institution. He is also a director of the Firestone Park Builders Supply Company and treasurer of the Firestone Park Land Company, director and president of the Firestone Park Insurance Company and director and treasurer of the Firestone Tire & Rubber Company of California. Mr. Oberlin has had broad experience in important connections for one of his years, and the soundness of his judgment in financial or general business affairs is widely acknowledged. He is an excellent example of the type of business man developed in the present age, quick to perceive an emergency and equally quick in devising a plan to meet it. He became a factor in the success of the various interests with which he is associated and is regarded as a highly capable banker and financier.

On the 27th of November, 1913, Mr. Oberlin was married to Miss Regina Le Duc of Cleveland, a daughter of Adolph and Cordelia Le Duc. Mr. and Mrs. Oberlin have a son and two daughters, Edson A. (III), born in Cleveland, August 28, 1917; Ellen Louise, born in Akron, January 30, 1920; and Eleanor Marie, born in Akron, September 14, 1923. Mr. Oberlin's residence is at No. 155 Firestone boulevard.

WILLIAM HENRY WERT

The progress of a community depends largely upon the loyalty, enterprise and ability of its citizens, and as a merchant and manufacturer William H. Wert has contributed his full quota toward Akron's commercial development, at the same time achieving individual prosperity. Three generations of the family have been influential factors in promoting the growth of this city, in which William H. Wert was born September 14, 1874, and his parents, Henry and Sophia (Sherbondy) Wert, were lifelong residents of Akron. The grandfather, Henry Wert, Sr., made the journey to Ohio in a covered wagon, locating here when Akron was a village, and became a leading spirit in projects for its up-building. His son, Henry Wert, Jr., was a market gardener and owned a productive farm, situated on what is now Wooster avenue. He filled the office of constable and was a man of prominence in the community. He and his wife are survived by three children: Mrs. D. C. Musselman, Mrs. Jennie Prince and William Henry Wert, all residents of Akron.

The son received a public school education and began his com-

mercial career as a clerk in the employ of Charles Kempel, a grocer, for whom he worked for eight years. At the end of that time he started out for himself, opening a grocery store on Wooster avenue, and soon made this one of the leading establishments of the locality. For nine years he was the proprietor of the store, building up a large trade, and then decided to become a candy jobber. With this end in view he built an addition to his home on St. Clair street and on April 4, 1910, started the business in a room twelve by fourteen feet in dimensions. As his funds were low he did all of the rough work, managed the office, solicited orders, delivered the goods and also acted as collector. Through tireless effort and close attention to detail he secured a foothold and in order to obtain more space rented two store rooms on Wooster avenue. Eventually these quarters proved inadequate and he purchased a lot on Water street. There he erected a substantial two-story structure in 1914 and has since occupied the building, which is filled to capacity with a varied selection of candy. It is made of the best material and is pure, wholesome and delicious. Sixteen persons are employed in the plant, which invites inspection, and eight experienced salesmen are engaged in soliciting orders for the firm. Mr. Wert is sole owner of the business, which is conducted under the style of W. H. Wert, and he sells on a wholesale basis. He has devoted deep thought and study to his work, and the steady growth of the industry is proof of his business acumen and high commercial standards.

Mr. Wert was married July 12, 1898, in Akron to Miss Nora Peck, a daughter of Hubert Peck, and they have become the parents of four children, all natives of this city. Ruth, the eldest, was born May 7, 1899, and received a high school education. She is now the wife of Sterling Wilcox and the mother of one child, Marilyn, born July 24, 1923 in Akron. Glenn M. Wert, born June 2, 1906, was graduated from the West high school and also from the Ohio State University, and assists his father in the conduct of the business. The others are: Clifford M., born September 23, 1908, who completed a course in the West high school and is now associated with Melville C. Peck, a well known architect of Akron; and Bruce William, who was born May 14, 1916, and is a public school pupil.

Deeply attached to his city, in which he takes great pride, Mr. Wert has endeavored to preserve its old landmarks and was the instigator of the plan for placing a memorial tablet on the large boulder at the entrance to the Summit county courthouse. He

is a director of the Glendale Cemetery Association and one of the trustees of the 50 Year Club of Akron. The Optimist Club also numbers him among its members, and his Masonic connections are with the lodge and grotto. He is likewise identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Odd Fellows Temple Company, and his religious views are indicated by his affiliation with Grace Reformed church. Mr. Wert has discharged every duty and obligation in life to the best of his ability, and his reward is the respect, confidence and good will of his fellowmen.

FRANK CLARENCE HOWLAND

Frank Clarence Howland, general manager and treasurer of The Thomas Phillips Company, has been for more than a quarter of a century an important factor in the successful management of one of Akron's oldest industrial enterprises. Born in Akron, March 9, 1881, he is a son of Clarence and Jennie (Fouser) Howland. It was in 1873 that the father came to Akron, where for more than three decades he figured prominently in commercial circles as one of the officials of The Thomas Phillips Company. He was born in Washington county, New York, and came to Akron to accept a position with The Thomas Phillips Company shortly after its organization. His original position with the company was a minor one, but his industry and capability won him promotion and he subsequently became treasurer and general manager and was serving in that dual capacity at the time of his death, which occurred May 6, 1905. He likewise became financially interested in other manufacturing and business enterprises of Akron, but his main interests were centered in the company of which he was so long a vital force. For sixteen years he survived his wife, who passed away in 1889. Their children were Frank C., George, Helen and Ruth. Later Mr. Howland was again married, his second union being with Josephine Creque, by whom he had one daughter, Josephine.

Frank C. Howland was reared in Akron and received his early education in the schools of this city. Later he entered the University School of Cleveland, while his college course was pursued in Cornell University, the degree of Mechanical Engineer being conferred upon him at his graduation with the class of 1903. Returning to Akron, he entered on his business career in the employ of The Thomas Phillips Company. He was made assist-

ant manager in 1904 and was elected his father's successor in the office of treasurer and general manager upon the latter's death in 1905 and has continued in that capacity to the present time. The company was organized in 1872 and is one of the oldest manufacturers of paper bags in this part of the country. With a well equipped plant the company now handles a large output and in its ramifying trade relations covers a broad territory. Among Mr. Howland's other business interests, he is a director of the First Trust & Savings Bank.

In young manhood Mr. Howland was married to Miss Elizabeth W. Mason, daughter of Frank H. and Mary L. (Dexter) Mason. She passed away August 31, 1911, leaving a daughter, Elizabeth Mason Howland.

Mr. Howland's interest in the welfare and progress of his city is indicated in the fact that he has long been an active member of the Akron Chamber of Commerce and gives earnest support to the well defined plans of that organization for the city's improvement. He also staunchly upholds the high standards of the Rotary Club and has membership in the Akron Automobile Club, while his social nature finds further expression in his connection with the Portage Country, Akron City, Fairlawn Golf and University Clubs. His fellow members of these organizations speak of him in terms of warm regard, and the sterling worth of his character is attested in the fact that many of his warmest friends are those who have known him from his boyhood to the present.

MRS. AUBREY WATTERS HOLLIDAY

"Lo, this is dancing's true nobility!
Dancing, the child of Music and of Love,
Dancing, itself both Love and Harmony,
Where all agree, and all in order move;
Dancing, the art that all arts do approve."

—Sir John Davies

The age is past when intellectual training constitutes the whole of education. More and more attention is being paid to those phases of physical instruction which develop the rhythmic, artistic and aesthetic elements in nature. Recognizing these facts, Mrs. Aubrey Watters Holliday has instituted in Akron a school that is unique in its scope, practical in its purposes and high in its ideals. The Holliday Studio of Dance and Dramatic



AUBREY W. HOLLIDAY



FRANCES ADELAIDE HOLLIDAY



BETTY WATTERS HOLLIDAY

Arts is meeting a present-day condition for training along those lines, as indicated in the liberal patronage that has been accorded it.

Mrs. Holliday has spent her entire life in Akron. She is a daughter of Rama R. Watters, a representative of an old family of that name, and she is a niece of Dow Watters, who was three times mayor of the city. Her mother, who bore the maiden name of Adelaide Akers, was a daughter of Thomas Akers, also a representative of one of the pioneer families of this city.

After pursuing her early education in the public schools Mrs. Holliday received training in dramatics in California. She then entered Buchtel Academy, afterward spent three years as a student in the Tucker School of Expression at Cleveland, where she made a specialty of dramatic art and was graduated in 1914. She then opened an outdoor kindergarten in a property at 446 East Market street, which her father turned over to her for the purpose. The first enrollment numbered eight children, but the demand was so great and methods so attractive that within two weeks she had thirty-two pupils and the popularity of her school continued to spread among the best families of the city. In this school many of Akron's children received their first training in dancing, rhythm, pantomime, music, elocution and psychophysical culture. Mrs. Holliday continued this school for a few years and at the same time was carrying on a similar work in St. Paul's Episcopal church. Its rector, the Rev. Sherman, asked her to conduct a daily kindergarten in connection with St. Paul's, but she decided not to do this and opened a kindergarten independently on a large scale. Her father gave her a home on Adolph avenue, known as the old Jacob Koch residence, containing fourteen rooms and a ballroom, and in that she established her school, securing the services of music teachers from Cleveland and vocal teachers from Akron, while she personally taught the physical work. This building soon became too small for her growing classes and the school was removed to Rose Hall—41 East street. Still the number of her pupils increased and a further removal was made to 206 Metropolitan building, where she has the finest equipped school of the kind in the state.

In 1911 Mrs. Holliday was married and by her first marriage had one child, Betty, who was adopted by her grandfather, Mr. Watters, and after her mother's second marriage was adopted by Mr. Holliday. In 1914 Aubrey Watters became the wife of Clarence E. Holliday, of Cleveland, a son of the late Dr. William

Wallace Holliday, a well known physician of Cleveland, and descendant of a pioneer Pennsylvania family, from which Hollidaysburgh in that state, now seat of a famous school for girls, takes its name. Clarence E. Holliday is connected with the Standard Oil Company, and his brother, W. Trevor Holliday, is president of the Standard Oil Company of Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence E. Holliday have one child, Frances Adelaide. After Betty was a year old her training began. As a child she attended the Quinlan School of Dancing in Cleveland at the time her mother was attending the Tucker School, and when five years of age was taken to New York city for further instruction, Mrs. Holliday enrolling herself and her child in the Vestoff-Serova Russian School of Dancing. Mrs. Holliday specialized in her studies in relation to the training of the very young child, and her work was very thorough, receiving all the ground work training given to Russian dancers. She also studied character dancing under Alexis Kosloff, and from Madame Sonia Serova, the recognized authority in baby work, she received her training of that character. She makes annual trips still to New York, taking with her her two daughters, and all three are taught by the same teachers. Betty's special training began at the age of five years under Madame Serova, then with Michael Fokine, the world's greatest master of his art and the teacher of Pavlowa. Betty continued with the Vestoff-Serova school until at the age of thirteen they were compelled to graduate her as the youngest pupil they ever allowed to go out as a finished dancer, and everywhere Betty's name is used as a drawing card in their advertisements. Madame Serova selected her as her assistant during the convention of the American Association of Masters of Dancing at Cleveland, and "The Dance," a magazine, speaks of Betty as Serova's prize pupil.

Mrs. Holliday, by her various trips to the east, has kept in close touch with the normal and professional courses of the Vestoff-Serova Russian School in ballet, interpretative and character dancing. In the exclusive school in Akron which she maintains for the discriminating, where the child is taught the true art of expression through dance, dramatic art and pantomime, Mrs. Holliday acts as instructress in dramatic arts, technique, nature and baby dancing. Her daughter Betty is likewise an instructor in the school. It is evident that she was created by nature to dance, which she has done from her earliest childhood, and her success lies not only in her ability to impart her knowledge of

the art to others but also to the fact that she can herself execute all forms of classic technique, and her splendid training in dancing is being supplemented by a thorough art and musical education. Like her mother, she has studied in the east and in addition to the Russian school has been a student in the New Wayburn, Jack Blue and Roy Lewis studios. The work of the Holliday Studio includes ballet dancing conducted on the same lines as in the Russian imperial schools, bar work as taught in the imperial schools of Moscow and Petrograd, the technique of dancing and the baby work. The baby classes are a unique feature of the school, where little ones enjoy themselves immensely, being under the personal direction of Mrs. Holliday, who uses her original methods of instruction for small children with marked success. She has formulated a series of principles that have rendered it excessively simple for children to grasp the rudiments of the dance. All baby work is created in the class and tends to develop the little characteristics peculiar to each child through a careful study of what they register in sunshine and shadow. Mrs. Holliday has children in her classes who have been with her since they were three years of age. She has put on fourteen special dance reviews, holding an annual review with about one hundred and sixty children in costumes designed by herself and daughter Betty. This is a very ambitious undertaking and the press speaks in the highest terms of the artistry, originality and finish of her work. She has put on programs for the Food show, for Shriners, the Tuesday Musical Club, public school and hospital entertainments, and in connection with much charity work. She also brought out an act at Christmas and she has one pupil who is now dancing with Geraldine Farrar and one in "Blossom Time." She devotes not a little of her time and talent to giving programs for tubercular children and in old people's homes and hospitals. She put on a program at the O'Neil Style Show, and also a very elaborate entertainment at the opening of the new store in 1928. Her school has been an extremely successful one financially as well as from the standpoint of artistic development and the successful accomplishment of her purposes. Realizing the child's knowledge should reach to a solid foundation of sense of training, the Aubrey Watters Holliday Studio is doing its share in imparting information which makes poise, beauty, grace and simplicity acquirements worth while upon which the floods of time will be in vain. The aim is to awaken in the child the love for the good, the true and the beautiful in life. For

better health—for greater beauty—for poise—for slenderness—dance. The dramatic art department has the same high standards, and the efficiency of the work is indicated in the fact that perhaps a score of the pupils coached by Mrs. Holliday have been medal winners in high school oratorical contests.

“But each for the joy of working, and
Each, in his separate star,
Shall draw the Thing as he sees It for the
God of Things They are.”

HARMON EALY CHAMBERLIN

Harmon Ealy Chamberlin, of Tallmadge, belongs to that valuable class of citizens whose powers and talents find their highest expression in public service, and his achievements as superintendent of the Summit County Farm Home have won for him high commendation and state wide prominence. He was born in Twinsburg township, Summit county, July 14, 1866, and represents the fourth generation of the family in Ohio. His parents were Zina F. and Sarah A. (Paxson) Chamberlin, the latter a daughter of Heston C. Paxson. Amos Chamberlin, the great-grandfather of Harmon E. Chamberlin, was of sturdy New England stock and made the long journey from Connecticut to Ohio in a covered wagon drawn by oxen. He was one of the earliest settlers of Summit county and hewed a farm out of the wilderness. On that place his son, Horace Chamberlin, was born in 1818, and his life was devoted to its cultivation and improvement. In 1876 he went to Philadelphia to attend the Centennial Exposition and afterward started for home but was unable to complete the trip, dying in Cleveland, Ohio. He had married Anna Post and their son, Zina F. Chamberlin, was born August 1, 1840, on the homestead in Hudson township. He also chose the career of an agriculturist and added to his holdings from time to time, acquiring a large acreage. Much of the land was used for grazing purposes, and he was long numbered among the leading stock raisers and dairymen of this part of the state. For nine years he was a director of the Summit County Agricultural Society and also became one of the trustees of Northfield township, manifesting that spirit which makes for public progress as well as individual success.

Harmon E. Chamberlin attended the public schools of Mace-

donia and also took a course in the Spencerian College of Cleveland. At the age of twenty he completed his education and returned to the home farm, which is situated southeast of Macedonia on the Hudson road. This place was developed by his great-grandfather and has been retained by the family for more than a century. It is now owned by Harmon E. Chamberlin and comprises seventy-five acres of valuable land. Mr. Chamberlin resided thereon until January 1, 1916, and has since been superintendent of the Summit County Home, which is situated on the Stow-Tallmadge road. The new structure is an imposing brick and stone building with administration quarters containing the superintendent's offices and recreation parlors and also housing Mr. Chamberlin's family and the employes of the home. In the four large wings are located the wards for men and women, the detention wards, the hospital wards and the sterilizing and operating rooms. All are completely equipped and a resident physician insures the necessary medical attention. The first floor of one of the rear wings is given over to dining rooms and the most modern kitchen accommodations. The building contains eight large sun parlors, six of which are for the use of the inmates. Another feature is a large auditorium, which is used as a social center and for religious services. The building is well furnished throughout and nothing has been left undone to make it comfortable and homelike. Fine shrubs and flowers ornament the spacious lawns and the structure stands on a hilltop in one of the beauty spots of the county. An average of two hundred and ten inmates occupy the home, which is capable of caring for three hundred. The farm consists of over four hundred acres and most of the land is under cultivation. Thoroughly equipped, efficiently operated and modern to the ultimate degree, this is a model institution in every respect and commands the instant admiration of all who view it. No detail of its management escapes the keen observation of Mr. Chamberlin, who entered upon the work holding to high ideals, and from these he has never deviated. Systematic and painstaking, he always has some new plan in the making and many of the improved methods which he has introduced have been adopted by the officers of similar institutions in various parts of the country.

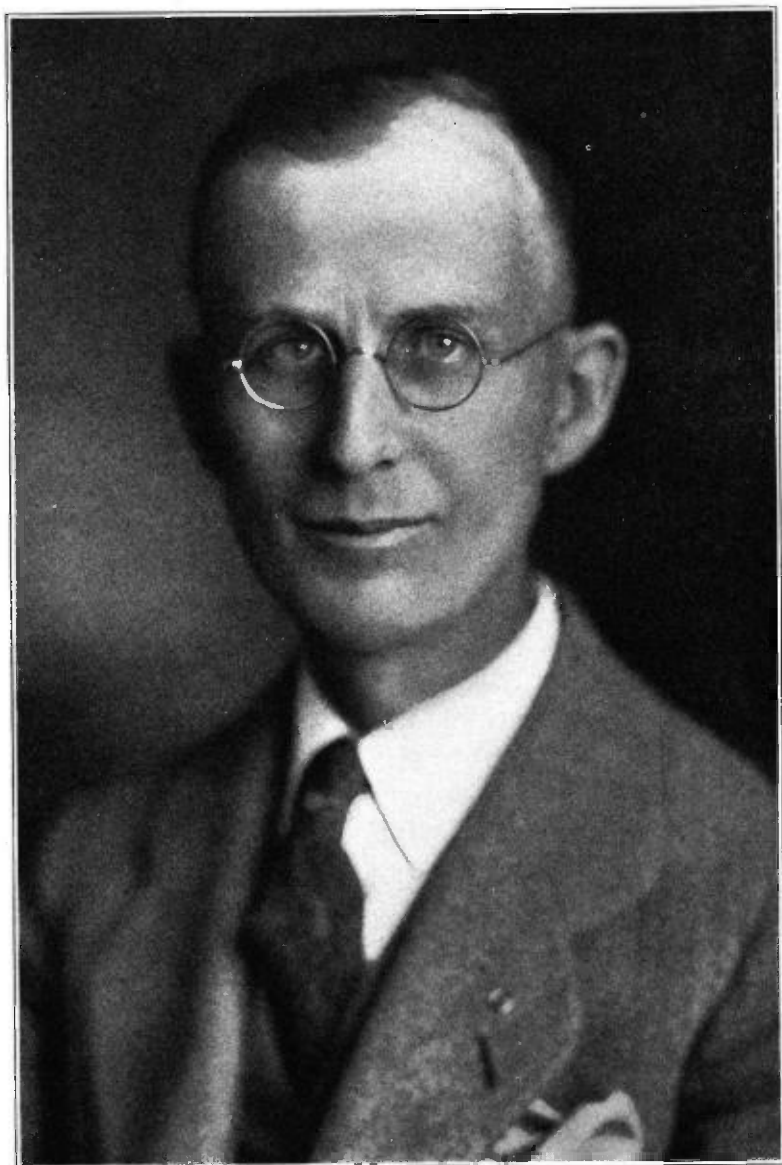
Mr. Chamberlin was married June 13, 1888, in Macedonia, Ohio, to Miss Jennie Brower, who was born in Northfield township, Ohio. She is a daughter of Henry and Louisa (Thompson) Brower and of New England stock in the paternal line. Her

father, who was a lumberman and owner of a sawmill, passed away in 1912, having long survived the mother, who died in 1890. To Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlin have been born two children: Marie Lenore, who became the wife of W. Ellwood Waters, of Akron, and the mother of three children—Vernon (now deceased), Harmon and Raymond; and Reginald Brower, who married Agnes McKeon and is head chemist at Hammond, Indiana, for the Chicago By-Products Company.

Mr. Chamberlin is a strong republican and has been an influential factor in both township and county affairs. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Masonic order, belonging to Twinsburg Lodge, No. 213, F. & A. M.; Bedford Chapter, No. 74, R. A. M.; Akron Council, No. 80, R. & S. M.; Akron Commandery, No. 25, K. T.; Tadmor Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; and Yusef Khan Grotto, M. O. V. P. E. R. He is also identified with the Macca-bees, while Mrs. Chamberlin belongs to the Eastern Star and the Self-Culture Club of Stow. In addition to his other interests Mr. Chamberlin is a director of the Northfield Bank at Macedonia. He is ideally fitted for the work in which he is engaged and his management has received the approbation and support of the board of county commissioners, who have retained him in office for thirteen years, regardless of the political changes brought about during that period. With the invaluable assistance, advice and encouragement of Mrs. Chamberlin, he has been able to build up an institution which is equal to the best of its kind in the United States and when permitted to retire they will remove to their attractive modern home, which is located in the vicinity of Cuyahoga Falls. They view life from the standpoint of broad humanitarianism and are highly esteemed by all who have been brought within the sphere of their influence.

MELVILLE CASE PECK

Melville C. Peck is a successful architect and represents a family that has contributed substantially toward Akron's up-building and improvement. He was born August 4, 1882, in this city, of which his father, Hubert C. Peck, was also a native. The mother, Lydia (Clouner) Peck, was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and in 1853, when a child of six, came with her parents to Springfield Center, Ohio, where she was reared, educated and married. Shortly after their marriage they moved to



MELVILLE C. PECK



Akron. Hubert C. Peck followed the carpenter's trade here for a number of years and later became well known as a contractor, erecting many buildings in the city. His work was performed with thoroughness and skill and has stood the test of time. Death summoned him in 1910. His widow now resides in Springfield Center, in the house where she was reared. She has witnessed the growth of Akron from a small town to a large and thriving city. To Mr. and Mrs. Peck were born seven children, five of whom survive: Eugene C., who attained the rank of colonel during the World war and now resides in Macedonia, Ohio, having retired from active business a few years ago; and Mrs. W. H. Wert, Mrs. F. A. Palmer, Hubert C. Peck and Melville C. Peck, all of Akron.

In the public schools of the city the last named pursued his studies and afterward filled various positions. His first knowledge of architecture was gained in 1908 in the office of F. R. Moore, for whom he worked for six years, and advanced rapidly during that time. In 1914 he entered the profession independently, opening an office in Akron, and is now numbered among its prominent architects. He drew the plans for the residences of W. H. Collins, Joseph B. Sciber, Mrs. F. H. Stuart and Mrs. A. Masino and many others in Akron, and a number of stores and apartment buildings in this and other cities. Mr. Peck designed the Thomastown public school, the Springfield Center high school and others; the South Arlington Street Methodist Episcopal church, the Swedish Baptist church, the First United Brethren church and the First Church of God, all located in Akron; Calvary United Brethren church of Cleveland; the First Methodist Episcopal church and the First Reformed church of Shelby, Ohio, the Firstb Methodist Episcopal church of Kenmore, now under construction; was associate architect of Grace Reformed church of Akron; and was architect of The Times Press "Model Home" on West Exchange street. His work is of high character and manifests splendid adaptation to specific needs, combined with beauty in form and design.

Mr. Peck is connected with the official board of Grace Reformed church of Akron and conscientiously observes its teachings. He is one of the board of trustees of the Ohio Christian Endeavor Union and the International Society of Christian Endeavor of Boston. His Masonic affiliations are with Akron Lodge and Yusef Kahn Grotto, and he is also a member of the local Automobile Club. Mr. Peck is deeply interested in every-

thing that tends to raise the standards of his profession and promote the efficiency of its representatives. The exercise of effort has developed his latent powers and talents, and his labors have become outstanding features in the adornment of Akron and other cities of the state. Actuated by high ideals, Mr. Peck has utilized practical methods in their attainment, and his career has been conspicuously useful.

DANIEL H. LOREAU

A man of well balanced capacities and powers, Daniel H. Loreaux has won success as an educator and agriculturist and is widely and favorably known in Springfield township. He was born February 23, 1874, in Mount Eaton, Wayne county, Ohio, and was the second in order of birth of the seven children of Desire and Adeline (Graber) Loreaux. The others are: Emma, who is Mrs. John Ewart, of Akron; Ella, the wife of B. V. L. Wilson, a teacher in the South Akron high school; Maude, who married I. S. Lindquist and lives in Minneapolis, Minnesota; William D., who is connected with the city water works department of Flint, Michigan, and who has a wife and two children, a son and a daughter; and Blanche, who is the wife of Claude Ewart of East Akron and the mother of two sons.

Daniel H. Loreaux was a pupil in the public schools of Wayne county and taught several years in the rural schools of that county. Later he matriculated in Wooster University, now Wooster College, from which he was graduated in 1901. He was principal of the high school at Grafton, North Dakota, for two years and was then made superintendent of the schools of Cooperstown, that state, filling the position for five years. In 1908 he returned to Ohio and was principal of the Mogadore schools for two years and superintendent of the schools of Springfield township for five years, at the end of which time he retired from the profession. During his career as an instructor Mr. Loreaux kept in close touch with the latest developments along educational lines, and his work was productive of excellent results. He purchased of Samuel Mishler a tract of forty-eight acres one mile east of Ellet and there he has since engaged in general farming. His place is improved with good buildings and fences, and the land is rich and productive. The tasks of each day are carefully planned, and his farm is efficiently cultivated.

In August, 1924, Mr. Loreaux was married in Columbus, Ohio, to Miss Emma Tracy, a daughter of Noah and Eliza (Trichler) Tracy, of Adams county, this state. Mrs. Loreaux was formerly principal of the elementary grades in the Ohio State School for the Blind and now has charge of the Sawyerwood school, a position for which she is exceptionally well qualified.

Mr. Loreaux is a Mason, belonging to Adoniram Lodge of Akron, and is affiliated with the Presbyterian church of North Springfield. In politics he is a democrat, and he cooperates in all movements destined to prove of benefit to his community. His life has been upright and useful, and the respect accorded him is well deserved.

EDMUND S. JENKINS

Among the worthy and honored old citizens of Summit county stands Edmund S. Jenkins of Macedonia, who though past eighty years of age, is still taking an active interest in business and civic affairs. He is one of the rapidly diminishing number of those patriotic sons of the north who during the dark days of the early '60s laid aside all personal considerations and enlisted in defense of the country, enduring the hardships and dangers of war that the Union might be preserved, and today no citizen of the community stands higher than he in public confidence and regard.

Mr. Jenkins was born in Trumbull county, Ohio, on the 17th of November, 1847, a son of Calvin O. and Martha (Barnes) Jenkins, the latter of whom was a native of Connecticut. The father, who was of New England ancestry, died in about 1902 at the age of eighty-seven years. To these parents were born five children, Charles, Aaron, Chauncey, Edmund S., and Albert, of whom Edmund S., is the only survivor. He was but two and one-half years old at the time of his mother's death and was taken by Mrs. Lucy Wilcox Newcomb, who was the only mother he ever knew and gave to him a mother's care and protection. They lived in Brecksville, Ohio, and in the public schools of that locality he secured his educational training.

In 1863, when but sixteen years of age, Mr. Jenkins enlisted in the One Hundred and Seventy-seventh Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which he served until the close of the Civil war, taking part in twelve engagements. When hostilities ceased

he returned to Ohio, where he remained until 1868, when he went to McHenry county, Illinois, and engaged in farming. In 1871 he was married and in that year joined in the march westward, locating about eighty miles west of Lincoln, Nebraska, where he took up a homestead. Mr. Jenkins still possesses the original patent to that land, signed by President Grant. While there he took an active part in the organization of Clay county.

In 1876 Mr. Jenkins and his family returned to Ohio, locating in Macedonia township, Summit county, with which locality he has been identified continuously since. In 1896 he bought ninety acres of land, which is now owned and operated by his son Guy. He farmed that place successfully until 1905, when he moved into a new house which he had built in the village of Macedonia, and there he lived until the death of his wife, in July, 1925, since which time he has made his home on the farm with his son. Five years ago Mr. Jenkins, in partnership with his son Fred, embarked in the lumber business in Macedonia, carrying a large and complete line of lumber and dimension stuff, and they are now enjoying a good business.

On April 9, 1871, in McHenry county, Illinois, Mr. Jenkins was united in marriage to Miss Mary Morse, who was a member of an old New England family and had been teaching school in that county. To Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins were born five children, namely: Fred, a resident of Macedonia; Albert, who lives in Akron; Frank B.; Edward, deceased, and Guy.

Mr. Jenkins has always supported the republican party and recalls with pride the fact that in 1864, in company with his army comrades, he had the pleasure of voting for Abraham Lincoln for president. He has during all the years of his residence here consistently supported every measure of enterprise having for its object the advancement or betterment of the community. He served for a number of years as a member of the school board and held other township offices. It was largely through the efforts of Mr. Jenkins and his sons that Macedonia secured its present new high school building, which was dedicated January 7, 1928. He was instrumental in the organization of the village of Macedonia; served a number of years as a member of the council and was later mayor. He takes pride in every mark of progress in his locality, such as the new concrete Chicago to Philadelphia highway and the development of the village park, which was the gift of the mayor, Colonel E. C. Peck, in 1927. Mr. Jenkins is a member of Royal Dunham Post, G. A. R., and

is one of the two surviving members of the One Hundred and Seventy-seventh Ohio Regiment belonging to that post, his comrade being T. E. Mathews. Mrs. Jenkins was a member of the Women's Relief Corps and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. Mr. Jenkins attends the Methodist Episcopal church, in the welfare of which he has always shown a sincere interest. A man of kindly and generous spirit, a friend to all men and a useful and public-spirited resident of his community, he commands the affectionate regard of all who have been associated with him, while throughout the range of his acquaintance he is respected because of his long and worthy life and his estimable qualities of character.

CLARENCE C. KEMPEL

By virtue of his enterprise and ability Clarence C. Kempel has steadily advanced in the business world and is now active in the management of one of Akron's important industries. He was born July 14, 1891, in this city and is a son of Casper L. and Mary R. (Dunbeck) Kempel. The father, who was born in Summit county, Ohio, in 1854, died July 1, 1906, and the mother, a native of Pennsylvania, passed away April 5, 1915. For about twenty years the father conducted two meat markets in Akron.

Clarence C. Kempel was born on the old Park place, the first allotment platted in Akron, and received his early instruction in the city, afterward taking a three years' course in a preparatory ecclesiastical school of Baltimore, Maryland. He then returned home and entered the Peoples Savings & Trust Bank, an Akron institution, of which his father was one of the founders and officers. Later the First Trust & Savings Bank took over the business of the Peoples Savings & Trust Bank and thus created one of the largest and strongest moneyed institutions in the county. Clarence C. Kempel continued with this bank for a number of years, filling a responsible position, and he is still one of its stockholders. In 1917 he became connected with the Rohner Paper Company of Akron and is now serving as treasurer of the corporation, an office for which he is well qualified owing to his financial experience and business acumen. He is also a director of the Merit Realty Company of Akron.

Mr. Kempel was married July 2, 1914, in Akron to Miss Emma A. Rohner, a native of the city and a talented musician.

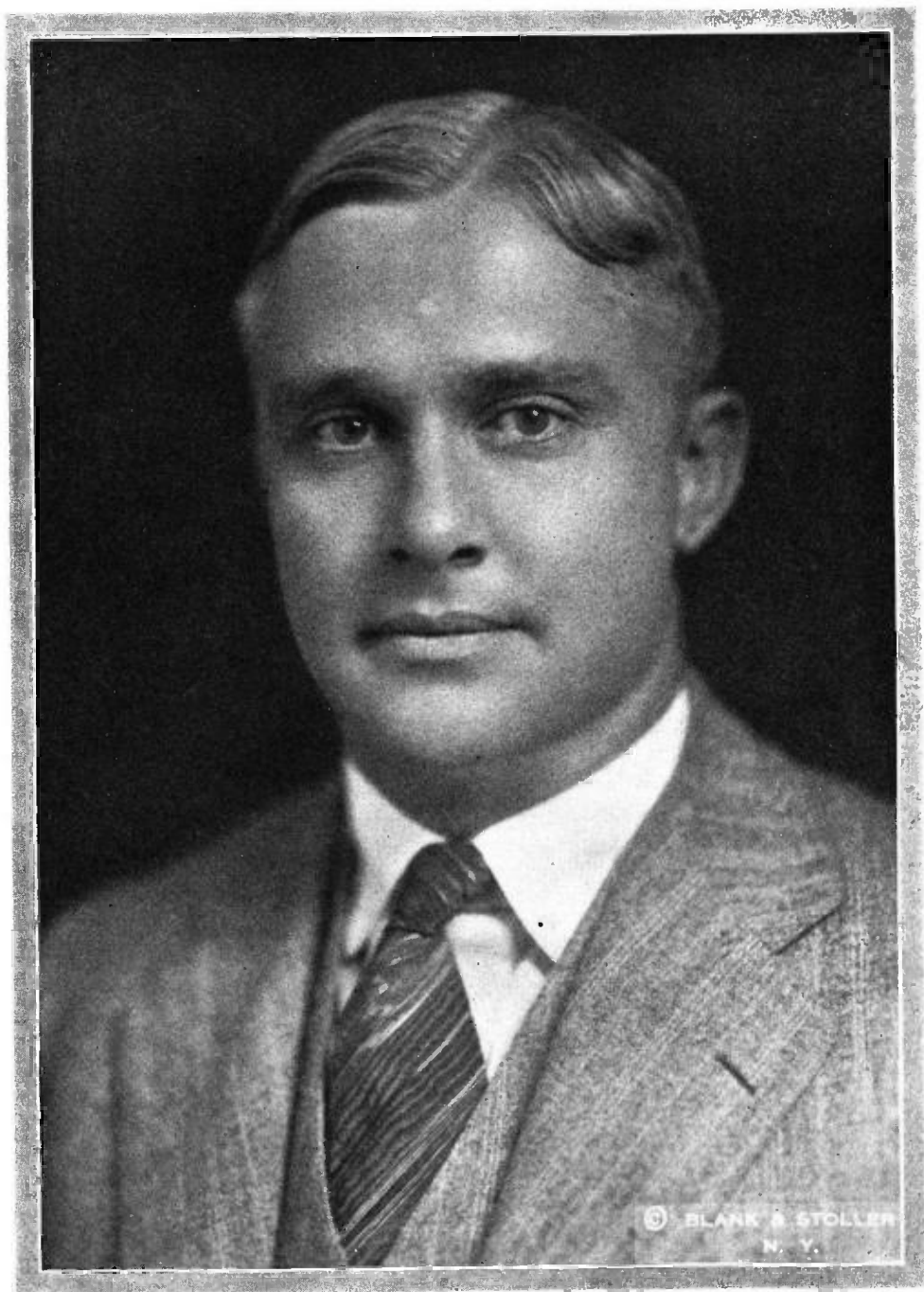
Her father, Joseph A. Rohner, was born near Lake Constance in Austria and has lived in Akron from the age of twelve years. Her mother, Louise Katherine (Senghas) Rohner, was born in Richfield, Ohio, and is of German lineage. Mr. and Mrs. Kempel became the parents of six children but their daughter Rita died at the age of two years. The other children are Clarence Norman, Mary Louise, Richard Rohner, Emma Ruth and David Carroll.

In 1920 Mr. and Mrs. Kempel removed to Stow and have since resided in a fine home on the Stow-Cleveland road. They are faithful communicants of St. Martha's Catholic church, and Mr. Kempel is a Knight of Columbus and belongs to the Knights of Columbus Luncheon Club of Akron. He was the first president of the Stow Civic Association, serving for two years, and he also had charge of welfare work in this locality. His sympathies are with the unfortunate and oppressed, and his heart responds readily to the call of the needy. He is a young man of high ideals, and the respect accorded him is well deserved.

CLIFTON SLUSSER

Clifton Slusser, one of the well known officials of the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, has been identified with the rubber industry almost from the outset of his business career. He was born May 2, 1892, in West Brookfield, Ohio, a son of Robert and Anna (Brooks) Slusser, also natives of the Buckeye state. Robert Slusser was a glass blower, following that trade until his work was supplanted by modern machinery, and he then turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. In 1910 he sold his farm in Ohio and located in Missoula, Montana, where he has since resided, devoting his energies to the lumber business. Mr. and Mrs. Slusser have a son and daughter; Mrs. Beryl Fisher, who is living in Tererro, New Mexico; and Clifton.

Clifton Slusser was reared in West Brookfield, Ohio, and attended the public schools of that city; later was graduated from the Actual Business College in Akron and subsequently was a teacher in the night school of that institution. During this period he acquired his first knowledge of the rubber business as an employe of the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, where he worked for about three years. He was for a time connected with John Crisp & Sons, a firm which has since gone out of busi-



CLIFTON SLUSSER

ness; then entered the employ of the J. P. Loomis Coal & Supply Company, where he remained until 1910. In that year Mr. Slusser began his identification with the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, which has continued without interruption until the present time. He worked in every department of the plant and after three years of intensive effort completed the factory course. His advancements have come as the recognition of work well done and his capacity for assuming greater burdens and responsibilities. In 1926 he was elected vice president of the corporation, becoming plant manager, and is also vice president and a director of the various subsidiaries of the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company. Mr. Slusser combines a technical knowledge of the rubber industry with the foresight and resourcefulness of the able executive, and his services represent his best energies through more than eighteen years for the success of the corporation. Among his other business interests he is president of Industrians Savings & Loan Company of Akron.

Mr. Slusser was married November 2, 1914, in Massillon, Ohio, to Miss Helen Houriet, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Houriet and a member of one of the pioneer families of that city. Mr. and Mrs. Slusser have a son, Robert Paul, who was born January 1, 1924, in Akron. Mr. Slusser is well known in club circles, being a member of the Portage Country, the Akron City and the Akron Automobile Clubs and also belongs to the Akron Chamber of Commerce. In Masonry he has taken the thirty-second degree; is identified with the York and Scottish Rites and belongs to Tadmor Temple of the Mystic Shrine. He is one of trustees of the Young Men's Christian Association.

Mr. Slusser is a man of well balanced capacities and powers, whose native ability and even paced energy have carried him steadily forward to a position of prominence in his field of activity. He is numbered among Akron's best citizenship and is able to count among his personal friends the representative and worthwhile people of the city. His residence is at 900 Merriman road.

FRANCIS HANMER WRIGHT

During the greater portion of his life Francis H. Wright has followed mechanical pursuits, steadily advancing in business affairs. He has always resided in Tallmadge, which numbers him among its loyal sons. He was born September 6, 1868, and

represents the third generation of the family in this community, of which his father, Francis H. Wright, Sr., was also a native. The grandfather, who likewise bore the name of Francis H. Wright, was born in Connecticut and in early life came to the Western Reserve of Ohio. His son and namesake enlisted in the One Hundred and Sixty-fourth Regiment of Ohio Volunteer Infantry soon after the outbreak of the Civil war, winning the commission of first lieutenant, and the father also saw military service. The son was a member of the school board of Tallmadge and a trustee of the Congregational church, filling the latter office for many years. He was an influential factor for good in the community, and his death in 1914 was deeply regretted. His wife, Harriet (Kilbourn) Wright, was born in Akron, Ohio, and was also of New England stock.

Their son, Francis H. Wright (III), was graduated from the Tallmadge high school in 1887 and engaged in farming for a few years. In Akron he learned the machinist's trade and entered the employ of the International Harvester Company, with which he spent many years, acquiring the skill of an expert. At the time of its organization he became connected with the Twin Coach Company of Kent, Ohio, and is still in the service of the firm. His position is one of large responsibility, and his duties are discharged with efficiency and conscientiousness.

Mr. Wright was married September 6, 1889, in Tallmadge to Miss Frances A. Parmelee, who was born here and previous to her marriage had been a teacher in the public schools of Wisconsin. Her parents were Charles and Martha (Hall) Parmelee, the latter a native of Oberlin, Ohio. Mrs. Wright, who was a devoted wife and mother, passed away February 2, 1920, in the faith of the Congregational church. To Mr. and Mrs. Wright were born five children: Julia, who died in September, 1919; Geneva, who is the wife of Ernest Atwood, of Tallmadge, and has three children, Walter, Jeannette and Howard; Kathryn, who is Mrs. Glenn Gould, of Akron, and has two daughters, Martha and Josephine; Dorothy, the wife of Edward Yontz of Tampa, Florida, and the mother of three children, Phyllis, James and William; and Francis H., who is in the employ of the Goodrich Rubber Company of Akron and lives at Home.

Mr. Wright's second union was with Mrs. Lauretta (Treat) Hoff, to whom he was married in Tallmadge, August 26, 1921. She was born in that village and is of New England ancestry. Their attractive home was erected in 1923 and is situated on the

Akron road. They are members of the Congregational church and for a number of years Mr. Wright was one of its trustees. In politics he is a stalwart republican. The progress of his community is a matter in which he takes much personal pride, and his genuine worth is attested by a large circle of steadfast friends who have known him from boyhood.

MARVIN T. STETLER

An enterprising realtor, Marvin T. Stetler is a live factor in business circles of Akron and also figures prominently in financial and public affairs. He was born May 23, 1871, in Green township and represents the third generation of the family in Summit county. He is the sixth in line of descent from John Stetler, who was a native of Germany and became one of the early settlers of New Amsterdam, now New York city. His son, Conrad Stetler, lived for a time in New Jersey, where he was married, and afterwards went with his family to Pennsylvania. As the years passed he became one of the wealthy farmers of Union county, owning many acres of fertile land in the heart of Dry valley. He was the father of John Stetler (II), who was born in 1792 and married Elizabeth Roughert, a daughter of Anthony Roughert, who was a native of Bucks county, Pennsylvania. John Stetler (II) gave his political support to the whig party and was active in religious affairs. His demise occurred on September 9, 1868, and his wife passed away in October, 1876. They were the parents of nine children: William, Daniel, Mary, John, Isaac, Charles, Thomas, Andrew and Elizabeth.

William Stetler, the eldest son, was born in Union county, Pennsylvania, October 10, 1816, and received his education in the district schools of that locality. His boyhood was spent on the home farm and at the age of fifteen he began his independent career, working for a number of years on public dams on the Susquehanna river. In 1846 he was made superintendent of wood work on the dams, filling the position for two years, and in the fall of 1848 started for Summit county, Ohio. He made the journey in a covered wagon, crossing the mountains and going by way of Pittsburgh. In Green township he developed a valuable farm, which he cultivated until 1891, and then went to Stark county, Ohio. On November 2, 1838, he had married Salome Reichley, a native of Union county, Pennsylvania, and a daughter of William and Mary (Sausaman) Reichley. Her par-

ents were among the pioneer settlers of the Keystone state, and her father served in the War of 1812. Mrs. Stetler died in February, 1904, when eighty-nine years of age, and her husband spent the closing years of his life with his son, James A., passing away at the advanced age of ninety-two.

James A. Stetler, an only child, was born in Union county, Pennsylvania, May 5, 1840, and when a boy of eight came with the family to Summit county. His early education was obtained in the rural schools of Green township, and his studies were completed in a select school. For a number of years he remained on the homestead and then started out in life for himself. His industry and ability placed him with the leading agriculturists of Green township, and his public spirit was expressed by actual achievements for the general good. He filled various township offices and belonged to the Apollo Lodge of Odd Fellows, which he joined at Akron. James A. Stetler was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and shaped his conduct by its teachings. On September 2, 1860, he married Miss Lovina Koons, who was born in Columbia county, Pennsylvania, November 29, 1841. Her parents, Henry and Esther (Rough) Koons, were also natives of the Keystone state and migrated to Ohio, residing for many years on a productive farm in Norton township, Summit county. To Mr. and Mrs. James A. Stetler were born four children. William H., the eldest, lives at North Hill, Akron. He married Miss Rose B. Haggerty, by whom he has three children: James R., Harry and Lucille. Charles E. married Miss Ada Rhodes and they are now residing in St. Louis, Missouri. Marvin T. is the third in order of birth. Clarence O., the youngest son, married Miss Minnie Harmon, who passed away June 2, 1922, leaving two children, James H. and Mildred. The father, James A. Stetler, died June 26, 1922, and the mother passed away in March, 1915.

Marvin T. Stetler was a boy of eight when the family came to Springfield Center, Ohio, and here he obtained his early instruction, afterward attending the Uniontown high school. He followed the occupation of farming until he reached the age of twenty-nine and then became a traveling salesman, filling that position for four years. During 1904 he was in Virginia, at which time he was connected with the lumber industry, and in 1905 went to Kansas City, Missouri. There he conducted a ladies' tailoring establishment for about eight years but in 1913 returned to Springfield Center. For several years he was an in-

spector for the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company of Akron and in 1916 entered the real estate field, in which he has since continued. Having an intimate knowledge of the value of local property, he is well qualified to direct the investments of his clients and has negotiated many important deals. Mr. Stetler has studied the question from the standpoint of the purchaser as well as that of the man who handles property, and a large and constantly increasing business is evidence of the confidence reposed in his ability and honesty. He also has a thorough understanding of financial affairs and is secretary and a director of the Security Savings Bank, one of the substantial moneyed institutions of Akron.

Mr. Stetler was married January 7, 1890, in Mogadore, Ohio, to Miss Maud L. Morton, a native of that place. Her parents were Oscar A. and Jennie (Manges) Morton, the former of English descent and a son of Samuel Morton, who drove by ox team from Connecticut to Ohio, casting in his lot with the early settlers of Summit county. Oscar A. Morton, is now living retired at Mogadore. His wife passed away August 3, 1918. She was a native of Bedford, Pennsylvania, and of German and Irish ancestry. To Mr. and Mrs. Stetler were born two sons. Warren A., the elder, is an expert electrician and lives in Springfield Center. He married Miss Iris Modroo, of Uniontown, Ohio, and they have two children, Juanita and Dale. Russell E. enlisted in May, 1918, joining the Twenty-seventh Company of Ohio Infantry. On the 21st of the following July he was sent overseas; landed in England, August 3, and reached France on the 10th of that month. Later he was attached to the One Hundred and Sixteenth Field Signal Battalion of the American Expeditionary Force. His next assignment was with Headquarters Company of the Sixth Army Corps and subsequently he was made corporal of Company C, connected with the Field Signal Bureau of the Third Army Corps. He was at Coblenz when the armistice was signed and was afterward in Germany with the Army of Occupation. After the war he married Miss Thelma Ackerman, of Wooster, Ohio, and they now have three children, Virginia Clare, Keith Russell and Dorothy Corinne.

Mr. Stetler is a member of Henry Perkins Lodge, No. 611 F. & A. M.; Washington Chapter, No. 25, R. A. M.; Akron Council, No. 80, R. & S. M.; Bethany Commandery, No. 72, K. T.; Valley of Cleveland Consistory, A. A. S. R.; Tadmor Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; and Yusef Khan Grotto, M. O. V. P. E. R. He is

also a member of Akron Aerie, No. 555, of the Fraternal Order of Eagles; a past noble grand of Akron Lodge, No. 61, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; a member of Akron Encampment, No. 18, of which he is a past chief patriarch; and a member of Akron Canton, No. 2. Mrs. Stetler belongs to Colfax Lodge, No. 8, of the Daughters of Rebekah; Corona No. 2; Elva Chapter, No. 304, of the Eastern Star; Bethany Shrine, No. 7; Favorite Review, No. 164, of the Woman's Benefit Association; the Woman's Club of Akron; and the Summit County Federation of Women's Clubs. They are prominent in social circles of Akron, in sympathy with all worthy public projects, and their many admirable qualities of mind and heart have drawn to them a wide circle of steadfast friends.

CHARLES ISAIAH PARLETT

Charles Isaiah Parlett, attorney at law, practicing in Akron, was born in Mount Pleasant, Jefferson county, Ohio, June 11, 1880. His parents, Isaiah and Jane (De Yarmon) Parlett, were also natives of this state, always residing in Jefferson county, where the father devoted his entire active life to the occupation of farming. He passed away in 1898, at the age of fifty-six years, while his wife survived him for almost a quarter of a century, dying in 1922 at the age of seventy-six. They were parents of seven children, of whom six are yet living: Charles I., of this review; William S., who is a resident of Mount Pleasant, Ohio; David E., of Toledo, this state; Ralph E., living in Houston, Texas; Mrs. Lou Brown, who makes her home at Adena, Ohio; and Mrs. Minnie Yost, a resident of Toledo, Ohio.

When a little lad of six years Charles I. Parlett entered the primary grade of the Mount Pleasant school and had completed the entire course of the public school system at the age of seventeen. He then started out to provide for his own support, becoming connected with railroad work in a clerical capacity. He was later made claim adjuster for The Wheeling & Lake Erie Railroad and continued in that position for five years but in the meantime had become interested in the science of law and resolved to qualify for practice in that professional field. In preparation therefor he entered the law office of George T. Bauder of Cleveland, Ohio, under whose direction he pursued his reading until admitted to the bar in June, 1924. He opened an office and



CHARLES I. PARLETT

began practice in Akron, but continued his Cleveland connection also. He belongs to the Cleveland Bar Association and the Ohio State Bar Association and most closely follows the ethical standards of the profession.

Mr. Parlett chose as his life companion one who had been born and reared in his native city, for on the 8th of July, 1900, he wedded Miss Roxie D. Coss, of Mount Pleasant, Ohio, a daughter of Alfred Coss. They have a family of four children: Mildred, who was born in Jefferson county in 1902 and is a graduate of the Lakewood high school, is now the wife of Lawrence Walchlie, and resides in Lakewood, Ohio. Clyde A., who was born in Jefferson county in 1904, also completed a course in the Lakewood high school and three years at Ohio Wesleyan; Charles Edgar, who was born in 1906, is a student in the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, Ohio. Bruce Alfred, who was born in 1908, was graduated from the Lakewood high school, and is now a student in Cornell University.

Mr. and Mrs. Parlett reside in their home at 13441 Emerson avenue, Lakewood, Ohio. They hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church there and loyally follow its teachings. He is a Scottish Rite Mason, having attained the thirty-second degree.

FRANK PFEIFFER

As an enterprising agriculturist, Frank Pfeiffer contributed toward the development and utilization of the natural resources of northeastern Ohio and is now enjoying the reward of a well spent life. He was born in a log house on a farm on the Merri-man road, Portage township, (now Akron) November 3, 1860, the only child of George Frederick and Catharine (Grohe) Pfeiffer, both natives of Germany. The father was born January 17, 1829, in Oldenburg and came to the United States in 1848, crossing the Atlantic Ocean on a sailboat which required forty-eight days to make the trip. Landing in New York he started on foot on his journey westward. Owing to his limited means he was obliged to secure work for short intervals to help him on his way. From Cleveland he walked to Akron and arriving late in the afternoon he inquired for work at the home of John Brown (of Harper's Ferry fame) who lived on Perkins Hill, but not in need of any help and noting his tired condition Mr. Brown invited him

to stay for supper, and he gladly accepted, it being his first meal in Summit county. Securing work in Akron he remained there until after his marriage in 1854 to Catharine Grohe, who was born near Manheim on the Rhine April 23, 1829, and came to the United States in 1852, first locating at Randolph, Portage county, and later at Akron. In 1862 he rented a farm at Western Star, beginning his life's ambition—agriculture. After four years he purchased a farm of sixty-one acres in Sharon township, Medina county, which he sold in 1874, later purchasing a farm of eighty-five acres north of Akron in Portage township, which he sold in 1887, and purchased a farm of one hundred and eighty-one acres at Uniontown, Stark county, Ohio, where he spent the remainder of his life. His demise occurred September 3, 1908. Mrs. Pfeiffer thereafter made her home with her son until her demise April 1, 1918.

Frank Pfeiffer remained with his parents until after his marriage. In the acquirement of an education he completed the public school course and then spent two years at Buchtel College. Starting out in life for himself he decided to follow the occupation to which he had been reared and for some years operated his father's farm near Akron. In 1887 he moved his family to his father's farm at Uniontown, Stark county, and continued to operate the same for eighteen years, and was recognized as one of the leading agriculturists and prominent citizens of Stark county. In 1899 he purchased one hundred and thirty-seven acres of land on the Mogadore road near Akron and three years later purchased another tract of land along the Canton road, adjoining the first purchase. In 1905 he retired and erected a fine modern home, on spacious grounds beautified with an abundance of shrubbery and trees, both ornamental and fruit, on the Canton road, now known as 2401 East Market street.

Mr. Pfeiffer was married October 8, 1885, in Akron to Miss Lydia M. Hawk, who was born August 24, 1866, in Suffield township, Portage county. Her father, Michael Hawk, was a native of Germany, born September 25, 1834, and came to the United States with his parents in 1839. His parents came to Suffield township, where he grew up to manhood. In 1869 he purchased one hundred and forty-four acres in Tallmadge township, now known as Goodyear Heights. In 1911 he sold the farm and retired, purchasing two acres of land on the Canton road, upon which he erected a modern home. Her mother, Albertina (Bletzer) Hawk, a native of Germany, was born March 23, 1841, and

at the age of fourteen years came to the United States and on July 3, 1859, was united in marriage to Michael Hawk, to whom one son, Albert, and two daughters, Salinda and Lydia Margaret, were born. Albert and Salinda are now deceased. Mrs. Hawk's demise occurred May 24, 1893. Mr. Hawk, seven years later, contracted a marriage with Sara Mumaw. His death occurred March 29, 1920.

Mr. and Mrs. Pfeiffer have three children: George Frederick, born August 28, 1886, was the eldest, graduated from the Uniontown high school and also from Ohio Northern University. He is now and for a number of years has been in the Summit county engineers office as bridge engineer, designing and supervising bridge construction for the county. He married Miss Clara E. Packer, who is also a graduate of Ohio Northern University, and they are the parents of three children: Paul Orin, Earl Forest and George Frederick. They reside in their fine modern home at 2415 East Market street.

Raymond Arthur, born August 28, 1890, after graduating from Buchtel Academy and Actual Business College, engaged in bookkeeping for several years but later turned his attention to surveying. During the World war he entered the service of his country in May, 1918, joining Company G of the One Hundred and Thirty-second Regiment, Thirty-third Division, Illinois. While in France he participated in the Meuse-Argonne drive, taking active part in some very spirited action in the offensive near Verdun. After the armistice the division was sent into Germany with the Army of Occupation but later returned to Luxemburg. He returned with the Division in May and was honorably discharged May 28, 1919. On his return he again followed his chosen profession.

Clara May, the youngest child, born November 30, 1892, was united in marriage to Loyal H. Slee soon after his return from the World war. He was attached to the First Division, United States troops and experienced some very desperate action on the front lines, especially in front of Verdun. After the Armistice the Division was sent with the Army of Occupation to Coblenz on the Rhine river, where they remained until the following September, when they returned to the United States. Mr. Slee received his honorable discharge in September, 1919. After his return he again resumed his work in the office of The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company. Mr. and Mrs. Slee reside in their fine modern

home at 29 Tudor avenue. They are the parents of three children; Walter Franklin, Glen Howard and Pauline Margaret.

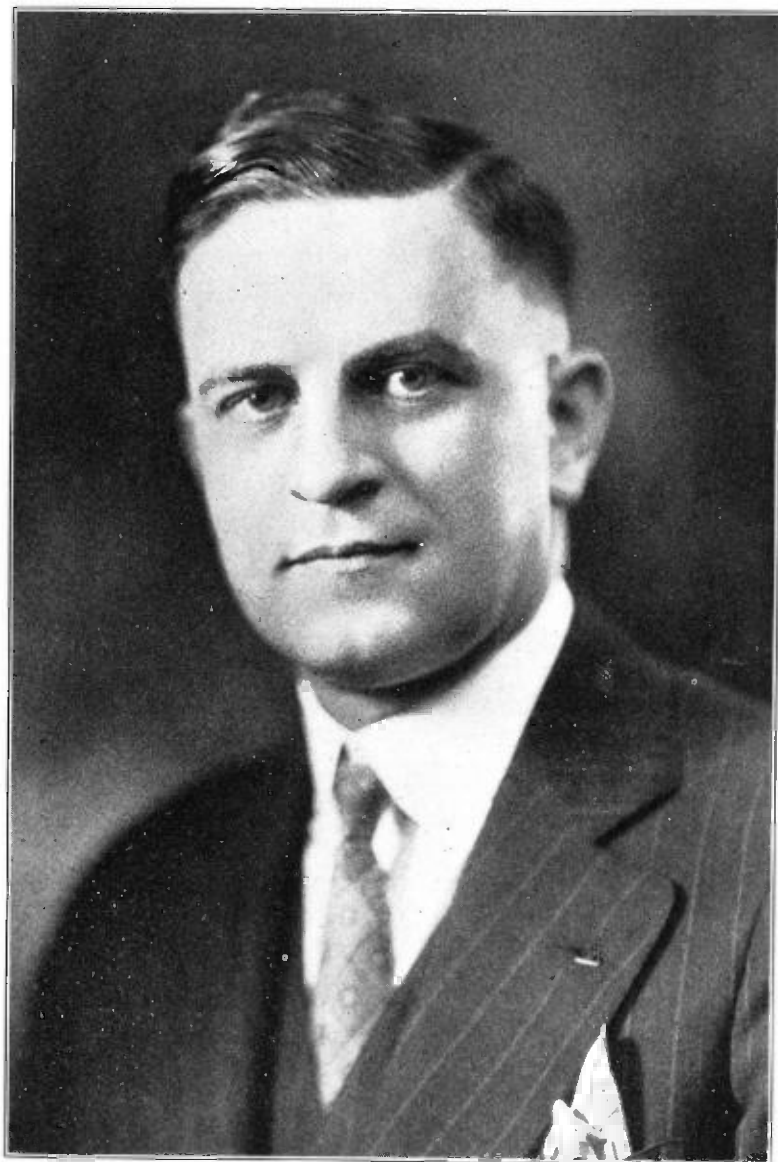
Although never aspiring for office Mr. Pfeiffer, while living in Stark county, was elected a justice of the peace and township treasurer for two terms, also served six years as treasurer and director on the board of the Uniontown special school, and for many years was a notary public in both Stark and Summit counties. He was also elected township trustee in Springfield township, Summit county, and has also been connected with and served on the directorate in various business enterprises of this locality for years. Mr. and Mrs. Pfeiffer are members of the First Reformed church, Akron, and he is a member of the consistory as an elder and contributes liberally to the support of the church. His public service has been demonstrated by honest and efficient service for the general good, and an exemplary life has won for him the unqualified esteem of his fellowmen.

Mr. Pfeiffer does not attribute his success in life alone to his efforts but shares it with his wife, who has been ever faithful, energetic and a willing helpmate.

DERWIN DWOID DANIELS, M. D.

An able physician and surgeon, Dr. Derwin Dwoid Daniels is well established in his profession, which he has followed in Akron for a period of thirteen years, and he also manifests a deep interest in matters touching the welfare and progress of the city. He was born May 5, 1890, in Democracy, Ohio, and is a son of Joseph Elmer and Ardella Frances (Nichols) Daniels, natives of the same locality. The father was an agriculturist and used the most effective methods in the cultivation of his land, developing one of the valuable farms of Knox county, Ohio. Death summoned him in 1910 but the mother survives. She has three children: Derwin D., Gale and John L. Daniels.

Dr. Derwin D. Daniels obtained his early instruction at Fredericktown, Ohio, and later attended the Mount Vernon high school. For two years he was a teacher in the rural schools of Wayne township, Knox county, and afterward matriculated in Ohio State University, from which he received the M. D. degree in 1914. During the following year he was an interne in the City Hospital of Cleveland, Ohio, and on November 22, 1915, located in Akron. In the intervening period he has established a large



DR. DERWIN D. DANIELS

practice and is a member of the medical staff of the Peoples Hospital of Akron. He has taken postgraduate courses in Boston and other large cities of the United States and utilizes his scientific knowledge to the best advantage in his efforts to combat disease.

On the 3d of January, 1914, Dr. Daniels was married in Mount Vernon, Ohio, to Miss Cora P. Colgin, a daughter of John and Elizabeth Colgin, residents of Howard, this state. Dr. and Mrs. Daniels have become the parents of a son, Ralph Weber, who was born March 28, 1917, in Akron and is attending the Rankin school. Dr. Daniels' residence is at 497 Sunset View drive. A thirty-second degree Mason, Dr. Daniels is identified with both the York and Scottish Rites and in his life exemplifies the beneficent teachings of the order. He is also a Shriner and belongs to the Masonic and Automobile Clubs and the East Akron Board of Trade. His religious opinions are in harmony with the doctrines of Grace Methodist Episcopal church and his professional affiliations are with the Summit County and Ohio State Medical Societies, the Cleveland Academy of Medicine and the American Medical Association. Studious by nature, Mr. Daniels is constantly widening his field of usefulness and his fellow practitioners and the general public unite in bearing testimony as to his worth.

LOUIS K. SCHWARTZ

Concentrating his energies upon a definite objective, in the attainment of which he has exercised intelligence and good judgment, Louis K. Schwartz has become a successful furrier and one of Akron's prominent business men and influential citizens. A native of Austria, he was born April 8, 1877, and was a boy of ten when his parents, Jacob and Mary (Stremple) Schwartz, came with their family to the United States. They settled in Cleveland, where the father spent the remainder of his life, and the mother is still a resident of the city. They had six children, three of whom survive: Mrs. L. Faflick and Mrs. Emma Kulow, who live in Cleveland, Ohio; and Louis K.

The son attended the public schools of Cleveland and in 1892, when a youth of fifteen, entered the employ of a well known furrier of that city. Mr. Schwartz remained with him for a number of years, gradually assuming heavier responsibilities,

and in 1910 started out for himself. Selecting Akron as the scene of his activities, he began the manufacture of fur garments and prospered from the beginning. A forceful executive as well as an expert furrier, he has built up one of the largest and most efficiently operated institutions of the kind in the city. He is also a director of the Columbia Printing Company of Akron.

Mr. Schwartz was married, November 24, 1899, in Cleveland to Miss Mary Bistike, by whom he has four daughters. Rose, the eldest, was born in Cleveland in 1900 and completed her studies in the high school at Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. Florence, born in Cleveland in 1902, is the wife of M. C. Cummins of Akron and the mother of a son, Jerome Cummins. The younger children of Mr. and Mrs. Schwartz are: Cecelia, who was born in Cleveland in 1907 and is a graduate of the Cuyahoga Falls high school; and Marie, who was born in Cuyahoga Falls in 1911 and pursued her studies in Our Lady of the Elms School.

Mr. Schwartz is second vice president of the Liedertafel of Akron and has long been active in the affairs of that organization. He is a business man of high standing and loyally supports all movements for the growth and betterment of the city with which his interests are allied. From an early age he has been self-supporting, and his success is the merited reward of an upright life of well directed industry.

WALTER FRANKLIN KIRN

Among those who have seen Akron develop from a town of a few thousand inhabitants to a city of metropolitan proportions is Walter F. Kirn, who for forty years has been engaged in the plumbing business here and who at all times has stood for those projects and measures which have looked to the further improvement and upbuilding of this section. While he has conducted a successful business, he has at the same time found opportunity to cooperate in public affairs and is now doing effective service as a member of the school board.

Akron numbers him among her native sons, his birth having here occurred November 22, 1868. His parents were John M. and Katherine (Angne) Kirn, who were natives of Germany and in early life came to the new world. The father, at one



WALTER F. KIRN

time a member of the board of education, conducted a building and contracting business in Akron to the time of his death, which occurred in 1878. The mother survived until June 2, 1895. In their family were nine children, but only five are yet living: Walter F.; Oscar C., a resident of Chicago; Martin J., living in Peterboro, Ontario; and Mary and Mrs. Susan L. Norris, both of Akron.

In his youthful days Walter F. Kirn attended the public schools of this city, being graduated from the high school in 1886, after which he became a student in Hammel's Business College. In January, 1888, he began learning the plumbing and heating business as an employe of John Robb, one of the pioneer plumbers of Akron and at that time proprietor of one of the only two plumbing shops in the city. In the spring of 1891 the death of his employer, followed by liquidation of the business, necessitated new connections and employment was found with Kraus & Oberlin, continuing with them until the dissolution of that firm in 1896. Mr. Kirn then entered into the partnership of Kraus, Kirn & Company, which was later incorporated as The Kraus-Kirn Company. For seventeen years he acted as secretary and treasurer of the corporation. Constant association since their employment by Mr. Robb culminated in 1913 in a partnership between Mr. Kirn and John H. Shuman, a man of exceptional mechanical ability and fine personality. The remarkable friendship of these two men endured for a period of thirty-six years and was brought to a close through the accidental death of Mr. Shuman in 1924. Mr. Kirn afterward took over his partner's interest in the business and is now sole proprietor, although still carrying on the business under the old firm style of the Kirn & Shuman Plumbing & Heating Company. For many years he has enjoyed a very liberal patronage, having installed the plumbing in some of the finest structures, both business and residential, of Akron. He has lived to witness a remarkable change in plumbing methods. When he began learning the business the old-fashioned built-in copper bath tubs, marble washstands and black cast iron sinks were in use. Today modern fixtures and installation are highly specialized. Everywhere there is effort to secure better sanitation and greater convenience, and old equipment has been rapidly replaced by that of the most modern character. Mr. Kirn also conducts a heating as well as a plumbing business, installing modern steam, hot water, vapor and vacuum systems in all types of buildings. He has ever kept abreast with

the trend of the times and has long occupied a position among the foremost representatives of the plumbing business in Akron. As the years have passed he has also extended his efforts into other fields and his sound business judgment is regarded as a valuable factor in the attainment of success. Among his other business interests he is a director of the Standard Savings Bank of Akron and one of the organizers and vice president of The Portage Savings & Loan Company and president of the Rubber City Realty Company. He is serving on the board of the plumbing and heating examiners and there are few men so able to speak with authority upon any question having to do with plumbing or the installation of modern heating systems. He was state president for two terms of the Ohio State Association of Master Plumbers and served on the board of directors of the National Association of Master Plumbers, and for a number of years has been treasurer of the Akron Master Plumbers Association.

On the 21st of February, 1905, Mr. Kirn was married to Miss Gertrude E. Haggerty, of Akron, a daughter of Horace G. Haggerty, of a prominent family of this city. They have two sons and a daughter, all born in Akron: Walter N., who was born February 27, 1906, and is now a student in the University of Akron; Theodore Ivan, who was born August 23, 1907, and is a high school student; and Dorothy E., who was born February 18, 1911, and is also attending high school. Mrs. Kirn is active in the local and state Ladies Auxiliary of the Master Plumbers Association, the Women's City Club, Federation of Women's Clubs, Home and School League and Federation Garden Club.

Mr. Kirn is widely and favorably known through various relations outside of business. He was one of the organizers of the Home Guards; one of the organizers and president of the Spicertown Civic Association; one of the organizers and president of the Summit County Health Protective Society, which pioneered in anti-tuberculosis work; one of the organizers of Akron's first children's playground, which movement has grown into an established institution. He was chairman of the county Fair Price Commission, acting on behalf of the government. Appreciative of the social amenities of life Mr. Kirn is well known in club circles being a member and a director of the Akron Automobile Club; a member of the Portage Fish and Game Association; a member of the Akron Chapter Izaak Walton League; member of the Ohio & Pennsylvania Rod & Gun Club, of which he has been president; member of the Congress Lake Country Club; mem-

ber of the Luna Lake Club; member of the Wild Flower Preservation Society; the Akron Launch Club, of which he has been commodore; member of the Akron Chamber of Commerce and the Akron Builders Exchange. In his fraternal connections he is past chancellor commander of Aetolia Lodge No. 24, Knights of Pythias, and a member of Nemo Lodge No. 746, I. O. O. F. His interest in the public welfare has been manifest in many tangible ways. He is now serving on the Akron board of education and is a stalwart champion of the public school system and popular education. He has served on both city charter commissions. The spirit of progress has actuated him at every point in his career and he has made steady advance, winning for himself the good will and high regard of those with whom business or social relations have brought him into active association. A man of well balanced capacities and powers, whose sound judgment and straightforward business methods have carried him steadily forward to an outstanding position in his field of activity, he is not only regarded as an excellent type of Akron's very best citizenship but also one of the city's strong and able business men.

Mr. Kirn's residence at southwest corner of East Exchange street and Kirn street, was erected by him in 1906 and stands on the site of the old Kirn homestead where he was born and which has been in the possession of the family since 1841.

HUGH U. GARDNER

Hugh U. Gardner has long been an active figure in the business and financial affairs of Kenmore and has proven a man of discriminating judgment in practical matters. He has also borne his full part in civic affairs and has contributed to the advancement of the community's welfare. Mr. Gardner was born on a farm in Knox county, Ohio, on the 12th of October, 1888, and is a son of John and Mary (Breckler) Gardner. He attended the public schools of Danville, Ohio, and after graduating from high school began work as a clerk in a retail store in that city, where he remained five years. He then engaged in real estate and insurance business there until January 1, 1914, when he came to Kenmore, where he is still interested in the same line of work, and for a time was employed as bookkeeper and secretary for W. A. Peters, dealer in builders' supplies. In 1918 Mr. Gardner moved his office to the Kenmore Bank building and became

a member of the board of directors of that bank and a member of the finance committee in addition to being engaged in the insurance and real estate business with much success. He represents a number of the leading insurance companies of this country and has placed a large amount of business throughout this section of the county. In 1920 Mr. Gardner organized the Kenmore Investment Company, with an authorized capital of one hundred thousand dollars, and was elected its secretary and treasurer, which positions he is still filling.

On August 15, 1915, Mr. Gardner was united in marriage to Miss Mary C. Rice, of Danville, Ohio, a daughter of the late C. M. Rice, who was a prominent attorney and influential citizen of that locality. To Mr. and Mrs. Gardner has been born a daughter, Mary O.

In his political views Mr. Gardner is a democrat, and he has shown a commendable interest in public affairs. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus, the Brookside Country Club and the Kenmore Chamber of Commerce, and is vice chairman of the executive committee of the Boy Scouts of Kenmore. His religious membership is with the Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic church, and he gives generous support to every worthy benevolent cause, no measure for the benefit of his community appealing to him in vain. Personally he is a cordial and friendly man, and throughout the range of his acquaintance he is deservedly held in the highest regard.

HARRY E. WOODWARD, D. O.

Osteopathy has become firmly established as an effective method of combatting human ailments and is gaining in public favor from year to year. Among the most successful practitioners of this system in Summit county is Dr. Harry E. Woodward, who has been a resident of Kenmore for the past ten years and has built up a large and remunerative practice.

The Doctor was born at Braceville, Trumbull county, Ohio, on the 14th of January, 1876, and is a son of Almon G. and Mary (Walker) Woodward, the latter of whom is deceased. In the family were six children, four sons and two daughters. Harry E. Woodward secured his early education in the grade schools and attended the medical department of Hiram College. He then entered the Des Moines Still College of Osteopathy, Iowa, from



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which he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Osteopathy in 1916. He first located in Worcester, Massachusetts, where he practiced for about a year. In 1917 he passed the examination before the Ohio state medical board, from which he received a license to practice in this state and also did postgraduate work at that time. In March, 1918, Dr. Woodward came to Kenmore and has since been actively engaged in the practice of his profession, having gained a flattering reputation as a skilled and capable osteopath.

On December 24, 1906, Dr. Woodward was united in marriage to Miss Nell Imogene Garn, of Culver, Indiana, and to them was born a son, Donovan Garn, who died in 1917, at the age of six years.

The Doctor is a republican in his political views and his religious membership is with the First Christian church. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, the Order of the Eastern Star and the Phi Sigma Gamma college fraternity. He maintains professional affiliation with the Akron District Osteopathic Association, the Ohio State Osteopathic Society, the American Osteopathic Association and the American Electronic Association. Because of his success, his sterling character and friendly manner, he is held in high regard throughout the community in which he lives. Dr. Woodward's residence is at 18 North Fourteenth street, Kenmore.

THOMAS W. PIFER

Thomas W. Pifer, who successfully controls the activities of the Knickerbocker Storage Company, Inc., of Akron, is a typical business man of the present age, quick to perceive an emergency and equally prompt in devising plans to meet it. He was born in Frostburg, Maryland, January 25, 1876, a son of Augustus and Mary (Zimmerman) Pifer, the latter also a native of that state. Augustus Pifer was born in Germany and was but a year old when his parents came to the United States. He lived in Maryland for an extended period and in 1881 established his home in Akron. Being a brick and stone mason and a skilled craftsman he aided in constructing many of the substantial buildings in Akron and continued a resident of the city until his demise. His wife has also passed away. Six children were born to them and four are now living, namely: Mrs. Henry Al-

bright, George Pifer, Mrs. Charles Hanson and Thomas W. Pifer.

The last named was a child of five when the family came to Akron and his education was acquired in the Copley school. Afterward he learned the trades of a plasterer and brick mason and was thus employed until 1893, when he became a salesman for the Kirk Furniture Company of Akron. He filled the position for sixteen years and was then placed in charge of the firm's storage business. This he purchased in 1916 and has since conducted the business under the style of the Knickerbocker Storage Company, Inc., of which he is president. He has 48,000 feet of floor space on Cherry street and in its management brings to bear broad experience, mature judgment and keen discernment. The business has been established upon a solid financial basis and is constantly expanding.

Mr. Pifer was married October 30, 1893, in Akron to Miss Ora B. Lord, a daughter of Herman Lord, of Meadville, Pennsylvania, and they have become the parents of four children, all of whom are natives of Akron. The eldest, Russell R., was born in 1896 and married Miss Opal Gardner, of Akron. They have two children, Phyllis and Richard. Gladys, born in 1900, is the wife of E. Spellman and the mother of two children, William and Eleanor. Halley was born in 1902 and is now Mrs. H. A. Brillhert, of Akron. She has two children, Thomas and Cloyd. Thomas W., the next of the family, was born in 1908 and is at home.

Mr. Pifer is identified with the Loyal Order of Moose and the Akron Automobile Club. In religious faith he is a Baptist and faithfully observes the teachings of the church. Industrious and persevering, he has steadily advanced toward the goal of success and possesses those qualities which make for strong and enduring regard.

HARRY DAVID TEEPLE

Harry D. Teeple, treasurer of the Akron Pure Milk Company, one of the largest and most successful business enterprises of its kind in the state, was born in Manchester, Summit county, Ohio, July 21, 1871, his parents being David and Elizabeth (Getz) Teeple. The mother was born in Pennsylvania, but the father was a lifelong resident of Summit county, where he followed the



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occupation of farming until his life's labors were ended in death. His family numbered four children: Aaron G., Harry D., Flora C. and Edward.

Harry D. Teeple first attended school at the little Skunk Hill schoolhouse and was but a boy when he came to Akron to make his home with his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Getz, who put forth every effort to properly rear the boy and give him needed care and attention. In the schools of the city he resumed his studies, attending a school that occupied the present site of the plant of the Firestone Tire & Rubber Company on South Main street. Later he attended high school and entered on his business career by accepting a position in the office of the county surveyor, Joseph Gehres being then the incumbent of that office. A few years later Mr. Teeple became an employe of the Goodrich Hard Rubber Company, which merged into the American Hard Rubber Company, remaining in that connection until 1910, when he became the owner of an enterprise carried on under the name of the Highland Springs Water Company. This business he conducted successfully for six years, at the end of which time he sold out and in 1918 became treasurer of the Akron Pure Milk Company, of which he had been a director since its organization and with which his brother, Aaron G. Teeple, had been prominently identified for a number of years. Harry D. Teeple has ever since been treasurer of the corporation, the responsible duties of which office he performs in a capable and efficient manner. The history of the Akron Pure Milk Company appears under its own caption on another page of this work.

On the 4th of October, 1893, Mr. Teeple married Miss Lucy M. Baker, a daughter of O. C. Baker, who for many years was a prominent and successful groceryman of Akron. Mr. and Mrs. Teeple have two daughters, both born in Akron; Florence A., who is now the wife of Elmer E. Ross and resides in this city; and Edith L., who completed her education at Hiram College and is now teaching mathematics in the Berea, Ohio, high school.

Mr. Teeple belongs to the Akron Automobile Club and to The Exchange Club and has membership in the Akron Chamber of Commerce. He is also a member of the National Dairymen's Association and the National Milk Producers Association. He is secretary and treasurer of the Garfield Hotel Company of Akron, and a director of the Depositors Savings and Trust Company of Akron. He is a member of the High Street Church of Christ of Akron, of which he has served as trustee for ten years and as

deacon for seven years. He was president of the Brotherhood class, an organization of over five hundred men, for the year 1927. Mr. Teeple has had a long connection with Akron's business interests and has been a witness of the city's wonderful growth during that time. He is regarded as an able and careful business man and is accorded a position among Akron's best citizenship. Mr. Teeple's residence is at 750 Spring Hill Terrace.

JOSEPH R. HOPE

For many years Joseph R. Hope has been connected with the undertaking business and is regarded as an expert in that line. During the past nine years he has been associated with the Campfield-Hickman Company of Barberton, of which he is now manager, and is regarded as one of the leading business men of the community. Mr. Hope was born in Guernsey county, Ohio, on the 13th of March, 1879, a son of Crawford and Mary (Henry) Hope, both of whom are deceased, the father dying in 1899 and the mother in 1923. He secured a public school education and remained on the home farm until he had attained his majority, when he engaged in well drilling.

In 1901 Mr. Hope turned his attention to the undertaking business at Antrim, Guernsey county, in partnership with his brother, John C. Hope, and they carried on the business there until 1912, when he went to Cambridge, becoming a member of the firm of Hope, Blair & Huston, undertakers. Later the firm became the Hope-Hickman Company, and eventually the Hope Company, under which name business was continued until 1919, when Mr. Hope sold out. In June of that year he came to Barberton and became associated with the Campfield-Hickman Company, which was incorporated October 1, 1917, by F. M. Hickman and W. L. Campfield, both of whom are now deceased. Mr. Campfield was president of the company until his death, in 1920, when he was succeeded by Mr. Hickman, who had executive charge of the business until he was accidentally killed in November, 1927, since which time Mr. Hope has been president. As manager of the business he is contributing his best efforts to its successful conduct. A modern mortuary building was erected at Kenmore in 1922 and the attractive memorial building at Barberton was built in 1925, both edifices being in advance of the times and a credit to their communities. In addi-

tion to its splendid undertaking establishment at Barberton, the company also conducts a large and prosperous furniture business, carrying a complete line of goods and household furnishings.

On November 21, 1900, Mr. Hope was united in marriage to Miss Sadie Temple, of Guernsey county, Ohio, and they are the parents of two sons, Glenn and Crawford. The latter married Miss Opal Barr, of Barberton, and they have three children.

Mr. Hope gives his political support to the republican party and has served as township trustee. He is a Mason and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, in which he is a past worthy patron. He also belongs to the Rotary Club, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Young Men's Christian Association, of which he is vice president and a director. He is an elder in the Presbyterian church and stands consistently for everything that is best in the life of the community. A man of vigorous mentality and strong moral fiber, he has lived a useful life and among the people of his community he is held in high regard.

ANDREW VOLLBRACHT

Leaving home a poor boy, Andrew Vollbracht hewed his way through a forest of difficulties and is now regarded as Akron's leading furrier. A native of Germany, he was born August 12, 1867. His parents, Andrew and Anna (Schote) Vollbracht, were lifelong residents of that country, where the father engaged in business as a dealer in woodenware and was an enterprising merchant.

Andrew Vollbracht attended the public schools of Germany until he reached the age of fourteen and then came to America in the hope of bettering his fortunes. He learned the furrier's trade and on coming to Akron in 1912 opened its first fur store, which was located at the corner of Market and Main streets, in the Portage Hotel building. There he remained until 1926, prospering in the undertaking, and then transferred his establishment to No. 210 South Main street. He started the movement in that direction and the magnificent O'Neil store is now situated a few doors north of his place of business. Since 1925 it has been operated by The Vollbracht Company, Inc., of which he is president, treasurer, general manager and the leading spirit. He is an expert judge of fur and an honest dealer whose word

is always to be relied upon. Through judicious management, close attention to detail and efficient service he has created a large business. He is a director of the Portage Iron & Wire Company of Akron.

Mr. Vollbracht was married April 17, 1895, in Brooklyn, New York, to Miss Gesine Fricke and they have become the parents of four children: Mrs. Anna Drake, Charlotte, Elsie and Clara.

Mr. Vollbracht belongs to the Silver Lake Country and Akron Automobile Clubs and the local lodge of Elks, while in religious faith he is a Lutheran. His interest in Akron's welfare and progress is deep and sincere, and his support is given to all measures for the general good. Following the path of opportunity open to all, he has arrived at the goal of success, and an exemplary life has won for him the respect, confidence and goodwill of his fellowmen.

J. CLEVE FRY

J. Cleve Fry, who has gained wide recognition as an able and successful real estate man, has handled a large volume of business during the thirteen years since he quit the educational field to enter upon his present line of effort, and is numbered among Akron's progressive and enterprising business men. He was born on his father's farm in Suffield township, Portage county, Ohio, on the 13th of June, 1882, and is a son of James S. and Mary Ellen (Myers) Fry, the latter of whom was born in Summit county, Ohio. James S. Fry was born and reared on the same farm in Portage county, Ohio, which his father, Wiermen N. Fry, purchased from William Penn. James S. Fry devoted his active years to agricultural pursuits and stock raising, in which he was successful. He and his wife, both of whom are now deceased, became the parents of five children: Elson M.; J. Cleve; Henry Floyd, deceased; Lillian Grace, also deceased; and Lester R. All of the surviving members of the family are residents of Akron.

J. Cleve Fry attended the public schools of his home neighborhood, graduating from the Suffield High school in 1902, being president of his class. He then taught school for several years, through which means he earned money to defray the expenses of his further education. He pursued the normal and



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liberal arts courses in the Ohio Northern University, from which he was graduated in 1910 with the degrees of Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Pedagogy, and was president of the class. He was also active in both military drill and baseball. In the following year Mr. Fry was granted a life teacher's certificate in common and high school work, and soon afterward he entered Chicago University, where he took postgraduate work in science, and in 1913 Ohio Northern University conferred upon him the degree of Master of Science. Mr. Fry devoted his attention to teaching for twelve years, during which period he taught in the grade schools of Suffield township two years and then served as superintendent of schools in Randolph, Paris and Shalersville townships, Portage county, and the cities of Hubbard and New London, Ohio.

In 1915 Mr. Fry turned his attention to the real estate business, spending one year with the firm of Strobel & Shaeffer, and, having found the work congenial as well as profitable, he then opened his own office in East Akron, which section of the city, in his view, presented exceptional opportunities for growth and advancement. Results have vindicated his judgment and he has steadily prospered. Mr. Fry received a commission as notary public in 1916, and has a well furnished office at 377 South Arlington street.

On August 23, 1906, Mr. Fry was united in marriage to Miss Lena Price, a daughter of John and Lucy E. (Semler) Price. Her father was for several years a member of the board of education in Portage county, and was also one of the most successful farmers of the community. Mrs. Fry received her early education in the public schools of Shalersville township, Portage county, and the high school at Uniontown, Ohio. She is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, the Daughters of America, of which she is associate consul, and the Royal Neighbors, of which she has been marshal for the past ten years. Mr. and Mrs. Fry are the parents of two children: Baisee Verona, who died March 27, 1912; and Bernardine Elaine, who was born June 23, 1923, and is an exceptionally bright little miss.

Politically Mr. Fry is a staunch republican and fraternally is a member of Loyalty Lodge, No. 645, F. & A. M., of Akron, in which he was made a Master Mason, September 26, 1918; Akron Chapter No. 209, in which he received the Royal Arch degrees, November 22, 1919; Akron Council No. 80, R. & S. M., in which he became a select master January 1, 1920; and Akron

Commandery, No. 25, in which he was knighted April 21, 1920, was made a member of Baharim Council of Princes of Jerusalem April 6, 1921, and of Areal Chapter of Rose Croix on the same date; and Lake Erie Consistory, thirty-second degree, A. A. S. R., April 8, 1921. He became a Noble of the Mystic Shrine October 26, 1925, and is also a member of the Eastern Star and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is secretary of the Sixth Ward Republican Club and is a member of the City and National Real Estate Boards and the East Akron Board of Trade. He and his wife are earnest members of Grace Methodist Episcopal church, of which Mr. Fry is a member of the official board and educational superintendent of the Sunday School. He was one of the organizers and the first superintendent of the Sunday School of the South Arlington Methodist Episcopal church. He has been greatly interested in everything pertaining to the development of Akron along various lines, having served as a member of the City Housing Bureau, being a strong advocate of the Fulton Flying Field, and in other ways showing an up-to-date and progressive spirit in all of his affairs. Personally he is deservedly popular, being a man of kindly and courteous manner, while throughout the community he commands uniform confidence and respect.

CARL HELMUTH POCKRANDT

Carl H. Pockrandt, secretary and treasurer of the Pockrandt Paint Company; secretary and treasurer of the Pockrandt Paint Manufacturing Company, and manager and owner of the Pockrandt Wall Paper Company and the Pockrandt Photo Supply Company, is one of Akron's real wide-awake progressive business men and the acknowledged leader in his line of commercial activity.

Mr. Pockrandt was born in this city, September 14, 1884, his parents being Helmuth and Hannah (Evers) Pockrandt. The mother was also born in Akron, but the father's birth occurred in Germany and he came to America at the age of twelve years. He was active along mechanical lines throughout his entire business life and his death occurred in this city. His widow still makes her home in Akron. They were the parents of two sons and a daughter but the latter is deceased, the sons being Carl H. and Fred C.



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Carl H. Pockrandt attended the public schools until the age of thirteen, when he started on his business career, his first position being that of elevator boy in the Akron Savings Bank building. He was ambitious and on the alert for a better position, which as it happened proved to be in a line of business with which he has ever since been identified. He entered on an apprenticeship under G. J. Gonder, in the paint contracting business. Later he was for a time in the paint department of the May Company in Cleveland, and still later was for several years with the Billings-Chapin Company, both in the manufacturing and sales departments. This practical experience afforded valuable equipment for him to realize his ambition to go into business for himself in 1910 and in 1914 he opened his present store at 14 North Howard street. Modern merchandising methods combined with his thorough knowledge of the business have been many times reflected in the growth and development of Mr. Pockrandt's interests. In 1917 he established a wholesale department and in 1921 entered the paint manufacturing business, while in 1927 he added an exclusive line of wall papers. Two connected stores in the Pockrandt block accommodate this wall paper, paint and paint accessories business that has become the foremost in Akron.

Mr. Pockrandt is practically the head of both the Pockrandt Paint Company and the Pockrandt Paint Manufacturing Company, two separate corporations, and both are outstanding interests in their respective lines, in this section of the state. Among his other business interests, he is a director of the Dime Savings Bank of Akron. He is president of the North Mill Masonic Temple Company and also of the Akron Holdings Company.

On the 30th of June, 1910, Mr. Pockrandt was married to Miss Kathryn Ruppel, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ruppel. Her father is the president of the Pockrandt Paint Company and of the Pockrandt Paint Manufacturing Company. He now spends much of his time in southern California, leaving the management of the business largely to Mr. Pockrandt. For forty years he was superintendent of the Dangler Stove Company, in Cleveland, and was no small factor in the success of that corporation. Mr. and Mrs. Pockrandt attend the Christian Science church and fraternally he is a Knight Templar and Consistory Mason, and a member of Tadmor Temple of the Mystic Shrine and Yusef Kahn Grotto. He belongs to the Silver Lake Country Club, Akron City Club, the Rotary Club and the Akron Chamber of Commerce, and he is also identified with the National Paint Manufacturers Asso-

ciation and the National Paint Distributors Association. His interests and activities are varied, making for a well rounded development, while at the same time he has most carefully and thoroughly directed his business affairs, meeting with substantial success. He greatly enjoys travel and has visited many places of interest in this country, Canada and Alaska. He has a wide acquaintance in Akron and many of his warmest friends have known him from his boyhood.

Mr. Pockrandt's residence is at No. 590 Norwood avenue.

JAMES EARL SPRINGER, M. D.

Dr. James Earl Springer is numbered among Ohio's native sons, his birth having occurred in Jeromesville, Ashland county, August 22, 1887. His parents, William K. and Amanda (Lutz) Springer, were also natives of this state and representatives of its pioneer families. The father engaged in educational work and subsequently became a successful agriculturist of Ashland county, devoting his attention to the work of tilling the soil until his death in February, 1900. He was at that time fifty-four years of age, his birth having occurred in 1846. His wife survived him until 1911. In their family were six children: William, Carl and Mrs. Mary Bottorf, all living in Ashland county; James Earl, of this review; Mrs. Luella Stafford, whose home is in Fredericktown, Ohio; and Mrs. Leora Hartman, of Cleveland.

In his youthful days Dr. Springer was a pupil in the Jeromesville schools and afterward entered high school at Wooster, Ohio, where he was graduated with the class of 1905. He had determined to make the practice of medicine his life work and to this end matriculated in the Baltimore Medical College, from which he was graduated in 1911. He then located for practice in Creston, Ohio, where he remained for two years, and in 1914 he opened an office in Akron, continuing in general practice until 1917, when his country's need led him to offer his services and he was commissioned a first lieutenant in the Army Medical Corps, being assigned to duty at Camp Grant, Illinois. He has since taken postgraduate work and now concentrates his efforts and attention entirely upon practice as an oculist, aurist, rhinologist and laryngologist. His knowledge of this particular field is most

thorough and his ability is manifest in the excellent results which follow his labors.

On the 10th of October, 1908, Dr. Springer was united in marriage to Miss Daisy G. Fickes, of Jeromesville, Ohio, a daughter of Alfred Fickes, and they have one child, Daisy Jean, born in Chicago, April 5, 1919.

In his fraternal relations the Doctor is a Mason and has taken the degrees of both York and Scottish Rites. He likewise belongs to the Mystic Shrine and is a loyal follower of the high principles and teachings of the craft. He has membership in the Chamber of Commerce and in the Akron Automobile Club and is a helpful member of the Main Street Methodist Episcopal church, at all times cooperating in those movements which tend to uplift and benefit humanity. He is now serving on the staff of the People's Hospital and of the Children's Hospital and he has membership in the Summit County Medical Society, the Ohio State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He has done postgraduate work in order to advance his knowledge and skill in his chosen field and keeps abreast with the thought of the times and the research work that is continually solving the problems of health and checking the ravages of disease. His residence is at 142 Byers avenue.

GERMANUS E. GARDNER, M. D.

One of the most successful and prominent members of the medical profession in Summit county is Dr. Germanus E. Gardner, of Barberton, where he commands a large practice and is held in high esteem throughout the community. He was born at Danville, Knox county, Ohio, on the 26th of August, 1866, and is the eldest of the eight children of John and Mary (Breckler) Gardner. The father, who followed the vocation of farming, is deceased, and is survived by his widow and six children.

Dr. Gardner secured his early education in the country schools of his home neighborhood; continued his studies in the normal school at Danville, and then matriculated in Starling Medical College (now the medical school of Ohio State University), at Columbus, from which he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1891. He served his internship in St. Francis and St. Anthony's Hospitals at Columbus, and then located in Doylestown, Ohio, where he was engaged in the

practice of medicine for twelve years. In 1905 he came to Barberton and has continued here to the present time, becoming one of the best known physicians in this section of the state. He is engaged in general practice, in which he has been far more than ordinarily successful, and is widely recognized as a reliable and skilled practitioner.

On September 29, 1897, Dr. Gardner was united in marriage to Miss Abbie M. Trotter, of Doylestown, Ohio, and they are the parents of two children: Mary Isabelle, who is a graduate of Trinity College at Washington, D. C., and Edna Romaine, who is now a student in Akron University.

The Doctor is a member of the Summit County Medical Society, the Ohio State Medical Society, the American Medical Association and the Association of Surgeons of the Pennsylvania Railroad, and is also a captain in the medical section of the reserve officers' training camp. He is a democrat in his political alignment and has taken an active interest in public affairs but is not an aspirant for public office, though he served as coroner of Wayne county, Ohio, in 1896-98. His religious connection is with St. Augustine's Roman Catholic church and he is a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Columbus, the Akron City Club, the Brookside Country Club, the Rotary Club of Barberton and the Chamber of Commerce. Because of his devotion to his profession, his deep sympathy with the sick and afflicted and his courteous and kindly manner, he commands the unreserved respect of his fellowmen throughout the community of which he is an honored resident.

WILLIAM WELCH

One of the most efficient and capable officials of the Akron Rubber Reclaiming Company at Barberton is William Welch, who has held the office of vice president from the organization of the company, and whose practical experience and ripe judgment have been invaluable to the successful operation of the business.

Mr. Welch was born at Fine, St. Lawrence county, New York, September 22, 1887, and is a son of William and Katie (McDonald) Welch. The father was for many years engaged in the lumber business but is now deceased. The son secured his educational training in the public schools of his native county and



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the high school of Watertown, New York, and then for eight years was employed at farming and in the lumber industry in that state.

In 1916 Mr. Welch came to Akron, Ohio, and secured work with the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, having charge of reclaimed rubber sales. He filled that position for seven years, becoming thoroughly familiar with every detail of the business, and then resigned his position in order to assist in the organization of the Akron Rubber Reclaiming Company, which was chartered in October, 1923, and they took over the plant of the old O. C. Barber Concrete Block Company at Barberton. On the organization of the company Mr. Welch was made vice president, in which office he has served to the present time. He is also president of the Midwest Rubber Reclaiming Company of East St. Louis, Illinois, which company is controlled by the Akron Rubber Reclaiming Company.

On February 23, 1914, Mr. Welch was united in marriage to Miss Loretta Burns, of Carthage, New York. He is a staunch republican in his political views and has shown a deep interest in public affairs, though he has never held nor sought public office. He is a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Akron Rotary Club, Congress Lake Country Club, the Chemists Club of New York, and the Missouri Athletic Club of St. Louis, Missouri. His religious membership is with the Annunciation Roman Catholic church in Akron. His unfeigned cordiality, his kindly spirit and his genuine interest in the welfare of his community have gained for him the respect and friendship of all with whom he has come in contact. Mr. Welch's home is at 1374 Sprague street, Akron.

GEORGE R. PLATT

Prominent among the able and successful lawyers of Barberton stands George R. Platt, who has a large and representative clientele and is regarded as one of the representative men of his community. He was born at Tiffin, Ohio, on the 9th of February, 1888, and is a son of J. H. and Rosa M. (Warner) Platt, the former of whom is rendering distinguished service as judge of the common pleas court. The mother died in 1913.

Mr. Platt received his elementary education in the public school and entered Heidelberg College at Tiffin, from which he

was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy in 1911. He then entered the law school of Western Reserve University, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1914, and in that year was admitted to the bar. He at once engaged in the practice of his profession in Cleveland, where he remained until March, 1916, when he came to Barberton, and here he has since devoted his attention closely to the law. During nine years of this period he was associated in practice with S. A. Decker. Possessing all the requisite qualities of the successful lawyer, he has attained a high place in his profession and has been identified as counsel with many of the most important cases tried in the courts of this and neighboring counties.

On October 27, 1919, Mr Platt was united in marriage to Miss Catherine Moser, of Canton, Ohio, and they are the parents of four children, Amanda Ann, Betty Rose, Jean Marie and Helen Margaret.

Mr. Platt gives his political support to the democratic party and in 1925 was elected city solicitor of Barberton, which position he is still filling. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the American Legion, the Lions Club and the Chamber of Commerce. He is a veteran of the World war, having enlisted September 16, 1917, in the Ohio National Guard. He became a corporal in the One Hundred and Forty-sixth Infantry Regiment, Thirty-seventh Division, and went into training at Camp Sheridan. He was assigned to the observation service and in June, 1918, was sent to France, where he remained until March, 1919, and was honorably discharged March 15. His sterling character, strong personality and agreeable manner have won for him a high place in the respect and esteem of his fellowmen and he is regarded as a distinct asset to his community.

FRANK E. BESSLER

Wisely using the talents with which nature endowed him, Frank E. Bessler has worked along original lines, achieving success and prominence as the inventor and manufacturer of a disappearing stairway which is widely used, and has contributed his full quota toward Akron's industrial growth and prosperity. He was born April 18, 1870, in Tiffin, Ohio, and his parents, John



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and Elizabeth (Kessler) Bessler, were also natives of the Buckeye state, in which the father always resided, his energies being devoted to the manufacture of shoes. In 1874 he was called to his final rest. The mother has reached the advanced age of eighty-eight years and is remarkably well preserved, retaining all of her faculties. To Mr. and Mrs. Bessler were born seven children, four of whom survive: Mrs. Frances Strausbaugh, and Mayme, John and Frank E. Bessler.

The grammar and high schools of Tiffin afforded Frank E. Bessler his educational advantages and after laying aside his textbooks he served an apprenticeship to a cabinet maker. He followed the trade in Tiffin until 1901, when he came to Akron and obtained employment as an inside finisher. While thus engaged an idea was shaping itself in his mind which in later years was to bring him fame and fortune. He constructed several models, carrying on his experiments for a period of four years, and in 1907 achieved his objective. To conserve space and at the same time permit easy access to the attic in his home in Akron, he built a movable stairway, which was easily lowered on firmly controlled slides by pulling a chain that hung from the ceiling. The convenience of this device appealed strongly to Mr. Bessler's neighbors and friends, who persuaded him to place it on the market. Accordingly the Bessler Disappearing Stairway Company was formed and thirty-seven patents were taken out to protect their inventions. Mr. Bessler was elected president of the company, which intended to sell stairways only in Akron, but the business was soon developed to such an extent that an office was opened in New York city and agents were appointed in Canada, England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, France and Belgium. Mr. Bessler has added a number of improvements and his stairway is now letter perfect. At the Sesqui-Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia his company was awarded the only gold medal issued for disappearing stairways. This exhibit entailed the expenditure of seventy-five thousand dollars, and in return the firm received many orders from foreign countries. Enclosed in strong packing cases, the stairways are shipped to various parts of the world in separate parts and can be easily assembled in a short space of time when ready to install. These stairways are made in steel and wood and are used for other purposes than attics, being converted into ventilators by letting the panel part way down from the ceiling. Strong and durable, they are easy to operate and designed to be used in all places where it is possible to utilize a stair-

way of this type. The Bessler Company is the pioneer in the manufacture of disappearing stairways and confines its effort to this line exclusively. The plant at No. 1900 East Market street is equipped to turn out fifty stairways a day and as many as one hundred orders a day are received. In the city of Akron there are four thousand of these stairways in use and the number is growing at the rate of two a day. Three plants turn out the parts used for the stairways and they are assembled in the general headquarters of the firm on East Market street. The Bessler Disappearing Stairway Company is one of Akron's most unique institutions, sending its products to world markets. They furnish employment to about thirty skilled mechanics.

Mr. Bessler was married March 25, 1902, in Akron to Miss Carrie C. Bowlin, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Bowlin and a member of one of the prominent families of Tiffin, Ohio. Mr. Bessler belongs to the Chamber of Commerce, the Akron Manufacturers Association and the Automobile Club. He is a Roman Catholic and a faithful communicant of St. Vincent's church. Through the force of his personality and the strength of his mental endowments Mr. Bessler has passed far beyond the ranks of mediocrity, taking his place among the successful few, and his career has been conspicuously useful. His residence is at 29 North Walnut street.

MICHAEL J. MARLOT

Among the younger members of Akron's legal fraternity is numbered Michael J. Marlot, who possesses an analytical, well trained mind and meets every requirement of his profession. He was born February 26, 1901, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. His father, William C. Marlot, is a native of New Jersey, having been born January 25, 1878, in the city of Newark, and is a son of Michael and Mary Marlot, natives of Italy. His parents came to the United States in youth and lived for a time in New Jersey. Later they went to Philadelphia, where Michael Marlot engaged in the shoe business for a number of years, and they now make their home in Akron. William C. Marlot received his education in the public schools of the Quaker city and afterward was identified with contract work in the field of railroad construction. In 1912 he came to Akron and has since been employed as a court interpreter, being well versed in the Italian language, which he

speaks with fluency. He is also a successful realtor whose operations have been of direct benefit to the city. In 1900 he was married in Philadelphia to Miss Mary F. Ferrar, by whom he has two children: Michael J.; and Helen, who was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1904 and is a graduate of the Central high school of Akron.

The son received his early instruction in his native city and at the age of sixteen years completed a course in the Central high school of Akron. For two years he attended the University of Ohio and his studies were continued in the Akron Law School, from which he won the degree of LL. B. in 1925. Since his admission to the bar Mr. Marlot has practiced in Akron and displays keen sagacity in the solution of intricate legal problems. He maintains an office on the third floor of the Second National Bank building and has already established a lucrative clientele.

Like the other members of the family he is a Roman Catholic and conscientiously follows the teachings of the church. He belongs to the local aerie of the Fraternal Order of Eagles and is a member of the Summit County and Ohio State Bar Associations and several American-Italian organizations. An earnest student and a tireless worker, Mr. Marlot is coming rapidly to the fore in his profession, and his many good qualities have drawn to him a wide circle of steadfast friends.

ROBERT F. ETIENNE, M. D.

Dr. Robert F. Etienne is one of Akron's prominent physicians and owes his success to an exceptionally thorough education and natural talent for the profession. He was born at Storm Lake, Iowa, April 20, 1892, a son of Jacob and Mary (McTigue) Etienne, the former an Alsatian and the latter a native of Sarnia, Canada. Although of French lineage the father was a German subject and when a young man he sought the opportunities of the United States, locating in Iowa. He has passed away and the mother is also deceased. Eight children were born to them and six are now living: John, a resident of Minneapolis, Minnesota; Lewis, of Los Angeles, California; Mrs. Mary Smith and Mrs. Ellen Cokins, who reside in South Dakota; Margaret Etienne, of Mason City, Iowa; and Robert F.

Dr. Etienne attended the public schools of Cedar Falls, Iowa, and was next a student in the State Teachers College of Iowa,

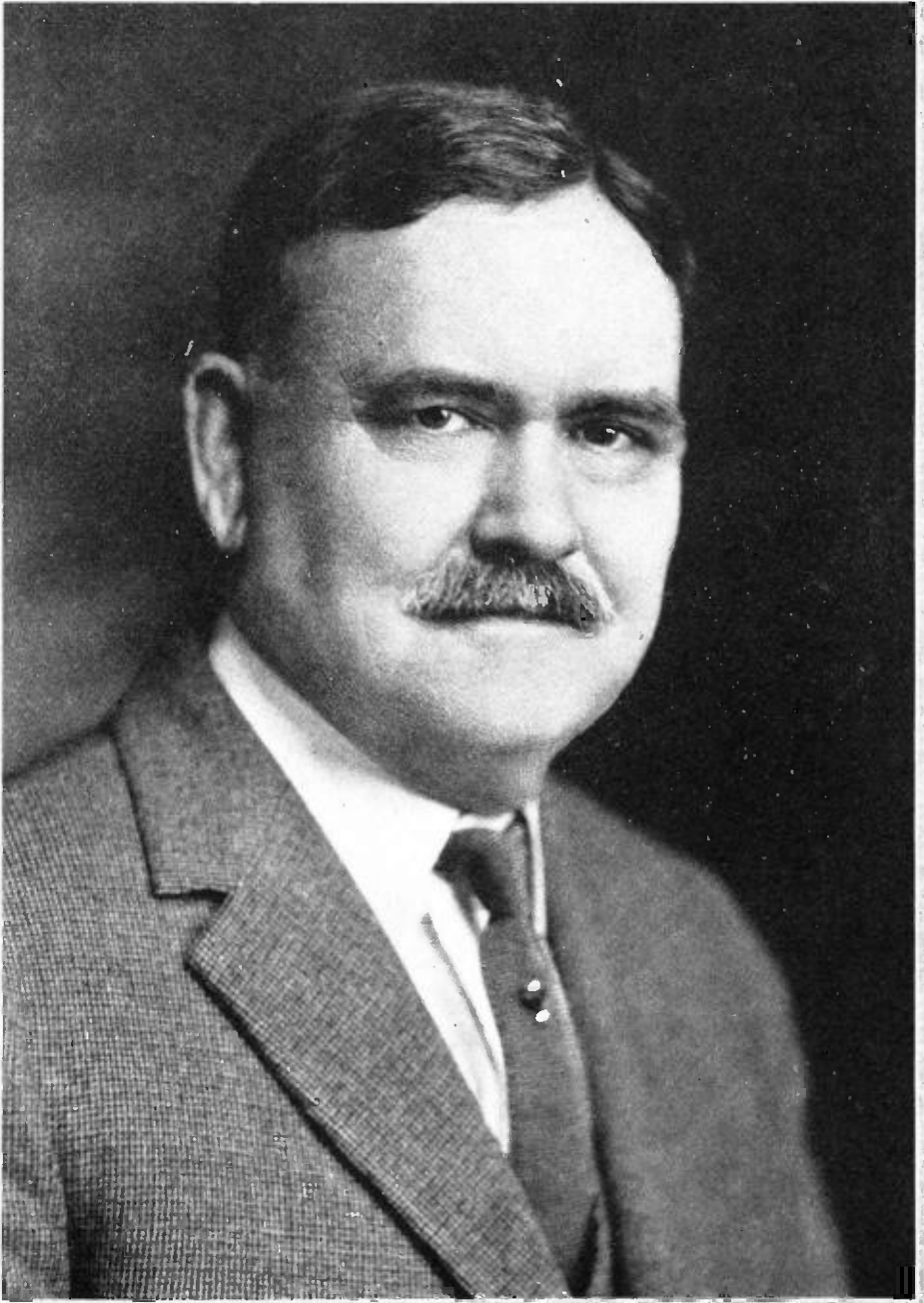
from which he received the degree of B. D. I. in 1911 and that of M. D. I. in 1912. For two years thereafter he was a teacher in the public schools of Thompson, Iowa, and then matriculated in the University of Iowa, which awarded him the A. B. degree in 1915. In 1919 he was graduated from the medical department of that institution and after a year's service as an interne in the Lying-In Hospital of New York city he returned to his native state, locating in Webster City. There he followed his profession for two and a half years and then became resident physician of the City Hospital of Akron. For two years he filled that position and has since engaged in general practice, maintaining an office at No. 648 North Main street. His scientific knowledge is used to the best advantage in his efforts to combat disease, and his services are in constant demand.

Dr. Etienne is a Roman Catholic in religious faith, and his fraternal affiliations are with the Knights of Columbus, in which he has taken the third degree, the Eagles and the Elks. Along professional lines he is connected with the Summit County and Ohio State Medical Societies and the American Medical Association and during the World war he served in the Students Army Training Corps. As a director of the North Akron Board of Trade he is demonstrating his public spirit and also belongs to the University Club, the Silver Lake Country Club, the Automobile Club and the Liedertafel. Nature has endowed Dr. Etienne with fine qualities of mind and heart, and during the period of his residence in Akron he has won a high place in the esteem of his professional colleagues and the general public.

JOHN FRANKLIN HARPER

For sixteen years John F. Harper, as secretary and treasurer of the Barberton Lumber Company, has been prominently identified with important business interests, prior to which he had been for a long period engaged in educational work, in which he gained a high reputation.

Mr. Harper was born at Hillsboro, Highland county, Ohio, on the 7th of September, 1864, a son of Isaac and Amanda M. (Higgins) Harper. He secured his education in the district schools and Lebanon University, after which he engaged in teaching school, following that profession for twenty-eight years, or until 1912, when serving as superintendent of the Norton township



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schools in Summit county. His identification with the lumber business began in 1916, when he became one of the organizers of the Barberton Lumber Company, of which he was made secretary and treasurer, and has filled that dual position continuously to the present time. This has been a prosperous concern and Mr. Harper has been an important factor in its success, being a man of sound business judgment, thorough in everything that he does and of the strictest integrity in all of his dealings.

In June, 1897, Mr. Harper was united in marriage to Miss Ella Barrett, of Hillsboro. In his political views he is an independent republican and has shown a good citizen's interest in public affairs. He is a member of the Barberton board of education, of which he was president in 1925 and 1926. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, in which he has received the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite; is a Noble of the Mystic Shrine and also belongs to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Rotary Club and the Chamber of Commerce. He is a director of the Great Northern Building & Loan Company and is secretary of the Barberton Mortgage & Securities Company. He stands for advancement in all phases of community life and measures up to the highest standard of manhood and good citizenship, for which reasons he commands the confidence and respect of all who know him.

FREDERICK H. WEEKS, JR.

On the pages of commercial history and the steady growth and development of Akron and of Summit county appears the name of Weeks, for through several generations representatives of the family have been identified with interests which feature actively in progress and improvement here. In keeping with the example of his forebears is the record of Frederick H. Weeks, Jr., now president of the F. H. Weeks Lumber Company, owners of one of the leading lumber and planing mill plants in this section of Ohio.

Mr. Weeks was born in Akron, December 23, 1882, and is a son of Frederick H. and Bertha (Hankey) Weeks, the former a native of Willoughby, Ohio, and the latter of Summit county. They always resided within the borders of the Buckeye state. The father became interested in the Hankey Lumber Company of Akron and finally took over the business, which he reorgan-

ized under the name of the F. H. Weeks Lumber Company. He developed this into one of the foremost enterprises of the kind in this part of Ohio and remained president of the company until his death, which occurred in 1926, when he was sixty-eight years of age. His widow survives and yet makes her home in Akron. They were parents of a son and a daughter, the latter being Mrs. Charlotte Williamsborg, a resident of Massillon, Ohio.

The son, F. H. Weeks, Jr., after attending the high school of Akron continued his studies in Buchtel College through a period of two years. He then started out in the business world in a minor position in connection with his father's lumberyard and bent his energies in acquiring a thorough knowledge of the business, working his way upward through every department of the yard and mill. At length he assumed active management and since 1927 has been president of the F. H. Weeks Lumber Company, directing the activities of fifty employes. The company owns a large planing mill supplied with the most modern equipment and facilities and carries an extensive stock of lumber, meeting every demand of the trade.

Mr. Weeks has a daughter, Mary Jane, who was born in Akron, August 7, 1910. He has membership in the Akron Automobile Club but has steadily refused to become connected with other clubs or organizations of that character. However, his is a social nature and he holds friendship inviolable—a fact which indicates why he has so many warm friends.

CLARENCE EUGENE WADE

Akron has been to Clarence Eugene Wade the city of opportunity and a fine printing plant is the visible result of his well directed labors. He is a broad-gauged man of original ideas and has also figured conspicuously in other walks of life. His birth occurred in Memphis, Michigan, on the 21st of December, 1879, and his parents were John Seelan and Lydia (Gurney) Wade, the former a native of Michigan and the latter of New York state. The father went to Michigan in his youth and won success as a dairyman, developing a large business at Battle Creek. He passed away in that city in 1924, and his widow is now living in Ypsilanti, Michigan. She has two children: Eilene, now Mrs. E. G. Cleveland, of Ypsilanti; and Clarence E. Wade.



CLARENCE E. WADE

The latter was reared and educated in the Wolverine state, completing his studies in Battle Creek College, and afterward he became an apprentice in a printing plant and book bindery of that city. He remained with the same firm for six years and next followed his trade in Kalamazoo, Michigan, for a short time. Subsequently he worked in printing establishments of Hammond, Indiana; Chicago, Illinois; Muskegon, Michigan; Cleveland and Ashtabula, Ohio; and Holyoke, Massachusetts. In 1907 he came to Akron and for three years was in the employ of the Commercial Printing & Binding Company. During the latter part of 1909 he perfected plans for an independent venture, organizing the C. E. Wade Printing Company. He has created a model establishment, located at No. 90 Ash street and equipped for printing, binding and ruling. Experienced book binders and efficient printers are employed in this plant, which is distinguished by artistic, high class work, and ranks with the largest and best institutions of its kind in the state. In the control of this industry Mr. Wade brings to bear the knowledge and wisdom acquired by the experience of a lifetime in this line of business, together with the requisite executive force. He is also president of The Ohio Advertising Company, likewise a growing, prosperous concern; is director and secretary of the Pulp Products Company of Cleveland and responsible for the corporation of the Affiliated Automobile Camps of America, Inc., of which he is president and treasurer. The corporation maintains its headquarters at No. 60 Ash street in Akron and issues an official itinerary of cooperative tourist service. This guide for motorists gives the location of principal automobile camps from the Atlantic to the Pacific coast as well as an all winter route and connections from New York city to Los Angeles, California, and southern Florida routes with stopping places en route. In addition the corporation provides an itinerary covering the principal trans-continental automobile tours of the United States and gives definite information regarding tourist service in the course of travel.

Mr. Wade was married June 22, 1906, in Buffalo, New York, to Miss Katherine B. Musser, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Musser, of Wapakoneta, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Wade have a son, William Edward, who was born in Akron, February 6, 1916. Mr. Wade is serving on the board of governors of the Optomist Club and is one of the charter members of the Akron Automobile Club and the Chamber of Commerce. Endowed with energy, intelligence and determination, he has progressed through the me-

dium of his own efforts and holds a secure place in the esteem of his fellow citizens. His residence is at 478 Dorchester road, and was erected by him in 1925.

STEPHEN J. BERLECZKY

One of the most successful business men and highly respected citizens of Barberton is Stephen J. Berleczy, a steamship ticket broker and dealer in international exchange and is also doing a general insurance business. Though foreign born, he is a loyal and patriotic citizen of his adopted country and has shown a fine public spirit in his relation to community affairs.

Mr. Berleczy was born in Austria-Hungary on the 16th of October, 1881, and is a son of John and Catherine Berleczy, both of whom are still living in that country. He received a good academic education in his native land and in 1899, when eighteen years of age, emigrated to the United States. For awhile he lived in Newark and Bloomfield, New Jersey, and in 1900 went to New York city, where he engaged in the steamship brokerage business. In 1905 he came to Barberton and has continued in the same business to the present time. He also represents a number of the strongest and best known insurance companies of this country and has placed a vast amount of insurance in this locality. Energetic, wide-awake and progressive, he has made steady advancement since locating in Barberton and has gained recognition as a capable and enterprising business man, well deserving of the success which has come to him. Mr. Berleczy was one of the organizers and is a director of the People's Dairy Company of Akron; also one of the organizers of the Citizens Hospital of Barberton, of which he was a director until 1926; is a director of the Barberton Mortgage & Securities Company; and a director of the Great Northern Building & Loan Company of Barberton.

On November 11, 1903, Mr. Berleczy was united in marriage to Miss Bertha Ragulik, also a native of Austria-Hungary, and they are the parents of two sons, Harry S., who is now studying medicine in Cornell University, at Ithaca, New York; and Robert J., who is in the Barberton high school.

In his political views, Mr. Berleczy is a republican, and his religious faith is that of the Lutheran church. He is broad-minded and generous and is deeply interested in all matters of

a civic nature, this being evidenced in the earnestness with which he assisted in the raising of funds for the construction of the Slavic and Hungarian Catholic church in Barberton. He is a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, of which he is treasurer; the Fraternal Order of Eagles, a charter member of the Loyal Order of Moose; a charter member of the Kiwanis Club; and was one of the organizers of the Chamber of Commerce. He has proven not only an able business man but also a most useful member of his community, and is well worthy of the confidence and esteem in which he is held by his fellowmen.

JAMES McNAMARA

An outstanding figure in financial circles in Summit county is James McNamara, now secretary of the American Savings & Loan Company of Barberton. He has worked his way upward from a clerkship in a general store and each step in his career has been a forward one, for he has made wise use of his time, talents and opportunities. His association with the American Savings & Loan Company dates from 1923, when he became its secretary. He was born in what was then New Portage, now Barberton, December 4, 1866, and is a son of John and Hannah (Wood) McNamara, both of whom have now passed away.

In the acquirement of his education James McNamara passed through consecutive grades in the public schools, becoming a high school pupil, and then started out to provide for his own support by working in the general store owned and conducted by his father. He has had a successful business and public career since that time, being connected at different periods with various interests leading eventually to his association with the American Savings & Loan Company in 1923. He became secretary of the corporation and through the intervening period has had voice in the management and control of this business, contributing to its steady growth and expansion. He manifests sound judgment and clear vision in connection with business interests and his prosperity is well merited.

In 1892 Mr. McNamara was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Mullen, who died in 1902, leaving a daughter, Velva, now the wife of Ray Herman, of Barberton. For his second wife Mr. McNamara chose Miss Mary Rooney, whom he wedded in 1907, and they have become parents of four children: John, James,

Agnes and Margaret. The family are of the Roman Catholic faith, communicants of St. Augustine parish, and Mr. McNamara also belongs to the Knights of Columbus. His political allegiance is given to the democratic party and he has filled various public offices, serving as mayor of Barberton from 1906 until 1909 and giving to the city during that period a business-like and progressive administration of public affairs. In 1914 he was named postmaster of Barberton and through reappointment was continued in the office for eight years. He has a wide acquaintance and many friends in this section and is accounted one of the valued residents of his native city.

ALBERT L. ELY

Albert L. Ely is at the head of one of the leading law firms of Akron and his ability as a patent attorney has won for him widespread prominence. He was born in Indian Orchard, Massachusetts, August 15, 1886, a son of George S. and Susan (Scofield) Ely, natives respectively of New York and Connecticut. In 1885 the father became an examiner in the United States Patent Office at Washington, D. C., and remained in the employ of the Government until his death in 1917. His widow still resides in Washington.

Albert L. Ely completed a course in one of the high schools of Washington and afterward was made an assistant examiner in the Patent Office in that city. While thus employed he enrolled as a student in the law school of the National University and was graduated with the class of 1910. He was connected with the Patent Office at Washington until 1915, when he came to Akron to organize the patent department of the Firestone Tire & Rubber Company, and had charge of the department for six years. In January, 1921, he opened a law office in Akron and remained alone until 1923, when J. Ralph Barrow became associated with him under the firm style of Ely & Barrow. They specialize in the law governing patents and trademarks, and the firm enjoys an extensive and representative clientele, being regarded as one of the able and successful ones in this section of the state.

Mr. Ely was married, September 21, 1910, in Staunton, Virginia, to Miss Elizabeth A. Coe, a daughter of the Rev. W. P. C. Coe, a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church, South. They



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have become the parents of two sons: Albert L., Jr., who was born in Washington, D. C., June 27, 1911, and is attending the Mercersburg Academy; and Eugene S., who was born in Akron August 22, 1917, and is a pupil in the public schools of this city.

Mr. Ely is a Mason and belongs to the Masonic Club of Akron, the City Club, the Congress Lake Club and the Fairlawn Country Club. Along professional lines he is a member of the bars of the United States Supreme Court, the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, the United States District Court, Cleveland, Ohio, and the United States Circuit Court of Appeals. He is also a member of the American Patent Law Society and the Summit County, Ohio State and American Bar Associations. Mr. Ely is a member of the First Methodist Episcopal church. His residence is at 101 Mount View avenue.

HENRY D. FUERST

Henry D. Fuerst, attorney at law with offices in the Second National Bank building, was born in Akron, November 2, 1882, and is a son of Moses W. and Mollie (Mittler) Fuerst, both of whom were natives of Austria, whence they came to the new world, settling in Ohio during the Civil war period. The father engaged in merchandising in Akron, but both he and his wife are now deceased, and of their four children only two are yet living, the daughter being Mrs. Minnie Greenbaum, of Akron.

The educational opportunities which Henry D. Fuerst enjoyed were those afforded by the public school system and in 1900 he was graduated from the high school. He afterward had the benefit of instruction in the Western Reserve University and with the determination to become a member of the bar he began reading law in the office and under the direction of Judge Dayton A. Doyle. In 1907 he was admitted to practice and through the intervening period, covering more than two decades, he has continued in the general practice of law, proving his capability in the successful conduct of many important cases. His knowledge is comprehensive and exact and his mind in its trend is naturally logical and inductive. Aside from his activity in the professional field he has become a director of the Akron Dry Goods Company and the Plotkin Bedding Company.

On the 25th of June, 1912, Mr. Fuerst was married to Miss Eva Bornstein, daughter of Joseph A. and Anna Bornstein, well

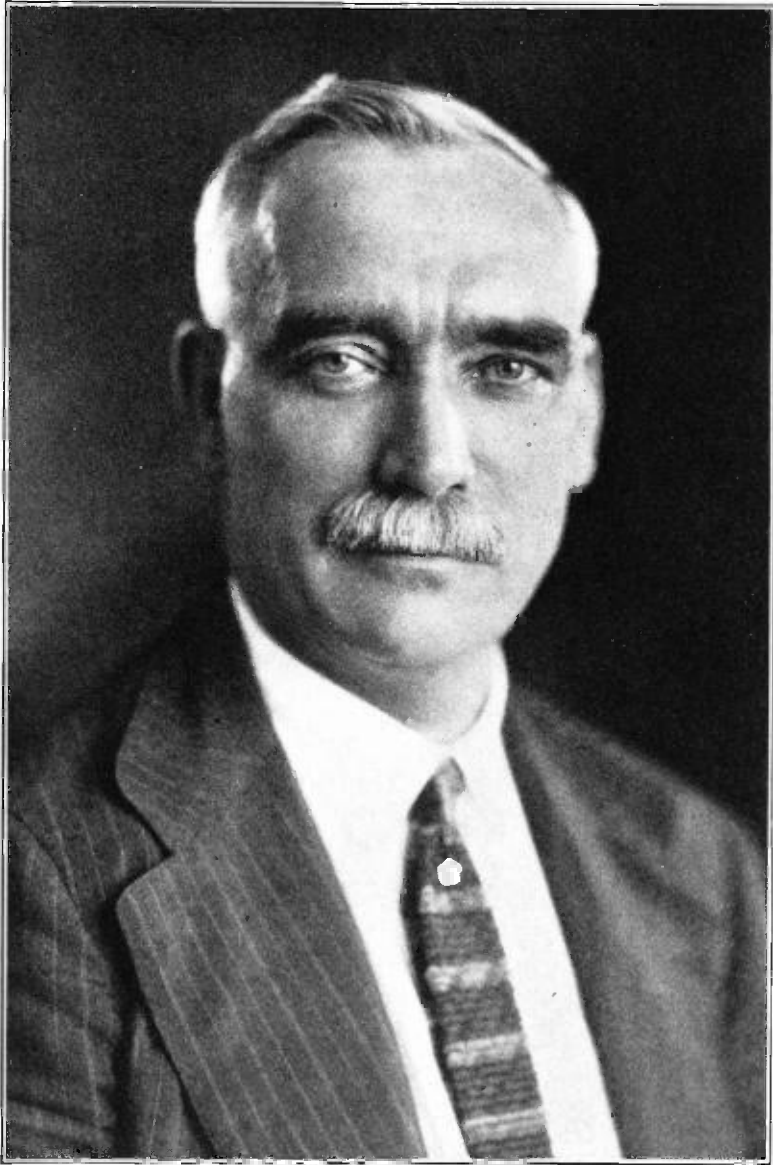
known residents of Indianapolis, Indiana. Mr. Fuerst is a Blue Lodge Mason and a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He likewise holds membership in the Rosemont Country Club and he is doing important public service as president of the Jewish Social Service League. He belongs also to the Summit County, Ohio State and American Bar Associations and he thus keeps in touch with the trend of modern professional thought and progress.

THOMAS B. CARMICHAEL

Thomas B. Carmichael, president of the C. W. & P. Construction Company of Akron, was but a year old when brought to this city by his parents from Scotland, his native land. He has lived to witness many changes during that period as Akron put aside the boundaries and conditions of town life to become a metropolitan center, with its ramifying trade relations reaching out to every part of the globe. With the city's growth, development and upbuilding Mr. Carmichael has been closely associated and his progressive spirit has been manifest in many tangible and helpful ways.

Born in Dundee, Scotland, June 1, 1871, he is a son of William and Anna (Brown) Carmichael. The father left the land of hills and heather in advance of the other members of the family for the purpose of finding a suitable location for his wife and children. He decided to make Akron his future home and after about a year sent for the other members of the household to join him. He, too, was a building contractor and many of the structures which he erected in Akron are still standing, giving evidence of his thorough workmanship and his skill in his chosen field of labor. He passed away in this city, as did his widow, whose death occurred in 1925, when she had reached the advanced age of eighty-four years. They were parents of three children: Thomas B., of this review; George W., who met an accidental death in December, 1915; and Jane Ann.

In one of the country schools of Summit county, Thomas B. Carmichael was enrolled as a pupil when he had reached the usual school age, and later he had the benefit of instruction in a business college of Akron, thus becoming qualified for life's practical and responsible duties. When his textbooks were put aside he entered upon an apprenticeship to the stone cutter's trade, which he afterward followed for a number of years. He next became



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associated with the Carmichael Construction Company and remained with that corporation as an executive for twenty-five years. When a quarter of a century had thus passed he organized the C. W. & P. Construction Company in 1920 for the purpose of carrying on a general contracting and building business. He has since been the president of this company, which has erected a considerable percentage of the larger buildings in Akron and other sections of the state, including the Grace Reformed church, the North Hill church, the Trinity Reformed church and many other prominent buildings, enjoying an enviable reputation in his chosen field of labor. The company is today well known and its success is due in substantial measure to the business efforts, sound judgment and enterprise of Mr. Carmichael, whose high standing is indicated in the fact that he was elected to the presidency of the General Contractors Association of Akron for the year 1928.

It was in 1893 that Mr. Carmichael wedded Miss Susan Donaldson, of Massillon, Ohio, a daughter of James and Susan Donaldson. She passed away in 1913, leaving two daughters: Ethel, now the wife of Fred Karlson, was born in Massillon and now resides in Cleveland with her husband and two children, Fred and Jeanne; Helen, who was born in Massillon, is the wife of P. S. Gould. For his second wife Mr. Carmichael chose Mrs. Cora Hawk, of Akron, whom he wedded in 1917. She is a daughter of George Reininger, of a well known Richfield family.

Mr. Carmichael belongs to the Knights of Pythias and his life has ever been the expression of high standards of manhood and of citizenship, so that all who know him acknowledge his worth and find in him a man whom to know is to respect and honor. His residence is at 200 Casterton avenue.

RUSSELL LEON RICKERT

Among the productive industries of Akron is that of the Foltz Body Company, of which Russell Leon Rickert is the president. Their business is the manufacture of automobile and auto truck bodies, in which connection they have developed one of the leading manufacturing concerns of the city. The company also has a complete repair shop for passenger cars and trucks, and does painting, trimming, upholstering and all kinds of repairs. Plans are carefully formulated and promptly executed, and a

spirit of enterprise has actuated Mr. Rickert at all points in his career, so that substantial success has accrued.

Born in Akron, September 14, 1898, he is a son of Harvey H. and Elizabeth (Kindig) Rickert, both of whom are natives of Medina county, Ohio, and have spent their entire lives in this state, their respective parents having been pioneer settlers of Ohio. Harvey H. Rickert is well known as a stationary engineer with the B. F. Goodrich Tire & Rubber Company. In their family are two children, the daughter being Ruth Rickert.

The educational system of Akron afforded Russell L. Rickert his opportunities for securing that mental training which constitutes the basis of success in business life. He passed through the grades and became a student in the South high school and when his textbooks were put aside he secured a position with the Firestone Tire & Rubber Company, remaining with that corporation for three and one-half years. He then resigned to accept a minor position with the Foltz Body Company in 1917. Since that time he has steadily worked his way upward through the various departments until he was called to executive position and since 1924 he has served as president of this corporation. The Foltz Body Company was organized by George Foltz in 1892 and has therefore been in existence for thirty-six years. Mr. Foltz was a cabinetmaker and wagon builder, having learned his trade in young manhood. He then opened a small wagon shop in Akron, catering to the merchant trade yet occasionally building a fine buggy or carriage to meet a special order. His work was always of the highest grade and his fame as a wagon and carriage builder soon spread. His business continued to increase until his little shop was inadequate for the demands of the trade and he had to move to secure greater floor space. As time went on more and more workmen were employed and he continued the business successfully until his death, when his son, H. H. Foltz, and Mr. Rickert took over the business. As automobiles came into general use, replacing wagons and carriages, the business was gradually changed until now the company manufactures only truck bodies, specializing in the most modern and attractive makes. Theirs is a splendidly equipped plant, supplied with the latest improved machinery, and the most efficient workmanship is secured. The Foltz Body Company has recently taken on the agency for the Autocar truck in Summit, Medina and Portage counties.

On the 14th of April, 1921, Mr. Rickert was united in mar-

riage to Miss Ruth Foltz, daughter of George and Kittie (Green) Foltz. Her father was the founder of the Foltz Body Company. He passed away in 1919 at the age of forty-six years.

During the World war Mr. Rickert enlisted in Akron and was assigned to motor transport direction in the camp at Pittsburgh. He was a non-commissioned officer and was discharged in December, 1918. Fraternally he is a Mason, being a member of Akron Lodge No. 83, and he is interested in all those forces which make for honorable manhood and citizenship. For the past fifteen years he has been identified with the Boy Scout movement, has been scout master and president of the Eagle Scout organization. He belongs to the Madison Avenue Evangelical church and to the Akron Chamber of Commerce and is a supporter of all those organizations and movements which make for public progress along social, intellectual and moral lines. He has ever followed constructive processes, not only in business but in the building of character and in the establishment of a greater Akron, and his influence has been far-reaching and beneficial.

BERT DAVIS

In legal circles of Barberton none is held in higher regard than Bert Davis, who, though a recent addition to the ranks of his profession here, has already gained recognition as an able and astute lawyer and is building up a satisfactory practice. Mr. Davis was born in Barberton, December 19, 1891, a son of John R. and Matilda (Proehl) Davis, who are referred to on another page of this work. He attended the public schools of Barberton, graduating from high school, and later entered the Cleveland Law School, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1926. In the same year he was admitted to the bar, after which he practiced in Cleveland for a short time. In 1927 he returned to Barberton and now has offices at 316 East Tuscarawas street.

On May 27, 1919, Mr. Davis was united in marriage to Miss Louise Blattert, of Barberton, and they have two children, Beatrice Adele and Dorothy Jean. In his political views, Mr. Davis is a democrat, and he is a member of the Masonic order and the American Legion, of which he is service officer for 1928. He is a member of the Baptist church and stands for all that is best in

community life. Mr. Davis is a veteran of the World war, having been in the service for fifteen months as a member of the Three Hundred and Twenty-fourth Machine Gun Battalion, Three Hundred and Thirty-second Infantry Regiment, Eighty-third Division, from which he was honorably discharged at the close of the war with the rank of sergeant. A man of cordial and friendly manner, he has a wide acquaintance in Summit county and is held in the highest regard by all who know him.

GROVER C. WALKER

Grover C. Walker, attorney at law and abstractor of titles in Akron, was born in Ravenna, Ohio, March 10, 1885, and is a son of George W. and Mary J. (Dennison) Walker, both of whom are natives of this state. The Walker family has long been represented here, the great-grandfather, William Walker, having settled in Stow township, Summit county, in 1802. He there received a grant of land from the state of Connecticut and began the development and improvement of the property. John Walker son of William, was born in Stow township, while his wife, Olive (Cox) Walker, was a native of Maryland. Their son, George W. Walker, became a prominent builder and contractor and also a successful and prosperous farmer. He is still active at the age of eighty-two years, while his wife survives at the age of seventy-three. They were the parents of five children: Grover C., of this review; Mrs. Olive Moulton, who is a resident of Cleveland, Ohio; Mrs. Bessie Myers, living in Atwater, Ohio; Mary L., who lives in Ravenna, this state; and Robert J., also of Ravenna.

In his boyhood days Grover C. Walker attended the public and high schools of Ravenna and later became a student in Buchtel College of Akron, from which he was graduated in 1911 with the Ph. B. degree. He next attended the Harvard Law School for two years and afterward read law in the office and under the direction of Ford L. Carpenter for a year, being admitted to the bar in June, 1913. He also taught school and was principal of the Atwater high school for a period of two years, after which he began the practice of law in 1916. Through the intervening period of twelve years he has continued in general law practice and in the abstract business and in both fields has made steady progress leading to the acquirement of substantial success. He belongs to the Summit County Bar Association and



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enjoys the respect, confidence and good will of his brethren of the profession. In his political connections Mr. Walker is independent in local affairs while in national and state matters his sympathies are with the democratic party.

On the 3d of July, 1916, Mr. Walker was married to Miss Helen Herberich, of Akron, a daughter of David and Lena (Fuchs) Herberich and a member of one of the city's most highly respected families. A more extended mention of David Herberich will be found elsewhere in this work. Mr. and Mrs. Walker have one son, Clayton Maxwell, who was born in Akron, March 25, 1927. They are members of First Church of Christ Scientist. Mr. Walker has attained a most creditable position in his profession entirely through his own efforts, and his clientele is a representative one.

His residence is at 539 Roslyn avenue.

GEORGE DAVIS

The Davis Printing Company of Barberton has gained a wide reputation for the high quality of its products, and is one of the leading business concerns of the locality. Its owner, George Davis, not only possesses a thorough technical knowledge of "the art preservative of arts," but is also a man of distinctive taste and original ideas, and thus is of invaluable assistance to his patrons, who appreciate his efforts to render them every possible service in his line.

Mr. Davis was born at Uniontown, Stark county, Ohio, on the 20th of May, 1884, a son of John R. and Tillie (Proehl) Davis, who are mentioned on another page of this work. He attended the public schools, graduating from the Barberton high school in 1902, and then took a course in a business college in Akron. At the age of eight years he began his acquaintance with the printing trade in his father's office, and during his school years he learned the technical side of the business. In 1905 he entered the Barberton Savings Bank as teller, which position he held for one and a half years, and was then with his father for a short time. He served two years as clerk of the village and in 1907 left Barberton, being for two years employed at his trade in various cities, among them East Liverpool, Pittsburgh, Wheeling and Washington. His object was to gain experience and learn the most modern methods in use in

the best printing offices. He then returned to Barberton and served one term, 1909-10, as city auditor. On retiring from that office, he bought the job printing department of his father's business and has conducted it to the present time as the Davis Printing Company. His equipment is the most modern that can be bought and of a size that enables him to promptly handle any sized job, and he has enjoyed a steady and substantial growth in patronage. Progressive in his ideas and methods, and with his business on a sound financial basis, he has developed it until he is now at the head of one of the most successful concerns of its size and kind in the country.

On June 23, 1904, Mr. Davis was united in marriage to Miss Tressa M. Hunsberger, a representative of one of the pioneer families of Barberton, and they are the parents of three children, as follows: Pauline G. is now the wife of George Snodgrass and both were graduated from Ohio State University in 1928. Mr. Snodgrass was editor of The Lantern, a university publication. Evellyn W. is a graduate of the Eastman School of Music at Rochester, New York. Lillian A. is a graduate of the Barberton high school.

In his political views Mr. Davis is independent and fraternally is a member of the Masonic order in all of its branches and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He also belongs to the Chamber of Commerce, of which he is a director. His religious connection is with the First Methodist Episcopal church, of which he is a trustee. He has shown a deep interest in the welfare and progress of his community and commands the confidence and respect of all who know him.

EUGENE K. SHEFFIELD

Development work in Akron has received marked impetus from the systematic efforts of Eugene K. Sheffield, an enterprising young business man and one of the city's leading realtors. He was born April 11, 1893, in Bayside, Long Island, and is a son of George A. and Flora E. (Wittmeyer) Sheffield, the former one of the early settlers of what is now a part of New York city. They still reside in the Empire state and the father has become well known as a building contractor. They have four children: George W., Enid F., Helena and Eugene.

The last named was a pupil in the public schools of New York



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city and in the Stevens Institute of Hoboken, New Jersey. He began his business career as a builder in Bayside, Long Island, but left that city in 1917 and located in Akron on May 4 of the same year. For a year he was a salesman in the employ of Ford Carpenter but in 1918 responded to the call of his country, being stationed at Camp Upton, New York, until 1919, when he received his honorable discharge. Later he organized the E. K. Sheffield Company, of which he has since been president, and this is now one of the large real estate firms of the city. Mr. Sheffield is also president of the Overlook Building Company, likewise a prosperous concern, and has developed the Overlook allotment, Lakewood Heights and the Lancaster income estates, a tract of one hundred sixty acres. In Overlook he has erected one hundred and seventy-eight modern homes during the past three years. The structures are well built and attractively designed. Mr. Sheffield has studied the real estate question from all angles and displays notable foresight and keen sagacity in the conduct of his affairs. He is secretary and treasurer of the Overlook allotment; a director in the Citizens Savings & Loan Companies of Rittman and Medina; and is also a member of the Summit County Mortgage Association.

At Cleveland, Ohio, in 1919, Mr. Sheffield was united in marriage to Miss Henrietta Smootz, a niece of Mr. and Mrs. William F. Pfeiffer of Akron. Mr. Sheffield is an Elk and one of the influential members of the local real estate board. Raised an Episcopalian, he has united with the Church of Our Saviour and shapes his conduct by its teachings. That Mr. Sheffield is a young man of exceptional ability and worth is indicated by what he has accomplished, and in the upbuilding of his business he has aided in making Akron a more attractive and desirable place of residence.

Mr. Sheffield's residence is at 346 Crestwood avenue.

RAY B. COLTON

Ray B. Colton, a prominent representative of the Akron bar, practicing as senior partner in the firm of Colton & Wendt, was born in Richtown, Portage county, Ohio, July 18, 1879, and is a son of Hiram S. and Lucy S. (Barnard) Colton, who were also natives of this state, within whose borders the father spent his entire life, successfully following the occupation of farming to

the time when death called him. Mrs. Colton still makes her home in Ohio, as do her three children: Ray B.; Charles W., a resident of Trumbull county; and Forest B., living in Portage county.

The youthful experiences of Ray B. Colton were those which usually fall to the lot of the farm-bred boy. He attended the graded schools of Nelson, Ohio, and the high school in Garrettsville, and when his course was completed he took up the profession of teaching, continuing in educational work for nine years, of which period he spent four years as superintendent of schools at Hiram, Ohio. He was a capable educator, imparting readily and clearly to others the knowledge that he had acquired, but at length with a strong desire to broaden his own education he resigned his position and enrolled as a student in Hiram College, which later conferred upon him an academic degree. In the meantime he had determined to take up the practice of law and with this end in view became a student in the law department of the Ohio State University, which conferred upon him his LL. B. degree in 1909. He then taught mathematics and political economy in the Highland Park Military Academy of Chicago for one year but on the expiration of that period resigned his position and went to Cleveland, where he entered into partnership with Elmer J. Warrick under the firm style of Colton & Warrick. Thus he continued successfully in the general practice of law for a period of five years, at the end of which time the partnership was dissolved and Mr. Colton removed to Akron, accepting the position of counsel for the Abstract Guarantee Title & Trust Company. He continued in that position of responsibility for two years and then became counsel for the Exchange Realty Company, with which he also remained for two years. He next formed a partnership with A. A. Wendt under the firm style of Colton & Wendt and in this connection is engaged in general law practice, Mr. Colton also being general counsel for the Savings and Loan Society of Akron. He now has a large clientage and is connected with much of the important litigation heard in the courts of the state. He has ever been a close and earnest student and never enters upon a case until he has thoroughly mastered every point in connection therewith. He presents his cause in a clear and logical manner and seldom fails to win the verdict desired. He holds membership in both the Summit County and Ohio State Bar Associations and enjoys the good will and kindly regard of his fellow attorneys.

On the 31st of December, 1915, at Ravenna, Ohio, Mr. Colton was married to Miss Ersula V. Vanderslice. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity, in which he has attained the Knight Templar degree, and he is also a member of the Masonic Club. He likewise belongs to the Akron Automobile Club and has been president of the Good Will Industries of Akron. The rules which have governed his conduct and have shaped his relations with his fellowmen are found in the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he is an attendant. Mr. Colton deserves much credit for what he has accomplished, as his progress has resulted entirely from individual effort intelligently and wisely directed. He has carved out the path whereby he has reached the goal of success, using his opportunities wisely and well in the attainment of a prominent and creditable position at the Akron bar.

JOSEPH L. EDWARDS

Among the younger members of the Akron bar is numbered Joseph L. Edwards, wide-awake, alert and progressive and well entitled to the success that has come to him in his law practice. He was born in Clay county, Georgia, January 1, 1888, and is a son of Joseph L. and Effie L. (McLendon) Edwards, who were also natives of Georgia, where they spent their entire lives, becoming prominent educators of that state, where the father also owned and operated cotton gins and mills. Both he and his wife are now deceased. They were the parents of four children: Joseph L.; Ernest W., living in Albany, Georgia; Mrs. Irene Barfield, a resident of Dallas, Texas, and Louie E., living in Blakely, Georgia.

In his boyhood days Joseph L. Edwards attended the rural schools near his father's home, also the city schools of Albany, Georgia, and the Locust Grove Institute at Locust Grove, Georgia. Later he was a student in the Valparaiso University at Valparaiso, Indiana, where he pursued his law course, winning his LL. B. degree in 1917. About the time of his graduation war was declared and he enlisted in the service of his country and went overseas. He was on duty for eleven months with the Seventieth Artillery, C. A. C., N. Y., and was discharged at Chillicothe, Ohio, in 1919. He then came direct to Akron, where he opened an office and entered upon the active practice of law. In the intervening years his progress has been continuous and he is

today accounted one of the leading members of the Summit county bar. He realized at the outset of his career that industry is just as essential in law practice as in any other field of labor and he has therefore been most careful and painstaking in the preparation of his cases. His arguments are always logical, his reasoning sound, his deductions clear and his opinions convincing. He continues in the general practice of law and is a member of the Summit County, Ohio State and American Bar Associations.

On the 5th of November, 1920, Mr. Edwards was married to Miss Ruth K. Ridgway, a daughter of Samuel E. Ridgway, formerly of Hydetown, Pennsylvania, and afterward of Akron. Mr. and Mrs. Edwards have become parents of two sons: Joseph Samuel, born in Kenmore, Ohio, June 20, 1923; and Robert D., born September 29, 1925.

Mr. Edwards belongs to the American Legion, of which he is one of the directors. He also has membership in the Akron Automobile Club and in the Methodist Episcopal church. He ever measures up to the highest standards of manhood and citizenship and his loyalty is just as great in times of peace as it was when he followed the nation's starry banner to the battlefields of Europe.

HORACE ENSIGN GROOM, M. D.

Dr. Horace Ensign Groom, physician and surgeon of Akron, is known in professional circles of the city as an accomplished authority in a special field of practice, and his skill is being recognized over a rapidly broadening field in Ohio. He comes of a family of professional men and was born at Britt, Hancock county, Iowa, August 2, 1886. His grandfather moved out to Iowa in pioneer times from Ohio, and was a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church. Dr. William Simpson Groom, father of Dr. H. E. Groom, was born in Ohio, in 1858, and went to Iowa when a small boy. He is a graduate of the University of Iowa and of the Keokuk Medical College, and has practiced at Prairie City, Hartley, Britt and in 1913 located at Conway, Iowa, where he built up a general country practice. He is still active in the work of his profession after a half century of continuous identification therewith. Moreover, he is a staunch champion of the cause of education and a consistent member of the Methodist church. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Harriet A. Doolittle, is a native daughter of Iowa.



DR. HORACE E. GROOM

Horace E. Groom, an only child, acquired his early education in the Britt high school, and in 1907 graduated with the Bachelor of Arts degree from Morningside College at Sioux City, Iowa. During 1908 he taught in the Hawarden high school and in 1909 in the Lake Crystal high school, and in the latter year moved west to Kennewick, Washington, where for six years he was high school principal. After this successful experience as an educator he returned east and entering Rush Medical College at Chicago was graduated with the degree of M. D. in 1919. He had some unusual opportunities in his professional training, being resident physician at the Presbyterian Hospital of Chicago and a student of the eminent specialist, Dr. B. W. Sippy, at Chicago. While in medical college during 1918-19 he was also enrolled as a member of the Medical Reserve Officers' Corps. Dr. Groom came to Akron in 1919 as house physician of the People's Hospital, and since 1920 has engaged in private practice. He is a licentiate of the National Board of Medical Examiners. He specializes in gastroenterology, being the only medical man in Akron to confine his attention to this specialty. Postgraduate work in Chicago and New York has augmented his professional skill, and he keeps in close touch with the most advanced methods of the medical fraternity through his membership in the Summit County, Sixth District, Ohio State and American Medical Associations. Dr. Groom is a member of the medical staff of the People's Hospital and of the Akron City Hospital. In 1924 he was commissioned a captain in the medical department of the Ohio National Guard.

On the 6th of April, 1918, at Chicago, Illinois, Dr. Groom was united in marriage to Miss Elsie Smith, a native of Sioux City, Iowa. Her father, John Smith, was a furniture merchant at Sioux City and died in January, 1924, at the age of sixty-two. Dr. and Mrs. Groom are the parents of two children: Horace Ensign, Jr., who was born in Conway, Iowa, April 4, 1919, and is attending school; and Betty Louise, who was born in Akron, September 12, 1922, and is in kindergarten.

Dr. Groom is a worthy exemplar of the teachings and purposes of the Masonic fraternity, to which he belongs, and has crossed the sands of the desert with the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist church. His hobby is a kennel for the breeding of police dogs. Moreover, he is a popular member of the Akron City Club, the Exchange Club, the Eskimo Club, the Akron Auto-

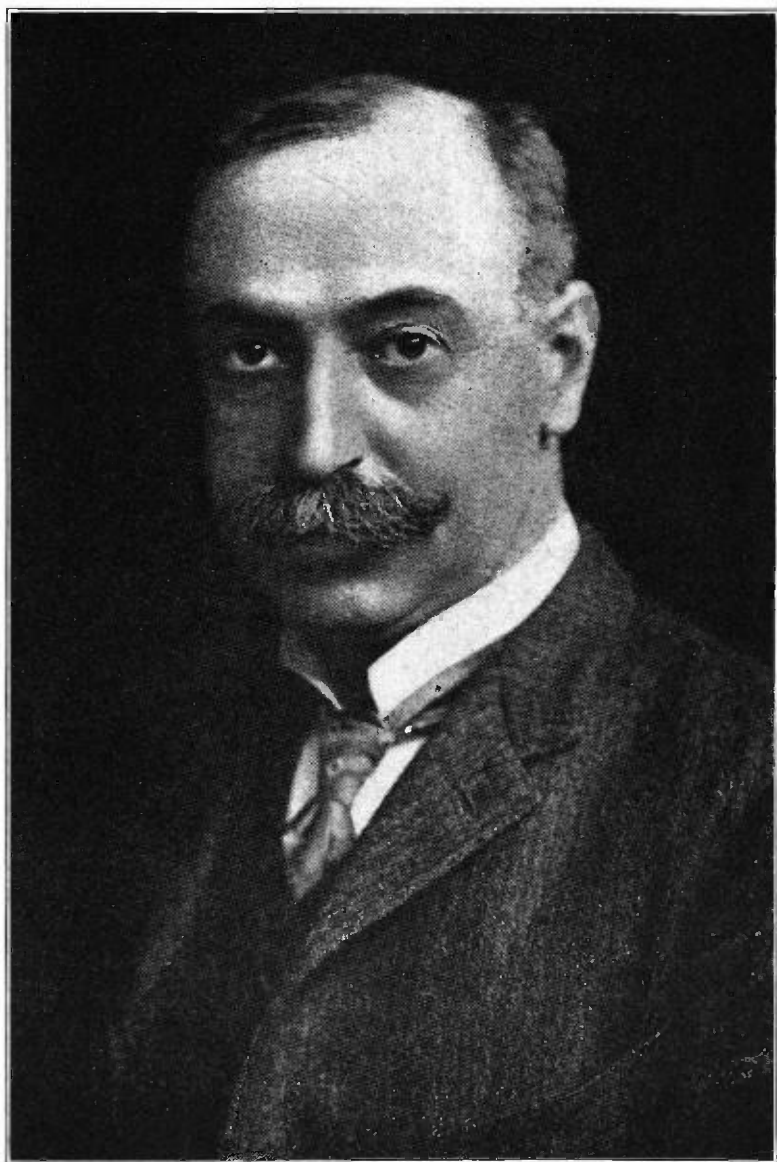
mobile Club and the North Akron Board of Trade. Kindly and sympathetic, cordial and friendly, he has won a host of loyal friends in this city, while his professional ability and success have gained for him the respect of his colleagues and the confidence and esteem of all who know him. His residence is at 874 North Howard street.

WILLIAM P. GINTHER, F. A. I. A.

The mental growth of every race is measured by what it builds. The testimony of stone and timber—cathedral, castle, temple, pyramid—have recorded each generation's farthest advance in culture since the day when man's dawning intelligence devised his first crude hut. It was in order to give expression in some permanent form to the human desire for religious consolation that the great cathedrals of the world have been erected. Whatever may be said about national, civic or domestic buildings, there is certainly no subject that can more inspire the poet, writer, painter or architect than the subject of religion. It is the one thing that differentiates the human from the merely animal mind, so that the creation of beautiful temples of worship, dedicated to God, has naturally attracted as well as stimulated the efforts of the best architects of the world. This high goal William P. Ginther, F. A. I. A., determined to reach and his talents have placed him with the foremost exponents of ecclesiastical architecture in the United States.

Mr. Ginther was born March 21, 1858, and is one of Akron's loyal sons and distinguished citizens. His parents were Stephen and Anna M. (Horning) Ginther, the former of whom was born in Gelhausen, in the province of Bavaria, while the latter was also a native of Germany. In their youth they came to America, locating in Cleveland, Ohio, and later removed to Akron. The father was a merchant tailor of more than average ability and numbered among his patrons the elite of the city. To Mr. and Mrs. Ginther were born six children but Henry, the eldest, is deceased. The others are Charles M. and William P. Ginther, Miss Helen Ginther, Mrs. Herman Prusser and Mrs. John Robb.

William P. Ginther was a pupil in the grammar and high schools of Akron and attended Buchtel College for a short time, matriculating in the institution soon after it was opened in his native city. From boyhood he evinced a talent for drawing and



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on account of his artistic tastes was induced by his friends to take up the study of architecture as a profession. For twelve years he was employed in the office of Frank Weary, progressing rapidly during that period, and in order to better equip himself for his chosen work he made a tour of Europe and the continent in 1889, closely studying the great architectural piles to be found in Rome, Milan, Paris, Venice, Florence, London, Berlin, Vienna and many other noted centers of art. He returned to Akron and the information thus acquired by observation and study of the best examples of the great masters he has put to practical use, in consequence of which he is accredited with a degree of taste and skill that commends him to those particularly who are charged with important building improvements and projects.

For about forty years Mr. Ginther has specialized in ecclesiastical architecture and it is almost impossible to select any particular example of his work to prove the excellence of his design. Some one has said that the designer, in order to rightly judge the effect of his building must not depend solely upon his drawing, but should sedulously discipline and train his imagination, so that he may safely rely upon it. Mr. Ginther seems to have achieved this uncommon faculty. There does not seem to be any failure of his apt confidence to achieve just the thing that was intended, the power, which in any direction it may be exerted, spells genius.

St. Patrick's church in Erie, Pennsylvania, St. Columba's, Youngstown, Ohio, and St. Mary's church at McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania, are among the imposing edifices which typify Mr. Ginther's skill as a designer of ecclesiastical structures. The exterior of St. Patrick's church was executed in granite and has a frontage of one hundred and ten feet and a depth of one hundred and forty-five feet, while a stately tower graces each front corner. The visitor or passerby stands in amazement as his eyes rest for the first time on this splendid structure, for the disposition of the masses on the exterior of the building harmonize so well with the arrangements of the interior that it cannot but afford complete satisfaction to the eye.

St. Mary's church, although of ordinary size and without any claim to cathedral magnificence, is a Gothic structure which affords a striking example of dignity and effectiveness. It was built upon the crest of one of the highest hills and its pointed spires are a conspicuous object on the sky line from every approach of the town. A nearer view discloses the whole body of the building, the dark walls breaking into light as the buttresses

push up to the pointed roof and branch into a forest of little pinacles. This church is rather unusual in its strict adherence to the pure Gothic form. The two main spires, slender and graceful, are repeated in miniature whenever they can be introduced. A third large tower rises from the intersection of the nave and transept and the ends of the transepts themselves are ornamented with spires. In the interior the Gothic is somewhat modified to produce the open auditorium which seems to have universally displaced the pillared isles of the old buildings. The Gothic ceiling with its ribbed arches is perfectly preserved. The apse is very large, making a sanctuary of unusual depth and width. The placing of the windows is also somewhat unusual. Some double windows are let into the solid walls just above the wainscoting, and a few feet above these are the main windows, which are of great richness and beauty. The straight slant of the roof is also broken by a series of small windows, and large rose windows light the transepts and the choir gallery. As Christian art is the expression or embodiment of the religious and supernatural life, these creations of Mr. Ginther speak to the eye, and prove it to the mind. In contemplating many of his architectural gems one is compelled to transpose the statement of St. Basil, who declared that painters accomplished as much by their pictures and orators by their eloquence, by saying that architects present in visual form a sermon and an inspiration quite as eloquent as the most distinguished prelate.

As previously stated, these are only a few examples of Mr. Ginther's ability in the field of ecclesiastical architecture. At the same time he has done a large amount of residential and commercial building, all of which testify to his wide range of accomplishments. Within the last few years great attention has been paid to the scientific construction and equipment of the modern hospital. One of the most conspicuous of these institutions is the Mount St. Mary's Hospital, a magnificent building, which was designed by Mr. Ginther and is located in Niagara Falls, New York, at the corner of Sixth street and Perry avenue. The hospital comprises four buildings, connected by means of arcades thirty feet in length and nine feet in width. These structures, which are absolutely fireproof throughout, are built of vitrified brick and the trimmings are of stone. The architectural treatment is of the modern Renaissance and the interior arrangements of the buildings are both serviceable and pleasing, as well as intelligent in detail, being adapted in every require-

ment to the system for these rooms. Every room throughout the entire building has outside light. The private rooms, which are of goodly size, with high ceilings, are soundproof and arranged along the line of high grade apartments. All suites and many of the single rooms have private baths and lavatories. The plan of the arrangement of the wards is known as the unit type; that is, each floor in itself is essentially a complete self-contained hospital having all the necessary rooms and facilities for ministering to the comfort of the patients. There are four of these ward units, with provisions in each for ten beds, so arranged as to give twelve hundred cubic feet of air space for each bed. The main feature of the hospital is the operating plant, which occupies a special floor, separated from those below by an enclosed stairway and elevator shaft. The isolated position of this part of the hospital insures privacy to the patient, the absence of all disturbances to the operator, and the immaculate cleanliness and aseptic condition which is essential in rooms devoted to major surgery. The list of Mr. Ginther's notable achievements as an architect is as follows:

CHURCHES

Annunciation, St. Bernard's and St. Mary's in Akron; St. Columbia's at Youngstown, Ohio; St. John the Baptist and St. Thomas the Apostle in Columbus, Ohio; St. Martin's, Holy Trinity, Holy Rosary, Sacred Heart of Jesus, Annunciation, St. Anthony's and St. Adelbert's, all of which are located in Cleveland, Ohio; Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Mother of Sorrows and St. Joseph's of Ashtabula, Ohio; St. Luke's at Danville, Ohio; Sacred Heart of Jesus at Shelby Settlement, Ohio; Good Shepherd at Toledo, Ohio; Immaculate Conception at Ozark, Ohio; St. Louis' at Gallipolis, Ohio; SS. Cyril & Methodius at Barberton, Ohio; St. Patrick's at Bellefontaine, Ohio; St. Francis' at Carthage, Ohio; Holy Cross at Glouster, Ohio; St. Michael's at Gibsonburgh, Ohio; St. Mary's at Antwerp, Ohio; St. Mary's at Payne, Ohio; St. Nicholas' at Miller City, Ohio; St. Michael's at North Ridge, Ohio; St. John's at Defiance, Ohio; St. Mary's at Junction, Ohio; Holy Name at Steubenville, Ohio; Our Lady of Mt. Carmel at Warren, Ohio; Sacred Heart at Coshocton, Ohio; St. John's at Logan, Ohio; St. Joseph's at Randolph, Ohio; St. Francis Xavier's at Chicago, Ohio (?); St. Mary's at Norwalk, Ohio; Holy Rosary at Lowellville, Ohio; St. Philip Neri at Murray City, Ohio; St. Peter's at Mansfield, Ohio; St. Paul's at New Berlin, Ohio; St.

Joseph's at Circleville, Ohio; St. Mary's, remodeled at Massillon, Ohio; St. Mary's at McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania; St. Philip's at Crafton, Pennsylvania; Immaculate Conception at Johnstown, Pennsylvania; Immaculate Heart of Mary at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; St. Anne's, St. Andrew's and St. Patrick's at Erie, Pennsylvania; Sacred Heart at St. Mary's, Pennsylvania; Most Holy Rosary at Johnsonburg, Pennsylvania; St. Stephen's at South Oil City, Pennsylvania; St. Anthony's at Cambridge Springs, Pennsylvania; St. Andrew's at Roanoke, Virginia; St. Clare's at Oxnard, California; St. Joseph's at Perry, New York; St. Mary's at Cortland, New York; St. Mary's at Clinton, New York; Holy Family at Gas City, Indiana.

PAROCHIAL RESIDENCES

St. Mary's and St. Bernard's at Akron, Ohio; St. John's at Canton, Ohio; St. Procop's, Holy Rosary, Nativity and St. Adelbert's in Cleveland, Ohio; St. Augustine's at Lakewood, Ohio; Holy Name at Steubenville, Ohio; Immaculate Conception at Wellsville, Ohio; St. Pius' at Mexahala, Ohio; St. Mary's at Shawnee, Ohio; St. Mary's of the Springs at Shepherd, Ohio; St. Philip Neri at Murray City, Ohio; Our Lady of Mount Carmel at Warren, Ohio; St. Patrick's at Bellefontaine, Ohio; St. Joseph's at Randolph, Ohio; St. John the Baptist at Columbus, Ohio; Mother of Sorrows at Ashtabula, Ohio; St. Patrick's at Buchtel, Ohio; Immaculate Conception at Johnstown, Pennsylvania; and St. Mary's at McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania.

PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS

St. Bernard's, St. Vincent de Paul's and St. Mary's at Akron, Ohio; St. Rose's at Lima, Ohio; St. Joseph's at Tiffin, Ohio; Immaculate Conception at Youngstown, Ohio; St. Procop's, St. Colman's, St. Aloysius' and St. Vincent's at Cleveland, Ohio; St. Mary's at Conneaut, Ohio; St. Bernard's at New Washington, Ohio; St. Joseph's, St. Peter's, the Immaculate Conception and St. John's at Canton, Ohio; St. Mary's at Elyria, Ohio; St. Stephens at Niles, Ohio; St. Aloysius' at East Liverpool, Ohio; St. Paul's at Salem, Ohio; Immaculate Conception at Wellsville, Ohio; Holy Name at Steubenville, Ohio; St. Wenbelin's at Fostoria, Ohio; St. Augustine's at Barberton, Ohio; St. Michael's at Bellaire, Ohio; St. Mary's at Piqua, Ohio; Sacred Heart at New Philadelphia, Ohio; and St. Rosa's at New Lexington, Ohio.

ACADEMIES

St. Mary's of the Springs at Shepherd, Ohio; St. Aloysius' at New Lexington, Ohio; the Ursuline convents at Youngstown and Tiffin, Ohio; Villa Angela, an Ursuline academy remodeled at Nottingham, Ohio; Humility of Mary at Mt. Marie, Ohio; and St. Joseph's at St. Mary's, Pennsylvania.

HOSPITALS

St. Anne's in Cleveland, Ohio; Mercy at Canton, Ohio; Mount St. Mary's at Niagara Falls, New York; and St. Francis Hospital at Charleston, West Virginia.

Mr. Ginther was married September 20, 1892, in Akron, to Miss Emma Wohlwend, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Wohlwend and a member of an old and prominent family of this city. To Mr. and Mrs. Ginther were born four children: Ira, who lived only two and a half years; William, whose life was terminated at the age of four years; Julian, who died at the age of ten years the result of an accident while coasting; and Mary, who was graduated from St. Vincent's high school in Akron, and subsequently from the Georgetown Visitation College at Washington, D. C.

Mr. Ginther is a Roman Catholic and a devout church member. He has been honored with a fellowship in the American Institute of Architects and stands at the top of his profession. His dreams and visions have crystallized into realities and judged from the standpoint of service, his life has been notably successful. Mr. Ginther has resided at 206 West Market street for over thirty-five years.

FRED S. KEIFER

Fred S. Keifer, cashier of the Kenmore Banking Company at Kenmore, holds a place in the front rank of the solid and substantial citizens of his community, in the prosperity and progress of which he has been an important factor for a number of years. He was born in Akron, Ohio, in 1874, a son of Fred and Phil (Steinhauser) Keifer. He received his educational training in the public schools of that city and in 1892 entered the old First National Bank of Akron, with which he was connected for several years, and later was for eight years an employe of the gas company there.

In November, 1916, Mr. Keifer came to Kenmore and was one of the organizers of the Kenmore Banking Company, of which he was elected cashier, and has held that position continuously to the present time. A man of keen and discriminating judgment, he has proven well qualified in every respect for the responsible post which he has so efficiently filled and commands the confidence of all who have come in contact with him. In 1902 Mr. Keifer was united in marriage to Miss Edith Williamson, and they are the parents of a daughter, Ruth, who is now teaching in the public schools of Akron.

CLARENCE GEORGE RAUSCH

Endowed with keen powers of discernment and a mathematical trend of mind, as well as the essential qualities of diligence and perseverance, Clarence G. Rausch has achieved success in the field of public accounting and plays an important part in the business life of Akron, which numbers him among its loyal sons. He was born January 25, 1891, and is a son of George C. A. Rausch, who was born in Germany but left that country when a child of six, coming to the United States with his parents. He became a dealer in meat and is still active in business. His wife, Emma (Riffard) Rausch, was born in Pennsylvania. They had a family of five sons and a daughter: August, Arthur, Clarence G., Christian and Charles, who are still living, and Ethel who died at the age of thirteen years.

After completing the curriculum of the grammar school Clarence G. Rausch attended the Central high school and this was followed by a course in the Spencerian Business College of Cleveland, Ohio. For a year he worked in the cost department of the Diamond Rubber Company and then entered the receiving department of the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company. His diligence and adaptability were rewarded by promotion to the position of assistant foreman, and later he was made assistant cashier at the Howard street station of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company. He resigned this post to become cashier for the C. H. Weiner Company, produce merchants, and afterward was assigned the duties of office manager. For five years he remained with the Weiner Company and then entered the profession which he is now following. In 1922 he became a certified public accountant and his services as an expert are now in constant de-



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mand. He numbers among his clients some of the large manufacturing firms of Akron and his office is situated on the fifth floor of the Metropolitan building. His name appears on the directorates of the Rubber City Realty Company, of which he is secretary and treasurer; the West Exchange Realty Company, of which he is also secretary and treasurer; the E. H. Wiener Company and subsidiaries; the Central Garage Company; the C. H. Wiener Company; the Sanitary Market Company; the Louis Ostrov Shoe Company, and its subsidiaries, of which he is secretary, the Real Estate Mortgage Company and the Perrine Furniture Company.

Mr. Rausch is identified with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and has taken the thirty-second degree in Masonry. He is connected with both the York and Scottish Rites, Tadmor Temple of the Mystic Shrine, of which he is assistant director, and the Grotto. His membership relations also extend to the Masonic Club, the City Club, the Silver Lake and Vista del Lago Country Clubs and the Kiwanis Club. His professional connections include membership in the American Institute of Accountants, the National Association of Cost Accountants and American Society of Certified Public Accountants. Mr. Rausch is a young man of strong character, actuated at all times by a keen sense of duty and honor, and what he has accomplished represents the fit utilization of his innate powers and talents.

ANDREW B. RINEHART

This is the brief story of a successful business man. Akron has a number of successful business men, and it should be said at the beginning that the following paragraphs refer to the president of The Whitman & Barnes Company and a director in a number of other prominent business institutions in Akron.

The story begins when Andrew B. Rinehart was eight or ten years of age. He was still living on the little farm of his father in Allen county, Indiana, about twelve miles from the city of Fort Wayne. His father was not a wealthy man, and it was the spur of poverty and necessity which stimulated the early business talents of the son Andrew. Andrew was born on that farm near Fort Wayne, November 14, 1862. His parents were Andrew and Mary E. (Trimmer) Rinehart, both natives of Knox county, Ohio. Mr. Rinehart represents some good old American stock.

His paternal grandfather, Aaron Rinehart, was a native of New Jersey and descended from Holland Dutch ancestors who came to New Jersey about 1690. Aaron was a pioneer in Ohio near Mt. Vernon in Knox county. After their marriage in Knox county, the parents moved to the farm already mentioned in Allen county, Indiana, and it was on that place that Mr. Rinehart of Akron spent all his early years. About 1883 ill health compelled his father to sell out and go west to California, where he died. In the meantime his wife and her children returned to Knox county, Ohio, and lived with the paternal grandparents.

Now to return to the early youth of Andrew B. Rinehart. He had a good deal of strength for a boy of his years, and when only eight he helped his father materially in the work of clearing up and cultivating the little tract of Indiana soil from which the family drew its livelihood. In the winter months, besides attending the district schools, he put in much of his time trapping in the woods. He took his pelts to S. Bash & Company, fur dealers in Fort Wayne. He not only sold the results of his own trapping but also became medium for sale of skins secured by other boys in that country. Thus the firm of S. Bash & Company came to see him considerably and recognized his enterprise and not long afterward employed him as a buyer for furs, wool and clover seed in Allen and neighboring counties. That was his first important business connection and ever since his career has been distinguished by an original initiative and a special daring in carrying out every undertaking entrusted to him. As another means of increasing his meager income he took contracts among the neighboring farmers for blasting stumps with Hercules powder.

In 1884, when he was twenty-two years of age, he began learning telegraphy with the Cleveland, Akron and Cincinnati Railway at Centerburg, Ohio. Six months later he was put on the payroll as an extra operator, and was employed at Middleburg, Orrville and Clinton, Ohio, and was then sent to Cuyahoga Falls, as bill clerk and telegrapher. February 21, 1887, he entered the service of the Akron Iron Company as shipping clerk and timekeeper in the shipping department. In October of the same year he was taken into the general offices of the company as bill clerk and telegrapher.

While he showed a great deal of ability in the routine handling of office details, his real talent was not revealed until in February, 1888, the company decided to give him a try at the

selling end of the business. The company manufactured an important line of iron and steel products. The young salesman made his first trip to Cleveland and soon reported orders for two carloads of steel. As he had succeeded so well at the start the company determined to use him in breaking down an opposition which no other salesman had ever succeeded in doing. The Oil Well Supply Company of Oil City and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, consumed an enormous amount of the steel shafting manufactured by the Akron Company, but the Akron people had not yet secured a single contract from them. Mr. Rinehart was sent to Oil City and Pittsburgh, and without going into the complete details of his salesmanship it will suffice to say that he sold two carloads of shafting. When his report reached Akron, the company immediately wired him to proceed to Buffalo, New York, and tackle an equally difficult proposition in the Contractors Plant Manufacturing Company, and there again he did what no one had succeeded in doing from Akron, he sold three carloads of goods.

In November, 1888, Mr. Rinehart was made general contracting agent in charge of the larger sales of the Akron Iron Company. In that capacity during the year 1892 he traveled 52,870 miles in the United States, and yet he was not away from Akron any entire Sunday. His sales in 1892 totaled \$862,000. When the hard times panic made its appearance at the close of 1892 the Akron Iron Company found it necessary to reduce operating expenses and decided upon a ten per cent cut in salaries. A few days afterward Mr. Rinehart happened to be on a train with one of the officials of the Whitman & Barnes Manufacturing Company. He was asked to consider a proposition to enter the service of the Whitman & Barnes people for the purpose of establishing and taking charge of an advertising department in the Akron plant. Such a department was being contemplated by the directors. Mr. Rinehart expressed his willingness to consider the offer, and at the next annual meeting of the directors he was employed. He went to work in October, 1893, and was not long in showing results. He organized the advertising department, turned it over to another man, then organized the credit department of the Akron plant, and following that he was made eastern sales manager with headquarters at Akron.

In the meantime he had acquired an interest in the Brigger Belting Company at Akron. When that company got into financial trouble he was chosen president, but on April 1, 1893, he

sold the business to the Akron Belting Company, of which he was made general manager. In 1898 he was chosen president, and since that date has been chief executive of this prominent Akron industry.

Mr. Rinehart continued with the Whitman & Barnes Company in different capacities until September, 1900, when he bought an interest in the Webster, Camp & Lane Company, manufacturers of mining and unloading machinery. January 1, 1901, he resigned from the Whitman & Barnes Company in order to take the active management of his other large interests. He sold the bonds for the Webster, Camp & Lane Company, in order to build the Akron plant, he bought the site of the plant and served as one of the building committee. About the time the plant was completed the Webster, Camp & Lane Company and Wellman, Seaver, Morgan Company were consolidated and took the title of the latter organization. At that time Mr. Rinehart was made a director and member of the finance committee of the new firm, and he helped to sell \$500,000 of the new preferred stock for the company.

In January, 1909, Mr. Rinehart accepted a place on the board of director in an advisory capacity for the Whitman & Barnes Company, and in the following July was elected vice president. In January, 1915, he was promoted to president, and is now head of that splendid corporation.

"Great oaks from little acorns grow" is an old saying and it seems especially applicable to the career of Mr. Rinehart when sketches in the perspective of his present position and his work as a boy in gathering up pelts in Indiana and selling them to a firm in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Rinehart was president of the Akron Trust Company when it was consolidated with the Central Savings, now the Central Savings & Trust Company. About the same time he became a director and member of the finance committee of the Second National Bank, and is now holding similar positions with the First-Second National Bank and is a director of the Peoples Savings & Trust Company. Mr. Rinehart is prominent in civic and social circles throughout Ohio. He is a member of Akron Commandery No. 25, Knights Templar, of Al Koran Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Cleveland, belongs to the Portage Country Club, the Congress Lake Club, the Masonic Club, the Eternity Fish and Game Club of the Province of Quebec, Canada, the Akron Chamber of Commerce and the Business Men's Club. Mr.

Rinehart married Miss Minnie May Miller, daughter of Virgil T. Miller of Osmond's Corners, Summit county. They have one daughter, May Irene.

OSCAR EUGENE OLIN

Oscar Eugene Olin was born at Earlville, Portage county, Ohio, on December 3, 1851. His father was Nelson Olin, a prosperous farmer, who was the son of Arvin Olin, one of the pioneers of Portage county. He is seventh in descent from John Olin (Llewellyn) who came to Rhode Island from Wales in 1678.

His mother was Harriet M. Holly, the daughter of Solomon and Susan (Gibson) Holly, also of New England ancestry.

Nelson Olin removed to Clinton county, Iowa, in 1852, remaining there till the spring of 1861, when he took his family to California on account of the failing health of his wife. Realizing that her health was permanently lost, the family returned to the old home in Ohio in the fall of 1865, where Mrs. Olin died the following spring. After four years more spent on the farm Mr. Olin began teaching in a district school near Galesburg, Michigan, in 1870. The next year he removed to Kansas, where his father's family had already gone, and continued his life work of teaching. He taught first in the district schools, then as principal of the high school, then as city superintendent, until called to the chair of English in the State Agricultural College of Kansas, at Manhattan, which position he held for thirteen years.

In 1898 he was called to Buchtel College at Akron, Ohio, where he has been for nineteen years. Meantime, Buchtel College has become the municipal university of Akron. Mr. Olin is now professor of economics and philosophy, and vice president of the faculty.

The degree of Master of Arts was conferred upon Professor Olin in 1897 by the State Agricultural College of Kansas, in recognition of twelve years of service as professor of English.

Mr. Olin was married March 21, 1878, to Marie Ellene Seibel, the daughter of Professor Charles M. Seibel of Mantua, Ohio. She was herself a teacher, and by her active interest in community life she has ably seconded her husband's chosen work. They are the parents of four children: Charlotta Harriet Olin, who taught in Hollywood School for Girls three years, and is now assistant in Stanley Hall, Minneapolis, Minnesota; Blanche

Marie, who was teacher of domestic science in Wheeling, and in Edmonton, Alberta, and state demonstrator of home economics in Wyoming. She is now the wife of Prof. George R. Twiss of the Ohio State University; Oscar Abbott, who died in infancy; Esther Ellene, who graduated from the University June 20, 1917.

All of Professor Olin's daughters are graduated from the school where he has taught, and two of them from Columbia University as well.

Professor Olin is a member of the Masonic order. He is a member of the Akron Chamber of Commerce and of the Real Estate board. He is interested in horticulture, and is a life member of the Ohio State Horticultural Society. He is also a member of the Navy League of the United States.

November 4, 1914, he was ordained to the ministry of the Universalist church, and in addition to his teaching he has for thirteen years been pastor of a church in Leroy, Medina county.

Mr. Olin comes of a family of a line of teachers, four generations being represented in succession.

JOHN J. BREEN

Akron's growth along industrial lines has been fostered by John J. Breen, an enterprising business man and a successful realtor with a background of more than twenty years of practical experience in this field of activity. He was born January 4, 1885, in Akron, of which his parents, James P. and Mary (McCausland) Breen, were also natives. For many years the father was engaged in farming in Summit county, owning the land now known as Bettles Corners, and it was on this property that his son John was born. Through industry and good management James P. Breen accumulated a sum sufficient for all of his needs and for a number of years lived retired. He died May 20, 1928, and his wife passed away January 1, 1926. In their family were six children: Charles, who fills a responsible position with the Miller Rubber Company of Akron; Leo, who is connected with the Summit county branch of the state highway department; F. J., who is in the employ of the Studebaker Corporation and lives in South Bend, Indiana; Mrs. Thomas Gorman, of Akron; Bertha, also of Akron; and John J.

The last named attended the grammar and high schools of Akron and also took a course in a business college. Afterward



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he entered the employ of the B. F. Goodrich Company and later became real estate expert for the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, traveling extensively for the purpose of selecting and appraising the property and sites acquired in the rapid expansion of this major Akron industry. In 1908 he ventured in business for himself and has since been associated with Elihu Harpham in the development of Bettes Corners, Akron's fastest growing industrial center. It was in 1914 that the Horning Lumber Company moved to this location, which is on Tallmadge avenue. In a comparatively few years industry after industry has followed the Horning Company to this section of Akron because of the facilities which the location affords. The firm of Breen & Harpham worked diligently to lay before executives of industries the advantages offered by Bettes Corners with the result that almost a dozen concerns have moved their plants there. All of this has taken place within the past two years and has helped immeasurably in the general development of Akron.

In the list of industries now operating at Bettes Corners are the National Refining Company, the Benzoco Motor Fuel Company, the Anaconda Copper Company, the National Sulphur Company, the National Standard Company, the F. W. Albrecht Grocery Company and several lesser concerns. The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad is contributing to the development of this section with plans for a separate track involving an outlay of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars from its yard to this manufacturing center. Breen & Harpham have cooperated with numerous industries in furnishing them data on Akron. Many are now interested in these new advantages. The latest concern to join the Bettes Corners family of young and promising enterprises is the Dayton Sign Company. Although recently organized, this firm has already outgrown its East Akron plant and is erecting a new sign factory on Tallmadge avenue.

Mr. Breen has extensive holdings at Bettes Corners and his judgment in regard to the worth of local property is considered infallible. Mr. Harpham is also a native of Akron and has witnessed the upbuilding of the city. He is likewise an authority on land values and locations and one of the best informed men in the city on the subject of real estate development. The work of both partners in building up the Bettes Corners industrial section has attracted widespread attention and thousands of dollars in new construction work has followed in the wake of their activities. As the result of the impetus given to industrial activity along

Tallmadge avenue the boards of trade in Cuyahoga Falls, East Akron and North Hill have indorsed a movement to improve Britain road in order to relieve traffic congestion.

On September 26, 1910, Mr. Breen was married in Lancaster, Ohio, to Miss Florence Blair, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Blair and a member of one of the prominent families of that city. Mr. and Mrs. Breen have one child, Patricia Ann, who was born in Akron, July 7, 1921.

Mr. Breen adheres to the Catholic faith and is affiliated with St. Vincent's church. In the Knights of Columbus he holds the fourth degree and also belongs to the Portage Country Club and the City, Rotary and Automobile Clubs of Akron. He is likewise a member of the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Breen is one of Akron's "boosters" and a man of substantial worth, esteemed and respected by his fellow citizens. His residence is at 41 Conger avenue.

LELAND A. VAUGHN

One of the most important industrial concerns in Cuyahoga Falls is the Vaughn Machinery Company, of which Leland A. Vaughn is vice president, treasurer and general manager. He has been identified with this business continuously since attaining his majority and has been a large factor in its development into one of the leading establishments in its line in Summit County.

Mr. Vaughn was born at Cuyahoga Falls on the 23d of July, 1883, and is a son of Calvin W. and Lucy E. (Treat) Vaughn, a biographical sketch of whom appears on another page of this work, in connection with which is also a history of the Vaughn Machinery Company. Leland A. Vaughn attended the public and high schools of Cuyahoga Falls and then entered Kenyon College, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1904. He then entered the Vaughn Machinery Company, where he remained a year, after which he studied engineering one year at Cornell University, and has since devoted his attention closely to the interests of the business, of which he is now the head, since his father has practically retired from active participation in business affairs.

On November 17, 1915, Mr. Vaughn was united in marriage to Miss Rebecca J. Johnson, of Akron, Ohio, and they are the parents of three children, James A., Allan and Gordon C. Mrs.



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Vaughn served as president of St. Agnes Guild of St. Paul's Episcopal church in 1927 and is actively interested in the church and civic affairs of her community.

Mr. Vaughn is a Mason, being affiliated with Star Lodge, No. 181, F. & A. M.; Washington Chapter, No. 25, R. A. M.; Akron Council, No. 80, R. & S. M.; Akron Commandery, No. 25, K. T.; Lake Erie Consistory, S. P. R. S.; and Tadmor Temple of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of the Portage Country Club, the City Club of Akron, the University Club of Akron, of which he was president in 1927, the Psi Upsilon college fraternity, the Cuyahoga Falls Chamber of Commerce and the Akron Chamber of Commerce. He is a staunch supporter of the republican party and is a member of St. Paul's Episcopal church, of which he is a vestryman. The family resides at 554 Merriman road, Akron, where the spirit of hospitality and good cheer is always in evidence. Mr. Vaughn's life has been one of continuous activity and today he is numbered among the solid and substantial citizens of his community, in the welfare and advancement of which he has at all times shown a deep interest. Personally he is a man of straightforward manner, kindly and sociable, and is held in high regard throughout the range of his acquaintance.

CARL JUDD CASE, M. D.

The consensus of public opinion allots Dr. Carl Judd Case a creditable position in the ranks of Akron's physicians and surgeons and he is moreover entitled to representation in this volume from the fact that he comes of pioneer ancestry, being of the fourth generation of the family in Ohio. He was born in Hudson, this state, August 7, 1882, sixty-eight years after his great-grandfather, Chauncey Case, had taken up his abode within the borders of the present commonwealth, where he spent his life as a farmer of Summit county. John Goodman Case, the Doctor's father, was born in Hudson and completed his education in Western Reserve College, after which he devoted many years to dairy farming, which he followed with success. He is now residing at Los Gatos, California, where he is owner of an excellent fruit ranch. He married Josephine Peck and they became the parents of six children: Carl Judd, of this review; Aubrey E., who is living in Painesville, Ohio; Laurence G., a resident of Los Gatos, California; Mrs. Marion Joy, of Cuyahoga Falls; Mrs. Jessie

Plaskett, living in Salinas, California; and Ethel J., of Oakland, California.

The youthful experiences of Dr. Case were those of the farm-bred boy who early becomes familiar with the work of tilling the soil and caring for the crops. He attended the district schools of Summit county and afterward continued his education in the high school of Hudson, from which he was graduated in 1898. He next matriculated in the Western Reserve Academy at Hudson and won his Bachelor of Arts degree from Adelbert College in 1905. A mental review of the broad field of business, with its limitless opportunities along industrial, commercial and professional lines, led him to the determination to make the practice of medicine his life work and he enrolled as a medical student in the Western Reserve University, which conferred upon him his professional degree in 1910. A little later he secured the appointment of interne in the City Hospital of Cleveland and thus put his theoretical knowledge to the practical test. In 1911 he opened an office in Peninsula, Ohio, where he remained until 1914, when he sought the broader field of labor offered in Akron and has since been a representative of the medical fraternity in this city. At the time of the World war he offered his services to the government and became a member of the medical examining board for East Akron. He was physician for the Children's Home for the year 1918, but the major part of his time and attention has been given to his private practice, which has steadily grown in volume and importance. He has membership in the Summit County Medical Society, the Sixth District Medical Society, the Ohio State Medical Society and the American Medical Association and thus keeps in touch with the onward trend of modern thought and progress. He is most conscientious and faithful in the performance of his duties and his labors have brought rich rewards.

On the 7th of August, 1912, Dr. Case was married in Cleveland to Miss Myra Clark, who was born at Shandon, Butler county, Ohio, and is a graduate of the Western Reserve College and the Oberlin Conservatory of Music, while prior to her marriage she successfully taught music in Cleveland. She is prominent in the musical circles of Akron and she has membership in the Burns Club, the Woman's City Club and the Oberlin College Club of Akron. She likewise belongs to the New Century Club and the Woman's College Club and is director of French classes

in the Woman's City Club. Dr. Case has membership in the University Club, the Burns Club, the Civitan Luncheon Club, the Akron Real Estate Board, the Akron Chamber of Commerce and the Akron Automobile Club. He and his wife are members of the First Congregational church. They find their recreation largely in travel and are people of liberal culture, occupying a prominent position in the leading social circles of Akron. Dr. Case's residence is at No. 277 South Arlington.

FRED MILTON WELLER

One of the most prominent figures in insurance circles of Barberton is Fred Milton Weller, vice president and treasurer of the A. A. Moore Company, having charge of the insurance department. Enterprising and energetic, he has attained distinctive success in this field of effort and stands high in the esteem of his fellow business men.

Mr. Weller was born in DeGraff, Logan county, Ohio, on the 29th of December, 1881, and is the first in order of birth of the four children of John B. and Margaret Elizabeth (Fox) Weller. His father, who is now deceased, was for a number of years head blacksmith with the Pittsburgh Valve & Fittings Company.

Fred M. Weller received his educational training in the grade and high schools of Barberton, to which city the family moved when he was four years old. On leaving school he went to work for the Diamond Match Company, with which concern he remained for one and a half years, and was then connected with mercantile affairs for two and a half years, after which he took a course in a business college. During the following three years he was in the employ of the Akron & Barberton Belt Railroad Company, after which he was employed in real estate and insurance business. He served as teller with the People's Savings & Banking Company and was for four years in the receiving department of the Colonial Salt Company. In 1912 Mr. Weller joined the A. A. Moore Company as manager of the insurance department and is now also vice president and treasurer of the company. He is a man of high business qualifications and has been notably successful in his present line of effort.

On October 26, 1904, Mr. Weller was united in marriage to Miss Lena A. Moore, daughter of the late A. A. Moore, and they are the parents of two children, Betty Nell and Arthur Moore.

Mrs. Weller belongs to the Woman's Club and the Adelpian Society and is actively interested in club and civic affairs.

Mr. Weller is a republican in politics, and his religious connection is with the United Brethren church. He is a Mason, in which order he has attained the degree of a Knight Templar; and he is a member of Tadmor Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Akron; the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks; the Kiwanis Club, of which he is a past president; the Chamber of Commerce, and the Brookside Country Club, of which he is a past president. His success in life has been the legitimate fruitage of his persistent and well directed efforts, and he well merits the confidence and regard in which he is held throughout his community.

JOHN H. MILES

Well known among Akron's leading business men is John H. Miles, the vice president and general manager of the Akron Coal Company and treasurer of the J. P. Loomis Coal & Supply Company. These are large interests scarcely surpassed in their line in this part of the state, and Mr. Miles has contributed largely to the success and growth of the interests under his direction. He has been a lifelong resident of Ohio, being born in Sherrodsville, January 7, 1889. His parents were Samuel J. and Ellen (Evans) Miles. Throughout his entire business career the father was connected with coal mining activities. He is now deceased but is survived by his widow and six of their seven children, namely: John H., of this review; Edgar A., a resident of Detroit, Michigan; William G., who makes his home in Akron, Ohio; Howard, living in Detroit, Michigan; Mrs. Jennie Osborne Jenkins, who is a resident of New Philadelphia, Ohio; and Mrs. Agnes Kastner, of Akron.

During his youthful days John H. Miles resided in New Philadelphia, Ohio, where he attended the graded schools, and this constituted his educational equipment, but throughout his entire life he has been learning valuable lessons in the school of experience and putting them to the practical test in a successful business career. He was still quite young when he entered the employ of the Northern Ohio Power & Light Company of Akron, with which he remained for two years. He then resigned that position to accept one with the Akron Coal Company. He has since continued with this organization, filling various important positions,



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steady advancement bringing him ultimately to the office of vice president and general manager. He is also the treasurer of the J. P. Loomis Coal & Supply Company and is now completing his twentieth year with these corporations, which are prominent factors in connection with the mining industry and coal sales of this part of Ohio.

It was on the 18th of July, 1918, that Miss Ruth Berenice Fullington became the wife of John H. Miles. She is a daughter of William and Mabel H. Fullington and a representative of a prominent Akron family. They now have two children: Daniel J., born December 8, 1920; and Marian Ellen, born May 4, 1924.

Mr. Miles is a Mason of high rank, having attained the thirty-second degree in the Scottish Rite. He is also a member of Tadmor Temple and Yusef Kahn Grotto. He belongs to the Masonic Club of Akron, the Fairlawn Country Club, and is a member of the Lions Club and of the Akron Automobile Club. His business and social qualifications have brought him a wide acquaintance and his many sterling characteristics have insured for him the high regard of those with whom he has been brought in contact. Mr. Miles' residence is at 1134 Delia avenue.

WILLIAM W. McINTOSH

William W. McIntosh is a native of New York state and had a business experience covering a quarter of a century before he came to Akron, where his name has been associated prominently not only with business but with constructive movements in community development. He is president of one of the largest insurance organizations in Akron.

Mr. McIntosh was born in Schoharie county, New York, August 7, 1863, and in his native state received his education in public schools at Sloanville and Claverack College. After coming west he was in business at Jackson, Michigan, five years, and at Clinton, Illinois, ten years, and was a manufacturer at Constantine, Michigan, ten years.

From there he came to Akron, continuing as a manufacturer for a time, but one year he was vice president of the Hall & Harter Insurance Company of Akron, and then organized the McIntosh-Baum Company, and in 1900 became president of the McIntosh-Bowers-West Company, an agency for general insurance and surety bond. He is also vice president of the Fidelity De-

posit Company of Baltimore, and is a director of the Ohio State Bank.

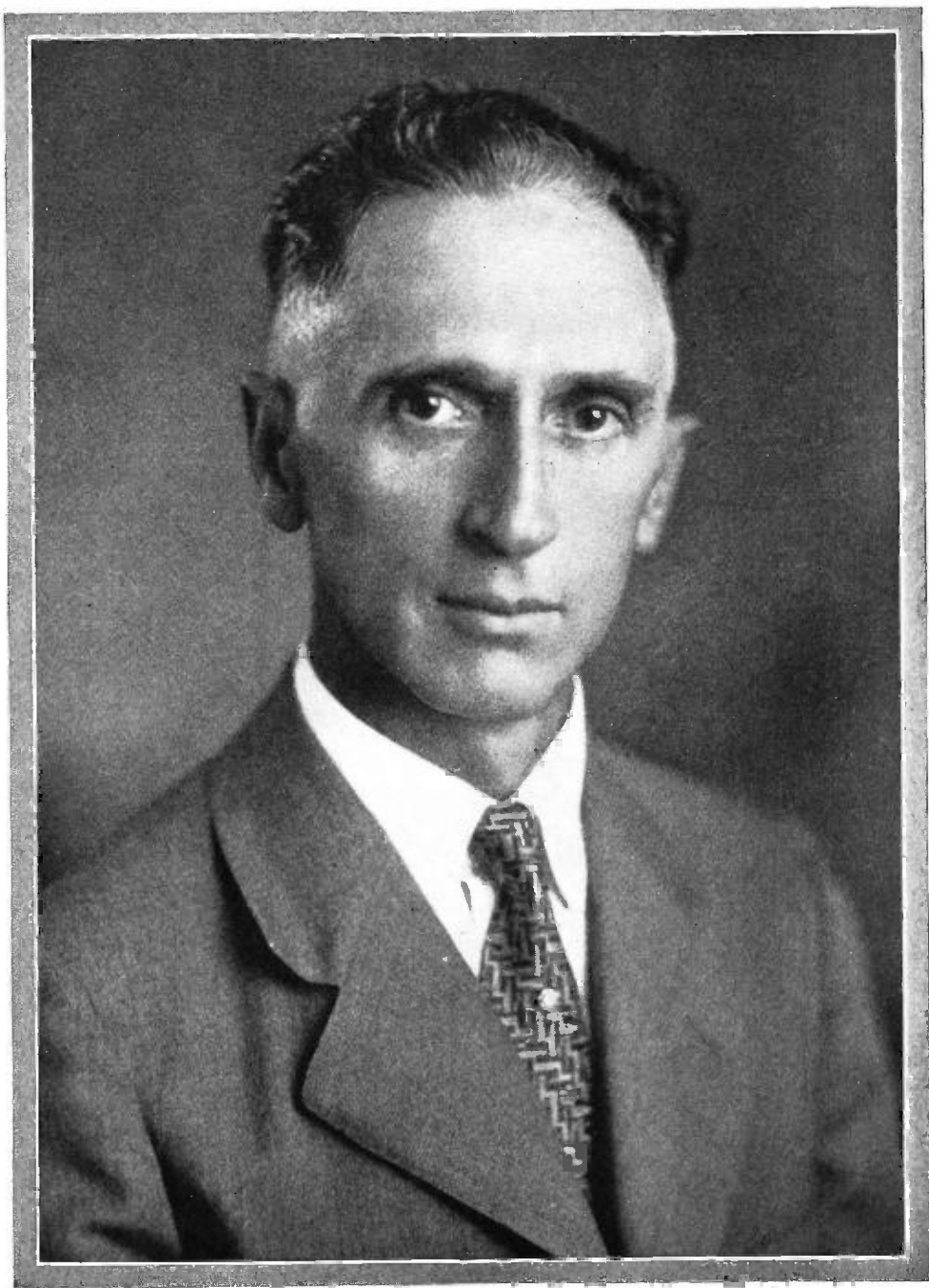
Mr. McIntosh is a member of the City Club, the Portage Country Club, the Akron Trout Club, is a Knight Templar and Scottish Rite Mason and Shriner and a member of the First Congregational church. For a number of years he has been interested in the success of the republican party, having served twice as treasurer of the city campaign, was chairman of the finance committee during the Harding campaign, and in 1921-22 a member of the state central committee. For thirteen years he has been a member and is now serving as president of the board of the Summit County Children's Home, an office he has held for seven years. All phases of war work enlisted his earnest cooperation.

Mr. McIntosh married in 1889 Miss Grace Bishop, of Clinton, Illinois. They have two children, the son, W. Bishop, being an attorney at Akron, and the daughter Margaret, is the wife of C. T. Jackson, of Findlay, Ohio. He is a member of the board of trustees of Tadmor Temple, Akron Shrine.

ARTHUR PRESTON WITTEN

Among the well known, progressive and successful citizens of Summit county who have attained notable success in the rubber industry is Arthur P. Witten, president of the Western Reserve Rubber Company at 154 Kenmore boulevard in Akron, which he established in 1915 for the manufacture of toy balloons and rubber advertising novelties. He was born at Spencer, West Virginia, on the 12th of November, 1881, a son of Augustus H. and Mary (Shawn) Witten, who were natives of England and of West Virginia, respectively, and became residents of the Buckeye state in early life. The father was long identified with the grocery trade in Akron. Both he and his wife are now deceased.

Arthur P. Witten, an only child, acquired his education in graded and high schools of this state and after putting aside his textbooks became an employe of the Miller Rubber Company of Akron, in the service of which concern he continued for five years and rose to the position of foreman. He then resigned and went to Brooklyn, New York, where under the supervision of Baron Rothschild he established a concern for the manufacture



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of toy balloons, known as the Baron Rothschild Rubber Company. This he represented in the capacity of factory manager for five years or until 1915, when he returned to Akron and organized the Western Reserve Rubber Company for the manufacture of toy balloons, rubber novelties, etc. He began operations on a very small scale with only six employes, but with the passing years the business has grown and expanded until employment is now furnished to fifty or more workmen in a large and modern plant the products of which are sent to all parts of the world. The success which has attended his undertakings is attributable entirely to his own efforts and thus he may well lay claim to the proud American title of self-made man.

On April 9, 1917, Mr. Witten was united in marriage to Miss Lula Bratton. He is the father of three children: Henry (by a former marriage), who was born in Canton, Ohio, and is a student in the University of Akron; Arthur P., Jr., who was born in Akron September 15, 1922, and is attending school; and Donald Edward, born in Akron, October 14, 1924.

Mr. Witten is a worthy exemplar of the teachings and purposes of the Masonic fraternity, to which he belongs, and has crossed the sands of the desert with the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, while his appreciation for the social amenities of life is manifest in his connection with the Silver Lake Country Club. Because of his sterling character and friendly and affable manner, he has won a host of warm and loyal friends throughout the community. His residence is at 1081 Emma avenue.

CULLEN W. IRISH, M. D.

Dr. Cullen W. Irish stands in the front rank of the medical profession in Summit county and is recognized as one of Barberton's leading citizens, his record having gained for him an exalted place in public esteem. He was born at Barberton on the 16th of September, 1889, being one of three sons of George W. and Hattie (Vincent) Irish. He is a representative of an old family of this locality, his great-grandfather, Abe Irish, having been one of the early settlers of Summit county. His grandfather, William P. Irish, established what is now known as the Irish Homestead. Both the Doctor's parents still live in Bar-

berton and are numbered among its most highly respected citizens.

Cullen W. Irish attended the grade and high schools of Barberton and then entered Ohio State University, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1911. He matriculated in the medical school of that university and in 1915 was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. During the following year he served as assistant physician at the State Hospital at Athens and then located at Canal Fulton. Two years later he returned to Barberton and had practiced here about five months, when he enlisted in the Medical Corps of the United States Army for service in the World war. He was first stationed at Ann Arbor, Michigan, but was later transferred to General Hospital No. 28 at Fort Sheridan, Illinois, where he served as chief of the neuro-psychiatric service. On October 1, 1919, he was honorably discharged and at once returned to Barberton and resumed his practice. He has been more than ordinarily successful in the treatment of human ailments, has built up a large practice and is regarded as one of his community's most reliable physicians.

On March 1, 1916, Dr. Irish was united in marriage to Miss Pauline Hartley of Athens, Ohio, and they are the parents of a son, Cullen W., Jr., born January 30, 1917. The Doctor is a member of the Masonic fraternity, the Knights of Pythias, the Kiwanis Club, the Brookside Country Club, the Phi Rho Sigma college fraternity, the Summit County Medical Society, the Ohio State Medical Society, the American Medical Association and the medical section of the Reserve Officers Corps. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and gives his earnest support to every worthy cause having for its object the advancement of the public welfare. A man of straightforward and friendly manner, he enjoys a wide acquaintance throughout this locality and has a large circle of warm friends.

KARL F. SONNHALTER

For nearly twenty years Karl F. Sonnhalter has been actively identified with banking interests of Barberton and as assistant manager of the Central Savings & Trust Company has won a high reputation as a man of keen and discriminating judgment.

He was born at Massillon, Ohio, on the 14th of March, 1880, and is a son of Jacob and Mary (Ertle) Sonnhalter, the latter of whom is still living. The father, who is deceased, was long engaged in the grocery business in Massillon.

Karl F. Sonnhalter attended the grade and high schools of his native city and also took a commercial course in a business college there. He went to work for the Massillon Milling Company, with which concern he remained three years, and then came to Barberton, entering the employ of the Babcock & Wilcox Company. A year and a half later he was transferred to the Barberton Savings Bank, which was owned by that company, and served as teller. He continued with the institution when it became a branch of the Central Savings & Trust Company, and in 1916 was made assistant manager, which position he is still filling.

On September 25, 1907, Mr. Sonnhalter was united in marriage to Miss May R. Bartell, and to them have been born four children, Eleanor, John and Mary, twins, and Jean. Mr. Sonnhalter is an earnest member of St. Augustine's Roman Catholic church and belongs to the Knights of Columbus. He has rendered loyal and appreciated service to the institution with which he has so long been identified, while in the sphere of private citizenship he has stood shoulder to shoulder with his fellowmen in all movements for the betterment of the community. A man of solid character and agreeable personality, he has long been regarded as one of Barberton's best citizens and stands high in public esteem.

GERALD W. HAMILTON, M. D.

Dr. Gerald W. Hamilton of Kenmore is regarded as a learned and skilled physician, closely devoted to his life work, and throughout his section of Summit county he commands the sincere respect and confidence of all who have come in contact with him. He was born in Geneva, Crawford county, Pennsylvania, on the 28th of October, 1897, a son of Hugh and Margaret (Watson) Hamilton. After completing the course of the public schools, he entered Chicago University, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1917. He then matriculated in Rush Medical College, Chicago, from which he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1923, and later he

served as interne in the Presbyterian Hospital in Chicago and the Akron City Hospital. In 1924 he located in Kenmore, where he has practiced his profession to the present time and has gained recognition as one of the most efficient and dependable physicians of this locality, having built up a large practice.

On September 6, 1923, Dr. Hamilton was united in marriage to Miss Mildred Saul, and they are the parents of two children, Howard and Gerald, Jr. The Doctor is a member of the Summit County Medical Society, the Ohio State Medical Society and the American Medical Association, and is a member of the medical staff of the Citizens Hospital at Barberton. He belongs to Goss Memorial Reformed church of Kenmore and takes a deep interest in all matters affecting the physical, civic or moral welfare of the community in which he lives. He and his wife move in the best social circles of the city and are deservedly popular among their associates.

ROY BERNARD MEADE

Although he has not yet reached the prime of life, Roy Bernard Meade has already gained a prominent position at the bar and as president of The Summit Title & Abstract Company and is classed with the successful and popular young men of Akron, whose future seems assured by reason of his notable achievements of the past.

Born in Richfield, Summit county, on the 18th of March, 1896, he is a son of George G. and Esther M. (Richards) Meade, the former a native of Summit county and the latter of Stark county, Ohio. The father has engaged in the building contracting business for many years. To him and his wife have been born three children: Roy B., Mrs. Mabel M. Gannon and Dorothy F., all of Akron.

The youthful days of Roy B. Meade passed in the usual manner, his time being largely devoted to the acquirement of a public school education in the grades and Central high school, and it was during that period that he began reading law, for when he was a lad of but twelve years he was given an old set of law books, over which he pored as opportunity offered until his interest in the science was so aroused that he determined to make law practice his life work. He was graduated from the Central high school in June, 1913, and shortly afterward entered the general



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office of the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company as an accountant, remaining there until September, 1914, when he entered the University of Akron, pursuing his studies there until June, 1915. During the succeeding months he was employed in the order department of the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company and then entered business for himself, opening a cigar store and poolroom on South Main street, which he conducted for about one year. In the early part of 1918 he was employed in the Goodyear plant for about six months and then became associated with the firm of Myers & Dinsmore, attorneys, handling the abstract work for the company and continuing his reading with them. He remained with this firm for over two and one-half years and then entered the abstract business for himself. In December, 1923, he organized The R. B. Meade Abstract Company, the name of which has since been changed to The Summit Title & Abstract Company. The abstract business, begun on a very modest scale, has since been developed to a service complete for all the requirements of Akron and vicinity. Mr. Meade has continued in active connection with the business from that time to the present and The Summit Title & Abstract Company has become one of the largest of the kind operating in this section of the state.

In the meantime Mr. Meade concentrated every effort upon the mastery of legal principles, as his time permitted, and in a class of one hundred and one he made a grade of ninety-eight and two-tenths per cent, the highest of that year. Admitted to the bar in December, 1920, he has since engaged in general practice, being now senior partner of the law firm of Meade & Weygandt. He has specialized in corporation, real estate law, banking and tax law, and has come to be regarded as one of the leading authorities on the latter subjects. He has written various articles on real estate law for the Akron Legal News, the Builders Exchange Magazine and other Akron papers. In his law practice he has manifested a strong grasp of affairs and has readily applied legal principles as to the points at issue with an accuracy that has brought for him notable success in the conduct of cases. He became the first president of The Summit County Association of Title Men and has long filled that office, and he has membership in The Summit County Real Estate Board, The American Association of Title Men and The Ohio State Abstractors Association. He also belongs to the Summit County, Ohio State and American Bar Associations.

On the 15th of September, 1915, Mr. Meade was married to

Miss Ethel Irene Ferguson, a daughter of William Ferguson, now deceased, who was a farmer, landowner and proprietor of a wholesale and retail meat market in Akron for a number of years. Mr. and Mrs. Meade have two sons and a daughter: Robert B., born December 15, 1916, and now a student in the Windermere school; Marjorie Jane, who was born December 9, 1918; and William Ferguson, born December 20, 1922.

Mr. Meade and his family occupy an enviable social position, and he is well known in club and fraternal circles, having membership in the Exchange Club, of which he is secretary; the Masonic Club; Akron Lodge No. 83, F. & A. M.; Washington Chapter No. 25, R. A. M.; Akron Council No. 80, R. & S. M.; and Yusef Khan Grotto No. 42, M. O. V. P. E. R. He also belongs to Akron Lodge No. 363, B. P. O. E., the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Young Men's Christian Association. During his student days he became a charter member of the Sigma Beta, later the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity, and was made a trustee of the local chapter. He has membership in the Portage Fish and Game Association and the Silver Lake Country Club and finds his chief recreation in golf and fishing. His activities have been of a nature that have contributed to public progress and prosperity as well as to individual success. He has improved his city by the erection of fourteen or more residences here, all of which he has sold. His has been an active and useful life, directed along channels through which flows the greatest and most permanent good to the greatest number, and his worth as a man and citizen is widely acknowledged. Mr. Meade's residence is at 2377 East Market street.

CHRISTIAN WILLIAM VON GUNTEN

Christian William Von Gunten, president of the Averill Dairy Company, is one of Akron's well known business men and typifies the spirit of progress in this city. He was born in Ashtabula, Ohio, July 31, 1887, a son of Gottlieb and Annie (Heim) Von Gunten, both of whom are natives of Switzerland and came to the United States in their youth. Gottlieb Von Gunten for a number of years was a successful truck gardener in Copley township, Summit county, but about twenty years ago gave up active business and has since been living retired in Akron.

Christ W. Von Gunten, was the fourth in order of birth in



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a family of ten children and was reared on a farm in Copley township. He attended the district schools, and his first business experience was that in which he had been practically reared, raising of garden truck. After his father's retirement from that business, Christ W. Von Gunten was associated with his brother-in-law, Peter Dockus, in its continuance for several years.

In 1917, in company with his brothers, Fred R. and Edward G., and F. C. Prentice, he purchased the Averill Dairy interests, incorporating the business as The Averill Dairy Company, under which firm name the business has since been conducted. The growth and development of this firm has been remarkable and offers a magnificent tribute to the straightforward business methods and ability of its management. The work is facilitated by equipment of the most modern type and the utilization of scientific up-to-date methods of handling milk from the sources of production until it reaches the consumer. The company has one of the finest dairy plants in Summit county, and its product is distributed over a wide area by a high standard of service. It was in the plant of the Averill Dairy Company that the famous Von Gunten milk filter was originated and perfected. This filter is regarded as the most efficient apparatus yet devised for its use and is in use all over the world.

In addition to his duties as executive head of the business, Mr. Von Gunten is a director of the Citizens Savings & Loan Company, the Commercial Savings & Trust Company and the Society Savings & Loan Company. He is also a member of the board of trustees of the Young Men's Christian Association.

Mr. Von Gunten was married January 15, 1910, to Miss Mabel Sturgeon, a daughter of William and Elizabeth Sturgeon of Decatur, Indiana. Mr. and Mrs. Von Gunten have a daughter, Dorothy, who was born in Akron, March 23, 1912.

Mr. Von Gunten is a Knight Templar Mason, a member of the Masonic Club, the Fairlawn Country Club and the Akron Automobile Club, while Mrs. Von Gunten is affiliated with the Eastern Star and the Woman's City Club. They are members of the High Street Church of Christ, in which Mr. Von Gunten is a deacon, and they cooperate in all well defined movements for the advancement of the community along material and moral lines.

Mr. Von Gunten keeps in close touch with the latest developments in his business, and has been successful because of his thorough knowledge of it and close application. He is regarded

as one of the city's careful and able business men and a type of its best citizenship. Mr. Von Gunten's residence is on Meadowcroft drive, Fairlawn.

HARVEY J. BACHTEL

In no calling does advancement depend more entirely upon individual effort and ability than in the practice of law. Every successful attorney must possess the power to carefully analyze his cases and reach logical conclusions, while at the same time he forcefully presents his cause before court or jury. Measuring up to required standards, Harvey J. Bachtel has become a well known member of the Akron bar. He was born April 2, 1880, within the present limits of the city which is still his home, his parents being Jacob I. and Althea (Triplett) Bachtel. It was in 1881 that they established their home in Akron, where the father later entered the real estate and fire insurance business, in which he has since been continuously engaged, covering a period of forty-three years, making him a pioneer in this field in Akron. He established business under the name of J. I. Bachtel & Company, his son being now the junior member of the firm. He has been particularly active in development work in South Akron, and appreciation of his service in the upbuilding of the city is shown in the fact that Bachtel avenue was named in his honor. He has also been prominent in civic affairs and public projects of benefit to the community and he is a consistent and loyal member of the Disciple church. His wife passed away in Akron in May, 1927, at the age of seventy years. They were the parents of four children: Leora E., residing in Akron; Mrs. Irene R. Tanner, of New Jersey; Mrs. Bessie M. Palmer, of Akron; and Harvey J., of this review.

The last named, the only son of the family, pursued his education in the public and high schools and in the Ohio Northern University, which conferred upon him the Bachelor of Laws degree in 1902. During his college days he was prominent in oratorical and literary societies of the school and the ability which he thereby developed has been of great worth to him in his professional career. He was admitted to the bar of the state of Ohio in 1902.

In 1902 Mr. Bachtel married Miss Harriet L. Merriman, a daughter of Wells G. Merriman, prominently known in financial

circles and a representative of a family connected with Summit county from pioneer times. Merriman road was named in honor of the grandfather of Mrs. Bachtel. The children of this marriage are: Elizabeth, who was born in 1903 and is a graduate of the University of Akron; and Clayton J., born in 1906 and a student in the University of Akron. Both Mr. and Mrs. Bachtel are church members and she is a member of the Woman's City Club, the Parent-Teacher Association and other organizations which lead to the advancement of higher standards of living. Mr. Bachtel has membership in the Akron University Club and the Akron City Club, is also identified with the Akron Real Estate Board and along professional lines is affiliated with the Summit County, Ohio State and American Bar Associations, whereby he keeps in close touch with advanced professional thoughts and standards. His residence is at 102 Merriman road, Akron.

HENRY BOTHAMLEY MANTON

The vital force employed in the building of a city is found in the achievements of its individual citizens, and to write the history of Akron without extended mention of the men whose efforts have so largely contributed to her growth and development would be to only half tell the true story. And one of the men who has been an important factor in the building of Akron is Henry B. Manton, president of the Robertson Clay Product Company, who represents the second generation in Akron in this line of industry, and is a worthy successor to his father, the late James B. Manton, who was a pioneer in the making of clay products in this city.

Henry B. Manton was born in the village of Middlebury, now the Sixth Ward of the city on May 29, 1867, the son of James B. and Harriet (Robinson) Manton. He was graduated from the Akron high school in 1886 and began his business career in the same year as bookkeeper for the Robinson Brothers and Company, and his present position as head of the Robinson Clay Product Company, is the result of thirty years of continuous experience, coupled with ability far above the ordinary both as a manufacturer and financier. In 1891 he was made secretary of the Crown Fire Clay Company, a subsidiary company located at Canal Dover, Ohio. In 1900 he was made treasurer of the Robinson Clay Product Company and nine years later was elected president of the company. The remarkable progress and de-

velopment of the company is due in a great measure to the genius of Mr. Manton, whose executive ability has been demonstrated fully in the management of the concern since he became its president. Mr. Manton has other large and important business connections; he is a member of the original board of directors of the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, is vice president of the First-Second National Bank, director in the Peoples Savings & Trust Company, and vice president of the Second National Building Company. In social affairs he is active and prominent and is vice president of the Portage Country Club, a charter member of the Akron City Club, a member of the Mayfield Country Club of Cleveland, and a member of Lakeside Country Club of Canton, and also belongs to other social organizations. He is active in the Chamber of Commerce and is ex-vice president of that body. While his business affairs demand his close attention, yet Mr. Manton finds time to devote to the civic affairs of the city, in which he takes a deep interest. He is always found ready to give his personal and financial support to any movement inaugurated for the purpose of promoting the progress and welfare of the city and her institutions. In all respects, Mr. Manton is the true citizen, broad-minded, progressive and patriotic, a man whose sterling traits of character have won for him success in business and has made and held for him the friendship of those who know him intimately and the respect of the entire community.

In 1892 Mr. Manton was united in marriage with Miss Mary B., the daughter of the late John Frederick Seiberling, pioneer inventor and manufacturer, and sister of Frank A. and Charles W. Seiberling of the present generation. To their union two daughters have been born: Margaret and Harriet.

CHRISTIAN A. STROBEL

Christian A. Strobel, a widely known Akron realtor whose business activity features largely in the development and upbuilding of the city, was born at Johnson Corners, in Summit county, Ohio, March 30, 1881, a son of John W. and Maria (Baughman) Strobel, the latter a native of Wayne county, Ohio. The father was born in Germany but was only two years old when he accompanied his parents to America. He was reared in this state and learned the blacksmith's trade, which he followed in connection with farming up to the time of his retirement from business. He



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passed away in Summit county in 1921 at the ripe old age of eighty-four years, having long survived his wife, who died in 1901. They were the parents of seven children, of whom only two are now living, one son, Peter B. Strobel, residing in Knox county, Ohio.

The other son, Christian A. Strobel, attended the schools of Coventry township, Summit county, Ohio, and of Chippewa township, Wayne county, Ohio. He worked on his father's farm to the age of twenty-one years, after which he resided in Barberton, Ohio, until 1907, when he moved to Akron. where he turned his attention to the real estate business, which he followed in the employ of others until 1910. At that time he embarked in business on his own account as a partner of William H. Shafer under the firm name of Strobel & Shafer. This partnership continued until 1919, when Mr. Strobel purchased his partner's interest in the business and has since been operating as an individual. Through the intervening years he has subdivided a number of allotments and largely promoted real estate activity in Akron. The firm of Strobel & Shafer sold most of the Hall Park allotment, being the old fair grounds on West Hill. Mr. Strobel assisted in the development and sale of the North Hill allotment, York Street Heights allotment, the Liberty Park and Howard Heights allotments. He has likewise conducted a general real estate business, and he is now a director and the secretary of the York Realty Company and secretary and treasurer of the Brook Point Improvement Company. He helped to organize and was president of the Pfahl Gauge & Manufacturing Company, which was established in 1911, but sold his interest in the business in 1926.

On the 19th of June, 1912, Mr. Strobel was married to Miss Fannie M. Newman, a daughter of Dillman and Margaret Newman. He is a member of The Trinity Lutheran church and is well known in Masonic and club circles. He has taken the degrees of both the York and Scottish Rites in Masonry and is a Shriner. He is also a member of the Akron City Club, the Akron Automobile Club and the Akron Chamber of Commerce. The interests and activities of his life are well balanced and he is known as a staunch supporter of every plan and measure that has to do with Akron's upbuilding and substantial development. He has rendered to the city valuable service as a member of the Akron city planning commission for the past six years. He is a member of the Akron Real Estate Board, which has been such an important factor in standardizing the business. He served as its president

in 1922 and for six years served as one of its trustees. What he has accomplished represents the fit utilization of his innate powers and talents. He has labored diligently and persistently along lines leading to success and in the upbuilding of his own business has contributed in notable measure to the city's welfare.

ANDREW JOSEPH KUCKO

Though not old in years, Andrew Joseph Kucko (pronounced (Kut-sko) has shown mature judgment and keen discrimination in his business affairs and is the owner of one of the best equipped funeral parlors in Akron, where he is commanding a large patronage and meeting with well merited success. He was born in the village of Medzan, County of Sariska Zupa, Czecho-Slovakia, on the 21st of September, 1895, and is a son of Mathias and Mary (Micklosko) Kucko, also natives of that country. In 1896 the father came to the United States and in the following year was joined by his wife and his son, Andrew J. They located in Youngstown, Ohio, where the father was employed at the Ohio Works of the Carnegie Steel Company until 1915, after which he engaged in mercantile business with such success that he was enabled to retire from business in 1927. He and his wife are still living in Youngstown. They are the parents of nine children who yet survive: Andrew J., John, Stephen, Michael, Joseph, Mrs. Mary Andrasi, Helen, Cecelia and Anna, all of whom were born in the United States with the exception of Andrew J. and are still living in Youngstown. The father became a naturalized citizen in January, 1910, and with him his wife and Andrew J. automatically became citizens.

During his boyhood Andrew J. Kucko attended the public schools of Youngstown and also Saints Cyril and Methodius Slovak school at that place and also had one year of high school work. He then obtained a position in the Ohio Works of the Carnegie Steel Company at Youngstown, starting as a messenger boy and being gradually promoted until he became first assistant shipping clerk, and he remained with that concern from his fifteenth to his twenty-first year. He had in the meantime formed definite plans for a professional career and to that end entered the Cincinnati College of Embalming, which is affiliated with the Cincinnati General Hospital. He was graduated in 1917 and granted a state license as an embalmer.



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Coming to Akron, Mr. Kucko entered the employ of the undertaking firm of Parks-Stiles & Sons as an assistant but soon afterward put aside his business ambitions to enter the military service of his country, becoming a private in Company A, Thirteenth Regiment, Field Artillery, of the Fourth Division, American Expeditionary Forces. He was sent overseas and remained in active service until the close of the war, taking part with his company in the Argonne Forest drive. He was honorably discharged March 7, 1919, and on his return to Akron entered into partnership with Stephen Hamrock under the firm name of Kucko & Hamrock, funeral directors. One year later this partnership was dissolved and Mr. Kucko removed to Canton, where he was engaged in various lines of endeavor, but his many friends in Akron urged him to return to this city and resume his profession. Accordingly, at the end of one year, he again took up his residence in Akron and opened a funeral home at 222 East Exchange street, where from a very humble beginning he soon built up a good business by his honorable dealing and courteous services. His business grew to such an extent that in 1925 he purchased a lot at 355 Grant street, on which he erected his present splendid building, it being up-to-date in equipment and furnishings and now one of the best funeral parlors in this section of the state. Here Mr. Kucko is rendering a type of service which has won for him the genuine respect and confidence of all who have employed him. He was formerly a director of the Security Savings Bank Company but resigned from that board in 1928.

In 1918, in Akron, Mr. Kucko was united in marriage to Miss Mary A. Gruska, a daughter of John and Mary (Porac) Gruska, who belonged to a well known family of Plymouth, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Kucko's maternal grandfather, John Porac, came to the United States in the late '70s, being one of the first Slovak men to locate in this country. Mr. and Mrs. Kucko have three children, all born in Akron, namely: Thomas Francis, who was born February 3, 1920, and is now attending Sacred Heart Academy; Rita, who was born October 22, 1924; and Edward James, born April 3, 1928.

Mr. Kucko is a member of the First Catholic Slovak Jednota, the Slovak Catholic Sokols Society, the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America, the Polish Roman Catholic Union of the United States, the Polish-American Citizens Club, the Slovak-American Citizens Club, the Russian-American Citizens Club,

the United Society Srbobran-Sloga, the Greek Catholic Union or Sojedeninije of America, the Union of Roumanian Beneficial and Cultural Society of America, the National Slovak Society, the Slovenic National Benefit Societies of America, the Servian Benefit Federation Unity, the National Croatian Fraternal Union of United States of America, the Alliance of Poles in America, the Polish National Alliance of the United States of North America, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Ohio State Funeral Directors and Embalmers Association, the Tri-County Funeral Directors Club, and the National Funeral Directors Association. His religious membership is with St. John's Slovak Catholic church. He has been true and loyal in every relation of life, has shown a good citizen's interest in his community and his social relations are such that he is extremely popular among his associates and acquaintances. Mr. Kucko is among the few citizens of Akron known to practically every man, woman and child among the people of European extraction or descent.

CHARLES NELSON SPARKS

Charles Nelson Sparks, who has rendered valuable service to his country along military and official lines, is now closely associated with business interests in Summit county as president of the Akron Agencies, Inc. Other business interests also profit by his cooperation and his sound judgment, and what he has accomplished represents the fit utilization of his time and talents. Mr. Sparks is a native son of Ohio, his birth having occurred in Columbus on the 21st of July, 1880. His parents were Edward F. and Belle (Akin) Sparks, both natives of Columbus, where they always resided. The father was a coal dealer and banker in early manhood, being identified with the Deschler bank. He passed away in 1923, while his widow survived until 1925. In their family were the following children: Stanley W., now living in New York city; Harry A., of Xenia, Ohio; J. Bennett, of Columbus; Clark H., also of New York city; Mrs. Alfred Egler, of Stuart, Florida; and Charles Nelson.

The last named began his education in the Columbus schools, passing through consecutive grades to the high school, after which the spirit of adventure and interest in the world led him to work his way around the globe, on which trip he gained much valuable experience as well as saw many points of interest. In

1898, when a youth of eighteen years, he enlisted for service in the Spanish-American war, joining the army as a private. He spent three years in the Philippine Islands and later worked for the Spanish Lumber Company in the Philippines. He subsequently completed his trip around the world and was then employed in connection with the lumber industry in West Virginia. In Mexico he labored in the mahogany fields and in connection with lumber interests, but revolution in that country caused him to return to the United States and for four years thereafter he was in the news service at Chicago, doing repertorial work. In 1914 he came to Akron as secretary and treasurer of the Summit County Home Rule Association, with which he remained for six years, at the end of which time he was appointed safety director. In May, 1921, he became postmaster and continued to fill that position for six years, resigning July 1, 1927, to take up the work of the Akron Agencies, Inc., which he organized and of which he has since been president. In March, 1928, Mr. Sparks organized the Akron City System Company, which is capitalized for two hundred and fifty thousand dollars and is one of a large chain of industrial banks in the United States, and he is now serving as its president. He is likewise vice president of the North High Garage Company, Willys-Knight agents, and is secretary and director of the Summit Beach Park Company. His business interests are of wide scope and importance and indicate his resourcefulness and undaunted spirit of enterprise.

On the 17th of June, 1921, Mr. Sparks was married to Miss Grace B. Pugh, of Columbus, a daughter of Andrew G. and Jessie Pugh, and they have one child, Andrew Nelson, born in Akron, March 6, 1926.

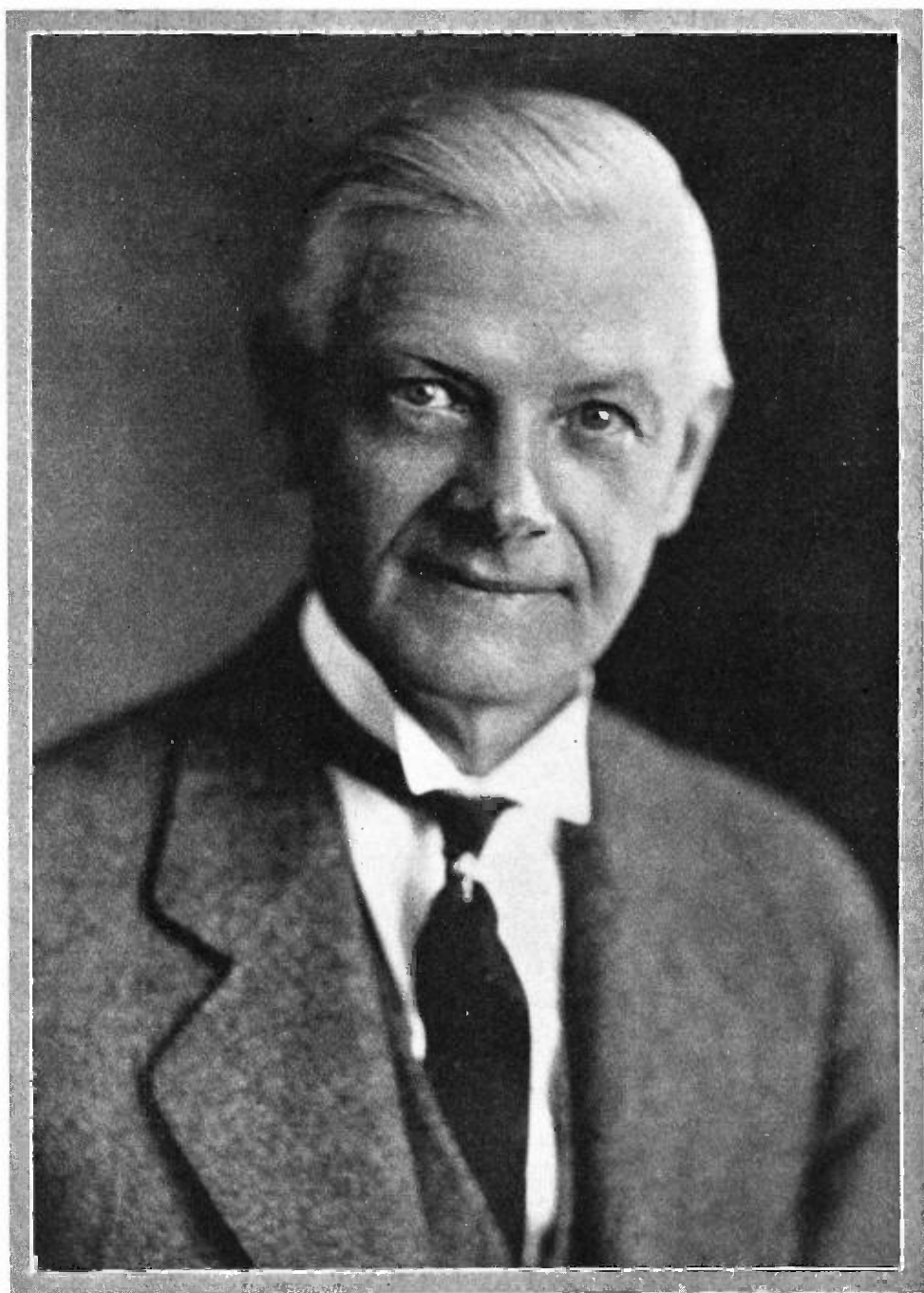
Mr. Sparks is a member of the Christian Science church of Boston, Massachusetts. He belongs to the Akron City Club, to the Fairlawn Heights Golf Club, the National Travel Club of New York, and is a prominent member of the Chamber of Commerce, in which he has served on the safety and industrial committees. He belongs to the Board of Trade of South Akron, the North Hill Board of Trade, the East Akron Board of Trade and the Real Estate Board. He also has membership with the Red Men, the Eagles, the Kiwanis Club, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Spanish-American War Veterans and the National Aeronautics Society. All of this indicates the nature and great breadth of his interests. His life story, if written in detail, would present many a thrilling incident, for in his youth and

young manhood he traveled the "royal road to romance" as he made his way around the world, visiting every continent but Australia and viewing the many points of modern and historic interest and natural scenic attractions. He found pleasure in studying the people and their conditions and he has always gained a thrill in carrying out his objectives and never stopping short of the successful achievement of his purposes.

CHARLES LEE WILCOX

The prosperity which is crowning the efforts of Charles L. Wilcox, treasurer and manager of the Medford, Central and City markets in Akron, has been well merited, for he has shown a spirit of determination and a soundness of judgment which would have insured success in any undertaking. Mr. Wilcox was born at Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin, on the 23d of October, 1873, a son of John F. and Laura Ann (Lee) Wilcox. The father was born near Rochester, New York, from which place he moved to Wisconsin, where he met and married Miss Lee, who was born near La Crosse, that state. During her early years her family moved to Chicago, Illinois. There Mr. Wilcox became prominent in public affairs, having been appointed police magistrate and justice of the peace in 1888, and the order for his appointment was signed by John Pearson, who at that time was secretary of state of Illinois. Mrs. Wilcox died in Chicago at the age of eighty-eight years, and subsequently her husband moved to Akron, Ohio, where he died in 1911, at the age of eighty-eight years. They were the parents of eight children. The four living are: Ira D., who is consulting engineer for the Vacuum Oil Company; Russell P., who is in the employ of the Swift Packing Company in Chicago; Charles L., of this review, and Mrs. Jessie G. Stover, of Salem, Oregon. Those deceased were John F., Jr., and Arthur Wesley, who died in infancy; Alma Adelphine, who married Professor H. S. Pepoon of Rush Medical College, Chicago; and Effie Roselia, who married S. J. Williams of Big Rock, Illinois.

Charles L. Wilcox attended the public schools of Chicago to the age of twelve years, when he ran away from home, going to Michigan, where he secured work on a farm. Later he went to Detroit, where he worked in a candy factory, and recalls the fact



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that on entering the factory he was granted permission to eat all the candy he wanted, with the result that before long he did not even want to look at it. Returning to Chicago, he entered the employ of Sprague, Warner & Company, wholesale grocers, with whom he remained until he enlisted in the army. In June, 1894, Mr. Wilcox joined the regular army in the cavalry branch of the service and was discharged in June, 1897. He was a member of Troop B, First United States Regiment, under Adj.-Gen. Leonard A. Wood, who afterward became candidate for President. Soon after leaving the army Mr. Wilcox accepted a position with the Western Chemical Company of Chicago and during evenings attended the Chicago Business College. His next position was with the National Biscuit Company, with which concern he was employed as a traveling auditor for several years. He was then in the employ of J. C. Blair & Company, at Huntington, Pennsylvania, and while with that firm he devised a checking sheet, used for the weighing and checking of coal. This he copyrighted and put on sale through the Blair Company, and it is still in general use by the big coal operators.

On severing his connection with the Blair Company, Mr. Wilcox successfully engaged in the cracker baking business at Youngstown, Ohio for seven years, at the end of which time, in 1909, he came to Akron and established a flour business. He was successful for awhile, but, owing to conditions over which he had no control, reverses overtook him and he failed. He then started a butter and cheese business in the Medford building in Akron, in which he met with very encouraging success, so that he decided to open a market. The owner of the Medford building refused to give him a further lease on his stand; but he determined to carry forward his plans elsewhere, and met with pronounced success. Eventually he and his associates, who were then owners of the Central Market, bought the Medford and City markets, Mr. Wilcox being treasurer and manager of the company, and in this capacity he has shown business judgment of a high order. His dream in early years was that he might some day own a peach orchard. He has realized this ambition and today is the owner of a fine farm of one hundred acres at Manchester, Ohio, practically all of which is in peaches, the place being located about ten miles out of Akron. He planted this orchard, comprising twelve varieties of peaches, four years ago and the trees began bearing in 1927, producing about five hundred bushels of good fruit. The outlook for the present year is

for a crop of probably three thousand bushels and no orchard in this part of the state is more promising of a productive future.

On June 10, 1911, in Clearfield, Pennsylvania, Mr. Wilcox was united in marriage to Miss Grace Gertrude Leasure, a daughter of Wesley and Anna Virginia (Clites) Leasure, of an old and prominent Pennsylvania family. Mr. and Mrs. Wilcox are the parents of four children, all born in Akron, namely: Virginia Grace, who was born March 11, 1912, and is attending the Lady of Elms school; Charles Lee, who died in July, 1914; Laura Helen, born November 2, 1915; and Robert Lee, born August 9, 1921.

The family are members of Trinity Lutheran church and Mr. Wilcox earnestly supports those things which are calculated to promote the best interests of society. He is cordial and friendly in manner and has a wide circle of loyal friends who admire him for his business ability and success, as well as his worth as a man and citizen. His residence is at 1244 West Sunset View drive.

ALEXANDER SCHULMAN

Although young in years, Alexander Schulman has fully demonstrated his qualifications as an executive and is prominently identified with an industry which has constituted one of the chief factors in Akron's upbuilding and prosperity. He was born January 21, 1897, in New York city and is a son of Benjamin and Freda (Guren) Schulman, natives of Russia, who came to the United States in youth. His father devoted his attention to mercantile pursuits. The family comprises four sons: Morris, Edward, George and Alexander.

The last named received his early instruction in New York city and went with his parents to Cleveland, Ohio. Later they settled in Akron and his education was completed in the Central high school of this city, from which he was graduated with the class of 1916. While a student he contributed toward the support of the family by selling newspapers and doing other work. Intelligent, energetic and trustworthy, he steadily advanced, giving his best efforts to every task assigned him, and he is now one of the directors and manager of the firm of H. Muehlstein & Company of New York city, importers and dealers in crude and scrap rubber. They do a big business in this commodity and Mr.

Schulman has charge of their office in Akron. Methodical, systematic and aggressive, he has materially increased the scope of the business in this district and is one of the most efficient representatives of this large corporation.

Mr. Schulman was married July 10, 1919, in Akron to Miss Ruth Epstein, a daughter of William and Eva Epstein, of Philadelphia, and they have become the parents of one child, Jean Estyr, who was born in Akron in 1920 and is a grammar school pupil.

Mr. Schulman adheres to the Jewish faith and is a member of the congregation of B'nai B'rith temple. Through his connection with the Chamber of Commerce he is working for Akron's best interests, and his fraternal affiliations are with the Akron Lodge No. 83, F. & A. M., and the Elks. Along social lines he is identified with the Rosemont Country Club and the Akron Automobile Club. A tireless worker, Mr. Schulman has never shirked a responsibility, and each step in his career has been an upward one, bringing him a broader outlook and greater opportunities. He is a young man of exemplary character and deserves much credit for what he has accomplished.

WARREN F. SELBY

Those qualities which make for popularity and for success among the members of the legal fraternity in Summit county are manifest in the life history of Warren F. Selby. His powers have increased with the experience that has come to him in the passing years and at all times he has manifested commendable devotion to the ethics of the profession. His birth occurred in Columbus, Ohio, February 26, 1889, his parents being Augustine D. and Libbie (Glover) Selby, who were also natives of the Buckeye state, within the borders of which the mother still makes her home. The father here spent his entire life and was a distinguished Ohio botanist, acting as chief botanist for the commonwealth at its leading agricultural experiment stations.

Warren F. Selby, the only survivor among the children born to his parents, attended the public and high schools during his youthful days and afterward entered the Ohio State University, in which he pursued a classical course, winning the Bachelor of Arts degree as a graduate of 1909. He next entered the Western Reserve University at Cleveland, in which he completed a

law course in 1912, and immediately thereafter he came to Akron and opened an office. Here he has remained through the intervening period of sixteen years—years which have chronicled his steady progress until he has long occupied an enviable position as one of the strong and forceful representatives of the Summit county bar.

On the 9th of June, 1916, Mr. Selby was joined in wedlock to Miss Phyllis Sabin, daughter of W. W. Sabin, of Cleveland. They have become parents of three children: Barbara, born in Cleveland in 1917; William Augustine, born in Akron in 1921; and Phyllis Marguerite, born in Akron in December, 1923.

In his fraternal connections Mr. Selby is a Mason and a member of Tadmor Temple of the Mystic Shrine. He belongs also to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Loyal Order of Moose and the Fraternal Order of Eagles, while his religious faith has made him a communicant of the Episcopal church. His active interest in his profession is found in his membership in the Summit County and Ohio State Bar Associations and at all times he is a loyal follower of the highest ethical standards and principles of his chosen calling. Thoroughness and a loyalty to every cause entrusted to him have been the dominant features in the attainment of his present-day success.

WILLIAM ALEXANDER KIRK

Entering the commercial world at an early age, William A. Kirk worked his way steadily upward through the exercise of the indispensable qualities of industry and perseverance and throughout his business career he remained with the M. O'Neil Company, to whose interests he was most loyal. He was a life-long resident of Akron and a man of exceptional worth.

Mr. Kirk was born September 1, 1872, and was a son of Thomas Kirk, who was a native of Philadelphia. The father was educated in the Quaker city and came to Akron soon after the Civil war. He was an expert machinist and obtained a position in the Biggs Boiler Works, where he was employed until his death. His wife, Mary (McAllister) Kirk, was born on the site of the Frank W. Adams home on West Market street in Akron, and remained there until her marriage. Her husband then established a home at what is now the corner of West Market and Valley streets previous to the opening of the latter thorough-



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fare and there she resided until her death on November 20, 1926, being at that time Akron's oldest native daughter. Mr. and Mrs. Kirk became the parents of four children: Mabel, deceased; Harry J., who is connected with the M. O'Neil Company and who married Miss Elizabeth Solberger, by whom he has five children, Paul, Raymond, Mary, James and Billy; William A.; and Grace, who is the wife of Charles Hill. In 1919 the city established a detention home to care for women who had been arrested for any cause and at that time Mrs. Hill was engaged in welfare work. Her success in that field attracted much favorable notice and in recognition of her ability she was appointed Akron's first policewoman in 1921. She proved exceptionally well qualified for the position and served until February 1, 1928, when she tendered her resignation, being the only one of her sex to represent the city in that capacity.

William A. Kirk was educated in St. Vincent's Parochial school and at the age of fourteen began to provide for his own livelihood, becoming a cash boy in the East Market street store of O'Neil & Dyas, the predecessors of the M. O'Neil Company. Through the changes in ownership and management he continued with the firm but was never a clerk, passing instead into the shipping department. As he demonstrated his worth he was steadily promoted, becoming assistant superintendent in 1912, and filled that important office until his death on October 27, 1927. He practically grew up in the business, of which his labors formed an integral part, and served the corporation to the extent of his ability. From the start Mr. O'Neil manifested a keen interest in his career, and the close bond of sympathy which united them was continued throughout life. Among his associates of the M. O'Neil Company, Mr. Kirk was highly regarded and in their estimation he knew Akron better as a merchant and business man than any other man in the city. As a son and a brother he was most devoted. These same qualities obtained in his friendships, and people of high and low degree loved him for himself. An editor of one of the local papers said of him:

"Everyone in the Akron mercantile district knew 'Bill' Kirk. There was a time when everyone in Akron knew him, too, back in the days when Akron was in the small city class and having only dreams of future greatness. For forty years he was in the employ of the M. O'Neil Company, making its interests his own and rejoicing in its ever expanding business. His loyalty to the

store was recognized and he was made an officer of the company. His host of friends regret that he died so young, but to the end of their own days they will cherish fond memories of his many excellent qualities as friend and good citizen."

EDWARD SANTOM BUNNELL

For a quarter of a century Edward Santom Bunnell was a prominent figure in the business circles of Akron as treasurer of the Hardware & Supply Company. Whatever he undertook he carried forward to successful completion and throughout his entire business career employed methods which neither sought nor required disguise. His entire record was as an open book which any might read and the course which he pursued may well constitute an example for the youth of the present day to follow.

Mr. Bunnell was born in Warren, Ohio, July 16, 1867, and his life span covered the intervening period to the 23d of September, 1919, when he passed away in the fifty-third year of his age. He was a son of Edward and Charlotte (Santom) Bunnell and while spending his youthful days under the parental roof he pursued his education in the public schools of Warren, of Hudson and of Cleveland, where the family lived at various times. He had scarcely reached the period of young manhood when he came to Akron and entered into active association with commercial interests by securing employment with the firm of Williams & Rohrbacher, dealers in hardware. He began by driving a delivery wagon and as the years passed he worked his way steadily upward with that concern, being advanced from one position to another of larger responsibility and importance. Eventually, in company with Crannell Morgan, he established a hardware business on East Market street, near Howard, taking over the Ohio Glass & Hardware Company, which had failed, and the firm of Morgan & Bunnell was established. At a subsequent period they sought larger quarters by removing to the Phinney block on Main street and afterward consolidated their interests with those of the Standard Hardware Company, removing to the location of the latter. A later merger was made with the Adam Kempel Company and the name of the Hardware & Supply Company was assumed, Mr. Bunnell becoming the treasurer of the larger corporation. The business was temporarily carried on in the Central Trust building until the Hower



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building was ready for occupancy and there Mr. Bunnell continued an active, prominent and forceful factor in the successful management and control of the business until failing health forced his retirement in 1916. However, he continued his official connection with the Hardware & Supply Company as its treasurer until his demise. His labors were an important element in the steady growth and expansion of the business, which became one of the foremost enterprises of this character in Ohio.

On the 6th of August, 1890, Mr. Bunnell was united in marriage to Miss Nellie Buchanan, daughter of James and Mary Ann (Nesbitt) Buchanan, of Akron. Their children are: Marian, now the wife of Karl B. Kilborn, of Akron; Ruth C., the wife of Ernest R. Preston, of Akron, and the mother of one child, Jean; and Wilbur J., who wedded Gladys Alexander.

The family circle was broken by the hand of death when on the 23d of September, 1919, Mr. Bunnell was called to the home beyond. He was a Knight Templar Mason and a member of the Scottish Rite bodies. He likewise belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Patriarchs Militant, was a charter member of the Rotary Club and a member of the Akron Chamber of Commerce. His activities touched the general interests of society and always to the benefit and upbuilding of any organization with which he was identified. In early life he held membership with the Congregational church but at the time of his demise was a member of the Church of Our Saviour—Protestant Episcopal. He never sought to figure prominently in political connections yet was never neglectful of the duties of citizenship. He found his recreation in hunting and fishing and enjoyed the great out-of-doors. The best traits of his character, however, were reserved for his own fireside and he was a devoted husband and father, while his social qualities endeared him to all with whom he came in contact.

FRANK BECKWITH BURCH

Frank Beckwith Burch, of Akron, who enjoys a state wide reputation as a lawyer and lawmaker, having left the imprint of his individuality upon the history of the senate, comes to Ohio from the Empire state, his birth having occurred at Malone, New York, February 10, 1875. His parents, John and Marietta (Ketcham) Burch, were also natives of Malone, where the father

followed the occupation of farming for many years. He was a son of Nahum Burch, a native of the province of Quebec, who became the founder of the family in New York. The death of John Burch occurred in June, 1915. His wife was a daughter of Harvey Ketcham, who was born in Vermont and was a son of one who fought for the cause of independence in the Revolutionary war.

No event of special importance occurred to vary the routine of life for Frank B. Burch in his youthful days, which were passed in Malone, and after attending the district schools he pursued his education in the Franklin Academy. At the age of eighteen years, however, he came to Akron, arriving here in 1893. It was his desire to become a member of the bar and with this end in view he entered the law office of Jacob S. Kohler, of the firm of Musser & Kohler, and a former attorney-general of the state. For several years he continued his reading and was admitted to practice in 1899 not only before the Ohio bar but also in the United States courts. The same year he entered upon active professional work as junior partner in the firm of Parsons & Burch and a subsequent change in the personnel of the firm in 1904 led to the adoption of the firm style of Wilcox, Parsons & Burch. The title was changed to Wilcox, Parsons, Burch & Adams in 1906 and in 1909 Mr. Parsons retired. In March, 1915, Mr. Burch became senior member of the firm of Burch, Adams & Clinedinst and on the 1st of January, 1917, the firm name was changed to Burch, Adams & Ream. Today Mr. Burch is at the head of the well known law firm of Burch, Bacon & Denlinger and there are few firms in the state who can equal theirs in the amount of business or in the nature of legal interests entrusted to their care. In 1904 Mr. Burch also organized the firm of Burch & Peters at Cincinnati but severed that connection in 1910. His firm also has an office in Canton and because of his widespread connections and his superior ability he has become known as one of the leading attorneys of the state, confining his attention largely to commercial law. He is recognized as a man of wide legal knowledge and of notable intellectual attainments and is regarded as the peer of the ablest members of the Ohio bar. In addition to his law practice Mr. Burch is serving as vice president of the Akron Guarantee Mortgage Company and is interested in several other corporations.

The year after he entered upon active practice Mr. Burch was married to Miss Rose Brewster, a descendant of Elder William

Brewster, one of the founders of Plymouth colony. They have become parents of two children: Marjorie H., now Mrs. George W. Crouse, Jr.; and Rosemary M.

The religious faith of the family is that of the Protestant Episcopal church and Mr. Burch is serving as a vestryman in the Church of Our Saviour, of which he is a communicant. In his fraternal relations he is a Mason, belonging to Adoniram Lodge, and exemplifies in his life the beneficent spirit and high principles of the craft. His social relations are attractive inasmuch as he has membership in the Akron City Club, of which he was at one time president, the Portage Country Club, the Turkeyfoot Club, which he has also served as president, and in the Rotary Club. His political allegiance has always been given to the republican party and upon its ticket he was elected to represent his district in the upper house of the general assembly in 1922. He sought effectively to promote public welfare along various lines and was active in the discussion of the taxing interests of the state and in laying plans for a state bureau of legislative research. He gave careful and thoughtful consideration to all vital questions which came up for settlement in the senate and none questioned the integrity of his position or his loyalty to the trust reposed in him. High and honorable principles have constituted the motivation of all of his acts and few men have displayed a higher loyalty to the ethical standards of the legal profession.

SUMNER W. BAUGHMAN

One of the largest factors in the splendid growth and prosperity of the People's Savings & Banking Company of Barberton has been its strong corps of officers, who have by their able and consistent efforts made of this one of the leading financial institutions of Summit county. Sumner W. Baughman, secretary and treasurer of this well known company, was born on the 19th of December, 1887, on a farm near Barberton, and is the eldest of the three children of L. W. and Alma E. (Dice) Baughman, who now reside at Kenmore, this county, and are mentioned elsewhere in this work. He received his elementary education in the public schools, later attending the high school at Kenmore and Wooster College. He taught school for eight years and then, in 1915, entered the service of the People's Savings &

Banking Company as teller, later becoming assistant secretary and treasurer, and on January 1, 1926, was chosen secretary and treasurer of the institution, positions for which he has shown himself well qualified.

On July 7, 1926, Mr. Baughman was united in marriage to Miss Bernice M. Carpenter, of Gambier, Ohio. He gives his political support to the republican party and is a member of the Reformed church at Kenmore. He is a Mason and has been secretary and treasurer of the Lions Club of Barberton ever since its organization. He has earned the reputation of doing well whatever he undertakes and has been found to be reliable and dependable in every engagement. Quiet and unassuming in manner, he is nevertheless a man of strong character and commands the sincere respect of his fellowmen.

ALBERT ROBERT RITZMAN

Albert R. Ritzman, whose efforts as a realtor are contributing in substantial measure to the growth and future development of Akron, is actively engaged in business as a member of the Heminger, Ritzman Company, Inc., dealing extensively in real estate and also handling insurance and loans. He was born at Kenmore, in Summit county, Ohio, January 6, 1887, his parents being John and Anna (Brigger) Ritzman, natives of Switzerland, who emigrated to the United States when twenty and fourteen years of age, respectively. It was in 1881 that they came to Akron, locating on Manchester road in Kenmore, near Summit Lake. John Ritzman, a trusted employe of the Colonial Salt Company for many years, died in 1925, while his wife passed away in 1928. They became the parents of seven children, as follows: Fred A., a resident of Kenmore, Ohio; Ernest E., also living in Kenmore; William C., who makes his home in Detroit, Michigan; Mrs. Mary Von Gunten, living in Kenmore; Albert R., of this review; and two who are deceased.

Albert R. Ritzman pursued his early education in the Summit Lake school of Kenmore and continued his studies in the Central high school of Akron. His initial experience in the business world was obtained in the employ of the Colonial Salt Company, with which he continued for four years, while subsequently he spent five years in the service of the Peoples Savings Bank & Trust Company of Akron, rising to the position of receiving teller



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with that institution. He next filled the office of deputy county treasurer for four years and thereafter was identified with the Commercial Savings & Trust Company in the official capacity of treasurer and trust officer for a period of eight years. At the end of that time he formed a partnership with McClellan Heminger for the conduct of a real estate, insurance and loan business under the name of Heminger, Ritzman Company, Inc., now one of the leading realty firms of Akron. They have laid out and sold Schaeffer Heights, Sherman Park and several other allotments and also conduct an extensive mortgage loan business. Mr. Ritzman has been one of the most enthusiastic advocates of the movement for the annexation of Kenmore to Akron, working night and day to bring about this important step. He is a director of the Commercial Savings & Trust Company of Akron and the Kenmore Savings & Loan Company and enjoys an enviable reputation among Akron's foremost, influential and valued citizens.

On the 10th of June, 1908, in Kenmore, Mr. Ritzman was united in marriage to Miss Vesta Heminger, daughter of McClellan Heminger, who is mentioned at length on another page of this work. Mr. and Mrs. Ritzman are the parents of three children: Robert W., who was born in Kenmore, July 31, 1909, and is a student in Heidelberg University; Catherine Murriel, born in Kenmore, April 25, 1911, who is a high school pupil; and Carol Alice, born in Kenmore, November 7, 1913, who is also attending high school.

Mr. Ritzman has long figured prominently in community affairs and has made a splendid record in public office. He was city treasurer of Kenmore for three terms and is now serving his fourth term on the Kenmore board of education, of which he was president for three terms. He is a member of the Akron Chamber of Commerce, the South Akron Board of Trade and the Akron Real Estate Board, of which he was a trustee for three years and president for one year. He also belongs to the Akron City Club. He has served the Boy Scouts as chairman of the executive committee of the Kenmore district and a member of the executive committee of the Akron Area Council, and in fraternal circles is known as a York Rite Mason who has likewise attained the thirty-second degree in the Scottish Rite, and is a member of the Shrine. He is a member of all branches of Odd Fellowship, and served as noble grand of Kenmore Lodge No. 927; chief patriarch of Summit Encampment; and accountant of Canton Akron No. 2, Patriarchs Militant. His religious faith is indicated by his member-

ship in the Reform church of Kenmore, in which he is serving as Sunday school superintendent. Mr. Ritzman has always lived in Summit county and enjoys an extensive and favorable acquaintance within its borders. There have been no spectacular phases in his life. His is the career of a thoroughgoing American business man whose persistency of purpose, whose determination and honesty, combined with that sound judgment which recognizes opportunities and learns by mistakes, have brought him to the point of success. His residence is at 814 Boulevard, Kenmore.

CHARLES E. McCORKLE

Among the able and successful educators of northeastern Ohio, none is more deserving of specific mention than is Professor Charles E. McCorkle, whose splendid work as superintendent of the schools of Kenmore has received much favorable comment. He was born near Sidney, Shelby county, Ohio, on the 8th of August, 1886, a son of Cyrus and Mary (Yunker) McCorkle, the former of whom is deceased. His early education was received in the grade schools, and he pursued his high school studies in Manchester College at North Manchester, Indiana. He then entered Ohio University, where he specialized in history, and from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy in 1909. He held a fellowship at Clark University at Worcester, Massachusetts, in 1914-15, majoring under G. Stanley Hall in the graduate school, and received the Master of Arts degree in 1915. He also began work there leading to his Doctor's degree, specializing in psychology and education. He attended Harvard University in 1915-16, specializing in school administration, and received the Master of Arts degree. The degree of Doctor of Pedagogy was conferred upon him in 1918 by Ohio University.

Before and during his college career, Professor McCorkle was actively engaged in educational work, serving three years as principal of city high schools and five years as superintendent of city schools, three years of which was at Ironton, Ohio, just prior to coming to Kenmore. He became superintendent of the Kenmore schools in June, 1919, and has effected a remarkable improvement in a locality considered by educators as a difficult one in which to maintain a school system on a high plane. He is wholly devoted to his work, for which he has shown both a natural aptitude and

high educational qualifications, and his record here has gained for him the respect and confidence of all who have been associated with him or are familiar with his accomplishments.

In 1916 Mr. McCorkle was united in marriage to Miss Mary Young, of Boston, Massachusetts. He is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, the Order of the Eastern Star, the Knights of Pythias, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, the Knights of the Golden Eagle, the Knights of Malta and the Kenmore Kiwanis Club, and belongs to the Phi Delta Kappa educational fraternity. He maintains professional affiliation with the Northern Ohio Teachers Association, the Ohio State Teachers Association, the Harvard Teachers Association and is a life member of the National Educational Association. He is a member of the Baptist church and is the teacher of the men's Bible class at Goss Memorial church. For two summers he has served as professor of education in Wooster College. Kindly and sympathetic in his attitude toward the student body and with a sincere desire to promote their intellectual growth and character building, Professor McCorkle has shown himself deserving of the thoughtful consideration of the people of his community, for he is doing a work here which in its eventual results and influence is immeasurable. Cordial and friendly in his social relations, he has won a host of warm and loyal friends and is deservedly popular throughout the range of his acquaintance.

FRED J. DAYTON

No citizen of Barberton is held in higher esteem in business, civic and social circles than is Fred J. Dayton, who has long been actively identified with affairs affecting the development, growth and prosperity of this community, having been for the past ten years secretary of the A. A. Moore Company. Mr. Dayton was born at Dorset, Ashtabula county, Ohio, November 19, 1868, and is the only child of Henry and Mary (Stainbrook) Dayton. He received his educational training in the public schools of Jefferson and also Jefferson Academy, and in young manhood went to work for A. A. Moore, who was engaged in mercantile business at Leon, Ohio. In 1894 he accompanied Mr. Moore on his removal to Barberton and was for many years with him in the grocery business. About 1917 Mr. Dayton became connected with the

A. A. Moore Company in the real estate, insurance and loan business, and is now secretary of that organization, of which E. F. Crites is president, and F. M. Weller, vice president and treasurer. This is one of the leading concerns in its line in this section of the county and Mr. Dayton has by his able and loyal efforts contributed in large measure to its success. He was on the original board of directors of the People's Savings & Banking Company and is now the only surviving member of that board.

On June 18, 1901, Mr. Dayton was united in marriage to Miss Grace Williamson, of Bethany, Ohio. Mrs. Dayton is prominent in the civic and social life of Barberton, being president of the Winadosis Club and belonging to the Women's Music Study Club, as well as to the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Knights Templar at Akron. Mr. Dayton is a Mason, in which order he has attained the rank of Knight Templar; and he is also a member of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His religious membership is with the United Brethren church, of which he has been treasurer for many years. A man of sterling character, fine public spirit and agreeable manner, he is highly respected and deservedly popular throughout the community where he lives.

EDWIN KURTZ

Edwin Kurtz, owner and active manager of the Kurtz Lumber Company, is one of Akron's ablest and most successful business men and highly esteemed citizens. The important enterprise of which he is the head is the fruitage of his earnest and well directed efforts and which, from a modest beginning thirty-four years ago, has grown to be one of the leading enterprises in Akron.

Mr. Kurtz was born here, May 21, 1866, a son of Elias and Katherine (Kuntz) Kurtz. The parents were natives of Pennsylvania, from which state they came to Summit county, Ohio, in 1854, and here the father was successfully engaged in farming throughout his active life. Both are now deceased. To them were born nine children, all of whom are living, namely: Jacob, of Springfield, Ohio; William, of Glendale, Arizona; Alvin, also of Glendale; Mrs. Ella Lutz, Miss Sara and Mrs. S. S. Carper, all of Mogadore, Ohio; Mrs. Anne Hole, of Mt. Pleasant, Ohio; Mrs. Clara Young, of Glendale, Arizona; and Edwin, of Akron.

Edwin Kurtz attended the Kaiser school in Springfield town-



EDWIN KURTZ

ship, Summit county, after which he was apprenticed to the carpenter's trade, which line of work he followed until 1904, when he established his present business. Starting with a small lumberyard and planing mill, he applied himself indefatigably to the business and by his square dealing and efficient and prompt service soon established a valuable reputation for dependability, which during the subsequent years has been one of his strongest assets. In 1916 Mr. Kurtz enlarged to both yard and mill and is equipped to handle any requirements in his line. He carries a large and complete stock of lumber, both cut and dimension, and is specializing in standard cut material for garages of various sizes according to the number of cars to be accommodated. These have proven very popular and he is building up a large business in that line. He also cuts the lumber for houses according to specifications, and many of the better class of homes in Akron and vicinity have been constructed of this material. He is thorough and painstaking in everything he undertakes and the fine service which he has rendered the community justifies the slogan of the firm, "Twenty-eight Years of Square Dealing."

On March 17, 1898, in Akron, Mr. Kurtz was united in marriage to Miss Minerva Brumbaugh, a daughter of Abraham and Sarah (Shoner) Brumbaugh. Mr. and Mrs. Kurtz are the parents of four children, namely: Irene, who was born in Springfield Center, Ohio, in 1899, married Carl W. Jackson and resides in Springfield township, this county. They have two children, William Sheldon and Mary Ila. Ethel, born in Akron in 1901, is the wife of William Sowers and resides in this city. They have a daughter, Dorothy. Mildred, born in Springfield Center in 1903, is in the employ of the Kurtz Lumber Company. Ila, born at the same place in 1905, is engaged in welfare work at Canton.

Mr. Kurtz is a member of the Akron Automobile Club, and he and his wife attend the Arlington Street Baptist church, of which their daughters are members. In addition to being the owner of the Kurtz Lumber Company, Mr. Kurtz is a director of the Moga-dore Lumber & Supply Company and a director of the William Penn Mortgage Company of Akron. He belongs to the Chamber of Commerce and the National Lumber Dealers Association. Though past sixty years of age, Mr. Kurtz is a man of remarkable physical vigor, which he attributes to the sort of business in which he is engaged and to the fact that he takes daily systematic exercises, so that he keeps as physically fit as the average man of thirty years. He takes a delight in living, is deeply interested in every-

thing worth while, and stands consistently for those things which tend to promote the public welfare along material, civic or moral lines.

J. ADAM FICHTER

In the field of architecture J. Adam Fichter has had much to do with the development and improvement of Akron, where evidences of his skill are seen in the beauty and in the substantial qualities of many of her leading structures. Mr. Fichter was born in Alsace-Lorraine, France, then a part of Germany, September 8, 1873, and his parents, John Adam and Catherine (Ruscher) Fichter, were also natives of that locality, where the father is still living at the age of seventy-eight years, but the mother is deceased. He has devoted his life to farming and to the sawmill and lumber industry. In their family were nine children, of whom five are yet living, the others in addition to J. Adam being: Michael, a resident of Leipzig, Germany; Henry, of London, England; Peter, of Alsace-Lorraine; and Mrs. Anna Fender, of Strassburg.

In his youthful days J. Adam Fichter attended the public schools at Bouxviller in Alsace-Lorraine, was a student in a technical school and then spent two years in the study of architecture in the Strassburg Technical College. The year 1891 witnessed his arrival in America, where he entered upon the practice of his profession. For about a year he remained in Brooklyn, New York, and thence came to Akron, where he has since been widely known in professional circles. For a number of years he was associated with W. P. Ginther, a well known early architect here, and in 1900 he returned to Europe, spending about six months in France, where he further acquainted himself with professional work by study of the architecture of Europe and methods followed by representatives of the profession there. He then returned to Akron, where he again became assistant to Mr. Ginther, but in 1910 he established business independently and in 1912 formed a partnership with H. A. Brooker under the firm name of Fichter & Brooker. He has erected many important structures here, making the design and superintending the construction of the Central garage, Fire Station No. 1, the Metropolitan building, Savings & Loan building and various school buildings and churches throughout this part of the country.

On the 27th of May, 1897, Mr. Fichter was married to Miss Mary Maas, of Akron, and they now have four children: George, who was born in Akron in 1902 and married Dorothy Kretzman; Edward, who was born in Akron in 1904 and is with the Fred W. Albrecht Grocery Company; Lucile, who was born in 1910 and is attending high school; and Annette, who was born in 1918 and is also in school.

Mr. and Mrs. Fichter are members of the Lutheran church and he is identified with the Akron Chamber of Commerce. His interest has largely centered upon his profession, in which his thoroughness and capability have long been manifest, gaining him advancement until he now occupies a most creditable position among the architects of the city.

ERNEST EUGENE LESLIE

One of Summit county's most highly respected citizens is Ernest E. Leslie, who for many years successfully engaged in farming and stock dealing near Northfield. He was born on the old Leslie farm, formerly the Brooks farm, one and three-quarter miles west of Northfield, on the 12th of January, 1859, and is a son of William and Maria Ann (Thompson) Leslie, the former of whom was born in Pennsylvania and the latter in Parkman, Geauga county, Ohio. The parents married in 1854 and in the following year came to Summit county. The father died in 1872 and the mother in 1899. They had five children, of whom Ernest E. is the only survivor.

Ernest E. Leslie received his education in the schools of his home neighborhood and remained on the farm until about twenty-five years of age. He then went to Iowa, where for two years he was on an uncle's farm, after which he returned to Summit county and was here employed at different occupations until thirty-five years of age, at which time he bought the home farm from his mother. During the subsequent years he has given due attention to the operation of the farms and the buying and selling of livestock. On his removal to Iowa his mother left the farm and lived in the village of Northfield until her death. He purchased the farm but in 1911 sold it and bought what was known as the James Lyon's farm. He never resided thereon, however, but sold it in 1918 and bought his present home of about four and one-half acres in the village of Northfield.

In 1900 Mr. Leslie married Miss Bertha Adell Cowen, who was born February 16, 1867, in Brandywine, Northfield township, a daughter of John and Eliza (MacNiece) Cowen. Her father came to this country from the Isle of Man and her mother from Ireland and they were married in the United States. Mrs. Leslie died May 18, 1915, leaving two daughters, Ruth Ernestine and Lois Leverne, both of whom are at home with their father. Mr. Leslie and his daughters are members of the United Presbyterian church, in which he holds official position, and he stands consistently for all that is best in the life of the community. Because of his splendid character, his fine public spirit and his kindly manner, he commands the esteem and good will of all who know him.

REV. JOHN J. SCULLEN

Rev. John J. Scullen, pastor of St. Vincent's church at Akron, was ordained thirteen years ago, and has spent his active ministry almost entirely in the larger cities and some of the important Catholic churches of northern Ohio.

He was born in Bellevue, Ohio, March 23, 1878. He gained the rudiments of his early education there, and in preparation for the ministry was sent to Assumption College at Sandwich, Ontario, was graduated at St. Ignatius College at Cleveland in 1898, and pursued his theological studies at St. Mary's Seminary in Cleveland. Father Scullen was ordained in 1904. For six years he was assistant pastor at St. Augustine's church in Cleveland, was pastor of St. Paul's church at Euclid, Ohio, for four years, and in 1914 came to Akron as pastor of St. Vincent's church.

CHARLES R. GRANT

Charles R. Grant was born at Orange, Connecticut, October 23, 1846. His father was a shoemaker by occupation and his son was brought up with the advantage pertaining to that contemplative craft. He also learned the trade himself, working at it in the long winter evenings of his boyhood. In New England in those days not to be at work was accounted a sin amounting almost to a crime.

So he was engaged in that labor and on a farm summers, and

attended school winters, till the outbreak of the Civil war, which brought his opportunity as well as his duty. November 19, 1861, he being then not quite a month past his fifteenth birthday, found him in Camp Lyon, Hartford, carrying a musket as a private in the Twelfth Connecticut Volunteers, a part of the old New England Division, destined for the Gulf department. His military service was recognized by special act of Congress, passed July 17, 1914. His regiment was the first to land in New Orleans on its capture. He was on duty as orderly at General Butler's headquarters and while there witnessed the execution of William B. Mumford, the only man ever punished capitally for pulling down the American flag. He was present also at the issuing of Order No. 28, the woman order, which raised such an uproar when it was read by Palmerston in the House of Lords.

Upon leaving the army he came to Summit county, and engaged in farm work. He entered the Western Reserve College in 1868 and was graduated with the class of 1872. He took the freshman prize for Latin translation, had the philosophical oration in the junior year and the valedictory at commencement, supporting himself by teaching school winters and by farm work in the long summer vacations.

After passing a year in Colorado, he began the study of law in Akron in November, 1873, and was admitted to the bar here in August of the next year. He practiced his profession in Akron till 1882, when he was appointed probate judge of Summit county, by Governor Foster, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of his predecessor. He was elected to the same office for two full terms, retiring from it in 1891, and resuming his law practice.

In 1912 he was elected judge of the Court of Appeals, then about to be organized under the new constitution of that year, for the eighth district, made up of the counties of Cuyahoga, Summit, Lorain and Medina, a district carrying the most important litigation in the state, arising in the city of Cleveland. He is still on duty in that position. His decisions so far are included in the four issued volumes of the Ohio Appellate Reports.

He has been elected to the Board of Education of Akron four times, and appointed several times to the board of control of the Akron Public Library, serving as its president for three years.

He has been three times married, but not once divorced, and has three living children, Mrs. Fannie V. Carr, of Manchester, Missouri, Louise E. Grant, librarian in the Pillsbury Library at

Minneapolis, and Ione Grant, now a student at Lake Erie College.

He received the customary degree of A. B. upon his graduation in 1872, but has had no other, although always a laborious, if not notorious student. It cannot be said of him, as the Comic History of English Literature says of Robert Burns: "The early life of this man was much embittered by hard work." For, although his early history is only "the short and simple annals of the poor," and all his life work has indeed been hard, the fact has left no tinge of bitterness and he can truly say: "Therefore my age is as a lusty winter, frosty, but kindly," and he hopes and expects, at least to fulfill the saying of the poet-prophet of old, "Thou shalt come to thy grave in a full age, like a shock of corn cometh in in his season."

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