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DAVID M. DUNNING

History of Central New York

David Montgomery Dunning, Sr.—Identified with the interests of the Auburn Savings Bank for almost half a century, and as president of the institution since 1909, the career of David Montgomery Dunning, Sr., has always been prominently associated with the civic and business interests of the community in which he has spent his entire life. He was born in this city, December 30, 1844, the son of Henry Silas and Jane (Wadsworth) Dunning.

The Dunning family settled in New England during the very early history of that region, and prominent members of the family were Silas Dunning and Henry Montgomery.

David Montgomery Dunning, Sr., obtained his early education at Auburn Academy, and in 1868 received a degree as Civil Engineer from Union College. He also received the honorary degree of L. H. D. from the same institution in 1923. During 1865 Mr. Dunning was city engineer of Auburn and alderman of 1869 and 1870. From 1868 until 1902 he was identified with the Auburn Gas Light Company as superintendent and treasurer, and from 1890 until 1894 was president of the Auburn Manufacturing Company. He was elected a trustee of the Auburn Savings Bank in 1884, became vice president in 1887, and as mentioned above, was elected president in 1909. He is a member of the New York State Savings Bank Association and Auburn Chamber of Commerce.

In 1871 Mr. Dunning married Miss Alice J. Hutchinson, who died in Auburn in December, 1931. To them were born the following children: 1. Alice M. Goodwin. 2. Charlotte E. 3. Mary G. Thwing. 4. David Montgomery, Jr. 5. Edith E. 6. Amy L. Underwood. 7. Charles H.

Mr. Dunning is a Republican, a member of the Presbyterian Church, and belongs to the Masonic Lodge, Psi Upsilon fraternity, and Owasco Country Club. He is a charter member and served as secretary and treasurer of the Cayuga County Historical Society for twenty years. He was a trustee of Auburn City Hospital for many years and president for one year and for forty-three years has been a trustee of the Cayuga Home for Children, as well as trustee of Fort Hill Cemetery Association. He was one of the organizers of the Auburn Rose & Floral Society and has been honorary president since its inception in 1919. He has been a frequent contributor to Bailey's "Cyclopedia of Horticulture," and has been awarded numerous first prizes for his unusual horticulture exhibits.

Victor A. Peterson, who is successfully engaged in the furniture business at 513-15 North Main Street, is among Elmira's dependable merchants and citizens. He was born at Milford, Connecticut, July 28, 1882, the son of Charles and Clara (Swanson) Peterson.

Charles Peterson and his wife are natives of Sweden. They have lived at Milford, Connecticut, for many years, and Mr. Peterson is well known as a dairy farmer. He is a Republican, and a member of the Swedish Lutheran Church. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Peterson: 1. Victor A., the subject of this sketch. 2. Henry G., married Lillian Meeker, lives at Elmira. 3. Alice, married Byron Ferry, lives at Stamford, Connecticut. 4. Frederick, who died July 1, 1928. 5. David, lives at Danbury, Connecticut. 6. Harry, married Marcella Harbot, lives at Ithaca. 7. Frank, lives at Garrison Ferry, New York. 8. Clinton, lives at Danbury, Connecticut.

Victor A. Peterson acquired a public school education and as a young man remained on his father's farm. He began his business career with the Eastern Lounge Company, with whom he learned the trade of upholsterer. After six years in the company's employ, he resigned on account of ill health. In 1906 Mr.

Peterson located at Canton, Pennsylvania, with the Canton Couch Company. He remained with that organization for three years, then spent one year with the Binghamton Lounge Company, and one year was located with the Jamestown Lounge Company. Mr. Peterson came to Elmira in 1912 and during the following year was identified with the J. P. and M. Sullivan Furniture Company. He then established a furniture repair business at 511 North Main Street, with which he was connected until September, 1921. He has since successfully engaged in the retail furniture business in this city. In 1920 he purchased the building at 513 and 515 where he has his business. The building was completely remodeled and a large addition was built to accommodate his trade.

On March 2, 1907, Mr. Peterson was married to Miss Belle Greenleaf, of Canton, Pennsylvania, born March 24, 1888, the daughter of Milton P. and Rachael (Williams) Greenleaf. He died April 12, 1932, and the latter died in May, 1918. Milton P. Greenleaf was a farmer in Bradford County, Pennsylvania, until his retirement. He was the son of Ira Greenleaf, who served throughout the Civil War. Mr. Greenleaf was a Republican and has held numerous public offices. He was a member of the Disciples Church and belonged to the Grange. Mr. and Mrs. Peterson have a son, Lee Greenleaf, born March 26, 1919.

Mr. Peterson is a Republican and both are members of North Presbyterian Church, and belong to the Century Club. Mrs. Peterson is a director of the Zonta Club. In 1931 Mr. Peterson purchased a residence at 860 Euclid Avenue, where they reside.

John H. Oldroyd is well and favorably known in Elmira as president of the Merchants Oil and Coal Company, Inc., 429 Erie Street. He was born at Troy, Bradford County, Pennsylvania, April 29, 1889, the son of Edward and Elizabeth (Luckey) Oldroyd.

Edward Oldroyd was a native of New York, born at Southport, Chemung County. He attended the district schools and

throughout his life was interested in farming in Bradford and Tioga counties. He specialized in dairy farming. Mr. Oldroyd died in 1902 and is buried at Troy, Pennsylvania. His wife, born in Pennsylvania, died in 1918. Mr. Oldroyd was a Democrat and held membership in the Methodist Church. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Oldroyd: 1. George M., a farmer, lives in Tioga County, Pennsylvania. 2. Jesse, married Hattie Wilcox, lives at Horseheads. 3. Grace, who died in 1922. 4. Mayme, married Clarence J. Moore, lives at Corning. 5. John H., the subject of this sketch. 6. Bert, lives at Elmira.

The early education of John H. Oldroyd was received in the district school. He was graduated from Troy High School in 1907 and remained on the Oldroyd farm until 1909, at which time he located at Elmira with the Merchants Oil Company. In January, 1920, he became a partner in the company, and six years later assumed full control of the enterprise. The business was incorporated in 1929 with the following officers: John H. Oldroyd, president; Lester Oldroyd, vice-president; and Elmer Rife, secretary and treasurer. Since the date of its incorporation the firm has also handled coal. Branch office is located at Corning, with oil service stations at 429 Erie Street, and Market and Exchange streets. Trucking service for the distribution of gasoline and oil is maintained by the company throughout Chemung County.

On April 21, 1909, Mr. Oldroyd was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Dunn, who was born at Morris Run, Pennsylvania, February 13, 1889, the daughter of John and Mary (Mason) Dunn, natives of England. The former resides in Elmira and the latter died in 1922. Mrs. Oldroyd is a graduate of Mansfield High School and Mansfield State Normal School. To John H. and Sarah (Dunn) Oldroyd were born six children: 1. Lester Lewis, born January 13, 1910, a graduate of South Side High School of Elmira and Meeker's Business College. 2. Earl, born June 10, 1911, a graduate of South Side High School, is connected with the Merchants Oil & Coal Company, Inc., as branch manager at Corning. 3. Merton, born June 22, 1913, a graduate of South Side High School, is associated with his father's business. 4. Fay, born Feb-

ruary 6, 1915. 5. Clifford, born June 30, 1917. 6. Kenneth, born October 3, 1919. The latter three are students.

Mr. Oldroyd is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Church, and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Junior Order of United American Mechanics and Elmira Business Men's Association.

John B. Henry.—Associated with the J. B. Henry & Son Bakery, at 507 East Church Street, John B. Henry has been recognized as one of Elmira's successful merchants and substantial citizens for more than thirty-five years. He was born at Erfurt, Germany, May 30, 1859, the son of Frederick and Amelia (Bolterman) Henry.

Frederick Henry and his wife were natives of Germany. He was a cabinet maker by trade and operated a shop in his native city for many years. He died in 1892 and his wife died in 1866. Both are buried in Erfurt, Germany. Mr. Henry had served in the Prussian Army during the Revolutionary War of 1848-49. He and his wife were members of the German Evangelical Church. Their children were: John B., the subject of this sketch. 2. Ernest, retired, lives at Hamburg, Germany. 3. Mina, who died in 1894, was the wife of William Hampel.

John B. Henry spent his boyhood in Germany and at the age of sixteen years went to sea on an English merchant ship. In 1880 he came to the United States and located at Elmira with the Weyer Brick Company. During 1884-92 he was connected with the Elmira-Horseheads Street Car Company and in the latter year he was employed as a salesman for J. Diehl. Mr. Henry established his present bakery business in January, 1900, and he has continued in the same location. Products of the bakery are of high quality and the firm enjoys an extensive trade.

Mr. Henry married (first) in September, 1883, Amanda Gilmore, a native of Delaware County, New York. She died in 1888 and is buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Elmira. To this union were born no children. In October, 1889, Mr. Henry married

(second) Miss Catherine Kammerer, a native of Graben, Germany, born June 10, 1856, the daughter of Jacob and Catherine Kammerer. The former died in 1885 and the latter in 1886. Katherine (Kammerer) Henry died October 22, 1929, and is buried in Woodlawn Cemetery. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry were: 1. Lena Ottilie, born October 15, 1890, married U. J. Fix, lives at Elmira, and has two children, Katherine and Robert. 2. William R. born December 31, 1893, is associated in business with his father in Elmira. He married Miss Anna Maxey, and they have two sons, William and John B., Jr. 3. Louise Karoline, born January 20, 1899. She is employed in the trust department of the Chemung Canal Trust Company, of Elmira. Mr. and Mrs. Henry have an adopted daughter, Florence Amelia, born October 11, 1886. She married William Stevens, and lives in Elmira.

Politically, Mr. Henry is an independent Republican. He was an unsuccessful candidate to the office of supervisor of the city of Elmira on two occasions and was defeated by a very slight margin. He has been a trustee of the German Evangelical Church since 1892 and has been very active in church affairs. He belongs to the Elmira Business Men's Association and former member of Royal Arcanum, Chemung Council No. 208.

Samuel J. Narsh.—The florist business of Samuel J. Narsh, of Elmira, is one of the well patronized business establishments of the city. He is a native of Chemung County, born at Catlin, June 13, 1888, the son of James E. and Catherine (Palmer) Narsh.

James E. Narsh, who died in December, 1931, is buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Elmira. Both he and his wife were natives of Catlin, and she now resides at 708 Spaulding Street, Elmira. He was educated in the district schools and until 1910 engaged in dairy farming on 100 acres of land near Catlin. In that year he located in Elmira and after a short time became interested in the building and real estate business. He was an independent Republican and for three terms was supervisor of the Eleventh Ward in Elmira. He held membership in Riverside Methodist

Church, and belonged to Ivy Lodge, No. 397, F. and A. M. To Mr. and Mrs. James E. Narsh were born the following children: 1. Samuel J., the subject of this sketch. 2. Robert P., married Winifred Morris, lives at 161 Baldwin Street, Elmira. 3. Herbert, married Gladys Hopkins, lives at Raybrook, New York. 4. Norman L., married Dora Batterson, lives at Scranton, Pennsylvania.

Samuel J. Narsh obtained his education in the public schools of Catlin and spent his boyhood on his father's farm. For four years he was employed in the Custard & Kistler Laundry in Elmira, and in 1914 became associated in business with his father's gardening interests. After several years the son purchased the business and has since developed it into a florist business exclusively. Greenhouses and flower gardens are located at 554 Esty Street. They have over two acres in flowers and over 10,000 square feet of glass.

On November 29, 1917, Mr. Narsh married Miss Addie Stoll, of Pine Valley, New York, born October 23, 1890 the daughter of Henry A. and Lucy (Carpenter) Stoll. They were born in Chemung and Steuben counties respectively. Mr. Stoll died in 1925 and is buried at Pine Valley, where his widow resides. Mrs. Narsh is a graduate of Horseheads High School and taught school for seven years at Catlin and Wellsburg. A son, Burt S., born March 27, 1921, died July 21, 1930.

Mr. Narsh is a Republican, a member of Riverside Methodist Church, and belongs to Ivy Lodge, No. 397, F. and A. M., and Chemung County Farm Bureau.

Fred A. Jordan, a Doctor of Optometry in Elmira, with offices at 312 West Third Street, is numbered among the skilled professional men of the city, where he has engaged in practice for thirty years. He was born at Columbia, New Hampshire, April 14, 1872, the son of Hon. Royal Walker and Elizabeth (Bowman) Jordan.

The Jordan family is among the oldest settlers of Columbia, New Hampshire. Benjamin Jordan served with the Continental Army and was among New Hampshire's leading pioneers. Mem-

bers of this family have taken part in this country's wars and have been leaders in public affairs. Hon. Royal Walker Jordan was born at Columbia, New Hampshire, and during his life time there was interested in general farming. He also had extensive lumber holdings. He was a Republican and for two terms served as a member of the New Hampshire State Legislature. He also was assessor of Columbia for five years. Mr. Jordan died May 2, 1927, and is buried at Columbia. His wife was born at Waterloo, Quebec, Canada, and died in 1898. Their children were: 1. Ernest R., building contractor, lives at Manchester, New Hampshire. 2. Fred A., the subject of this sketch. 3. Emmett, who died in infancy.

The boyhood of Fred A. Jordan was spent at Columbia, New Hampshire, where he attended the public schools. He is a graduate of Colebrook Academy, and Shaw's College, at Portland, Maine. After serving several years in a clerical capacity, he entered Northern Illinois College of Ophthalmology and Otology at Chicago, from which he received a degree as Doctor of Optometry in 1899. He has also taken graduate work in Optometry at Rochester (New York) Institute. He then was connected with the Standard Optical Company at Geneva, New York, for two years, and in October, 1901, located in Elmira, with offices at 101 East Water Street. From 1917 until 1929 he maintained offices in the Merchants National Bank Building, and has since been established at 312 West Church Street. He is a member of the National Academy of Optometrists and also belongs to the Southern Tier, New York State, and American Optometrical Associations.

Doctor Jordan married (first) on October 10, 1905, Miss H. Corretta Owen, a native of Pennsylvania, the daughter of William and Lucinda (Thomas) Owen. Both are deceased. H. Corretta (Owen) Jordan died in September, 1924, and was survived by two sons: 1. Fred A., Jr., born November 8, 1906, attends the Medical School of the University of Buffalo. 2. Lester E., born February 20, 1910, a graduate of the University of Kentucky, class of 1932, Bachelor of Arts. He is now a dental student in Temple University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Jordan married (second) February 14, 1927, Miss Maude Coe, of Millport, New York, born October 27, 1887, the daughter of Myron and Sarah Sophia Coe. Mr. Coe died in 1921 and Mrs. Coe died in 1897. Both are buried at Millport New York.

Doctor and Mrs. Jordan are members of the First Methodist Church, and he is affiliated with the Ivy Lodge, No. 397, F. and A. M.; Corning Consistory, 32nd degree; Cashmere Grotto, M. O. V. P. E. R.; Kiwanis Club, and the Association of Commerce.

Raymond A. Perry.—As vice-president and assistant manager of the Hygeia Refrigerating and Ice Cream Company, Raymond A. Perry is one of Elmira's most prominent and successful young business men. He was born at Dundee, Yates County, October 22, 1895, the son of Darius R. and Emma L. (Arnold) Perry.

Darius R. Perry, deceased, was a veteran of the Civil War. He was a miller by trade and throughout his life resided at Dundee. He died there in 1916. Mr. Perry was a Democrat, a member of the Presbyterian Church, and belonged to the Masonic Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Grand Army of the Republic. His wife resides in Elmira. There were three children in the Perry family: 1. Mary, deceased. 2. Mabel P., married J. Raymond Shoemaker, lives at Elmira. 3. Raymond A., the subject of this sketch.

After his graduation from Dundee High School, Raymond A. Perry attended Cornell University, from which he received a degree of Bachelor of Science in 1918. The following three years were spent in graduate work in dairy chemistry and bacteriology at the university, and instructor in the Dairy Department. In 1921 he became identified with the Hygeia Company of Elmira as manager of their ice cream plant. When the business was reorganized in 1928 Mr. Perry became vice-president and assistant manager of the new corporation. He has also been secretary and treasurer of the Elmira Hygeia Ice Company since 1930. Mr. Perry was president of the New York State Ice Cream Manufacturers Association during 1929, and also holds membership in the National Association.

On July 7, 1917, Mr. Perry married Miss Caroline Rapalee, of Dundee, the daughter of John C. and Hester (Hamilton) Rapalee. They are natives of Dundee. Mr. Rapalee died in 1913. To Mr. and Mrs. Perry have been born three children: 1. John D., born January 16, 1921. 2. Richard Arnold, born August 15, 1922. 3. Lucinda Jane, born May 14, 1927. Mrs. Perry is a graduate of Dundee High School and Oswego Normal School. Before her marriage she was a teacher in the Ithaca schools for five years.

Politically, Mr. Perry is a Republican, and he is serving as a member of the Elmira Board of Education. He and his family are active members of Park Congregational Church, and he belongs to the Elmira Country Club, and Association of Commerce. While a student at Cornell University he also held membership in the Savage Club and Alpha Zeta fraternity.

R. W. Sailor.—As president and treasurer of the Cornell Alumni News Publishing Corporation, R. W. Sailor ranks among the representative business men of Ithaca. He was born at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, November 10, 1884, the son of Samuel and Sarah (Jones) Sailor.

Samuel Sailor, who died in 1925, was a native of Philadelphia. He became manager of the Philadelphia store of Heywood Brothers & Wakefield Company until 1897, at which time he was transferred to Chicago, Illinois, as sales manager and vice-president of the company. He died there in 1925. His widow was born in Philadelphia and lives at Signal Mountain, Tennessee. Mr. Sailor was a Republican, a member of the Congregational Church and belonged to the Masonic Lodge and Chicago Athletic Club. He was a director of the Y. M. C. A. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Sailor: 1. David Jones, who died in 1882. 2. Horace P., lives at Chicago, a graduate of Cornell University, class of 1906. 3. R. W., the subject of this sketch. 4. Miriam, who died in 1888. 5. Helen, married R. R. Caskey, lives at Signal Mountain, Tennessee. 6. Gertrude, who died in 1894. 7. Charles M., lives at Chicago, where he is identified with Heywood Bros. &

Wakefield Company. He is a member of the class of 1916, Cornell University.

R. W. Sailor left Philadelphia with his parents when twelve years of age and completed his schooling in Chicago. After his graduation from John Marshall High School in 1902 he entered Cornell University, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1907. Mr. Sailor then spent a year in graduate study in Germany at the University of Wuertzburg. Upon his return to this country he located in Chicago with Heywood Bros. & Wakefield Company, widely known manufacturers of chairs, wicker furniture, and baby carriages. Mr. Sailor came to Ithaca in 1916 as editor in chief of the Cornell Alumni News and has since served in that capacity. In 1921 he organized the Cornell Publication Printing Company, and at that time took over the plant of the Cayuga Press, formerly owned by the Ithaca Journal-News. He has continued as manager of the Cayuga Press. Mr. Sailor was the founder of the Cornell Alumni News Publishing Corporation in 1926. It is capitalized at \$125,000. At this time the business of the Cornell Publication Printing Company, Cayuga Press, and Cornell Alumni News were merged with the new corporation, with Mr. Sailor as president and treasurer.

In 1909 Mr. Sailor married Miss Queenie N. Horton, of Brewster, New York, the daughter of George William and Isabel Wilson (Kane) Horton. Mr. Horton, who died in 1931, was co-founder of the Dairymen's League. He also was identified with Heywood Bros. & Wakefield Company, until 1916, at which time he located in Ithaca. His wife was born in New York City and died in 1932. Both are buried in Ithaca. Mr. Horton was a Democrat, a member of the Presbyterian Church, and Masonic Lodge. To Mr. and Mrs. Sailor were born three children: 1. Isabel Horton, born in 1912, died in 1913. 2. Robert W., Jr., born in 1919. 3. Jane Baymore, born in 1929, died in infancy.

Mrs. Sailor is president of the Federation of Women's Clubs of Cornell University, and holds membership in Kappa Alpha Theta and Phi Beta Kappa fraternities. She is a graduate of Cornell University, class of 1909, and was president of the Women's Self-Government Association during 1908-09.

Politically, Mr. Sailor is a Republican. He is a member of the Congregational Church and has the following club affiliations: Rotary Club, president during 1925-26; Beta Theta Pi, Phi Beta Kappa, and Sigma Xi fraternities; Sphinx Society, of which he was president from 1916 until 1925; Cornell Clubs of Ithaca, New York City and Philadelphia; Savage Club of Ithaca; Ithaca Country Club; Chamber of Commerce; and editor of American Alumni Council since 1921. He has also been president of the Intercollegiate Alumni Extension Service, and serves as chairman of the reunion committee for the class of 1907.

O. E. Wasser, who has been identified with the Associated Gas and Electric System for almost thirty years, and since 1926 has served as controller, was born near Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, January 28, 1884, the son of S. A. and Emma (Unangst) Wasser.

O. E. Wasser spent his boyhood at Hellertown and Bethlehem, and is a graduate of Bethlehem Business College. He had been employed in the silk mills at the age of twelve years, and obtained most of his schooling in evening sessions. He went to Philadelphia as a stenographer in 1902 and after five years became a postal employe at Washington, D. C. He later became identified with the Associated Gas and Electric System. Through steady advancement in the company ranks he was elected assistant treasurer of the corporation in 1922 and assumed his present duties as controller in 1926.

In 1905 Mr. Wasser married Miss Ethel N. Wilson, of Bridgeton, New Jersey, the daughter of Charles and Mary (Vannaman) Wilson. The former died in 1930 and the latter in 1892. To Mr. and Mrs. Wasser have been born four children: 1. Eleanor F., married Charles Wack, and they have two children: 2. Dorothy R., a graduate of Ithaca High School and Cortland Normal School, now a teacher. 3-4. Sydney S. and Rodney S., twins. They attend Ithaca Junior High School.

Mr. Wasser is affiliated with Fidelity Lodge, F. and A. M.; Eagle Chapter, R. A. M.; St. Augustine Commandery; Kalurah

Shrine, Binghamton; Otsiningo Consistory, 32nd degree; Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Improved Order of Red Men; Town and Gown Club; Rotary Club; and Chamber of Commerce. He is also a trustee of Ithaca Memorial Hospital and the Ithaca Masonic Temple Corporation. He is active in Boy Scout work and served as committeeman of Troop No. 11.

Mr. Wasser lives with his family at 302 Utica Street.

A. D. Bowman.—A veteran of the World War, A. D. Bowman is well and favorably known at Groton where he is plant accountant for the L. S. Smith & Corona Typewriter Company, Inc. He was born at Groton, March 31, 1894, the son of Charles and Ella Belle (Conrad) Bowman.

Charles Bowman was born at Groton and now resides at Ithaca. He was educated in the public schools and for a few years was employed as a painter by the Groton Carriage Works. He then became foreman of the paint shop of the American Road Machinery Company, and later served in the same capacity for the Corona Typewriter Company at Groton. Since 1917 Mr. Bowman has engaged in business at Ithaca as proprietor of an automobile paint shop. He is a Democrat, a member of the Masonic Lodge, and Baptist Church. His wife is a native of Lansing, Tompkins County. Two sons were born to Mr. and Mrs. Bowman: 1. Leroy, lives at Syracuse. 2. A. D., the subject of this sketch.

After his graduation from Groton High School in 1912, A. D. Bowman entered the services of the American Road Machinery Company. He left the company in July, 1917, to enlist for service in the World War and was sent to Camp Upton, New York. Later he was transferred to Kelly Field, Texas, and sailed for overseas, March 1, 1918. He served as sergeant and chief clerk to the disbursing officer at Romarantin, France, until January, 1919, at which time he returned with his unit to the United States, being discharged at Camp Lee, Virginia, in March, 1919. He immediately returned to Groton and was employed as a clerk by the Corona Typewriter Company. He became chief accountant in 1921,

and held that position until 1926. When the company was merged with the L. C. Smith Typewriter Company, Mr. Bowman became plant accountant.

Mr. Bowman is a Democrat, a member of the Baptist Church, and belongs to Groton Lodge, F. and A. M.; Moravia Chapter, R. A. M.; Cortland Commandery, K. T., and Tigress Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Syracuse.

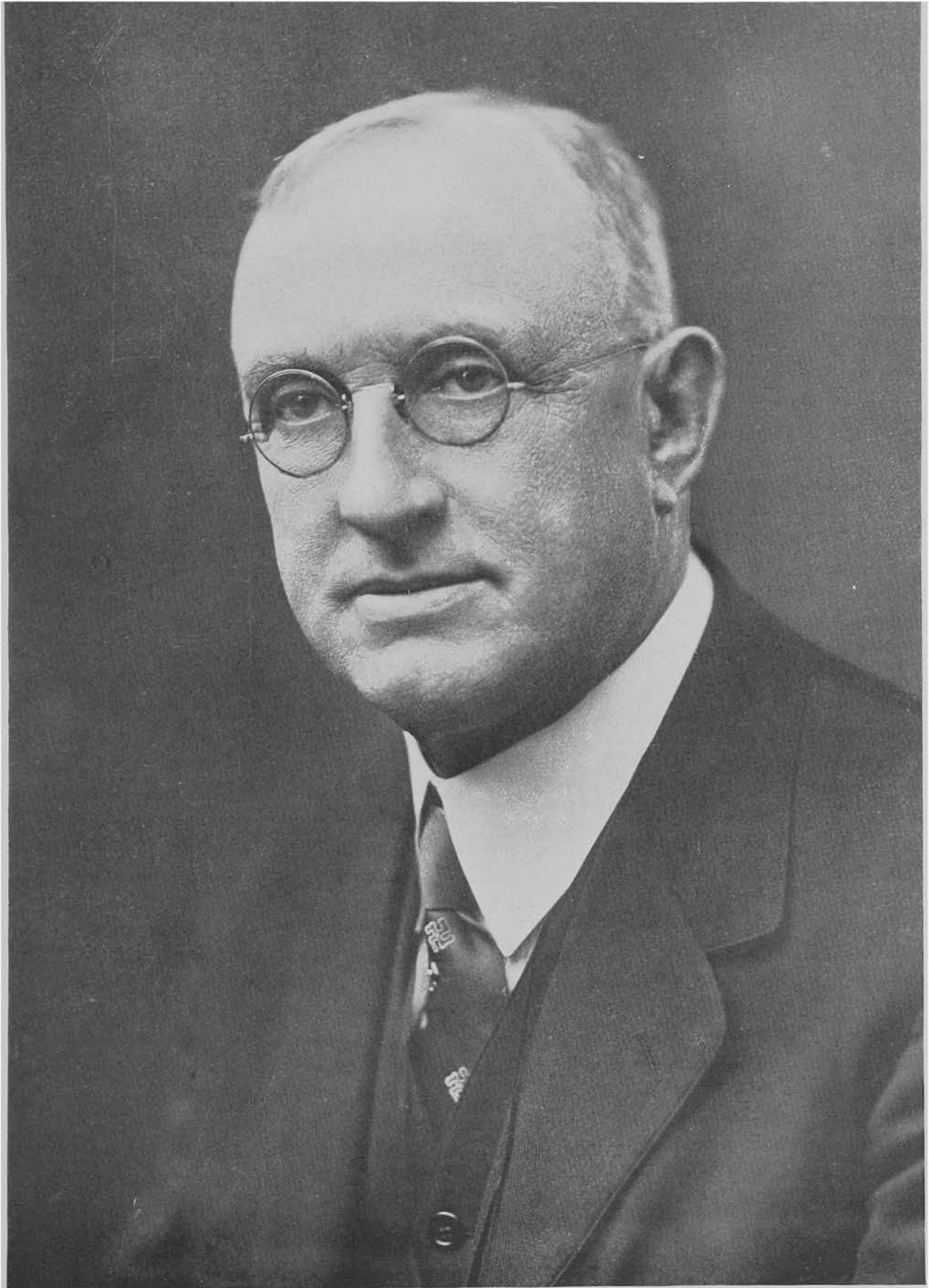
Mr. Bowman is unmarried.

Hon. Charles J. Hewitt.—Holding high rank among the legislators of New York is Hon. Charles J. Hewitt, Republican, who represents the Forty-second District, comprising the counties of Cayuga, Seneca and Wayne, as State Senator. He was born at Navarino, Onondaga County, July 15, 1867, the son of Jefferson S. and Melinda H. (Johnson) Hewitt.

Jefferson S. Hewitt was born at Moravia, Cayuga County. His wife was born in the town of Genoa, January 19, 1845. Both are deceased. Mr. Hewitt removed to Onondaga County in 1866 and purchased a farm of 104 acres. In 1870 he located at Locke, New York. Later, he lived at Richford, Tioga County, and became an extensive land owner in that section. He subsequently returned to Locke as a dealer in livestock. In 1889 Mr. Hewitt established the J. S. Hewitt & Sons Company, at Locke. He died there March 6, 1894. Mr. Hewitt was a Republican and held the offices of supervisor and highway commissioner. He was an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Jefferson S. Hewitt was the son of James and Phoebe (Hitchcock) Hewitt. The former was born at Moravia, Cayuga County, April 30, 1792, and died March 11, 1863. He was a prosperous farmer and owned 380 acres of land. He was married January 8, 1798. The father of James Hewitt was Louis Hewitt, whose wife was Charlotte Dean. They were both natives of Connecticut and among the first settlers of Moravia.

As a child Charles J. Hewitt, subject of this sketch, came with his parents to Locke, Cayuga County, and he has since made his



HON. CHARLES J. HEWITT

home there. He lived upon a farm until he was twenty-one years of age, and he received his education in the grade schools at Locke and Moravia High School. He engaged in business at the age of twenty-one years and is still interested though not actively in successful business enterprises in Auburn and southern Cayuga County, being president of the Citizens Bank of Locke, director of the Auburn-Cayuga National Bank and Trust Company.

In 1898 Mr. Hewitt was elected supervisor from the town of Locke and in 1901 was elected to the Assembly from the Second Assembly District of Cayuga County and re-elected in 1902 and 1903. In 1908 he was elected State Senator in what was then the Fortieth Senate District, and he has served in the State Senate continuously since that time, being senior member in point of service.

In 1921 Senator Hewitt became chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and temporary chairman of the Board of Estimate and Control. At the 1925 session he was again made chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and is still serving in that capacity. The results of his untiring efforts on behalf of economy and sound legislation during that period are well known. The legislature of 1932 created a joint committee of which he was made chairman to make analysis of the expenditures of the state and Senator Hewitt is now working with this committee with the aid of experts and accountants in a determined effort to find where reductions in state expense can be made.

When the Republicans, as the result of the 1914 election, returned to the control of the legislature, Senator Hewitt was made chairman of the Senate committee on internal affairs. It is to this committee that all highway legislation is referred. The Senator became convinced, as the result of his work on this committee, that the method of building improved highways in vogue at that time was haphazard and wasteful and leading nowhere toward a unified system. Accordingly he introduced a resolution, which was adopted, creating a special highway committee to prepare a plan. He was made chairman of this committee. It visited every section of the state; traversed every proposed route; conferred with members of the Board of Supervisors and others

in every county and finally in 1921 presented to the legislature a plan in great detail accompanied by a map of every proposed route. This plan was adopted and the map known as the Hewitt map was the basis for all highway construction by the state in each county until its completion.

The next important work assigned to Senator Hewitt was his designation in 1925 as chairman of the special committee to prepare legislation to carry into effect the constitutional amendment for elimination of grade crossings which the people had adopted in the 1924 election. This involved a great amount of work. A complete survey of all grade crossings was made, including location, relative importance, cost of elimination, etc. The committee finally reported to the legislature plans which were enacted into law and under them eliminations have since proceeded.

The next high spot in the Senator's career, and perhaps the most important and far reaching was the launching of the movement for reforestation on a definite and well worked out program. The appalling fact that there were thousands of acres of idle land in the state, that farms were being abandoned at an alarming rate, led his fertile brain to ask this question, "Why can't this land be put to work?" Investigations and studies made by him convinced him that it could and that the best use to which it could be put was the growing of trees. How to sell this plan to the people of the state then became his problem. Although himself on general principles opposed to bond issues, he introduced in the legislature a proposed bond issue proposition for reforestation in order to get the reaction of the people to the general plan of utilizing the idle lands of the state. From the inception of the idea, it met with a popular response questioned only as to details. To work these out, the so-called Reforestation Commission was formed with Senator Hewitt as chairman. Then followed long and arduous labor, preparing of maps, etc., and the final presentation to the people of the plan which they adopted at the election of 1931 and which will forever stand as a monument to Senator Hewitt's foresightedness and clear thinking.

Mr. Hewitt was married November 6th, 1888, to Miss Adina M. Hart. They have two children: LeRoy F., married Jessie Parker

of Moravia, New York, and they have three children, Melba, Marjorie and Gordon; and Rena who resides at Locke, New York.

Senator Hewitt is a member of the Masonic fraternity, B. P. O. Elks 474, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Robert A. McKinney.—Among the prominent men of Central New York is Robert A. McKinney, of Dryden, who is veterinarian of Tompkins County. He is also a veteran of the World War. He was born at Dryden, November 9, 1893, the son of George B. and Susie Belle (Fox) McKinney.

George B. McKinney is a native of Dryden, and his wife was also born there. He was educated in the district schools and throughout his entire life has been interested in general farming. He resides on a farm south of McLean in Tompkins County. Mr. McKinney is a Democrat and is a charter member of the McLean Grange. To Mr. and Mrs. McKinney, who celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary on July 13, 1932, the following children were born: 1. Esther, married Leroy Trapp, lives at Homer, New York. 2. John Carl, farmer, lives near McLean. 3. Robert A., the subject of this sketch. 4. Claude E., lives at Cortland. 5. Harry, who died in 1899 at the age of six years. 6. George Edward, lives at Cortland. 7. Dorothy, married Howard Bowker, lives at Syracuse. 8. Marian, married Clayton Bowker, lives at Dryden. 9. Roland, a teacher of physical education, lives at Lockport, New York. 10. Margaret, married George Francis, lives at Syracuse.

After his graduation from Cortland High School, Robert A. McKinney entered the College of Veterinary Medicine at Cornell University, but left school in June, 1917, to enlist for service in the World War. He was sent to Camp Jackson, South Carolina, and later to Camp Mills, Long Island, sailing for overseas duty in June, 1918. He saw active service with Company C, 306th Field Signal Battalion, 81st Division, until the close of the war, being discharged at Camp Mills, March 13, 1919. He then resumed his college work at Cornell University and received the degree of Doctor of Veterinary Medicine in 1920. Until his appointment as

county veterinarian, Doctor McKinney spent one year in private practice at Dryden. He has served in that capacity since 1921. Doctor McKinney holds membership in the Southern Tier Veterinary Medical Society, New York State Veterinary Medical Society, and American Veterinary Medical Association.

On February 21, 1921, Doctor McKinney married Miss Helen E. Steele, of McLean, the daughter of Thomas and Frankie L. (Lock) Steele. They are natives and residents of McLean. To Doctor and Mrs. McKinney have been born four children: 1. Frances Mary, born in December, 1921. 2. Joyce Elizabeth, born in 1923. 3. Carolyn Jean, born in 1927. 4. Eleanor Louise, born in 1930.

Doctor McKinney is affiliated with Dryden Lodge, No. 472, F. and A. M., of which he is Master, and he also belongs to the Loyal Order of Moose, Alpha Psi fraternity, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, National Travel Club, and New York State Firemen's Association. He is a member of the Dryden School Board.

The George Junior Republic, in the heart of the Finger Lakes region, near Freeville, Tompkins County, has been the mecca for the past twenty-five years for statesmen, sociologists, educators, and civic students who have marvelled at the remarkable results obtained by it, in training young men and women in the essentials of right living. It is the embodiment of the best that progressive educators have achieved.

The essential idea of the Junior Republic is to teach young people how to live, and to be useful citizens by giving them the full responsibility of ordering their lives and managing their affairs. It is well known that the citizens of the Junior Republic earn their living by working at various trades, enact their own laws, enforce them, organize their own government and perform the legislative, executive, and judicial functions therein. But it is not so generally appreciated that in so doing, they are training their minds and characters and preparing for life in the larger Republic in an altogether unique manner.

This remarkable organization has already exerted a profound influence on American education, more than many educators are aware of. If it continues to grow, to improve still further the methods it has already developed and by which it has achieved so much, and to increase the number of successful graduates who will carry its message into the community, its influence on education the world over will be far greater than it has been in the past. This influence may show itself, as in the past, by the adoption of the basic principle, through conscious or unconscious imitation in all sorts of schools and colleges. It may also take the form of additional Junior Republics in other localities, patterned after the original.

The Junior Republic teaches a sound conception of democracy. There is no attempt and no tendency to force all into an artificial equality. There are no artificial class distinctions. There is equal opportunity for all, and everyone finds his level according to his capacity. Those who do well prosper. The lazy and incompetent find the place in the social structure in which they belong. This tends to create respect for real worth, in place of false standards of social position.

The boys and girls come from all classes of society, and thus there is a wholesome mixing of different elements which should learn to mix; and the contacts are especially wholesome, because the conditions of life in the Junior Republic are such as to develop a sound sense of values, and to make the citizens clearly recognize both the good and the bad in their fellows.

Charles Ezra Cornell.—As president of the Cornell Library Association, Charles Ezra Cornell is numbered among the outstanding citizens of Ithaca and is a member of one of the leading pioneer families of Central New York, being a grandson of the late Hon. Ezra Cornell, founder of Cornell University. He was born in New York City, December 29, 1855, the son of Hon. Alonzo B. and Elen Augusta (Covert) Cornell.

Hon. Alonzo B. Cornell was born at Ithaca, January 22, 1832, and died October 15, 1904. He is buried in the University Memor-

ial Chapel at Ithaca. He was the oldest son of Hon. Ezra Cornell. At the age of fourteen years, Alonzo B. Cornell learned telegraphy and after twenty years of service in all departments of the service he became general superintendent of the Western Union Telegraph Company. In 1868 he was elected director of the Western Union and re-elected to that office for twenty-five consecutive years. He also owned and operated a steamboat line on Cayuga Lake for one year. He was vice-president and first cashier of the First National Bank of Ithaca and also served on its board of directors, being one of the founders of the institution in 1864. He served as trustee of Cornell Library Association and as trustee of Cornell University from 1865 until his death. In 1858 he was chairman of the Tompkins Republican Committee and held that office until 1866. He was also chairman of the New York State Republican Committee in 1870 and in 1872 managed the Republican campaign for President Grant's re-election. Hon. Cornell was a New York State delegate in 1876 and 1880 to the Republican National Conventions and was also a member of the Republican National Executive Committee. In 1868 he was nominated for the office of Lieutenant Governor but was defeated. In 1869 he was appointed surveyor of customs for the port of New York City by President Grant and held that office until 1872. In 1872 he was a member and Speaker of the New York State Assembly. He served as vice-president of the Western Union Telegraph Company from 1873 until 1877, and in the latter year was appointed naval officer of customs for the port of New York City. Hon. Cornell served as governor of New York State from 1880 until 1883 and after his term of governor had expired he returned to his affairs in New York City where he was located for a number of years and later removed to Ithaca, where he died in 1904. Augusta (Covert) Cornell was born at Auburn, New York, and died May 11, 1893. She is also buried in Ithaca. There were four children born to Alonzo B. Cornell and his wife: 1. Charles Ezra, the subject of this sketch, who was the eldest. 2. Edwin Morgan, died at the age of eight. 3. Henry Watson, died in February, 1932. 4. Roscoe Conkling, died in infancy.

Charles Ezra Cornell acquired his early education in the Columbia grammar schools, New York City, and received the degree

of Bachelor of Arts at Columbia University in 1879. He then obtained the degree of LL. B. at the Albany Law School in 1880. He began his professional career in law at Albany in the offices of Parker and Countryman, and from 1880 until 1882 was attorney for the New York West Shore, Lake Shore & Buffalo Railroad. He was successful in obtaining the right-of-way for the company through Albany County. From 1882 until 1888 Mr. Cornell was identified with the law firm of McFarland, Boardman & Platt, in New York City, and from 1888 until 1892 was general clerk under United States Treasurer Ellis Roberts in the Sub-Treasury at New York City. Mr. Cornell returned to Ithaca in 1892. He has continued as a resident of this city to the present time.

From the opening until 1910, Mr. Cornell was the secretary of the New York State Veterinary College at Cornell University. Upon the death of his father, Alonzo B. Cornell, in 1904, he became life trustee of Cornell University under its charter. He has been president of Cornell Library Association since 1928.

On June 28, 1882, Mr. Cornell was united in marriage with Miss Katherine L. Bouck, who was born at Bouck Island, New York, March 8, 1860, the grand-daughter of William C. Bouck, who served as governor of New York in 1845. She was educated at St. Agnes Academy at Albany and Packard Institute, at Brooklyn, New York, and is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Cornell University Campus Club, Women's Club, Garden Club and Cornell Dames. She is the daughter of Hon. Charles and Juliette E. (Best) Bouck. Mr. Bouck was born in Schoharie County, New York, and died September 2, 1910. His wife, a native of the same county, died February 22, 1909. They are buried in the Cornell family vault in the old Ithaca Cemetery. To Mr. and Mrs. Cornell two children were born: 1. William Bouck Cornell born July 14, 1883. He is a graduate of the Ithaca public schools, Cornell University, degree of Mechanical Engineer in 1907, and is now professor of management at the School of Commerce, New York University. He married Miss Emily L. Lebengood, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and they have a son, William Ezra Cornell, born April 10, 1917. 2. Eleanor Augusta, died 1902, at the age of four years.

Politically, Mr. Cornell is a Republican, and in 1880 was a delegate to the Republican National Convention in Chicago, Illinois, and was one of the 306 Grant delegates in that convention. He is a prominent member of the Episcopal Church, and belongs to Royal Arcanum, New York State Agriculture Society, honorary member of the Cornell Club of New York City and the Cornell Club of Rochester, Town and Gown Club, and Alpha Tau Omega fraternity.

Mynderse Van Cleef, of Ithaca, has had a distinguished career as a lawyer in Tompkins County, and has also been a leader in the financial life of the city for many years, being president for many years of the Ithaca Trust Company and Ithaca Security Company. Mr. Van Cleef was born at Seneca Falls, August 29, 1853, the son of Alexander Martin and Jane Elizabeth (Garlick) Van Cleef.

Alexander Martin Van Cleef was born at Seneca Falls, February 19, 1821, and died in Ithaca, August 1, 1879. His wife, also born at Seneca Falls, died October 2, 1910, and is also buried at Ithaca. Alexander M. Van Cleef grew up as a lad on his father's farm and attended the rural schools. He was engaged in business in Seneca Falls for many years. He came to Ithaca in 1869. He was a Republican and for a time held the office of collector of internal revenue for Seneca Falls district. He was affiliated with the First Presbyterian Church and belonged to the Masonic Lodge. To Alexander Martin and Jane Elizabeth (Garlick) Van Cleef were born two sons: 1. Charles Edward M. D., born September 29, 1850. He is a graduate of Canandaigua Academy and Cornell University, class of 1871. He received the degree of Doctor of Medicine at New York Homeopathic College in 1873, and was a resident surgeon of the Brooklyn Homeopathic Hospital, and a member of the Brooklyn Board of Health until 1880. He then practiced medicine at Ithaca until his death, August 4, 1896. He was unmarried. He was president of the Tompkins County Homeopathic Medical Society and of Cornell University Alumni

Association at Ithaca. He was also a director of the Ithaca Trust Company.

2. Mynderse, the subject of this sketch.

Alexander Martin Van Cleef was the son of George Cunningham and Joanna W. (Squires) Van Cleef. George Cunningham Van Cleef was the first white male child born in Seneca County, April 30, 1797. He died December 14, 1844. His wife was born September 25, 1795, and died August 6, 1886. He was the son of Lawrence and Sarah (Angevine) Van Cleef.

Lawrence Van Cleef was born in New Jersey, April 15, 1754. He was a soldier in Col. Goose Van Schaack's First Regiment, New York Continental Line, and also served with Col. James Clinton's Third Regiment, New York Line, throughout the Revolutionary War. He served as a soldier in Gen. John Sullivan's Expedition against the Six Nations of Indians in Central New York. For his military services he received a grant of land in the town of Cincinnatus, Cortland County, New York. He was the first permanent settler at Seneca Falls in 1789. He died January 15, 1830. He married Sarah Angevine, who was born in 1763. She died April 30, 1815.

Mynderse Van Cleef attended the public schools of Seneca Falls and Ithaca Academy. He received the degree of Bachelor of Science at Cornell University in 1874 and thereafter attended Columbia Law School, being admitted to the bar in September, 1876. He has been referee in many important law suits and executor, administrator, and trustee of many important estates. He is a Republican in politics, was president of the campaign club in the presidential campaign of 1896, and was commissioner of the United States Circuit Court from 1880 until 1900. As mentioned above he also served as president of the Ithaca Trust Company and Ithaca Security Company for many years. He was attorney for and a director in the Tompkins County National Bank, attorney and trustee of the Ithaca Savings Bank, attorney for Cornell University and chairman of the committee on administration, as well as director of the Cayuga Lake Cement Company, and various other business corporations.

On December 21, 1882, Mr. Van Cleef married Miss Elizabeth Lovejoy Treman, the daughter of Elias Treman, and sister of

Robert H. and Charles E. Treman, of Ithaca. Her mother was Elizabeth Lovejoy. Two daughters were born to Mr. and Mrs. Van Cleef: 1. Eugenia, born August 18, 1886, a graduate of Vas-sar College, class of 1908. She is unmarried and lives at home. 2. Jeannette, born March 14, 1888, a graduate of Mrs. Dow's School, at Briar Cliff Manor, New York. She married Dr. Arthur W. Booth, of Elmira, New York, and has two children: Mynderse Van Cleef, and Elizabeth Treman.

Mr. Van Cleef is a trustee and chairman of the board of the First Presbyterian Church of Ithaca, and a member of St. Augustine's Commandery, K. T.; Town and Gown Club; Cornell Club of New York; University Club of Ithaca, and Ithaca Country Club. He served as president of the Corporate Association of Kappa Alpha fraternity, and was alumni trustee of Cornell University from 1881 to 1891, trustee of the General Board, and trustee of Cornell Library Association. He is a member of the American Bar Association and of the New York State Bar Association.

Walter J. McCormick, who is vice-president of the Robinson-Carpenter Coal & Lumber Company, Inc., of 915 West State Street, has taken an active and prominent part in the business life of Ithaca for a number of years. He was born in this city, September 26, 1880, the son of Walter and Ellen (Dugan) McCormick.

Walter McCormick, deceased, was a prominent business man of Ithaca during his lifetime. He was born here and received his education at Ithaca Academy and as a young man was employed as a clerk in the dry goods store of Hawkins-Finch. He later conducted a retail meat business for three years on West State Street, and also was interested in the grocery business. He spent twenty years as the successful owner and manager of St. John's Hotel, now the Hotel Commercial, in Ithaca, and for seven years was manager of the Ithaca Ice Company and a director. He died in 1918 and his wife, born at Friendsville, Pennsylvania, died in 1920. Both are buried in Calvary Cemetery, Ithaca. Mr. McCor-

mick was a Democrat and served as alderman of the First Ward for three terms, also being mayor pro tem. in 1893 under Mayor C. D. Boughton. He was affiliated with the Knights of Columbus, and a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. To Mr. and Mrs. McCormick were born the following children: 1. Walter J., the subject of this sketch. 2. Mary G., a graduate of Ithaca High School and Nazareth Preparatory School, at Rochester, New York. She is an artist. 3. Frank J., M. D., a prominent physician and surgeon of Ithaca.

The boyhood of Walter J. McCormick was spent in Ithaca and he attended the public schools. In 1902 he began his business career as superintendent of the Ithaca Ice & Coal Company, and remained in that capacity until 1907. He then established a retail coal business at Seneca and Meadow streets and devoted a number of years to the building up of that business enterprise. In 1917 he purchased the interests of Mr. Carpenter in the Robinson-Carpenter Lumber & Coal Company and when the business was incorporated Mr. McCormick became vice-president.

Mr. McCormick married (first) on October 20, 1904, Miss Ellen C. Carroll, who was born at Ovid, New York, October 8, 1881, the daughter of Thomas and Mary (Donnelly) Carroll. The former was born in Ireland and died in 1924. His wife was a native of Ovid, where she still lives. Ellen C. (Carroll) McCormick died May 31, 1918, and is buried in Calvary Cemetery, Ithaca. To Mr. and Mrs. McCormick were born the following children: 1. Clara M., born September 25, 1905, a graduate of Ithaca High School, and Cornell University, Bachelor of Arts, class of 1926. She is a teacher at Ovid High School. 2. Mary E., born December 26, 1906, a graduate of Ithaca High School, and Cornell University, Bachelor of Arts, class of 1927. She is a member of the faculty of Hobart College, at Geneva, New York. 3. Frances M., born July 23, 1909, a graduate of Ithaca High School, and Cornell University, Bachelor of Arts, class of 1931, now a student nurse at Yale University. 4. John T., who died in 1924. 5. Walter, who died in 1914. 6. Robert J., born July 24, 1917, attends Ithaca High School.

Mr. McCormick married (second) on October 7, 1925, at Ithaca, Miss Margaret L. Maloney, born in this city, February 27,

1879, the daughter of Dennis and Margaret (McMahan) Maloney, natives of Ireland. Mr. Maloney died in 1910 and his wife died in 1912. Both are buried in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Ithaca. Mr. Maloney was a landscape gardener and was identified with Williams Bros. in Ithaca for many years. He was a Democrat and held membership in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

Politically, Mr. McCormick is a Democrat. He and his family are members of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, and he is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus, B. P. O. Elks, Eagles Lodge, and Chamber of Commerce. He also belongs to the Ithaca Volunteer Fire Department No. 6, and Ithaca Veteran Firemen's Association.

Mr. McCormick is interested in racing and has always owned several fine horses. He lives at 414 West Seneca Street.

Earl A. Rorapaugh.—Among Ithaca's most enterprising business men is Earl A. Rorapaugh, who is vice-president and manager of the Ithaca Ice Cream Company and Marshall Dairy Company, of 701 West State Street. He was born at Mansfield, Tioga County, Pennsylvania, December 1, 1885, the son of Clarence B. and Emma (Lawrence) Rorapaugh.

Clarence B. Rorapaugh was born at Chenango Forks, Broome County, New York, and now resides at Ithaca, R. F. D. No. 3. He was reared and educated in that section and as a young man was interested for a number of years in general farming in Tioga County, Pennsylvania. During the past thirty years he has successfully operated a farm near Ithaca. Mr. Rorapaugh is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Church, and belongs to B. P. O. Elks, No. 636. His wife is a native of Lawrence Corners, Tioga County, Pennsylvania. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Rorapaugh: 1. Earl A., the subject of this sketch. 2. Eva E., lives at Rochester, New York, where she is a buyer for Marks & Fuller Company.

Earl A. Rorapaugh grew up on his father's farm in Tioga County, attended the public schools of Wellsboro, Pennsylvania,

and is a graduate of Mansfield (Pennsylvania) Normal School. In his early business career he was interested in the breeding of pure bred cattle with his father and at the same time also owned and operated a merchant tailoring establishment on Eddy Street, Ithaca. He then became head field man for the Hires Condensed Milk Company at Ithaca, and served in that capacity for almost two years. After his promotion to the position of assistant superintendent he later became superintendent of the plant. In 1924 Mr. Rorapaugh became vice-president and general manager of the Ithaca Ice Cream Company and Marshall Dairy Company.

On May 16, 1908, Mr. Rorapaugh was united in marriage with Miss Lena H. Hoffman, of Ithaca, the daughter of Fred and Frances Hoffman, natives of Tompkins County. Mr. Hoffman died in 1898 and his wife died in 1928. They are buried in Ithaca. Mr. and Mrs. Rorapaugh have a son, Arthur C., born October 2, 1910. He is a graduate of Ithaca High School and now attends the College of Dentistry, University of Buffalo.

Politically, Mr. Rorapaugh is a Republican. He is a member of the Methodist Church, and is affiliated with the Masonic and Elk lodges, Rotary Club, and Chamber of Commerce. He also belongs to the International Milk Dealers Association and the International Ice Cream Manufacturers Association.

Harold Flack.—A prominent citizen of Ithaca, widely known throughout Central New York, is Harold Flack, who is executive secretary of the Cornellian Council of Cornell University. He is a native of New York, born at Claverack, Columbia County, January 8, 1889, the son of Arthur Harold and Roberta E. (Andrews) Flack.

Arthur Harold Flack obtained his early education in the schools of Claverack, where he was born. He is a graduate of Hudson River Institute and received the degree of Bachelor of Arts at Boston University in 1879. He also was awarded an honorary degree at Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut. He began his professional career as a teacher at Claverack Col-

lege and Hudson River Institute, and in 1885 became president of the latter institution, in which capacity he served until 1901. He then spent five years as an officer of the New York State Reformatory at Elmira, and in 1906 was appointed general manager of the May Manton Pattern Company in New York City. Mr. Flack has lived retired at East Orange since 1916. He is a Republican, a member of the Presbyterian Church and a member of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity. Roberta E. (Andrews) Flack was born at Livingston, New York, in 1859, and died April 9, 1930, in East Orange, New Jersey. She is buried at Claverack.

Rev. Alonzo Flack, paternal grandfather of Harold Flack, was a graduate of Union College, and was a teacher of theology at Concord, New Hampshire. Later he became principal of a co-educational institute at Charlottesville, New York, and in 1854 assumed the duties of president of Claverack College and Hudson River Institute, in which capacity he served until 1885.

Robert Emmett Andrews, maternal grandfather of Harold Flack, was for more than twenty years prior to his retirement in 1897 recognized as a leading member of the Columbia County bar. He was a successful criminal lawyer, and also served for thirty years as an attorney for the New York Central Railroad, being admitted to the bar in 1843. He was a prominent Democrat and was a delegate to national conventions in 1864, 1872, and 1876.

Harold Flack is a direct descendant of Col. Nathaniel Scudder, who was a member of the Continental Congress. He was a graduate and trustee of Princeton University and was killed at the Battle of Shrewsbury. Another ancestor was John Scudder, founder of the Scudder Missionary family in India. Mr. Flack is a relative of Mrs. Benjamin Pelton, one of the early residents of Ithaca.

Harold Flack attended the public schools of Claverack, Hudson and Elmira, and is a graduate of the New Rochelle High School. He received the degree of Bachelor of Arts at Cornell University in 1912, and during the following three years was assistant to the treasurer and general manager of Henry Holt & Company, New York City. He came to Ithaca in 1915 in his present capacity as executive secretary of the Cornellian Council. During the World

War he served as one of the associate directors of the first Red Cross War Fund Campaign, and also was identified with campaigns for the securing of funds for soldiers and sailors' libraries for the American Library Association. In November, 1917, he enrolled in the ground officers' training school at Kelly Field, Texas, where he received the commission of second lieutenant. In May, 1918, he went overseas and took an active part in the development of the American aviation camp at Orly-Sur-Seine, France. He also was actively identified with the development of the Cornell Bureau of the American University Union in Paris, and was one of 130 men to attend Oxford University for one term before his return to the United States. Upon his return to Ithaca Mr. Flack resumed his former duties with the Cornellian Council.

Mr. Flack was president of the Ithaca Community Chest for the years 1928, 1929 and 1930, and at the present time is president of the American Red Cross Chapter in Tompkins County. He is also an active member of the Citizens Committee on Unemployment in Ithaca. When the Cornell University semi-centennial endowment campaign was launched in 1919, Mr. Flack became the campaign director. This campaign resulted in raising a fund of nearly six and one-half millions. He is vice-president of the American Alumni Council, which is composed of Alumni secretaries, Fund secretaries, and Editors of Alumni magazines, and at the present time is chairman of a committee appointed by that body to conduct a comprehensive survey of Fund raising in American colleges and universities.

On April 9, 1921, Mr. Flack married Miss Evelyn M. Alspach, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She was born April 9, 1891, in Chalfont, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Rev. Charles B. and Elizabeth (Varwig) Alspach, natives of Ohio and Pennsylvania, respectively. Doctor Alspach is a graduate of Heidelberg University at Tiffin, Ohio, and has an honorary degree from Ursinus College, at Collegeville, Pennsylvania. Prior to his retirement in 1930 he was a minister in the Reformed Church of Philadelphia for twenty-five years. He and his wife are residents of Philadelphia.

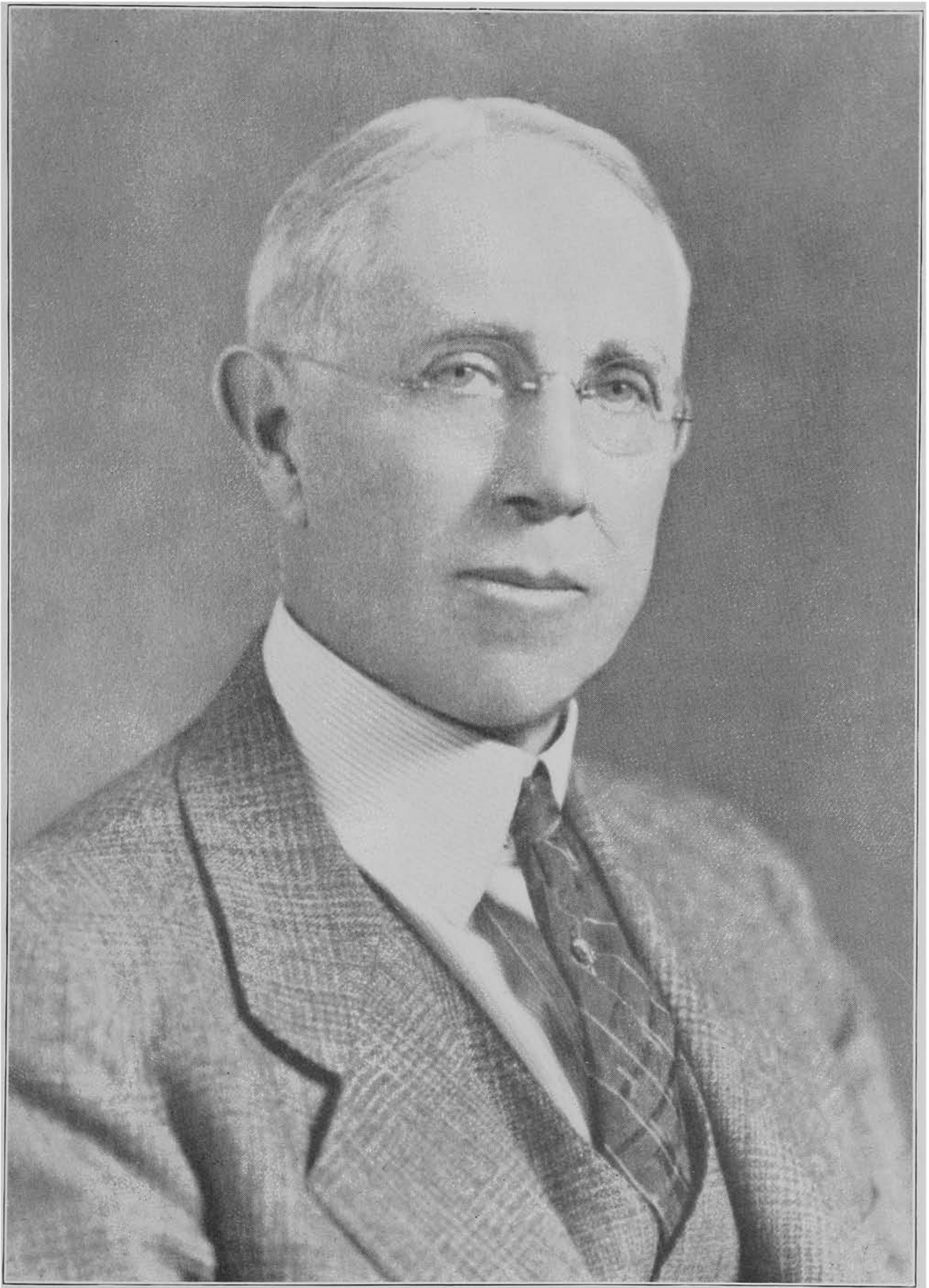
Mrs. Flack is a graduate of Cornell University, Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts, 1917, and is a member of the Delta Gamma Sorority, and the honorary fraternities of Sigma Xi and Phi Beta Kappa. Mr. and Mrs. Flack have three children: 1. Robert Harold, born June 9, 1922. 2. Helen Patricia, born September 13, 1925. 3. Evelyn Scudder, born January 29, 1929.

Mr. Flack is a Republican, a member of the First Presbyterian Church, and belongs to the Cornell Clubs of Ithaca and New York City, the Ithaca Country Club, Chamber of Commerce, and Beta Theta Pi fraternity.

Charles Hazen Blood, who is one of the leading members of the Tompkins County Bar, has engaged in practice at Ithaca continuously since 1890, and is recognized as one of the city's outstanding men. He was born at Ithaca, April 7, 1866, the son of Brigadier General Charles Farrar and Estella (Hazen) Blood.

Brig. Gen. Charles F. Blood served throughout the Civil War as a member of the Fiftieth Regiment N. Y. V. Inf., and was discharged with the rank of Brigadier General. He was born in Bath, New York, removed to Ithaca in his early boyhood, and died in 1898. He engaged in the mercantile business at Ithaca for a number of years, served as treasurer and director of the Ithaca Glass Company, director of the Ithaca Trust Company, and trustee of the Ithaca Savings Bank. He was a member of the board of trustees and an elder in the Presbyterian Church of Ithaca and belonged to the Grand Army of the Republic. His wife was born at Ithaca and is deceased. Their only child was Charles Hazen, the subject of this sketch.

Charles Hazen Blood was reared and educated at Ithaca and received the degrees of Ph. B. and LL. B. at Cornell University in 1888 and 1890, respectively. His entire professional career has been spent at Ithaca, and he served as district attorney of Tompkins County from 1894 until 1903, and as county judge and surrogate of Tompkins County from 1904 until 1910. He is also a director of the Ithaca Trust Company, and Tompkins County National



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Bank, and is trustee and chairman of the finance committee of the Ithaca Savings Bank. During 1901-24, he was a trustee of Cornell University, and at the present time is trustee of Ithaca College. He is especially interested in the development of real estate and with his former law partner acquired a tract of 1,000 acres on Cayuga Heights, which they have developed as a strictly residential section overlooking Cayuga Lake and the valley below.

October 25, 1905, Mr. Blood married Miss Louise McBeth, of Greenville, South Carolina, the daughter of Alexander and Elizabeth (Trenholm) McBeth, natives of Charleston, South Carolina. Mr. McBeth served during the Civil War as an officer in the Confederate Army. He now lives retired at Greenville, South Carolina. His wife died in 1931. She was the daughter of George Trenholm, who was secretary of the treasury for the Confederacy. Mr. and Mrs. Blood have a daughter, Emily Louise. She is a graduate of Ithaca High School, Westover School, in Connecticut, and Cornell University. She married John M. Clark, and lives at Ithaca. He is also a graduate of Cornell University, having received the degree of Master of Science in 1931. She is a member of Phi Beta Kappa Honorary Fraternity.

Mr. Blood belongs to the Cornell Club of New York City, Rotary Club, Ithaca Country Club, Town and Gown Club, and Country Club, Masonic Lodge, Knights of Pythias, and Elks Lodge. He is a trustee of the First Presbyterian Church and a member of the Cornell Athletic Council.

Frederick C. Barnard.—As proprietor of the Palace Laundry, 323-5 Eddy Street, Mr. Barnard ranks among Ithaca's dependable business men. He was born in this city, July 24, 1878, the son of David and Josephine (Bradbury) Barnard.

David Barnard, deceased, is a veteran of the Civil War. He was born in Oswego County, where he was reared and educated. Throughout the Civil War he served as a member of Company G, 109th New York Volunteer Infantry, being wounded at the Battle of Bull Run. For two years after the close of the war Mr. Bar-

nard was a member of the firm of Benjamin & Barnard, cigar manufacturers of Ithaca. He then conducted a transfer business in this city for thirty years and was living retired at the time of his death. His wife was born in Ithaca and died in 1892. Mr. Barnard was a Republican, a member of the Methodist Church, and belonged to the Grand Army of the Republic. To Mr. and Mrs. Barnard the following children were born. 1. Grace, deceased. 2. Mabel, who died in 1924. 3. Edna, married Charles Christiance, lives at Ithaca. 4. Frederick C., the subject of this sketch. 5. Harry W., deceased. 6. Edith, deceased, was the wife of Arthur VanOrder, of Ithaca.

After his graduation from the public schools of Ithaca, Frederick C. Barnard became associated with the New York Hand Laundry in a clerical capacity. After four years he purchased the business in 1894 and operated it successfully until 1896. He then sold his interest to the Modern Method Laundry but continued with the new organization until 1900, at which time he purchased the East Hill Laundry from Peter Troy, which was reorganized by him as the Palace Laundry.

On July 1, 1905, Mr. Barnard was married at Groton, New York, to Miss Lucy Robinson, of Dryden, New York, born October 12, 1880. She is the daughter of James and Sarah (Haylett) Robinson, of Ithaca. The former lives retired at Groton, and the latter is deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Barnard have four children: 1. David Robinson, born April 10, 1905, a graduate of Ithaca High School, attended Cornell University. He is associated in business with his father. 2. Sarah Josephine, a graduate of Ithaca High School, attended Cornell University for two years. She is employed in the offices of the Morse Chain Company, Ithaca. 3. Robert Charles, born May 22, 1910, a graduate of Ithaca High School and the American Institute of Laundering at Joliet, Illinois. He is identified with the Palace Laundry. 4. Lewis Bradbury, born February 25, 1915. He attends Ithaca High School.

Mr. Barnard is a member of the Baptist Church and is Past Chancellor of Cascadilla Lodge, Knights of Pythias, Past Camp Commander of D. W. Burdick Camp No. 40, Sons of Veterans. He

is Past Department Commander of New York State Sons of Veterans.

Frank A. Begent.—One of Tompkins County's prominent men is Frank A. Begent, who lives retired at Groton. He is a native of New York, born at Holland Patent, Oneida County, May 17, 1857, the son of William Alfred and Mary Anne (Iverson) Begent.

William Alfred Begent and his wife were natives of England. He came to the United States in 1840 and located on a farm near South Trenton, New York. Later he lived at Holland Patent and also owned land in Herkimer County. Mr. Begent died April 17, 1893, and his wife died July 29, 1895. They were members of the Episcopal Church and Mr. Begent was a Democrat. There were three children in the Begent family: 1. Frank A., the subject of this sketch. 2. Anna, twin sister of Frank A. She died in 1901. 3. Fred W., who died in 1925.

Frank A. Begent was reared and educated at Holland Patent and for several years was interested in the manufacture of cheese at that place. He then engaged in the same business at Lafayette, New York, for thirteen years, after which he located at Groton, as a partner in the McLaughlin Lumber Company. Subsequently he established a lumber business of his own and became the owner of large tracts of timber land throughout Central New York. Mr. Begent was thus engaged from 1901 until 1921, and during that time was also the owner of eight fine farms in this section. He now owns and manages four large dairy farms in Cayuga and Chenango counties.

On March 26, 1880, Mr. Begent married Miss Helen Crittenden, who was born at Groton, December 6, 1856, the daughter of Samuel and Mary (Fish) Crittenden. They were natives of Groton. Mr. Crittenden died in July, 1902, and his wife died in 1900. They are buried at McLean, New York. He was a Republican and belonged to the Universalist Church. Mr. and Mrs. Begent have three children: 1. Anna Mary, born March 6, 1885, a graduate of Groton High School and Elmira College. She married Ernest

Reniff, and lives at McLean. They have two children, Roger and Helen. 2. Alton, born September 25, 1888, a graduate of Groton High School. He is a traveling representative of the Dold Packing Company, of Buffalo, New York. He married (first) Miss Mabel Bennett, and had two children, Frank and Sherwood. He married (second) Miss Ruth Sweetland, and they have a daughter, Virginia. 3. Gordon Crittenden, born July 28, 1897, a graduate of Groton High School. He married Miss Dorothy Dickerson, of Fayetteville, New York, and they have a son, Gordon C., Jr. He is secretary and treasurer of the Finger Lakes Garage Company at Ithaca.

Mr. Begent is a Democrat and has held numerous public offices. He has been president of the village of Groton, and served as a member of the Board of Supervisors, village trustees, school director, and served as supervisor of the town of Groton for seventeen years. He is an active member of the Congregational Church and belongs to Groton Lodge, F. and A. M., No. 496.

Edward J. Keller, who is production manager of L. C. Smith & Corona Typewriter Company, Inc., is one of the progressive citizens of Groton. He is a native of Onondaga County, born at Baldwinsville, June 10, 1887, the son of Edward J. and Mary (McNamara) Keller.

Edward J. Keller, Sr., was born at Phoenix, Oswego County. He received his education in the Academy there and as a young man engaged in farming. Later he owned and operated a cigar manufacturing business at Baldwinsville. He was the owner of racing horses and a breeder of horses. He died in 1920 and is buried at Baldwinsville. His wife was born there and died in 1892. Their children were: 1. May, married Edward W. Bentley, lives at Mt. Kisco, New York. 2. Anne, a teacher at Mt. Kisco. She is a graduate of Oswego Normal School. 3. Edward J., the subject of this sketch.

After his graduation from Baldwinsville High School, Edward J. Keller attended Alexander Hamilton Business Institute. He

was a shipping clerk from 1902 until 1905, in the employ of the C. A. Wiley Paint Company at Long Island City, and during the following five years was identified with the Neptune Meter Company at Long Island in the production department. He spent two years in the office of E. C. Stearns, of Syracuse, and in September, 1912, came to Groton with the Corona Typewriter Company. He was made planning engineer in 1914 and was promoted to production manager in 1925 when the business was merged with the L. C. Smith Typewriter Company.

On July 8, 1916, Mr. Keller was united in marriage with Miss Fern Lester, who was born at Groton, February 3, 1890. She is a graduate of Groton High School and Auburn Business College, and is the daughter of Frank and Emma Lester. Both were born in Tompkins County. Mr. Lester spent many years with the Groton Bridge Company and later was connected with the Corona Typewriter Company. He died in 1927 and is buried in Groton. Mr. Lester was a Republican, a member of the Congregational Church and belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His widow resides here. Mr. and Mrs. Keller have a son, Ralph Elder, born June 9, 1919.

Mr. Keller is a Republican and is secretary of the Groton Board of Education. He also is a village trustee acting as police and fire commissioner. He is a member of Groton Lodge, F. and A. M., Cortland Country Club, Groton Rod and Gun Club, and Corona Athletic Club.

Lyman H. Gallagher.—One of Tompkins County's outstanding lawyers, Lyman H. Gallagher, is also widely known as an authority on local history, and is the official local historian for the town of Caroline. He is the author of numerous articles and historical sketches pertaining to this section of Central New York. Mr. Gallagher is engaged in the practice of law at Slaterville Springs, where he was born September 23, 1874, the son of Dr. William C. and Samantha Slosson Thurston (Lyman) Gallagher.

Dr. William C. Gallagher was a native of Cortland, New York, and died in 1921. His wife was born in Cortland County and died

in 1928. Both are buried in Mulks Cemetery, Slaterville. Doctor Gallagher was a graduate of the district schools and studied medicine at Geneva Medical College (now Hobart College), at Geneva, New York, being a member of the graduating class of 1863. He began his professional career at Harford, Cortland County, where he remained until 1865. He then located at Slaterville Springs and continued his practice there during the remainder of his life. Doctor Gallagher performed a valuable service for the botany department of Cornell University by making a catalogue system of the commercial, Latin, and scientific name of over 400 plants, trees and shrubs native to the town of Caroline, Tompkins County. Doctor Gallagher was a Republican and for seventeen years was supervisor of the town of Caroline and chairman of the board of supervisors of Tompkins County for six years. He also served as coroner of the county and as local health officer and welfare director. He was a member of the Tompkins County, New York State and American Medical Associations, and was also popular as a health resort physician. Mrs. Gallagher was a member of the Methodist Church and Doctor Gallagher's mother, Matilda Hickok, belonged to the Dutch Reformed Church. He was affiliated with Caroline Lodge No. 681, F. & A. M., and St. Augustine Commandery, K. T. To Doctor and Mrs. Gallagher were born five children: 1. Fannie, who died in 1878. 2. Mattie, who died in infancy. 3. William C., lives at Caroline, Tompkins County. 4. Lyman H., the subject of this sketch. 5. Charles Henry, M. D., who died August 28, 1918. He died in France while in service during the World War as a captain in the U. S. Army, Medical Corps. He was a graduate of Ithaca High School, and the College of Medicine, Syracuse University, and was the youngest medical graduate ever to receive a degree at Syracuse at the age of twenty-one years. He was an interne at Rochester Memorial Hospital, and practiced medicine at Waverly and Slaterville Springs, New York, before his enlistment for service. He married Miss Estella Lyons, of Ithaca, and to them were born two children, Thurston Lyons and Frances Gallagher.

Lyman H. Gallagher is a graduate of the public schools of Caroline and Slaterville Springs and Ithaca High School. He

received the degree of LL. B. at Cornell University in 1895 and at that time engaged in practice at Cortland with the firm of Kellogg & Van Hoesen, with whom he was associated until 1900. He then traveled extensively in settling estates and in Florida was interested in the adjustment of the Gleason estate. While in Florida, he toured the east coast along the Indian River and Biscayne Bay with Adelbert Hay, son of the secretary of state, John Hay; they inspected territory for the development of the pineapple industry. He later returned to Cortland with his former law associates and while there served as acting city judge of Cortland for four years. For a number of years before the death of his father in 1921, Mr. Gallagher was identified with his various interests at Slaterville Springs. They also made the first highway map of Tompkins County and had interesting historical contacts in the state. Mr. Gallagher has an extensive law practice and is a regular contributor to the Ithaca Journal News, Auburn Citizen, Owego Gazette, and Hunter-Trader-Trapper Journal, of Columbus, Ohio.

Politically, Mr. Gallagher is a Republican, and during the World War served as acting sheriff of Tompkins County. He also was a member of the selective service draft board, being chairman of the board practically from its inception until March, 1919.

Mr. Gallagher is a member of the Methodist Church, and belongs to the Tompkins County Fish and Game Club.

Mr. Gallagher is the owner of the "Dr. Gallagher Historical Collection," which is one of the finest collections consisting of antiques, farming implements and household utensils used by the pioneers of this section, and many historical dishes, firearms and other relics.

Charles Hiram Moe.—A member of a prominent pioneer family of Tompkins County, Charles H. Moe is well and favorably known in Groton, where he holds the office of town clerk. He was born at Elmira, August 21, 1892, the son of Hiram G. and Ella A. (Hall) Moe.

Hiram G. Moe, deceased, was a representative citizen of Groton. He was born at Lansing, Tompkins County, and was a graduate of Groton Academy. At the age of twenty years he became identified with the First National Bank of Groton as bookkeeper and later cashier. He then became cashier in the Mechanics Bank of Groton, and when the institution was merged with the First National Bank, Mr. Moe retired from banking. He was a Republican and served as town clerk of Groton from 1925 until 1930, and as president of the village. He was also a member of the Independent Water Board and served on the Groton School Board for forty years. He held membership in the Baptist Church of which he was deacon and trustee, and belonged to the Knights of Pythias. Mr. Moe was active in musical circles and was identified with local church choirs and glee clubs, as well as the Groton Band. He died here January 20, 1930. Ella A. (Hall) Moe was born at Groton, where she still resides. Mr. and Mrs. Moe had only one child, Charles Hiram, the subject of this sketch.

Charles Hiram Moe is a graduate of Groton High School and studied law for two years at the University of Syracuse. In May, 1914, he became identified with the Corona Typewriter Company, and since 1927 has been in charge of the finished parts stock department. He succeeded his father as town clerk upon the latter's death in 1930.

On January 25, 1912, Mr. Moe was united in marriage with Miss Helen Westfall Peacock, of Niles, Cayuga County. She was born February 2, 1890, the daughter of Edward and Elsie (Kenyon) Peacock, natives of Niles, Cayuga County. Mr. Peacock lives at Venice, New York. He is a farmer. Politically, he is a Republican, and holds membership in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Grange. His wife died in 1892 and is buried at Moravia, New York. To Mr. and Mrs. Moe have been born four children: 1. Hiram Gardner, born September 8, 1913. 2. Catherine Elizabeth, born January 25, 1916. 3. Philip Edward, born December 29, 1921. 4. Denton Kenyon, born December 5, 1924.

In politics Mr. Moe is identified with the Republican party. He is an active member of the Congregational Church, and belongs to Bryant Lodge No. 198, Knights of Pythias, and Groton Rod and Gun Club.

George A. Gardner.—Numbered among the dependable and well known citizens of Tompkins County is George A. Gardner, who is postmaster of Newfield, New York. He was born at Penn Yan, Yates County, New York, July 26, 1875, the son of Rowland J. and Emma (Bennett) Gardner.

Rowland J. Gardner, who died in 1903, was a native of Penn Yan. He was interested in general farming during his life and always lived in Yates County. He was a Republican and served as supervisor of the town of Milo and also as town assessor. He was affiliated with Milo Lodge No. 108, F. & A. M. His wife was born at Penn Yan and died in 1915. Both are buried in City Hill Cemetery, near Penn Yan. Their children were: 1. Rowland J., lives at Penn Yan. 2. Jonathan J., lives at Penn Yan. 3. Mary L., the widow of Henry Nichols, lives at Penn Yan. 4. Lee B., M. D., lives at Geneva, where he is a prominent specialist. 5. George A., the subject of this sketch. 6. Emma E., who died in 1897.

George A. Gardner attended Penn Yan High School. He remained on his father's farm until twenty-five years of age and at that time located near Newfield, New York, where he engaged successfully in general farming until 1907. He then became a rural mail carrier out of Newfield, and from 1917 until 1919 was interested in the hardware business there. He also spent a short time in the employ of Treman, King & Company, at Ithaca, and on October 1, 1922, accepted the appointment of postmaster of Newfield by President Harding.

On June 21, 1901, Mr. Gardner was united in marriage with Miss Harriet Phoenix, of Newfield, born in May, 1874, the daughter of Jay B. and Susan (Secord) Phoenix, natives of Newfield and Smith Valley, New York, respectively. The former died in 1906 and the latter in 1920. Mr. Phoenix was a Republican. He belonged to the Masonic Lodge. To Mr. and Mrs. Gardner were born three children: 1. Leland L., born June 11, 1905, a graduate of Newfield High School, attended Syracuse University. He is stationed in the Philippine Islands with the Associated Gas & Electric Company. He married Miss Lillian E. Wold, of Jackson, Minnesota. 2. Kenneth G., born August 14, 1907, a graduate of Newfield High School. He is located at Syracuse, New York,

with the New York Telephone Company. He married Miss Ethel Hicks, of Marcellus, New York. 3. Emily H., born October 27, 1910. She is a graduate of Newfield High School, and Cortland Normal School, class of 1932, and is a teacher in the Newfield schools.

Mr. Gardner is a Republican, and held the office of town assessor of Newfield during 1921-22. He is a member of the Baptist Church, and is past master of King Hiram Lodge No. 784, F. & A. M., and serving as secretary, Balbec Grotto, M. O. V. P. E. R., Ithaca. He also belongs to the National League of District Postmasters, and the New York State League of District Postmasters.

David Fortuin, who is a veteran of the World War, has a wide acquaintance in Tompkins County, and is identified with the Pennsylvania Dixie Cement Corporation, Plant No. 7, at Portland Point. He was born in New York City, September 18, 1898, the son of Morris and Bertha (Winkleman) Fortuin.

Morris Fortuin was born in Holland and his wife is a native of New York City. At an early age he was employed in the offices of the Pennsylvania Cement Company in New York City and later was transferred to Nazareth, Pennsylvania, as general manager. He served in that capacity until 1927 at which time the business was merged with the Dixie Cement Corporation and reorganized as the Pennsylvania Dixie Cement Corporation. He has continued as general manager of the Nazareth plant to the present time. Mr. Fortuin is a Democrat, a member of St. John's Dutch Reformed Church, and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Elks Lodge. Mr. and Mrs. Fortuin have four children: 1. David, the subject of this sketch. 2. Roslyn B., lives at Nazareth. He is assistant to the general manager of the Pennsylvania Dixie Cement Corp. 3. Catherine Rosalie, at home.

David Fortuin obtained his early education in the public schools of New York City and Nazareth, Pennsylvania, and spent one year at Lehigh University. Throughout the World War he served with the U. S. Navy, being stationed on the U. S. S. "Mohi-

can." He then became identified with the Taylor & Wharton Steel Company at Easton, Pennsylvania, and in 1921 entered the services of the Pennsylvania Cement Co. at Portland Point as time-keeper. He was made shipping clerk in 1922 and became chief clerk five years later of what is now the Pennsylvania Dixie Cement Corporation.

On July 31, 1920, Mr. Fortuin was married to Miss Gladys Werkhiser, of Nazareth, Pennsylvania, born February 26, 1901. She is the daughter of Emory and Lillian (Moser) Werkhiser. Both are natives of Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Fortuin have two children: 1. Lillian Rosalie, born March 19, 1921. 2. David, Jr., born November 26, 1924.

Mr. Fortuin is a Democrat, a member of St. John's Dutch Reformed Church, and belongs to Fidelity Lodge, F. and A. M., No. 51; Chamber of Commerce; Rotary Club of Ithaca; and the American Legion at Nazareth, Pennsylvania.

Clayton D. Townsend is one of the substantial business men of Tompkins County, being interested in the feed, coal and builders supply business at Myers. He was born at Cortland, New York, July 26, 1867, the son of Samuel D. and Mercena (Robacher) Townsend.

Samuel D. Townsend, who died in 1917, was a native of Schoharie County, New York. He was born January 25, 1844, the son of Joshua H. Townsend. In early life Samuel D. Townsend owned and operated a farm near Genoa, New York, and later was located near Aurora. He was a Democrat and belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His wife was a native of Cortland County and died February 7, 1901. Both are buried at Cortland. To Mr. and Mrs. Townsend were born three children: 1. Clayton D., the subject of this sketch. 2. Clifford E., who died at Ithaca in 1929. 3. Lena May, was married (first) to Charles Conklin of Locke, now deceased. Her present husband is James Caveney, and they live at Myers.

Clayton D. Townsend obtained his education in the district schools of Genoa, Cayuga County, and attended Genoa Academy.

He spent five years as a clerk in the general store of Conger & Andrews at Genoa, and later was located at Auburn for four years with the Hislop Dry Goods Company. He then traveled as a representative of J. F. Paine of Auburn and James H. Carlisle, also of Auburn. Mr. Townsend returned to his former employment with the Hislop Dry Goods Company for two years and subsequently conducted a grocery business at Auburn in partnership with Joseph Cook. He sold his interests to Fred Whaley and later he with James McCabe established a grocery on Clark Street, Auburn, New York, under the firm of McCabe and Townsend. After a time he located in New York City with the Universal Safety Tread Company and later was identified with the grocery business of Fred H. Atwater in Ithaca. For almost two years Mr. Townsend conducted a general mercantile business at Lansingville, New York, in partnership with Clayton Bower. In 1907 he came to Myers and purchased his present business with his brother Clifford E. Townsend. A large warehouse was erected by him in 1909 and at the present time he deals in coal, lumber and building supplies. In 1916 he purchased his brother's interests. He at one time maintained branch stores at North and South Lansing, and now operates a branch warehouse at Lake Ridge. Mr. Townsend was associated with his brother, Clifford E. Townsend, in the organization of the Ithaca Oil Company and served as its vice president until 1922, at which time he became president of the concern.

On September 11, 1913, Mr. Townsend married Miss Ellen Gallagher, of Myers, the daughter of Frank and Bridget (Glennon) Gallagher, natives of Ireland. Mr. Gallagher spent many years in the employ of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company and died in 1911. His wife died in 1925. Both are buried at Owego, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Townsend have no children. Before her marriage Mrs. Townsend was a teacher for six years in the district schools of Tompkins County.

Mr. Townsend is a Republican, and holds membership in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His wife is a member of the Catholic Church. She was postmaster of Myers for fourteen years.

George R. Murphy, M. D.—Among specialists in Central New York, Doctor George R. Murphy, of Elmira, holds a leading position as a pediatric physician and surgeon. He was born in New York City, May 18, 1900, the son of Charles R. and Florence A. (Mitchell) Murphy.

Charles R. Murphy, who is manager of the Toledo Club, at Toledo, Ohio, has engaged in that particular line of managerial work since 1904, and has been identified with many leading clubs in the country, including the Old Suburban Club, of Stamford, Connecticut, City Club of Elmira, etc. He was born at Canterbury, England, and his wife is a native of Nottingham, England. Their only children are: 1. George R., the subject of this sketch. 2. Howard J., M. D., lives at Toledo. He is a graduate of Elmira Free Academy and received the degree of Doctor of Medicine at the University of Michigan in 1926. Charles R. Murphy is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and belongs to the Masonic and Elk lodges.

The early education of George R. Murphy was acquired in the public schools of New York City, Stamford, and Elmira. He is a graduate of Elmira Free Academy and received the degree of Bachelor of Arts at Columbia University in 1921. He then continued at the university as a medical student and received the degree of Doctor of Medicine there in 1924. Doctor Murphy spent six months as an interne in St. Mary's Hospital for Children, in New York City, one year and nine months as interne in the Post Graduate Medical School and Hospital of Columbia University, and three months as interne in the Willard-Parker Hospital for Contagious Diseases in New York City. In January, 1927, Doctor Murphy established his private practice in Elmira with offices at 312 Lake Street. He holds membership in the Chemung County Medical Society, New York State Medical Society, and American Medical Association. He is also a Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics, and is a member of the staffs of St. Joseph's and Arnot Ogden Hospitals, of Elmira, as well as pediatric physician at both institutions.

On May 7, 1927, Doctor Murphy was united in marriage with Miss Dorothy M. Foote, of New Haven, Connecticut, a graduate

of New Haven High School and Bradford Academy, at Haverhill, Massachusetts. She is also a graduate nurse of St. Luke's Hospital, New York City. Her parents are George Clifford and Matilda (Bostwick) Foote, of New Haven, Connecticut. Doctor and Mrs. Murphy have two sons, George Foote, born January 2, 1929, and Richard Watson, born October 12, 1932.

Doctor Murphy is an independent Republican. He is a member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, of Elmira, and his wife is a member of Trinity Episcopal Church. He is affiliated with Phi Chi fraternity, and belongs to the Torch Club. He is a member of the council of Boy Scouts, Elmira area, a member of the advisory board of the Neighborhood House, member of the social service committee, the Visiting Nurses Committee, physician to the nursery school of Elmira College, and physician to the Child Welfare Clinic, and president of the Central Registry Association.

Hon. James Steele Truman.—Among the prominent law practitioners of Tioga County, James Steele Truman, of Owego, holds an important place as a member of the firm of Truman, Bassett & Wood. He has also served as a member of the New York Senate, receiving the largest majority ever given in this district to a candidate up to that time, a plurality of 20,766 votes. Mr. Truman was born at Owego, August 24, 1874, the son of Gilbert T. and Alice (Steele) Truman.

Gilbert T. Truman, who died in Owego, July 20, 1932, was a highly esteemed citizen and representative business man of Tioga County for many years. He was born at Owego, and attended Owego Academy. As a young man he was identified with the business of L. Truman & Bros., and also operated a fine farm near Owego. Later, he became interested in the retail feed business in Owego, and was associated with that enterprise for a period of twenty years. He retired in 1926 at the age of 70 years. Mr. Truman was a Republican and held membership in the Baptist Church. His widow, born at Owego, still resides there. To Mr. and Mrs. Truman were born two sons: 1. George S., merchant, Owego. 2. James Steele, the subject of this sketch.

The early education of James S. Truman was received in the Owego public schools and he is a graduate of Owego Academy. He received the degrees of Ph. D. and LL. B. at Cornell University in 1896 and 1898 respectively, and after his admission to the bar in 1889 Mr. Truman became an associate of H. A. Clark. In 1914 Charles A. Clark, at one time deputy attorney general, was associated with him. In 1925 he organized the firm of Truman, Bassett & Wood. As mentioned above, Mr. Truman was elected to the Senate in November, 1924. He served as chairman of the committee on labor, as well as a member of the committees on internal affairs, judiciary, general laws, conservation, and the joint committee on the elimination of grade crossings. He was also a member of a special senatorial committee to reapportion the Senate and Assembly districts, and was chairman of the industrial survey commission, which was appointed for the purpose of investigating the state of New York industry, including the burdens of and advantages of manufacturing in New York state and the needs of labor.

On June 24, 1902, Mr. Truman married Miss Ruth Nina Rich, of Owego. She died July 27, 1930. Her parents were George E. and Ida Belle (Link) Rich, who were natives of Owego. For a number of years Mr. Rich operated a tannery at Newark Valley and later engaged in business at Owego. He was a Republican and served as assessor. Both he and his wife were members of the Presbyterian Church. Two daughters were born to Mr. and Mrs. Truman: 1. Dorothy Rich, born July 4, 1906, a graduate of Owego Academy and Smith College. She married Hubert Cooper, and lives at Owego. 2. Alice Rich, born April 16, 1913, attends Bucknell University.

Mr. Truman is a Republican and is identified with the Tioga County and New York State Bar associations. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church, being a member of the board of trustees, and has the following lodge and club affiliations: Friendship Lodge No. 153, F. and A. M.; New Jerusalem Chapter, No. 47, R. A. M.; Malta Commandery No. 21, K. T.; Kalurah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Binghamton; B. P. O. Elks; Owego Country Club; Tioga County Fish and Game Club; and Tioga County Sportsmens

Association. He is vice president of the alumni class of 1896 at Cornell University, and holds membership in Alpha Tau Omega fraternity. While a student at the institution he was also an editor of the Cornell Daily Sun.

Mr. Truman has served as president of the Coburn Free Library in Owego. He has also been supervisor of the village, and from 1920 until 1926, was a member of the Owego Board of Education. He is secretary of the Tioga County Historical Society and president of the Owego Home for Aged Women.

Mr. Truman is also a director of the Owego National Bank.

Austin W. W. Sand.—As president and treasurer of the Turkey Hill Nursery, Inc., at Varna, Austin W. W. Sand is recognized as one of the progressive business men of Tompkins County. He was born at Lockport, New York, October 23, 1891, the son of Reuben W. and Effie Rosa (Wertman) Sand.

Reuben W. Sand and his wife were born at Lockport. He was a photographer by profession and engaged in that business at Lockport for forty-five years. He was a Democrat in politics and served as police commissioner. He and his wife were active members of the Methodist Church. Mr. Sand died on July 14, 1930. His widow still resides at Lockport. They were the parents of two sons: 1. Austin W. W., the subject of this sketch. 2. Seward A., photographer, who lives at Lockport.

Austin W. W. Sand grew up at Lockport and is a graduate of Lockport High School. He taught school there for two years and entered Cornell University in 1914. He left college however, September 25, 1917, and enlisted for service in the World War. After a year at Camp Dix, New Jersey, his company sailed for France, May 28, 1918, and Mr. Sand served as regimental photographer with the Three Hundred and Third Engineers, Seventy-eighth Division, Headquarters Detachment. He saw active service with corps troops in the St. Mihiel offensive, in the Limey Sector, and on the Meuse-Argonne fronts. His rank was that of Master Engineer, Sr. Grade. After his discharge at Camp Dix, June 12, 1919,



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he returned to Lockport and the following fall reentered Cornell University, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1920. He spent a few months in the nursery business of A. N. Pearson, at Cromwell, Connecticut, and then returned to Cornell University as an instructor in Floriculture. He received his Master's degree there in 1921 and continued for a Doctor's degree, until 1925, in the meantime serving as an instructor at that institution. He organized a nursery and florist business at Varna in 1923, which was known as the Turkey Hill Nursery. The business was incorporated in January, 1928, with Mr. Sand as president and treasurer. He purchased an additional ten acres in 1929, building greenhouses thereon, and now has a total area of twenty-five acres devoted to the growing of plants and flowers. He is a landscape architect with a statewide reputation, and is recognized as an authority on rock garden work, and woody plant materials. Mr. Sand also owns "The Flower Nook," which is located at 106 North Aurora Street, Ithaca. He holds membership in the New York State Nurserymen's Association and Society of American Florists and Ornamental Horticulturists.

Politically, Mr. Sand is a Republican. He is a member of the Methodist Church, and is affiliated with Lockport Lodge, F. & A. M. He also belongs to Sigma Xi and Pi Alpha Xi National Honorary Fraternities.

Major John Mason Parker.—Representative of the prominent and influential professional men of Tioga County, is John M. Parker, attorney, whose family has long been identified with the history of Owego. He was born at Washington, D. C., August 25, 1873, the son of Francis H. and Augusta (Abeel) Parker.

Col. Francis H. Parker was born at Owego. He was reared and educated here and was a graduate of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute at Troy, New York, where he was a classmate of John Roebling, builder of the Brooklyn Bridge. Mr. Parker was then employed as a surveyor by the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad near Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania. Later he entered West Point Military Academy, from which he was graduated in 1861.

Throughout the Civil War he served as chief ordnance officer for the Army of the Potomac under Generals Grant and Meade. In 1865 he was appointed commanding officer at Charlestown, South Carolina, and later was attached to the arsenals at Rock Island, Illinois; Detroit, Michigan; Fortress Monroe, Virginia; Watertown, Massachusetts; San Antonio, Texas; Watervliet, New York; and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. At the time of his death, February 22, 1897, he held the rank of Colonel in the U. S. Army. He is buried in Owego. Throughout his life he was a Republican and held membership in the Episcopal Church. His wife was born at Rome, New York, and died in March, 1922. Their only child was John M., the subject of this sketch.

John M. Parker, father of Francis H. Parker, was an influential citizen of Owego. He was elected to congress from this district in 1854, reelected in 1856, and three years later became Justice of the Supreme Court. He held the latter office at the time of his death, December 16, 1873. Judge Parker and his son, Charles E. Parker, enjoyed the distinction of being the only two men ever elected to the United States Supreme Court from Tioga County. Charles E. Parker had served as county judge during 1883-88, and in 1895 was appointed presiding justice of the Appellate Division. He resigned from the latter office in August, 1906.

John M. Parker, the subject of this sketch, acquired his education in Browne and Nichols School at Cambridge, Massachusetts, Troy Academy, and in 1896 received the degree of Bachelor of Arts at Cornell University. He then spent a year in the office of Fred C. Hill, attorney, of Owego, after which he entered the law school of Cornell University. He received the degree of LL. B. in 1889, and immediately became an associate of Mr. Hill, and this partnership continued until the latter's death, July 31, 1920. Mr. Parker has since practiced alone.

On November 19, 1904, Mr. Parker was united in marriage with Miss Lillian Evelyn Darrow, of Owego, the daughter of Frank A. and Chloe (Dimmick) Darrow. Mr. Darrow was a native of Owego and died there in 1922. His widow lives at Binghamton. Mr. Darrow was a graduate of Owego Academy, Eastman Business College, and received the degree of Bachelor of Arts

at Cornell University. He also was graduated from the law school of Columbia University, and spent his entire professional career in Owego. For several terms he served as district attorney of Tioga County, and also was justice of the peace and police magistrate. He was a Republican, a member of the Methodist Church, and belonged to the Masonic Lodge. He also held membership in the Tioga County and New York State Bar associations. Mr. and Mrs. Parker are the parents of two children: 1. John Mason, III, born in September, 1906. He is a graduate of Cornell University, Bachelor of Arts, class of 1924. He spent two years with the Niagara Trust Company, and during 1927-30 was identified with the First National Bank of Owego. At the present time he is taking graduate study in geology at Cornell University. He is a member of Psi Upsilon and Phi Beta Kappa fraternities. 2. Frances Darrow, born June 11, 1910, a graduate of Owego Academy and Cornell University, Bachelor of Arts, class of 1932.

Mr. Parker is a Republican, and has taken a prominent part in politics, having served as a delegate to the State Constitutional Convention in 1915. He is past president of the Tioga County Bar Association, a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, and belongs to the Adirondack Club, Tioga County Sportsmens Association, and Psi Upsilon fraternity.

During the World War Mr. Parker served in the U. S. Army and held the rank of major from May 1, 1917, until May 1, 1919. He was identified with the army's high explosive depots, with headquarters at Washington, D. C. He still holds the rank of major in the U. S. Reserve Corps, and is chief ordnance officer of the Ninety-eighth Division. He was founder of the Owego Post of the American Legion, and served as its commander for four years. He also organized and was in command of Company F, New York National Guard.

John Laning Taylor.—One of the representative professional men of Owego is John Laning Taylor, attorney at law, who commands an extensive practice throughout Tioga County. He was born at Owego, February 18, 1894, the son of Emile G. and Theresa K. (Mersereau) Taylor.

Emile G. Taylor, deceased, was for many years one of Owego's successful business men. He was born here, attended Owego Academy, and spent three years in the law school at Cornell University. Throughout his career he was identified with the Owego Dairy Company, which was founded many years before by his father, John L. Taylor. This extensive and well improved dairy farm near Owego was known as Spring Meadow Farm. Emile G. Taylor also served as postmaster of Owego. He was a Democrat, a member of the Presbyterian Church and belonged to the Order of Red Men. He died in 1911 and is buried in Owego. His widow resides at Binghamton. She holds membership in the Episcopal Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Taylor were born three sons: 1. John Laning, the subject of this sketch. 2. George M., lives at Owego. He is a graduate of Worcester (Massachusetts) Academy, and Boston University, and is now identified with the New York State Highway Department. 3. Walter R., who died in 1918.

John Laning Taylor acquired his early education in the public schools of Owego. He received the degree of LL. B. at Cornell University in 1920, being admitted to the bar September 15, 1920. He at once became identified with the firm of Lynch & Clifford of Owego, which was later reorganized as Lynch, Clifford & Taylor. Upon the death of Mr. Lynch in 1925, the firm continued as Clifford & Taylor. Since the death of Mr. Clifford on January 31, 1931, Mr. Taylor has engaged in private practice. He has specialized in Probate and Trial work.

In June, 1917, Mr. Taylor enlisted for service in the World War and was attached to the U. S. Air Service. He served with the rank of sergeant and was assigned to Cornell University Ground School, and served in France. He was discharged January 7, 1919, at Hazelhurst Field, Long Island.

On January 19, 1924, Mr. Taylor was united in marriage with Miss Margaret J. Kirkwood, born at Pittston, Pennsylvania, January 20, 1899. She is a graduate of Cornell University, class of 1921, Bachelor of Arts, and was a teacher for two years in the public schools at Pittston. She holds membership in Alpha Phi fraternity. Her parents are Thomas A. and Harriet (Weller) Kirkwood, natives of Scotland and New Jersey, respectively. Mr.

Kirkwood died in 1907 and his widow resides at Pittston. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor have no children.

Politically Mr. Taylor is a Republican. His lodge and club affiliations are: Friendship Lodge No. 153, F. and A. M.; New Jerusalem Chapter, No. 47, R. A. M.; Malta Commandery, No. 21, K. T., Binghamton; Kiwanis Club; American Legion; Owego Country Club; Tioga County Sportsmens Association; and Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

John Truman Gorman, a member of the Tioga County bar for thirty years, engaged in practice at Owego, represents one of the prominent pioneer families of Central New York. He was born at Owego, November 18, 1874, the son of Orin Truman and Emily (Fulcher) Gorman.

Orin Truman Gorman was born at Owego and died there June 25, 1915. His wife was a native of England and died March 26, 1932. Both are buried in Evergreen Cemetery. He attended the public schools of Owego and was a graduate of White Plains Military Academy. For a number of years he was identified with the Stambrough & Stratton Company of Owego, and later was connected with the Babcock & Underwood Hardware Company of Binghamton. For several years he was also buyer of lumber for the Champion Wagon Works. He was always a Republican and held the offices of mayor and village trustee. He attended the First Presbyterian Church and belonged to Ahwaga Lodge, F. and A. M., Owego; New Jerusalem Chapter, No. 47, R. A. M.; Malta Commandery, K. T.; and Kalurah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Binghamton. Mr. and Mrs. Gorman's only child was John Truman, the subject of this sketch.

After his graduation from Owego Academy, John Truman Gorman entered Cornell University, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy in 1898. Two years later he was graduated from the New York Law School with the degree of LL. B., and immediately engaged in practice in New York City with the firm of Atterbury & Mullally. He also spent a year in the offices

of Perkins & Jackson. Since 1902 Mr. Gorman has had an extensive general practice in Owego. He has offices at 23 Lake Street.

Mr. Gorman held the office of village supervisor from 1918 until 1932, and during 1928-32 was chairman of the board. He also served as attorney for the Village of Owego. Politically he is a Republican. He is secretary of the Tioga County Bar Association, and also holds membership in the New York State and American Bar associations. He is a member of Friendship Lodge, No. 153, Owego; New Jerusalem Chapter, No. 47, R. A. M.; Malta Commandery, K. T.; Kalurah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Binghamton; B. P. O. Elks, No. 1039, Past Exalted Ruler and former president of the New York State Elks Association, and during 1921-22 district deputy of the South Central District of New York State; Alpha Tau Omega fraternity; Chamber of Commerce; Owego Country Club; and Tioga County Sportsmens Association. He is an active member of the First Presbyterian Church and is a member of its Board of Trustees.

Mr. Gorman is also vice president and a director of the First National Bank of Owego.

John Gorman, grandfather of John T. Gorman, was among the first settlers of Owego. He was a contractor and builder. He built many residences in Owego and helped to build the Ah-Wa-Ga Hotel as well as the Flemingville Church. During the Civil War he organized a company of men in Owego for service, and was captain of Company C, One Hundred and Ninth New York Volunteer Infantry. He was killed by a sniper at Hanover, Virginia, May 31, 1864, and is buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Owego. A sword, which was presented to him by the Village of Owego in appreciation of his work in organizing Company C, is among the valued possessions of the Gorman family.

Robert V. R. Bassett is an Owego lawyer who has contributed to the success and prestige of one of the leading law firms of Tioga County, being associated with Truman, Bassett & Wood. He was born at Owego, November 30, 1884, the son of James A. and Mary G. (Gallagher) Bassett.

James A. Bassett was a native of Morris, Otsego County, New York. He was reared and educated there and for several years engaged in the crockery business at Binghamton and Owego. He later conducted a store at Titusville, Pennsylvania. Upon his return to Owego he became chief clerk in the freight offices of the Erie Railroad Company, and later was teller in the Owego National Bank. At the time of his retirement he was interested in railroad construction work. Mr. Bassett died in 1921 and his widow resides in Owego. She was born at Ellicottville, New York. Mr. Bassett was a Democrat and had served as village treasurer and collector. He was a member of the Episcopal Church and belonged to the Masonic Lodge. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Bassett: 1. Willia Clarke, married William C. Truman, a sketch of whom appears in this history. 2. Robert V. R., the subject of this sketch.

The boyhood of Robert V. R. Bassett was spent in Owego and he is a graduate of Owego Free Academy. In 1906 he received the degree of LL. B. at Cornell University, and in September of that year was admitted to the bar. During 1906-11 Mr. Bassett was associated with the law firm of Herendeen & Mandeville, of Elmira. In 1911 he returned to Owego, New York, where he has since been engaged in the practice of law. From 1911 to 1925 he was a member of the firm of Stiles & Bassett, Insurance and Real Estate. Later he was a member of the law firm of Truman and Bassett, which latter firm was reorganized in 1926 as Truman, Bassett & Wood, when Nathan M. Wood became a partner.

On April 10, 1912, Mr. Bassett was united in marriage with Miss Harriett Hibberd, of South Bend, Indiana, born August 31, 1886, in Elkhart, Indiana. She is a graduate of Owego Free Academy and Smith College. Her parents were Charles and Eva (Leonard) Hibberd, who died in 1901 and 1890 respectively. They are buried at South Bend, Indiana. Mr. Hibberd was the founder of the Hibberd Printing Company of South Bend, which is now owned and operated by his son, Carl L. Hibberd. He was a Republican and a member of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. and Mrs. Bassett have two sons: 1. Robert V. R., Jr., born January 24, 1913, a graduate of Owego Free Academy and Severn Preparatory

School at Severna Park, Maryland. He is now a midshipman at the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, having received his appointment in 1930 from Senator Robert F. Wagner. 2. Charles H., born October 25, 1915, graduate of Owego Free Academy.

Mr. Bassett is a Democrat and at the present time is serving as county attorney of Tioga County. He was supervisor of Owego during 1911-13, and also has been chairman of the Democratic County Committee. He holds membership in the Tioga County Bar Association, and is affiliated with Friendship Lodge, No. 153, past master; Independent Order of Odd Fellows, past noble grand of Tioga Lodge; and B. P. O. Elks. He is a former director of the Chamber of Commerce and belongs to the Owego Country Club. He and his family are members of St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Stuart W. Smyth.—As editor and publisher of the Owego Times, Stuart W. Smyth is easily recognized as one of the dominating forces in the business and civic life of this village, and a man who enjoys the confidence and esteem of his fellow citizens. He has also served as postmaster of Owego since 1923. Mr. Smyth was born here March 22, 1879, the son of William Alexander and Fanny Louise (Bristol) Smyth.

William Alexander Smyth, who died in Owego, August 11, 1919, was a representative figure in Republican politics in this section for many years. He was born at Owego, March 14, 1852, and received his education in the public schools. He also attended a business school at Syracuse and began his business career as a clerk in the drug firm of Lincoln & Napiere, of Owego. In 1872 he entered the newspaper business with his father as owners of the Owego Times, the firm name being William Smyth & Son. Upon the death of the father in 1898, Mr. Smyth continued as editor and publisher. He was a lifelong Republican and for twenty-three years served as chairman of the Tioga County Republican Committee, time after time representing Tioga County in the Republican state councils. He was a delegate to the National convention which nominated President McKinley, and represented this

congressional district as a delegate to conventions in Philadelphia and St. Louis. He served as postmaster of Owego for seventeen years, being appointed first by President McKinley in May, 1897, and the last term by President Taft in December, 1909. Mr. Smyth was a member of the New York State Press Association and its president during 1904-14-15-16. He was an active member of the New York Editorial Association, and its president during 1904 and 1918. His resignation to the latter office in 1919 was refused and he was reelected by unanimous vote. He was one of the founders of the Owego Business Men's Association and its president for four years, and held membership in the Owego Chamber of Commerce. He also served as village trustee and was a director of the Owego National Bank. Mr. Smyth's lodge affiliations were: Friendship Lodge No. 153, F. and A. M.; New Jerusalem Chapter, No. 47, R. A. M.; Malta Commandery, K. T.; Otseningo Consistory, thirty-second degree, A. A. S. R.; Kalurah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Binghamton; Sasana Loft Tribe of Improved Order of Red Men; Owego Council, Royal Arcanum. He also was a member of the Republican Club of New York City, Navy League, and life member Tioga County Agricultural Society. His widow was born at Batavia, New York, and resides at Owego. Their only child was Stuart W., the subject of this sketch.

Hon. William Smyth, grandfather of Stuart W. Smyth, was born in County Derry, Ireland, June 19, 1819. In June, 1853, he purchased the Owego Advertiser, which in June, 1855, was changed to the Owego Times, and Mr. Smyth continued as its editor until his death, September 27, 1898. He served as school commissioner of Tioga County from 1857 until 1863, and also held the offices of village trustee and village president. He was appointed Justice of the Peace in 1867 and was elected to the New York State Assembly from Tioga County in 1872. He was appointed superintendent of the State Insurance Department in 1876 and served in that capacity until 1879. He received the appointment of postmaster of Owego by President Harrison December 16, 1889. During his administration as village president he was successful in abolishing the toll on the bridge across the Susquehanna River. Mr. Smyth was a delegate to the Syracuse convention at

which the Free Soil Democrats and anti-slavery Whigs united to form the new Republican party.

Stuart W. Smyth attended the Owego public schools, and his entire career has been identified with the Owego Times. He also succeeded his father as chairman of the Republican county committee, and represented Tioga County on the Republican State Committee. Since 1898 he has been an active member of the Defiance Hook & Ladder Company, No. 5, Owego Fire Department, of which his grandfather served as chief engineer in the early '60s, and during 1915-16 he was president of Central New York Volunteer Firemen's Association. During that time he had held the successive positions of second assistant chief, first assistant chief and chief.

Mr. Smyth is a charter member of B. P. O. Elks, No. 1039, Owego, and holds membership in Friendship Lodge No. 153, F. and A. M.; New Jerusalem Chapter, No. 47, R. A. M.; Malta Commandery, K. T.; Kalurah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Binghamton; Regal Lodge Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Owego Chamber of Commerce; Owego Country Club; Tioga County Sportsmen's Association; New York State Fish, Game and Forest League; and New York Press Association. He also belongs to the New York Society of Military and Naval Officers, having served during the World War as a member of the New York Guard with the rank of first lieutenant.

Mr. Smyth is a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. He is a director and treasurer of the Tioga County Historical Society.

Kenneth F. Cooper.—As treasurer of Cooper's Stores, Inc., and treasurer of Cooper-Lounsberry Agency, Inc., of Owego, Mr. Cooper is recognized as one of Tioga County's most progressive young business men. He was born at Belmar, Albany County, August 1, 1904, the son of Frederick A. and Belle M. (Bresee) Cooper.

Frederick A. Cooper, who died August 15, 1932, was an astute and energetic business man of Central New York, and was greatly

interested in the welfare of Owego. He was born at Coventry, Chenango County, April 14, 1865, the son of Levi and Amelia (Foote) Cooper. Frederick A. Cooper engaged in the mercantile business early in life and branched out until he was conducting several stores. In July, 1920, he removed to Owego and purchased the building formerly occupied by Day's Fair Store at Lake and Front Street. He made extensive alterations and opened a large department store there early in the following August. Mr. Cooper was successful from the start in conducting this store and opened branches at Newark Valley, Spencer, and Nichols. The branch store at Spencer has been discontinued, but the branches at Newark Valley and Nichols are still operated by Cooper's Stores, Inc. Mr. Cooper was also a member of the insurance firm of Cooper-Lounsberry Agency, Inc. He was elected a director of the Owego Chamber of Commerce in January, 1929, and was soon after elected president of the organization. He had a highly successful administration and it was through his initiative that the custom of decorating the business streets of Owego at holiday time with colored lights and evergreens was instituted. At the annual meeting of the Finger Lakes Association in October, 1930, he was elected one of the three vice-presidents of the association and was re-elected to that office. Mr. Cooper was a Republican, a member of the Episcopal Church, and had various club affiliations. His widow survives him and resides in Owego. She is a member of the First Methodist Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Cooper were born the following children: 1. Letha, married Bert E. Bresee, lives at Oneonta, New York. 2. Rev. Fenimore E., who is rector of Emanuel Episcopal Church, at Elmira. He married Miss Luz Velez, of Porto Rico. 3. Kenneth F., the subject of this sketch. 4. Hubert A., who is secretary of Cooper's Stores, Inc. He married Miss Dorothy Truman, of Owego.

The boyhood of Kenneth F. Cooper was spent in Owego and he is a graduate of Owego Academy. He immediately began his business career with Cooper's Stores, Inc., and since 1921 has been treasurer of the corporation, as well as general manager. Since 1929 he has been treasurer of Cooper-Lounsberry Insurance Agency, Inc.

On June 25, 1924, Mr. Cooper was united in marriage with Miss Geraldine Reddish, the adopted daughter of Thomas H. and Lena (Kimball) Reddish, of Owego. Mrs. Cooper was born at Elmira, April 30, 1908, and is a graduate of Owego Academy. She is now specializing in the study of piano at the Juilliard School of Music in New York City.

Mr. Cooper is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Church and belongs to the Owego Tennis Club and Chamber of Commerce. His wife holds membership in the Presbyterian Church.

Charles H. Lyke, who is identified with the Owego Custom Laundry, is among the enterprising young business men of Owego, where he was born April 3, 1897. He is the son of Benjamin F. and Fannie (Hill) Lyke.

Benjamin F. Lyke was born at Rome, Pennsylvania. After his graduation from Rome Academy he became interested in the rug cleaning and laundry business in Owego in 1872, being associated with a Mr. Wallace. After five years Mr. Lyke purchased his partner's interest and successfully continued as manager of the business until his death in 1909. He is buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Owego. His widow then managed the undertaking until 1923, when it was taken over by her sons, Charles H. and Wallace Lyke. She still resides in Owego. Mr. Lyke was a Republican and served as village trustee. He held membership in the Baptist Church and belonged to the Masonic and Elk Lodges and Independent Order of Odd Fellows. A third son born to Mr. and Mrs. Lyke, Lawrence Lyke, is a jockey, having ridden in many of the famous American derbys at Lexington, Kentucky.

Charles H. Lyke attended Owego Academy and throughout his business career has been interested in the laundry business. He enlisted for service in the World War in May, 1918, and served in government camps before sailing for overseas duty. He served in France for nine months as a member of the 77th Division, and was discharged May 9, 1919, at Camp Upton, Long Island. The Owego Custom Laundry maintains branch offices at Newark Valley, Candor, Nichols, Berkshire, and Apalachin.

On April 28, 1922, Mr. Lyke married Miss Alida Mathewson, of Union, New York. She was born August 16, 1903, the daughter of Riley and Emma Mathewson, natives of Broome County. They live at Owego. Mr. and Mrs. Lyke have a son, Charles Robert, born May 8, 1924.

Mr. Lyke is a Republican and is serving as village trustee. He and his wife are members of St. Paul's Episcopal Church and he belongs to Friendship Lodge, No. 153, F. and A. M., B. P. O. Elks, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Chamber of Commerce, Tioga County Sportsmen's Association, and American Legion, commander during 1924-25.

Leon J. Baird, who holds the office of Commissioner of Public Welfare in Owego, for the town of Owego, is a highly esteemed citizen and a member of one of the community's pioneer families. He was born here July 25, 1874, the son of James L. and Mary A. (Kirby) Baird.

James L. Baird was born at Speedsville, Tioga County. He taught in the district schools and in 1877 entered the service of the Erie Railroad Company. He was serving as locomotive engineer and met with an accidental death in 1891. His widow was born at Speedsville and died in November, 1929. They are buried at Jenksville, New York. Both were members of the Methodist Church. Their only child was Leon J., the subject of this sketch.

At the age of fourteen years Leon J. Baird left school to become a messenger boy in the service of the Erie Railroad Company at Hornell, New York. He remained in the company's service for a number of years and served as telegraph operator and railway clerk. In 1890 he moved to Owego and was relief operator, and in 1899 he became billing clerk in the freight office at Owego and nine months later was promoted to chief clerk. In 1906 he was transferred to Elmira as an instructor in the railroad training school, and from 1912 until 1925 was manager of the institution. He again returned to Owego as station agent in the latter year and served in that capacity for three years, when he

resigned from the service. Since 1928 Mr. Baird has been the agent in Tioga County for the Mutual Life Insurance Company, and on January 1, 1930, he also assumed the duties of town welfare officer and is also deputy county commissioner.

On November 24, 1897, Mr. Baird was united in marriage with Miss Florence Edith Markell, who was born at Alpine, New York, December 10, 1875, the daughter of George and Sallie (Lockerby) Markell. Mr. Markell died in 1910 and his wife died in 1905. They are buried at Big Flats, New York. He was well known as a building contractor and his father, John Markell, built the first frame building at Ithaca. Mr. and Mrs. Baird have a daughter, Mildred O., born June 26, 1908. She is a graduate of Owego Free Academy and Elmira Female College, class of 1926. She is now a teacher of piano.

Mr. Baird is a Republican, and while a resident of Elmira served as committeeman of the Third Ward, as well as alderman for two terms. He and his family are active members of the Presbyterian Church, and he is past master of Friendship Lodge, No. 153, F. and A. M.; New Jerusalem Chapter, No. 47; Royal Arch Masons; St. Omer's Commandery, No. 13, K. T., Elmira; Corning Consistory, 32nd degree, A. A. S. R., and in May, 1932, was made an honorary member of Jesse L. Cooley Lodge No. 966, F. and A. M., of Elmira, New York, and served several years as secretary, being its first secretary. He also belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Tioga County Sportsmen's Association.

Major Thomas Baird, great grandfather of Leon J. Baird, settled in Tioga County more than a century ago.

William E. Allen.—As sheriff of Tioga County, William E. Allen, deceased, was among Owego's best known citizens and most popular public officials. He was born here August 3, 1867, the son of Edward E. and Sarah Amanda (Haner) Allen, and a descendant in the fifth generation of the Revolutionary officer, Elias Allen.

Ebenezer Allen, father of Elias, was born in Massachusetts in 1730. In 1760 he married Mahetabel Dana, of Massachusetts. Their first son was Elias. He married Amy Atwood, who was born in 1767. In 1806 Elias, his wife and six children, came to Owego and settled on the present site of North Avenue and Chestnut Street. The fifth child born to them was David Atwood Allen, grandfather of the subject of this sketch. He married Sarah M. Allison, who was born in 1814. They were the parents of ten children, their fifth child being Edward E. Allen, born October 2, 1838. The homestead of David Atwood Allen was in the northern part of the village and was known as Allen's Glen.

William E. Allen attended the public schools of Owego, and as a young man learned the trade of carriage blacksmithing with the firm of Moore & Ross. Following this apprenticeship he was employed for a time in Dean's tannery. Mr. Allen became a member of the Owego police force in 1893, and served continuously until 1907, at which time he was appointed chief of police. He served in the latter capacity until 1913, and in that year was elected sheriff of Tioga County, and gave the county one of the best administrations it ever had. Upon the expiration of his term of office, Mr. Allen removed to Johnson City, where he was associated with the Endicott-Johnson Shoe Company, Inc. He died in that city March 10, 1929, and is buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Owego.

In 1892 Mr. Allen married Miss Emma Cummings, of Owego. She was born at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the daughter of William and Ellen (Murphy) Cummings. Before her marriage Mrs. Allen was a teacher in the schools of Bradford County, Pennsylvania. Two daughters were born to Mr. and Mrs. Allen: 1. Irene, married James Harold Tobin, of Waverly, New York. They have a daughter, Marjorie Allen Tobin, who attends Cornell University, class of 1934. They live at Ithaca. 2. Marjorie, married Walter Joseph Relihan, of Owego. They have two children, Mary Virginia and Walter Joseph, Jr. They live at Binghamton.

Mr. Allen was a life long Republican and took an active interest in politics and local affairs. He was affiliated with Regal Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Sansanna Loft, Improved Order of Red Men.

Mr. Allen was an enthusiastic sportsman, and especially enjoyed hunting. He was one of the founders of the "Hoo Hoo" Club, and served as its first president. Its members spent each fall vacation over a period of many years on hunting expeditions in the Adirondack Mountains.

Hon. Fred A. Wilkins.—One of the best known men of Cortland County is Fred A. Wilkins, who is mayor of the City of Cortland. He was born at Ithaca, New York, October 10, 1866, the son of Robert C. and Harriet A. (Johnson) Wilkins.

Robert C. Wilkins was a native of England. He came to the United States when eighteen years of age and settled on a farm near Lansing, in Tompkins County. In 1888 he removed to Cortland, where he spent many years in the employ of Wickwire Brothers as night watchman. He died in 1931 at the age of ninety-three years and is buried in Pleasant Grove Cemetery, Ithaca. His wife was born at Lansing, New York, and died in 1931. Mr. Wilkins was a Democrat and held membership in the Baptist Church. There were four children born to Mr. and Mrs. Wilkins: 1. Clarence E., real estate, lives at Cortland. 2. Fred A., the subject of this sketch. 3. Mildred, married Lewis E. Blackmere, lives at Binghamton, New York. 4. Ina, married Page Benjamin, lives at Binghamton.

Fred A. Wilkins is a graduate of the public schools of Lansing and until the age of eighteen years was identified with his father's farming interests. When he moved to Cortland in 1886 he entered the employ of Wickwire Brothers as a worker in the spooling department. He was subsequently appointed superintendent of the weaving department, then superintendent of the wire department, and later foreman of the wire drawing department. In 1902 he assumed his present duties as superintendent of the latter department.

On June 21, 1919, Mr. Wilkins was united in marriage with Miss Agnes Mix, born at Chenango Forks, New York, September 19, 1874, the daughter of Eli and Grace (Lee) Mix. Both are de-