



FRED A. WILKINS

ceased and are buried at Cortland. Mrs. Wilkins is a graduate of Cortland Normal School, attended Cornell University, and was a teacher in the public schools for twenty-three years before her marriage.

Mr. Wilkins is identified with the Republican party in politics. He served as alderman of the Second Ward during 1921-25, and in 1926 was appointed mayor of Cortland to fill out an unexpired term. In 1928 he was elected to that office for a two year period, and re-elected 1931.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilkins are members of the Presbyterian Church, and he is affiliated with B. P. O. Elks.

Fred Blair Parker.—As superintendent of the Owego public schools, Fred Blair Parker is widely known and highly esteemed throughout Tioga County. He is a native of New York, born at Albion, March 16, 1895, the son of Jesse G. and Grace L. (Blair) Parker.

Jesse G. Parker and his wife are natives of Albion. He has recently engaged in general farming after a number of years as an extensive buyer and shipper of cattle. Mr. Parker is a Republican, a member of the Universalist Church and belongs to the Farm Bureau. Mr. and Mrs. Parker have two children: 1. Mattie, married Earl J. Sullivan, lives at Albion. 2. Fred Blair, the subject of this sketch.

Fred Blair Parker is a graduate of Albion High School. During 1914-16 he was a teacher at Barre Center, New York, and in the following year was graduated from Geneseo Normal School. He then was appointed principal at North Tonawanda, New York, and was serving in that capacity at the time of his enlistment for service in the World War. Mr. Parker was a private in the 319th Field Signal Battalion. After the close of the war he resumed his work at North Tonawanda, and in 1920 entered New York State College for Teachers at Albany, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1921. In the fall of that year he came to Owego as principal of the Academy. He received the appointment

of superintendent of city schools in 1930 after receiving the degree of Master of Arts at the University of California in 1929. He had obtained a year's leave of absence to study in California.

On July 6, 1932, Mr. Parker married Miss Marian Ewing, a native of Ontario, Canada, born February 26, 1906. She is a graduate of Master Park High School and Buffalo State Teachers' College, class of 1928. At the time of her marriage she was a teacher of Home Making at the Owego Free Academy. She is the daughter of Edmund and Mary Ewing, natives of Canada, and residents of Buffalo.

Mr. Parker is a Republican, a member of the Universalist Church at Albion, and has the following lodge and club affiliations: Friendship Lodge, No. 153, F. and A. M.; B. P. O. Elks; Kappa Delta Rho fraternity; Rotary Club, president during 1930-1931; and New York State Teachers Association. His wife is a member of Trinity Methodist Church at Buffalo.

Ivan C. Purple.—Widely known throughout Tioga County as editor and owner of the "Tioga County Herald" at Newark Valley is Mr. Purple. He was born at Harford, Cortland County, September 8, 1871, the son of James D. and Jerusha (Wilcox) Purple.

James D. Purple was a native of Smithville, Chenango County, and died at Newark Valley in 1914. His wife was also born in the town of Smithville and died in 1904. He was a carpenter and farmer. Politically, he was a Republican and served as justice of the peace. He was a deacon of the Congregational Church. There were three children born to Mr. and Mrs. Purple: 1. Gilbert E., retired, former publisher of the Tioga County Herald, lives at Newark Valley. 2. Evelyn, married Rev. Farley Porter, lives at Sodus, New York. 3, Ivan C., the subject of this sketch.

Ivan C. Purple was reared on a farm and attended the district schools. He was graduated in 1890 from Greene High School and in that year came to Newark Valley as associate editor of the "Tioga County Herald." He filled that position until 1908 and

then accepted the same position on the "Owego Daily Free Press," at Owego. In the following year the publication was moved to Waverly, New York, and Mr. Purple continued as associate editor until 1911. He then purchased the "Tioga County Herald" from Sherman & Worden, and since that date has successfully managed the paper.

In 1901 Mr. Purple was united in marriage with Miss Angeline Gleason, of Cortland, New York, born June 4, 1876, the daughter of Henry and Harriet (Patrick) Gleason, natives of Cortland County. Mr. Gleason was for many years secretary and manager of the Hitchcock Manufacturing Company at Cortland. He died in 1900 and his widow lives at Newark Valley. He was a Republican and held membership in the Methodist Church. Mrs. Purple is a graduate of Newark Valley High School and Cortland Normal School, and was a teacher at Newark Valley High School for three years before her marriage. She holds membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution and Order of Eastern Star. Mr. and Mrs. Purple have one son, Donald G., born September 16, 1903. He is a graduate of the Medical School of the University of Buffalo, and is engaged in practice at Corning, New York. He married Miss Bess Schmidlin, of Buffalo, and they have a daughter, Barbara Sue, born in May, 1930.

Mr. Purple is a Republican, and is affiliated with Newark Valley Lodge No. 614, F. and A. M., and B. P. O. Elks, of Owego.

Stephen B. Howland, who is treasurer of Howland Bros. Company, Inc., of Berkshire, is recognized as one of the able and highly successful business men of Tioga County. He was born at Lisle, Broome County, October 25, 1882, the son of George S. and Sarah (House) Howland.

George S. Howland was a native of Broome County, born at Nanticoke. He died in 1883 and is buried at Lisle. His wife, born at Truxton, died in 1920. Throughout his life Mr. Howland was a farmer and he died at the age of thirty-six years. Politically, he was a Republican. Four sons were born to Mr. and Mrs.

Howland: 1. Herbert S., lives at Berkshire, where he is president of Howland Bros. Company, Inc. 2. Edwin G., lives at Berkshire, where he is secretary of the company. 3. William, who died in 1882. 4. Stephen B., the subject of this sketch.

After attending the public schools of Lisle and Dresserville, Stephen B. Howland entered the employ of his brother, Herbert S. Howland, who at that time owned a machine shop at Dresserville, New York. After five years he came to Berkshire with his brother, Herbert S., and engaged in general machine work in a shop now owned by Edward Jewett. Two years later they erected a shop for the manufacture of keg headings for the Wickwire Mills of Cortland. Gradually, the business grew, and Edwin Howland became associated with the enterprise. They also conducted a lumber business until 1918, when their mills were destroyed by fire and they built another plant and gradually went into the manufacturing business. In 1926 the plant was again destroyed by fire and they built the present factory and the business was incorporated at that time. They are extensive furniture manufacturers and also furnish finished stock of various kinds to be used in the chairs and tables manufactured by Stackmore & Company, of Owego. The business caters to a wholesale trade and direct to stores, having salesmen on the road. Thirty-five men are employed in their plant which covers 22,000 square feet of floor space. Officers are: Herbert S. Howland, president; F. L. Aldrich, vice-president; Stephen B. Howland, treasurer, and Edwin G. Howland, secretary.

On October 25, 1911, Mr. Howland was united in marriage with Miss Cora Leona Allen, born at Newark Valley, February 23, 1886, the daughter of James and Clarissa (Johnson) Allen. They were born in Tompkins and Tioga Counties, respectively. Mr. Allen died in 1928 and is buried at Berkshire, where his widow resides. Mr. and Mrs. Howland are the parents of three sons: 1. James George, born September 16, 1912. 2. Charles William, born January 27, 1915. 3. Wallace Allen, born January 30, 1921.

Politically, Mr. Howland is a Republican. He and his family are members of the Congregational Church.

Robert C. Patch.—Associated with the business interests of Tioga County for many years, Robert C. Patch is a prominent citizen of Berkshire, where he was born November 10, 1867. He is the son of William J. and Evelyn (Goodrich) Patch.

William J. Patch was born at Worcester, Massachusetts. He was educated there and as a young man located at Richford, Tioga County, where he had extensive farming interests. He was also engaged in the milling business. He was a Republican and served as supervisor of Richford. Mr. Patch died December 18, 1878, and is buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Berkshire. His wife was born in Tompkins County and is also deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Patch were born seven children: 1. Josephine E., unmarried, lives at Berkshire. 2. Mary L., unmarried, lives at Berkshire. 3. Janette, who died in 1893, was the wife of Lyman J. Carnes. 4. Henry W., who died in 1914. 5. Edward A., died 1924. 6. Harriet, married Charles D. Mayor. Both are deceased. 7. Robert C., the subject of this sketch.

Robert C. Patch grew up at Richford and attended the district school. He remained on the old homestead until 1884 and in that year entered the employ of the Lehigh Valley Railroad as assistant station agent at Berkshire. He was soon appointed agent and served in that capacity until 1913. Mr. Patch has since been interested in the builders supply and coal business.

Mr. Patch was married (first) June 30, 1891, to Miss Elizabeth H. Loveland, of Arkport, New York, the daughter of Henry B. and Nancy (Hurlburt) Loveland, natives of Pennsylvania and New York, respectively. She died October 23, 1907, and is buried at Berkshire. To Mr. and Mrs. Patch were born the following children: 1. Evelyn, born August 17, 1892, died May 21, 1912. 2. William Johnson, born December 22, 1893, died August 3, 1895. 3. Helen, born September 25, 1895, married William Simson, lives at Pocatello, Idaho. They have a daughter, Elizabeth Ann. 4. Robert Buckingham, born October 12, 1897, is manager of the Champion Shoe Machinery Company at Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania. He married Miss Elizabeth Landon and they have a daughter, Mary Jane. 5. Darthea Jeanatte, born June 13, 1899, died in infancy. 6. Marjorie H., born January 20, 1901, married Henry H. Hornsby,

lives at Lexington, Kentucky. They have a daughter, Marcia Ellen. 7. Harriet M., born January 10, 1904, a teacher at Oswego High School. 8. Elizabeth Loveland, born October 7, 1905, a graduate nurse, lives at Cooperstown, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Patch married (second), January 14, 1909, Miss Miriam Payne, of Newark Valley, born May 26, 1883. She is the daughter of Frederick Henry and Emma (Andrews) Payne. Mr. Payne was born at Berkshire, May 21, 1857, and died September 16, 1915. His wife was born at Newark Valley, August 21, 1857, and died March 3, 1926. He was a Democrat and had served as postmaster of Berkshire. He and his wife were members of the Congregational Church, and he belonged to the Masonic Lodge. To Mr. and Mrs. Patch were born ten children, as follows: 1. Emily Alatheia, born March 23, 1910, attends Pratt Institute, Brooklyn. 2. Henry Andrews, born February 23, 1912, a graduate of Bordenstown (New Jersey) Military Academy, is associated in business with his father. 3. Bradley Junius, born October 3, 1913, attends Cornell University. 4. Merrill Frederick, born November 9, 1914, attends Berkshire High School. 5. Barbara June, born February 22, 1917. 6. Roger Scranton, born August 3, 1918. 7. Mary Josephine, born July 5, 1920. 8. David Whipple, born October 17, 1922. 9. William Johnson, born March 15, 1924. 10. Betsy Constance, born November 19, 1925.

Mr. Patch is a Republican, a member of the Congregational Church, and is affiliated with Speedsville Lodge, No. 265, F. and A. M. His wife is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Burnett C. Rawley, a successful and well known merchant at Richford, is highly esteemed throughout Tioga County. He was born here, August 12, 1876, the son of Hiram B. and Helen (Freeland) Rawley.

Hiram B. Rawley was born at Cobleskill, Schoharie County, New York, October 23, 1844, and died at Richford, June 11, 1930. He was reared and educated at Cobleskill and Solon, New York, and in 1869 came to Richford to establish a general mercantile

business. He became most successful and in 1905 his son, Burnett C., became associated with the enterprise. The elder Mr. Rawley was identified with the store at the time of his death. He was a Republican, served as town clerk for fifteen years, and in 1908 was appointed supervisor of Richford to succeed the late Edgar F. Belden. During the following year Mr. Rawley was elected to the office. He was public spirited and throughout his business career took an active interest in community affairs. He presented to the village of Richford a tract of land in 1917, which has been used as a public playground and athletic field. Mr. Rawley was a Republican and held membership in the Congregational Church. He also was vice-president of the First National Bank of Newark Valley. His wife was born at Speedsville, New York, September 23, 1853, and died February 14, 1925. Both are buried at Richford. Their only child was Burnett C., the subject of this sketch.

Burnett C. Rawley grew up at Richford and attended the public schools. He also is a graduate of the Riley Business College, at Binghamton. As mentioned above, he has always been identified with the business which was established so many years ago by his father. He also is engaged in the commercial printing business.

Mr. Rawley was married November 26, 1903, to Miss Vera Inez Allen, of Richford, born March 21, 1882, the daughter of J. W. and Isabel (Cleveland) Allen. She is a graduate of Newark Valley High School. Her parents were natives of Broome and Cayuga counties, respectively. He died April 12, 1930, and his wife died July 9, 1909. They are buried at Berkshire. In early life Mr. Allen was interested in the lumber business and operated sawmills in northern Pennsylvania, central New York, and Virginia. He located at Richford in 1872, and established a mercantile business under the firm name of Allen & Wilbur. It was later reorganized as Finch & Allen, and then as Smith, Allen & Finch. In the latter part of his business career Mr. Allen was identified with Allen & McLachlan. He served as supervisor of Richford during 1894-97, and also held the office of postmaster. He was a deacon and trustee of the Congregational Church, and belonged to the Masonic Lodge.

To Mr. and Mrs. Rawley have been born three children: 1. Russell Burnett, born March 20, 1908, clerk to the principal and of the school board of Newark Valley Centralized School. He married Miss Mary Darmody, of Berkshire. 2. Roger Allen, born December 12, 1910, connected with the Westinghouse Electric & Supply Company, at Syracuse, New York. 3. Ruth Eloise, born January 2, 1905, married R. L. Geer, lives at Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. Rawley has always been a Republican. He is a member of Richford Congregational Church. He belongs to the Tioga County Farm Bureau.

Lincoln L. Watkins, of Richford is supreme court stenographer of the Sixth New York Judicial District. He has been in the United States and New York State Civil Service for twenty-five years. He also owns and operates several large farms. He was born at Richford, February 15, 1889, the son of Amos G. and Sarah Jane (Hoover) Watkins.

Amos G. Watkins lived at Richford throughout his life and served as justice of the peace there for thirty-five years. He was a farmer and also had extensive real estate interests. He died November 4, 1914, and his wife, who was born in Bradford County, Pennsylvania, died January 15, 1929. They are buried at Richford. To Mr. and Mrs. Watkins were born three sons: 1. Amos G., who died in 1929. 2. Lincoln L., the subject of this sketch. 3. Raymond L., farmer, lives at Berkshire.

Lincoln L. Watkins attended the public schools of Newark Valley, Phillips Exeter Academy and Binghamton School of Business. He also took the LaSalle course of Accounting and Business Administration, the course of the American Institute of Banking, and in 1912 received the degree of LL. B. at the University of Buffalo. During 1907-08 he had been secretary to the division engineer of the State of New York, at Syracuse, and in the following year served as clerk and stenographer in the New York State Barge Canal department at Schenectady, New York. From August, 1909 to 1910, he was clerk in the Chinese Exclusion Service

at Richford, Vermont. From 1910 until 1914 he was secretary and a member of the United States Immigration Board of Special Inquiry at Buffalo, and during the following two years was United States Naturalization examiner for New York City, forty-five counties of New York State and part of New Jersey. In March, 1916, he became deputy clerk in the New York State Court of Claims at Albany, and in 1920 assumed the duties of Supreme Court stenographer of the Sixth New York Judicial District.

Mr. Watkins is a Republican. He is a member of the Tioga County, New York State and American Bar associations. He is also a member of Delta Chi fraternity, a member of Tioga County Sportsmen's Association and Cortland County Sportsmen's Association.

Frank B. Tracy.—A member of a distinguished family of New York, Frank B. Tracy, of Apalachin, Tioga County, is a representative citizen of the community in which he has spent his entire life. He was born at Owego, February 7, 1856, the son of Gen. Benjamin Franklin and Delinva (Catlin) Tracy.

Gen. Benjamin Franklin Tracy was born April 26, 1830, in the town of Owego, Tioga County, New York, and died August 6, 1915. He received his education in the common schools, and at Owego Free Academy. At the age of nineteen, he began the study of law in the offices of Davis & Warner at Owego and was admitted to the bar in May, 1851. When only eighteen years old, represented his town in county conventions as a "free-soiler." In November, 1853, he ran for District Attorney of Tioga County on the Whig ticket and was elected, and again was elected in 1856. In 1861, Mr. Tracy was elected to the Assembly. He was made chairman of the Railroad Committee and later of a Special Committee on Precedence of Legislation, which virtually directed the course of business of the Legislature. He was also a member of the Judiciary Committee and chairman of the Republican Caucus. Mr. Tracy was designated, July 22, 1862, to raise a regiment in the district which included the counties of Broome, Tioga, and

Tompkins. Early in August he reported the regiment (109th New York Volunteers) full, and was assigned to the command as colonel. He immediately asked for the authority to raise another regiment, which was granted, and on the 22nd of August, just one month after he had entered on the work, he reported his second regiment (137th New York Volunteers) as being also full. He asked permission to raise a third, but this was not granted. August 27, 1862, the 109th New York Volunteers was mustered in, and he was commissioned a colonel of that regiment. Proceeding to Washington, it was first assigned to duty in connection with the defenses of Washington, and later in northern Virginia. Subsequently it was assigned to the Ninth Army Corps. At the battle of the Wilderness on the 6th of May, General Hartranft's brigade was on the extreme right and saw some of the heaviest fighting of the day. Under the hot fire of the enemy, which was sheltered in works, a portion of the advancing line gave way. Colonel Tracy's regiment halted, whereupon the colonel seized the colors and led his men forward. For this act of heroism he was decorated with a Congressional Medal of Honor. Soon after Colonel Tracy was prostrated by sickness and sent to the hospital, and finally tendered his resignation. And by the autumn he had partially regained his strength, and was commissioned anew as colonel of the 127th United States Volunteers. Later he was assigned to the command of the important post at Elmira, comprising the prison camp and the draft rendezvous. Colonel Tracy remained at this post until the close of the war, when he resigned, having been brevetted Brigadier General. On July 1, 1865, General Tracy entered the law firm of Benedict, Burr and Benedict in New York City. In February, 1866, he removed his family to Brooklyn. October 1, 1866, General Tracy was appointed United States Attorney for the eastern district of New York. During that time he broke up the Whiskey Ring in New York and Kings counties, and was the author of the "Internal Revenue Law," which was passed by Congress, in 1868, putting a tax of \$1.10 per gallon on whiskey, which was a law until the passage of the "Volstead Act." In March, 1873, he resigned from that office, and practiced law in Brooklyn and New York. In the latter part of

1881, General Tracy was appointed by Governor Cornell to a seat on the bench of the Court of Appeals made temporarily vacant by the assignment of Judge Andrews as Chief Judge. He served until the end of Judge Andrews' term, January 1, 1883, and after that date resumed his private practice. In 1880 he was a delegate to the Republican convention in Chicago, which nominated President Garfield. In 1889, General Tracy was appointed Secretary of the Navy by President Harrison, being affectionately known as the "Father of the United States Navy." After leaving Washington, D. C., he organized the law firm of Tracy, Boardman and Platt; later he became chief counsel for Coudert Brothers, international lawyers, with offices in New York City, and so remained until his death in 1915. He had also been the owner of "Marshland Farm," Town of Owego, Tioga County, where he became prominent and successful as a breeder of thoroughbred trotting horses. He discontinued this hobby in 1889, but continued as owner of the farm. His wife, Delinda (Catlin) Tracy, died in 1890. She was a native of Owego. Her children were: 1. Emma, the widow of Ferdinand Wilmerding, who lives in New York City. 2. Mary, who died in 1890. 3. Frank B., the subject of this sketch.

Frank B. Tracy grew up on the family homestead near Owego. He is a graduate of the Brooklyn (New York) schools, Brooklyn Polytechnical School, Adelphia Academy, and was a member of the 1878 class at Yale University. He then entered his father's law office, being admitted to the bar in May, 1877. Mr. Tracy continued in practice at Brooklyn with his father until 1885, and at that time returned to the town of Owego, where he has continued to live.

On March 4, 1905, Mr. Tracy was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Cornell, who was born at Owego, August 11, 1883, the daughter of Edwin and Mary (Burt) Cornell. The former, a native of Owego, died in 1932, and the latter died in 1927. She was born in Florida. Two sons were born to Mr. and Mrs. Tracy: 1. Benjamin Franklin, born September 23, 1906, a graduate of Taft School in Connecticut, and Yale University, Bachelor of Arts in 1928, now a law student at Cornell University. 2. Thomas Brodhead, born April 1, 1908, attended United States Naval Academy

at Annapolis, Maryland, for two years, and received the degree of M. E., at Cornell University in 1931. He is now identified with the International Business Machine Corporation at Endicott, New York, and lives at the "Old Homestead."

Mr. Tracy has always been a Republican. He is an active member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, of Owego, and holds membership in the Owego Country Club, Tioga County Farm Bureau, and New York State Bar Association.

Charles Lounsberry Dunham.—One of the better known business men and highly esteemed citizens of Tioga County, is Charles L. Dunham, general merchant, of Nichols, New York. He was born there, December 1, 1864, the son of Harvey W. and Mary Ann (Lounsberry) Dunham.

Harvey W. Dunham was a native of Stillwater, Saratogo County, New York. He died May 21, 1899. His wife, born at Nichols, died October 1, 1899. Throughout his life he was interested in general farming. He was a Republican and held membership in the Presbyterian Church, as did his wife. They had seven children, four of whom died in infancy. The others are as follows: 1. Emily K., who died in 1927, was the wife of Jefferson Hunt, of Lounsberry, New York. 2. Charles L., the subject of this sketch. 3. Harvey, farmer, lives at Lounsberry.

Harvey W. Dunham was a son of Isaac and Sally Ann (Allerton) Dunham. He was born January 10, 1782, at Stillwater, New York. He was a farmer. In 1836 they removed to Nichols, New York, where he purchased the "Old Platt Tavern Farm." The Allerton ancestry dates back to the Mayflower and the Dunham ancestry is of Revolutionary stock.

Following his graduation from the public schools of Nichols, Charles L. Dunham became identified with the firm of Charles and John Lounsberry Construction Company, contractors in charge of the building of the D. L. & W. R. R. fence from Binghamton to Buffalo. Later, he was associated with Charles Lounsberry as owners of a grist mill at Owego. Mr. Dunham engaged

in general farming near Nichols from 1885 until 1921, and in the latter year purchased the general mercantile business of W. E. Merrill. He later sold this store to Charles Stauff and two years later established a store in Nichols which he still conducts.

On March 27, 1887, Mr. Dunham was united in marriage with Miss Annette Bennett, born at Nichols, the daughter of Abraham and Martha (Brown) Bennett. The former was born in Orange County, New York, and died in 1895. His wife was born at Nichols and died in 1930. They are buried there. Mr. and Mrs. Dunham have a daughter, Helen, born August 8, 1891. She married Andrew Huston, of Worcester, Massachusetts, and they are the parents of three children: John, Sarah and Doris Huston.

Mr. Dunham is a Republican and has held the office of town clerk of Nichols continuously since 1921 with the exception of the year 1930-31. Mrs. Dunham is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

William M. Taylor, who is supervisor of the town of Nichols, has been widely known for many years throughout this section of the State as owner of the Taylor Sales Stables. He was born in Warren Township, Bradford County, Pennsylvania, May 28, 1861, the son of Hiram P. and Mary (Rogers) Taylor.

Hiram P. Taylor was a native of Connecticut, and died at Windham, Pennsylvania, in 1895. His wife, also born in Connecticut, died in 1905. He owned and operated farms throughout Bradford County during his lifetime and was a prosperous farmer. He was a Democrat and served as town auditor, road commissioner and school director. He held membership in the Congregational Church, and belonged to the Masonic Lodge and Grange. To Mr. and Mrs. Taylor were born the following children: 1. Francis E., farmer, lives in Livermore, Humboldt County, Iowa. 2. Miles P., who died in 1914. 3. Theresa A., who died in 1925, was the wife of Horace Whitmore. 4. Emerson, who died in 1921. 5. Charles, who died in infancy. 6. Melissa, who died in 1888, was the wife of Fred Hotchkiss. 7. William M., the subject of this sketch.

After his graduation from the rural schools of Warren Township, Bradford County, William M. Taylor assisted his father in his farming interests. He then owned a farm in the same township until 1891, and in that year located at Nichols as owner and manager of the American Hotel, which he had purchased from Isaac LaRue. In 1896 he became interested in the lumber business and since 1907 has conducted the Taylor Sales Stables at Nichols.

On January 1, 1878, Mr. Taylor was united in marriage with Miss Mary Madden, of Windham, Pennsylvania, the daughter of John S. and Elizabeth (Davenport) Madden, natives of Ireland and Pennsylvania, respectively. The former died in 1885 and the latter in 1900. Mr. Madden was a farmer and owned a tannery also at Windham. He was a Democrat and a member of the Catholic Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Taylor were born three children: 1. Cora E., born October 26, 1878, a graduate of Nichols High School, married Jed Waterman, lives at Nichols. 2. Robert E., born September 12, 1881, a graduate of Nichols High School and the University of Pennsylvania, class of 1907, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine. He married Miss Sarah Snyder, of Nichols, and they have three children: William, Marjorie, and Emerson. 3. Harold A., born January 19, 1892, is proprietor of "Elm Tree Inn" at Nichols. He married Miss Fannie Morgan, of Warren Township, Bradford County, and they have three children: Dorothy, John and Robert.

Politically, Mr. Taylor is a Democrat, and he has served as president of the village and trustee. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and is affiliated with Westbrook Lodge, No. 333, F. and A. M.; New Jerusalem Chapter, No. 47, R. A. M.; Owego and Tioga County Farm Bureau.

A. Max Fisher, M. D.—One of the able and widely known professional men of Tioga County is Doctor A. Max Fisher, who has engaged in practice at Spencer continuously since 1903. He was born there, February 6, 1880, the son of Marvin D. and Susan (Ferris) Fisher.

Marvin D. Fisher spent his entire life at Spencer and successfully carried on the general mercantile business which had been established by his father, Leonard Fisher. He was a Democrat and held membership in the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Fisher died in 1917 and his wife died in 1918. They are buried at Spencer. To Mr. and Mrs. Fisher were born four children: 1. Sadie, married George Jones, lives at Spencer. 2. Myron L., who is president of the Farmers National Bank, of Spencer. 3. Henry H., lives at Spencer. 4. A. Max, the subject of this sketch.

The boyhood of A. Max Fisher was spent at Spencer and he is a graduate of Spencer Academy. He then entered Cornell University, from which he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1903. His entire professional career has been spent at Spencer, and he is village health officer. He also holds membership in the Tioga County and New York State Medical Societies.

On June 20, 1905, Doctor Fisher was united in marriage with Miss Katherine Loring Hull, born at Spencer, March 6, 1884, the daughter of Loring W. and Eva (Whitney) Hull, natives of Tioga and Tompkins counties, respectively. Mr. Hull was reared and educated at Candor and Ithaca and was a school teacher in early life. He then became a surveyor and also was interested in general farming near Spencer. He was a Republican and served as supervisor of the town of Spencer. He was secretary of the Tioga County Patrons Fire Relief Association. He died in 1918 and his wife died in 1919. They are buried at Spencer. To Mr. and Mrs. Hull were born the following children: 1. Ida Lucena, lives at Boston, Massachusetts. 2. Mary E., married William Hallock, lives in Brazil, where she is interested in missionary work. 3. Louise Tracy, who died in 1912, was the wife of John Fitzpatrick. 4. Grace Ethel, a teacher, lives at Jersey City, New Jersey. 5. Katherine Loring (Hull) Fisher. 6. Eva Whitney, who died in 1931. 7. Loring Leslie, lives at Spencer. To Doctor and Mrs. Fisher were born four children: 1. Ferris Hull, born November 26, 1915. 2. Louise Tracy, born June 27, 1917, died February 12, 1919. 3. Durand Whitney, born September 5, 1919. 4. Katherine Loring, born May 31, 1921. Mary Ludlow, born January 6, 1920,

is the daughter of Mrs. Fisher's brother, Loring Leslie Hull, and resides with the Fisher family.

Doctor Fisher has always been a Democrat. He and his family are members of the Presbyterian Church. Doctor Fisher is past master of Spencer Lodge, No. 290, F. and A. M.

William E. Achilles, M. D.—Numbered among the outstanding professional men of Geneva and Ontario County is Doctor Achilles, who is established in the practice of medicine in this city with offices at 64 Seneca Street. He was born at North Tonawanda, New York, March 8, 1895, the son of William C. and Mary E. (Langdon) Achilles.

William C. Achilles was a leading pharmacist in Buffalo, New York, for many years. He was born in November, 1865, and was a graduate of the College of Pharmacy, University of Buffalo, class of 1900, where he received the Ph. G. degree. He was married in 1887 to Miss Mary E. Langdon, daughter of John E. Langdon, pioneer shipbuilder of North Tonawanda. To them were born three children, of whom William E., the subject of this sketch, was the youngest. Mr. Achilles died September 17, 1931, and is buried in Elmlawn Cemetery, Buffalo. His widow resides in Geneva with her son.

William E. Achilles grew up at North Tonawanda and Buffalo and was educated in the public schools, from which he was graduated in 1913. He then entered the University of Buffalo, from which he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1919. As an interne, Doctor Achilles was connected with the Arnot-Ogden Hospital, at Elmira, New York, and he has also taken graduate work, being a student during 1919-20 at Cornell University, where he specialized in the study of roentgenology. He has taken graduate work at Buffalo General Hospital, and is a member of the staff of Geneva General Hospital. Doctor Achilles has been located in this city since 1920 and is widely known as a surgeon and specialist in roentgenology. He is a member of the Geneva Academy of Medicine, Ontario County Medical Society, New York



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State Medical Society, American Medical Association, Central New York Roentgen Ray Society, Radiological Society of North America, and American Congress of Physical Therapy.

On September 1, 1920, Doctor Achilles was united in marriage with Miss Doris Susanne Blanchard, the daughter of William A. and Anne (Wilcox) Blanchard, of Covington, Pennsylvania. They have a son, William E., born July 13, 1921.

Doctor Achilles is a staunch Republican, holds membership in the Baptist Church, and is Past Master of Ark Lodge, No. 33, F. & A. M., Geneva Chapter, No. 36, R. A. M., and Geneva Commandery, No. 29, K. T. He also belongs to the Rotary Club, Geneva Country Club, Chamber of Commerce, Winnetka Post No. 396, American Legion, and Omega Upsilon Phi Fraternity.

During the World War Doctor Achilles enlisted for service and was attached to the Hospital Corps of the Navy and stationed at Buffalo, New York, throughout the war period. He now holds the commission of first lieutenant, U. S. Army Medical Reserve Corps.

Henry L. Emmons.—One of the representative citizens of Tioga County is Henry L. Emmons, who is interested in the insurance business at Spencer. He also is serving as village clerk. Mr. Emmons was born here January 8, 1880, the son of Alfred S. and Emma Gertrude (Rogers) Emmons.

Alfred S. Emmons was born at Simsbury, Connecticut, June 16, 1842, and died at Spencer, October 21, 1915. His wife was a native of Elmira and died October 21, 1921. In 1844 Mr. Emmons came to Spencer from Connecticut with his father, Lucius Emmons. The latter invested his limited means in a small stock of merchandise and became a pack peddler. He thus laid the foundation for a business which he established in Spencer a number of years later. At one time Lucius Emmons operated twenty-six wagons and between fifty and sixty packmen on the road throughout Central New York. In 1851 he dispensed with the "traveling men" and at that time opened a store at North Main

Street, and later purchased a store at Main and Tioga streets. After the father's death in 1864 the sons, Alfred S. and L. Edward, carried on the business with their mother, Nancy Emmons, who died in 1878. The firm was then known as Emmons Bros. In 1886 the brothers dissolved partnership, Alfred S. Emmons taking over the general store and L. Edward Emmons, the pharmacy. The present modern structure was opened for business on March 1, 1879, and Alfred S. Emmons was actively identified with the store until the time of his death. To Alfred S. and Emma Gertrude (Rogers) Emmons were born two sons. 1. Henry L., the subject of this sketch. 2. Paul S., lives at Spencer.

Alfred S. Emmons was a Republican, and served as Republican county committeeman. He was postmaster of Spencer from 1889 until 1893, and again from 1898 until 1911. He also was president of the village and served as school director for twenty-five years. He held membership in the Presbyterian Church, and was a charter member of Owasco Lodge, No. 697, Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

After his graduation from Spencer High School, Henry L. Emmons attended Eastman Business College at Poughkeepsie. He was associated in business with his father from 1897 until the latter's death in 1915, and then continued as proprietor until March 1, 1931. He is now engaged in the insurance business.

On September 1, 1905, Mr. Emmons married Miss Phoebe Bush, of Horseheads, New York, born January 24, 1882. She is a graduate of Elmira College, and before her marriage taught school at Spencer and Horseheads. She is the daughter of Doctor Robert P. and Loretta (Ludlow) Bush, natives of New York. Doctor Bush served with the rank of Field Major throughout the Civil War and he was also in command of the 26th Separate Company, New York National Guard, during the railroad strikes in Buffalo. The City of Buffalo gave him a testimonial stating that it was through his efforts that there was no bloodshed. He was a member of the New York General Assembly for fifteen years and was a prominent Democrat. He served as chairman of the House for one year and was chairman of the Finance Committee. Both he and his wife are deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Emmons were born

four children: 1. Alfred S., II, born July 10, 1906, a graduate of Spencer High School and the University of Cincinnati, from which he received a degree in Civil Engineering in 1931. 2. Robert H., twin brother of Alfred S. He attended the University of Cincinnati, and is now a mechanical engineer with the Proctor & Gamble Company of Cincinnati. He married Miss Thelma Siemer. 3. Elliott Bush, born January 10, 1908, a graduate of Spencer High School and the Sweeney Airplane School of Kansas City, Missouri. He is engaged in the plumbing business at Spencer. 4. Helen G., born January 20, 1913, a graduate of Spencer High School, attends the University of Cincinnati.

Mr. Emmons has been a Republican County Committeeman since 1915. He has also been postmaster of Spencer, and has been a school director since 1916. He is past president of the Board of Education and is now serving as its secretary. He received the appointment of village clerk in 1925 and sealer of weights and measures in 1923. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and belongs to Spencer Lodge, No. 290, F. and A. M., past master; Farm Bureau; and first president of Ro-Ki Club of Spencer. He is a director of the Owego Automobile Club, treasurer of the Spencer Baseball Club, treasurer of the Nichols Park Association, and treasurer of Evergreen Cemetery Association.

During the World War he enlisted for service in the Y. M. C. A., and was sent to France, where he was in charge of the General Delivery Division of the Y. M. C. A. post office. He served overseas for five months and was returned to the United States on account of ill health.

Jesse R. Hart.—As editor and publisher of the Spencer Needle, Jesse R. Hart is recognized as one of the substantial citizens of Tioga County. He was born at Candor, December 23, 1873, the son of Morris Tompkins and Esther Jane (White) Hart.

Morris Tompkins Hart was born at Hartsdale, Westchester County, New York, February 15, 1832. After completing his schooling he was interested in the hotel business with his father,

Stephen Hart, owner of the Osborne House at Spencer. He later operated a farm near Candor and in 1905 returned to Spencer and lived retired there at the time of his death, June 10, 1915. His wife was born at Athens, Pennsylvania, and died March 17, 1921. Both are buried at Spencer. Their children were: 1. Edward C., lives at Waverly. 2. Russell J., who died in June, 1931. 3. Jesse R., the subject of this sketch. 4. John, who died in 1895. 5. Lena, who died in 1919, was the wife of Leslie Westervelt. 6. Mary, who died in 1930, was the wife of M. VandeBogart. 7. Lottie, married Otis H. Gardner, lives at Elmira. 8. Jennie, married Eugene Dickerman, lives at Spencer. 9. Emily, married E. J. Delfi, lives at Los Angeles, California.

Jesse R. Hart attended the public schools of Candor and Spencer. In 1903 he purchased the interests of John A. Bell, owner of the Spencer Needle, and has since been identified with that publication. Mr. Hart also specializes in commercial printing.

On July 4, 1913, Mr. Hart married Miss Lulu Lange, of Spencer, born May 4, 1883, the daughter of William and Mary (White) Lange. Mr. Lange and his wife were natives of Spencer and died in 1887 and 1920, respectively. Mr. and Mrs. Hart have no children.

Politically, Mr. Hart is a Republican, but conducts his newspaper as an independent. He has been justice of the peace for twenty years, secretary of the local school board since 1920, and supervisor of the town during 1931. He belongs to Spencer Lodge, No. 290, F. and A. M., secretary since 1910, and is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Ro-Ki Club of Spencer. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church, and he has been president of the Board of Trustees since 1912.

Corbet S. Johnson, M. D., of Spencer, is among the prominent young professional men of Tioga County. He was born at Putnam, New York, August 9, 1903, the son of Henry E. and Anna (Darling) Johnson.

Henry E. Johnson was a native of Michigan, born at White Lake. He attended the public schools and in 1892 was graduated

from Ypsilanti Teachers College. He spent the following twelve years as a teacher at Union City, Michigan, and afterward located at Cortland, New York, where he was interested in the insurance business until 1911. He has since conducted an insurance business at Syracuse. Mr. Johnson is a Republican and a member of the Presbyterian Church. His wife was born at Commerce, Michigan. Their children are: 1. Ruth Darling, a graduate of Syracuse University, Bachelor of Arts degree, married Roland Tie-mann, lives at Hastings on the Hudson, New York. 2. Thomas H., a graduate of Syracuse University, Bachelor of Arts; Amherst College, Master of Arts; and Yale University, Doctor of Philosophy. He is now a research physicist with the Franklin Institute and resides at Swarthmore, Pennsylvania. He married Mrs. Anne Benedict. 3. Lyman S., a graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, now an electrical engineer with the Research Products Company of the American Telephone & Telegraph Company, in New York City. 4. Corbet S., the subject of this sketch. 5. Parteous E., a graduate of Syracuse University, class of 1932, degree of Doctor of Medicine. He is now an interne in the Syracuse Memorial Hospital.

Corbet S. Johnson attended the public schools of Cortland and Syracuse and in 1924 received the degree of Bachelor of Arts at Amherst College. He then was graduated from the Medical School of Syracuse University in 1928 and spent his internship at Highland Hospital, Rochester, New York. His professional career was begun at Avon, New York, during 1929-30, and in September, 1931, Doctor Johnson located at Spencer. He holds membership in the Tioga County Medical Society, New York State Medical Society and American Medical Association, and is on the staff of the Tioga County Hospital, at Waverly, New York.

On June 29, 1929, Doctor Johnson was united in marriage with Miss Ruth Sturdevant, born at Prattsburg, New York, March 19, 1905, the daughter of J. Walter and Martha (Nevyus) Sturdevant. Mr. Sturdevant was born at Prattsburg, Steuben County, being a descendant of Joseph Sturdevant, one of the very earliest settlers of that section of New York. The original Sturdevant homestead in Steuben County contained 600 acres and the major portion of

the land is still owned by Mrs. Johnson's father, who is a prosperous farmer. He is a Republican, a member of the Presbyterian Church, and belongs to the Grange. Ruth (Sturdevant) Johnson is also the granddaughter of Wilson Nevyus, who served throughout the Civil War, and a direct descendant of Christian Nevyus, of Revolutionary War fame. She, therefore, holds membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution. She is a graduate of Syracuse University, class of 1927, Bachelor of Science. To Mr. and Mrs. Sturdevant were born five children: 1. Dorothy, lives at Rochester. 2. Carleton, farmer, lives on the homestead. 3. Denton, farmer, lives at Urbana, Ohio. 4. Ruth Johnson. 5. Frances, who died September 1, 1908. Doctor and Mrs. Johnson have a son, Corbet Stephens, Jr., born March 15, 1932.

Politically, Doctor Johnson is a Republican. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Delta Upsilon, Nu Sigma Nu, and Omicron Omega Kappa fraternities.

William C. Truman.—A member of one of Owego's oldest and best known families, William C. Truman is prominent in Tioga County as president of the First National Bank. He was born here August 10, 1874, the son of William S. and Catherine (Stedman) Truman.

William S. Truman, who died in Owego in 1922, for many years cashier and president of the First National Bank, guided the affairs of the bank, which was established by L. Truman and Brothers in 1836; through his efforts it is the largest bank in Tioga County. He was born at Owego, educated in the public schools, and as a young man was associated with L. Truman & Bros. in various interests they had in Tioga County and elsewhere, and finally succeeded to the management of these extensive interests. He was also president of the Owego Light & Power Company and director of the Champion Wagon Works. He was a Republican and held numerous public offices. Fraternally he was affiliated with the Masonic Lodge. His wife was born at Owego and died in 1917. Their children were: 1. Frank S., died in 1930,

as the result of an automobile accident. He had served as mayor of Owego, treasurer of Tioga County, and president of the First National Bank. 2. William C., the subject of this sketch. 3. Adeline Deland, married R. S. Strader, lives at Lexington, Kentucky. 4. Sarah Stedman, married James R. Steele, lives at Owego.

After his graduation from Owego Academy in 1892, William C. Truman entered Cornell University, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1896. His entire business career has been connected with the First National Bank, having succeeded his brother as president at the latter's death in 1930.

On June 19, 1900, Mr. Truman married Miss Willia Bassett of Owego, the daughter of James R. and Mary G. (Gallagher) Bassett. The former was born in Otsego County and died in 1920. The latter resides here. Mr. and Mrs. Truman have a daughter, Cathryne Stedman, born in 1902. She is a graduate of Owego Academy and National Cathedral School at Washington, D. C. She married (first) John G. Underhill, who served overseas as an officer during the World War. He was injured while in the service and died in Owego in 1929. Their children were: Cathryne Truman and William Truman Underhill. Mrs. Underhill married (second) Floyd J. Buffington. He was an aviator during the World War. They live in New York City, and have a son, James Allen.

Mr. Truman is a Republican and has served as village supervisor and trustee. He is a member of the Episcopal Church and belongs to Friendship Lodge No. 153, F. & A. M., New Jerusalem Chapter, No. 47, R. A. M., Malta Commandery, K. T., and Kalurah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., and Elk Lodges, Owego Country Club, and Tioga County Sportsmen's Association.

George L. Andrews.—Outstanding among the successful and prominent young professional men of Central New York is George L. Andrews, who is serving as district attorney of Tioga County, and he is also associated with the firm of Andrews & Andrews, lawyers, of Owego. He was born here, May 23, 1894, the son of Hon. George F. and Francelia W. (Williams) Andrews.

Hon. George F. Andrews was born at Candor, Tioga County, and his wife is a native of Owego. He was educated in the public schools and read law in the office of Judge Parker in Owego. Later, he engaged in a general law practice here and in 1906 was elected judge of Tioga County, which office he filled successfully for eighteen years. He had previously been associated in practice with his brother and in recent years his son, George L. Andrews, has been a member of the firm. Judge Andrews was a member of the New York State Surrogate Revision Commission, which revised the practice in this state. He is a Republican and a member of the Presbyterian Church. He is also a director of the First National Bank. Mr. and Mrs. Andrews had two sons: 1. Frederick W., lives at Syracuse. 2. George L., the subject of this sketch.

George L. Andrews attended the Owego public schools and is a graduate of Mercersburg (Pennsylvania) Academy. In 1913 he entered Colgate University, where he remained two years, receiving the degree of LL. B. at the Albany Law School in 1917. He then entered the service, enlisting in the U. S. Army. He was discharged, however, on account of physical disability, but early in 1918 enlisted in the U. S. Naval Flying Corps and became a pilot. He attended the ground school at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston, and Bay Shore, Long Island Naval Flying Station, where he received the commission of Ensign Pilot. He did coast patrol duty at Miami, Florida, Brunswick, Georgia, and Rockaway Point, New York, and was discharged from the service in May, 1919. He again reenlisted for a short period in 1920 and was stationed at Rockaway Point Naval Air Station. Upon his return to Owego Mr. Andrews served a clerkship with the law firm of Andrews & Ellis, being admitted to the bar in 1920. He spent the following three years at Binghamton with the firm of Hinman, Howard, & Katell, and afterward located at Jamestown, New York, for a short time. He then returned to Owego and until 1925 engaged in private practice. In that year he became associated with his father. In the same year he also assumed the duties of district attorney of Tioga County, and is now serving his third term in that office.

In 1921 Mr. Andrews married Miss Marie Clark of Binghamton, the daughter of Edgar and Ella (Edson) Clark, of Brookton, New York. The former resides there and the latter is deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Andrews have been born two sons: 1. George Clark, born in 1922. 2. Frederick Clark, born in 1926.

Mr. Andrews is a Republican, a member of the Presbyterian Church, and belongs to Friendship Lodge No. 153, F. & A. M., and Elks Lodge and Delta Upsilon fraternity.

Frederick J. Davis.—One of the prominent citizens and able attorneys of Owego, Frederick J. Davis has achieved his present position in the community by his record of active public service. He was born in Owego, August 12, 1871, the son of Burr J. and Sarah S. (Sperry) Davis.

Burr J. Davis, who died in 1897, was a native of Oxford, Connecticut. His wife was born at Bethlehem, Connecticut, and died in 1928. Both are buried in Owego. Mr. Davis came to Owego from Connecticut in 1869 and for several years was interested in the oyster and fish business in partnership with W. H. Corey. He later took over the management of the old Central House, located on the present site of the Owego Hotel, and in 1879 purchased the Ah-Wa-Ga House, with which he was actively identified as manager until the time of his death. Mr. Davis was a lifelong Democrat and for two terms had served as a member of the Connecticut legislature. He also served as sheriff of Tioga County. He was a member of the Episcopal Church and affiliated with Friendship Lodge, F. and A. M. No. 153, of which he served as Master on five different occasions. He was an ardent sportsman and an expert wing shot. There were four children in the Davis family: 1. Mrs. John F. Ward, lives at Owego. 2. Frederick J., the subject of this sketch. 3. Mrs. Nellie D. Mallery, lives at Syracuse. 4. John B., who died in 1930.

Frederick J. Davis was graduated from Owego Academy in 1891, and received the degree of LL. B. at Cornell University in 1896. After his admission to the bar in that year he became asso-

ciated in practice in Owego with Martin S. Lynch and the firm continued until 1905 when Mr. Lynch removed to New York City. Since that date Mr. Davis has continued in private practice. In 1924 he received the appointment of United States Commissioner by Federal Judge Cooper and still serves in that capacity. He is also clerk of the Village Board, and during his ten years of service in that office Mr. Davis has never missed a meeting of the board. He was appointed to fill an unexpired term of Addison J. Robinson as Justice of the Peace, and was reelected in November, 1930, being endorsed by both parties. Mr. Davis has always been a Democrat.

On October 16, 1901, Mr. Davis married Miss Clara S. Chamberlain, of Owego, the daughter of Stephen S. and Romette (Stevens) Chamberlain. They were natives of Massachusetts and died in 1914 and 1928 respectively. Both are buried in Owego. Mr. and Mrs. Davis have no children.

Mr. Davis is a member of Friendship Lodge No. 153, F. and A. M., past master; Adirondack Club of Owego; Tioga Sportsmens Association; New York State Forest, Fish and Game Club, and vice president and was secretary for ten years of the Tioga County Bar Association.

In 1916 Mr. Davis was active in the organization of the Owego Home Guard and attended the Citizens Military Camp at Plattsburg. The Owego organization later became part of the New York State National Guard and Mr. Davis held the commission of first lieutenant.

Dennis A. McCarthy.—As manager of Green Lantern Inn and proprietor of the Nye Baking Company, Dennis A. McCarthy has long been recognized as one of the progressive business men of Owego. He was born at Springfield, Massachusetts, August 10, 1894, the son of J. W. and Margaret (Callahan) McCarthy.

J. W. McCarthy and his wife are natives of Springfield, Massachusetts. They have lived at Binghamton, New York, since 1902. He is a plumbing contractor. To Mr. and Mrs. McCarthy were born seven children: 1. Dennis A., the subject of this sketch.

2. Anna, married Richard O'Connor, lives at Binghamton. 3. John, lives at Binghamton. 4. Helen, lives at Buffalo. 5. Joseph, lives at Binghamton. 6. Mary, married Dr. Harold Leonard. 7. Donald, lives at Binghamton.

When Dennis A. McCarthy was ten years old his family located at Binghamton, where he attended the public schools. As a young man he clerked in the stores of the Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company, and in 1915 was sent to Owego as store manager. Two years later he became associated in business with his father-in-law, Melvin Nye, wholesale and retail baker. The latter died in 1920 and since that date Mr. McCarthy has managed the business. A delicatessen shop was opened in connection with the bakery establishment in 1926, and since June, 1930, Mr. McCarthy has also been identified with the Green Lantern Inn.

In 1917 Mr. McCarthy married Miss Verna Nye of Owego, the daughter of M. G. and Etta (Townsend) Nye, the former a native of Cortland and the latter of Owego. As mentioned above Mr. Nye died in 1920 and his wife died in July, 1932. They are buried in Owego. Mr. and Mrs. McCarthy have two children: 1. Marian E., born in 1919. 2. James R., born in 1920.

Mr. McCarthy is a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church and belongs to the Rotary Club, B. P. O. Elks, Loyal Order of Moose, Chamber of Commerce, and Tioga Sportsmen's Association. He is also a director of the Finger Lakes Association.

Fred B. Emens, funeral director, is a substantial business man of Owego, and a member of one of the well established families of Central New York. He was born at Whitney Point, Broome County, New York, May 22, 1889, the son of Charles H. and Della B. (Blair) Emens.

Charles H. Emens lives retired at Marathon. He was born at Jersey City, New Jersey, and as a young man became interested in the undertaking business. He established a furniture and undertaking business at Whitney Point, and remained there until 1899, at which time he located in Owego and organized the busi-

ness which has been owned by his son since 1912. Mr. Emens is a Republican and has served as mayor of Owego and president of the school board. He is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge and Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His wife was born in Schoharie County, New York, and died in 1925. She is buried in Owego. To Mr. and Mrs. Emens were born two sons: 1. Fred B., the subject of this sketch. 2. Harry C., lives at Cairo, New York.

Fred B. Emens grew up in Chenango and Tioga counties and is a graduate of Owego Academy and Binghamton Business College. He has always been identified with the furniture and undertaking business and, as mentioned above, purchased the establishment from his father in 1912. Five years later he purchased the Bergan and Jones building at 173 Front Street, and completely remodeled it into a first class funeral home and chapel.

Mr. Emens was married in 1912 to Miss Lillian Bandler, of Owego, the daughter of Robert and Bessie (Fox) Bandler. They have no children.

Mr. Emens is a Republican and at the present time is serving as park commissioner. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and is affiliated with Friendship Lodge No. 153, F. & A. M., New Jerusalem Chapter No. 47, R. A. M., and Commandery, K. T., and Kalurah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He also belongs to the Owego Country Club, Chamber of Commerce, Tioga Sportsmen's Association, and Rotary Club. His wife is president of the Owego Garden Club.

Russell S. Beardslee, D. V. M.—Identified with the Owego Veterinary Hospital, Doctor Beardslee ranks high among the able young professional men of Tioga County. He was born at Warrenham, Pennsylvania, March 26, 1902, the son of Ralph W. and Nellie (Russell) Beardslee.

Ralph W. Beardslee is a well known resident of Owego. Both he and his wife were born in Bradford County, Pennsylvania, and she died in 1914. She is buried in Little Meadows Cemetery, Bradford County. Mr. Beardslee was a farmer in early life and located at Owego in 1919 as a traveling representative of a nationally

known fertilizer concern. He still is identified with the company. Mr. Beardslee is a Republican, a member of First Presbyterian Union Church, of which he is deacon, and he belongs to the Masonic Lodge. Two sons were born to Mr. and Mrs. Beardslee: 1. Russell S., the subject of this sketch. 2. Donald R., commercial air pilot, lives at Owego.

After his graduation from Warren Center High School in 1919, Russell S. Beardslee entered Owego Free Academy, where he completed a course of study in 1921. He then farmed for three years, and in 1924 entered the University of Pennsylvania, where he received the degree of Doctor of Veterinary Medicine in 1928. At that time Doctor Beardslee located at Owego as one of the owners of Owego Veterinary Hospital, being associated with Doctor Roach in the undertaking. He holds membership in the American Veterinary Medical Association.

Doctor Beardslee is a trustee of the First Presbyterian Union Church, of Owego, and is affiliated with Friendship Lodge No. 153, F. & A. M., B. P. O. Elks No. 1039, Alpha Psi fraternity, and Chamber of Commerce.

Doctor Beardslee is unmarried.

Harry A. Tompkins, who is commissioner of welfare in Tioga County, is among Owego's representative citizens. He was born at Spencer, Tioga County, November 11, 1881, the son of James B. and Anna (Parsonage) Tompkins.

James B. Tompkins was a native of England and died in December, 1908. His wife was also born in England and died in April, 1922. They are buried at Spencer. During his life Mr. Tompkins was interested in farming and before locating at Spencer he had lived at Kingston, Ontario, for one year. He left England in 1876. Mr. Tompkins was a Republican and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. There were eight children born to Mr. and Mrs. Tompkins: 1. Mrs. James J. Howell, lives at Spencer. 2. Mrs. Amy Frisby, lives at Halsey Valley, New York. 3. Mrs. Ada Ferris, lives at Spencer. 4. John, lives at Spencer. 5.

Mrs. Albert S. Andrews, lives at Owego. 6. George B., lives at New Britain, Connecticut. 7. Pearl, unmarried, lives at Spencer. 8. Harry A., the subject of this sketch.

The boyhood of Harry A. Tompkins was spent at Spencer and he was educated in the public schools. As a young man he was connected with the Standard Butter Company and also spent some time in the Emens General Store in Spencer. He assisted his father in farming and at the time of his marriage purchased a 100-acre farm near Spencer, which he still owns. In January, 1926, Mr. Tompkins was elected supervisor of Spencer, and was serving his third term in that office in January, 1932, when he resigned to assume the duties of county commissioner of public welfare.

On January 30, 1907, Mr. Tompkins was united in marriage with Miss Jessie P. Thornton, of Spencer, the daughter of John J. and Esther Ann (Signor) Thornton. They were natives of Tioga and Cayuga counties, respectively, and died in 1909 and 1929. They are buried at Spencer. Mr. and Mrs. Tompkins have a son, James Thornton, born November 16, 1921.

Politically, Mr. Tompkins is a Republican. He is an active member of the Methodist Church, of which he has been trustee and treasurer for many years, and he is also affiliated with the Masonic Lodge, and Spencer Ro-Ki Club. He is Past Master of Spencer Grange, a member of the Farm Bureau, and has been secretary and treasurer of the Dairymen's League for ten years.

Amos Canfield, M. D.—Numbered among the solid and responsible citizens of Tioga County is Dr. Amos Canfield, who lives retired at Candor. He was born at VanEtten, New York, July 3, 1878, the son of Dr. Enos and Elizabeth (Wall) Canfield.

Dr. Enos Canfield, who died in 1922, was a native of New York born at Smithboro. He grew up on a farm and attended the district schools. He then studied Medicine at the Cincinnati College of Medicine, and later received the degree of Doctor of Medicine at New York University. After several years in practice at Al-

pine and Odessa, New York, Doctor Canfield located at VanEtten in 1876. He remained there in successful practice until the time of his death. He was a Democrat and served as town supervisor and village president. He was a member of the Baptist Church and belonged to the Masonic lodge. Elizabeth (Wall) Canfield was born in Schuyler County, New York, and died in 1922. Both Doctor and Mrs. Canfield are buried at VanEtten. Their children were: 1. Eleanor, first married Harry Banfield, of Van Etten, New York, deceased; she married, second, James Jennings, druggist, lives at Candor. 2. Amos, the subject of this sketch.

Following his graduation from VanEtten High School in 1898, Amos Canfield entered Cornell University. He spent one year in the College of Arts and received the degree of Doctor of Medicine at Cornell University Medical College, New York City, in 1902. After two years as interne at St. Vincent's Hospital, New York City, Doctor Canfield located there in private practice. After several years he retired from the profession and until 1918 was interested in banking. He then was commissioned for service in the World War and served with the rank of first lieutenant, U. S. Army Medical Corps, being stationed at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia. He was later transferred to Fort Benjamin Harrison General Hospital No. 25, and was discharged there in July, 1919. Doctor Canfield's residence in New York City is located at 352 Riverside Drive, and he and his wife spend the summer months at their estate in Candor. He also owns the Canfield homestead of 120 acres at VanEtten.

On October 5, 1905, Doctor Canfield married Miss Rosa A. Murphy of New York City, the daughter of John and Rosa (McCullough) Murphy, natives of Ireland. Mr. Murphy died in 1922 and his wife died in 1905. They are buried at Stratford, Connecticut. Doctor and Mrs. Canfield have no children.

Doctor Canfield has always been a Democrat. He is a member of the Episcopal Church and is president of the Owego Country Club, Binghamton Country Club, New York City Athletic Club, Tioga County Sportsmens Association, B. P. O. Elks, Owego, and the New York Athletic Club Post, American Legion. He also is identified with the Tioga County, New York State Medical Socie-

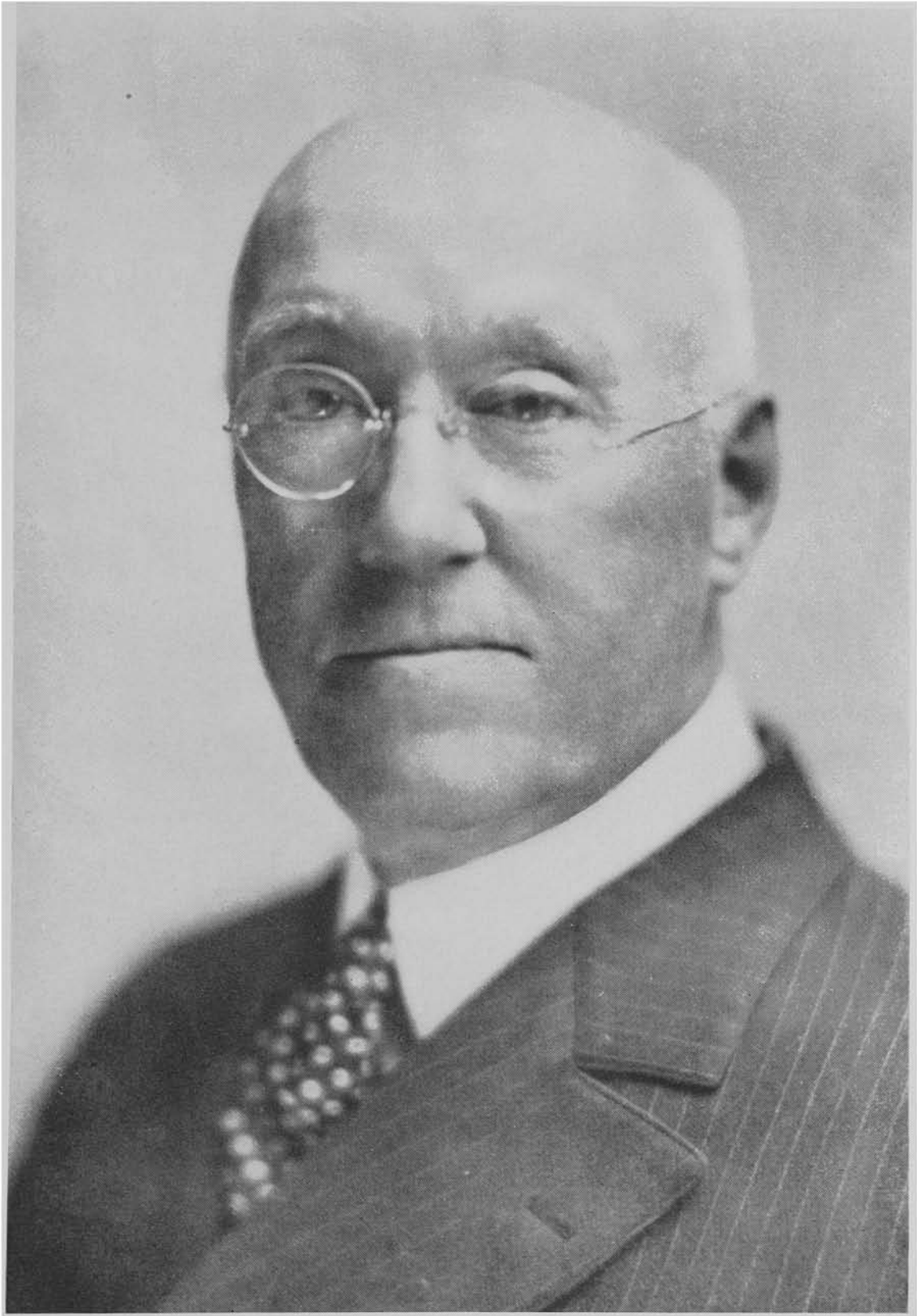
ties, and American Medical Association, and is a member of the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society and a member of the publication committee of their record. His great-grandfather, Enos Canfield, was one of the first settlers of Smithboro, New York.

Hon. Robert Abbott Catchpole.—One of the outstanding figures in public affairs in Ontario County is Robert Abbott Catchpole, of Geneva, who is serving as a member of the New York State General Assembly from this district. He was born in London, England, August 17, 1865, the son of John Grayston and Elizabeth (Abbott) Catchpole.

John Grayston Catchpole was a native of Suffolk County, England, born in 1842, and his wife was also born in England. They came to the United States in 1879 and settled at Geneva, where Mr. Catchpole established a retail meat business five years later, under the firm name of John G. Catchpole & Son. After his death on March 19, 1919, the enterprise was continued by his son until 1921. Mr. Catchpole is buried in Glenwood Cemetery, Geneva. There were eleven children in the Catchpole family, of whom Robert A., the subject of this sketch, was the eldest.

Robert A. Catchpole obtained his education in private schools in London. He was fourteen years of age when he came to this country with his family, and his first business experience was with his father's meat and provision store on Seneca Street. As mentioned above, Mr. Catchpole continued with the business until 1921, at which time he disposed of it to two former employes, L. D. McMann and C. E. Cowan, both of whom had been identified with the business for 16 years.

In 1924 Mr. Catchpole was elected as a member of the New York State General Assembly and still serves in that capacity. He is a Republican and for many years has taken a prominent part in local politics and civic affairs. From 1896 until 1902 he was city fire commissioner, served as park commissioner from 1904 until 1910, and was elected to the office of mayor of Geneva



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in 1921, serving in the latter office for two years. He is a director of the Geneva Trust Company.

On April 29, 1889, Mr. Catchpole was united in marriage with Miss Helen F. McCarthy, daughter of Alexander and Mary McCarthy, of Stanley, New York. They have no children.

Mr. and Mrs. Catchpole are members of Trinity Episcopal Church, and he is affiliated with Ark Lodge, F. & A. M., being Past High Priest of Chapter No. 36, R. A. M., and member of Geneva Commandery and Damascus Temple. He is also Past Exalted Ruler of B. P. O. Elks, and belongs to the Loyal Order of Moose, Eagles Lodge, Geneva Rod and Gun Club, and Chamber of Commerce.

Fred W. Ford.—Associated with the C. & F. Ford Coal Company, Fred W. Ford has long been recognized as one of Owego's business men and highly esteemed citizens. He was born at this place, in October, 1862, the son of George L. and Anna (Thompson) Ford.

George L. Ford was born in Connecticut and was one of the very early settlers of Owego. He came here in 1840, cleared a tract of land eight miles northeast of the village, and lived there until 1872. He became a prosperous farmer and also had extensive lumber interests. His wife was born in Tompkins County. Both are buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Owego. Mr. Ford was a Democrat and held membership in the Universalist Church. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Ford: 1. Louis, deceased. 2. Lucius, deceased. 3. Catherine Fenderson, deceased. 4. Mary Schoolcraft, deceased. 5. Goodsell, deceased. 6. Charles, deceased, was identified with the C. & F. Ford Coal Company. 7. Frank, deceased. 8. Fred W., the subject of this sketch. 9. Emma Walker, deceased.

Fred W. Ford grew up on his father's farm near Owego and received his education in the district schools. He became interested in the cattle business as a feeder and buyer and continued in that particular field for twenty years. He then engaged in busi-

ness as a lumber dealer and owned and operated sawmills throughout Southern New York and in Pennsylvania. In 1892 he and his brother, Charles, established the present coal business at Owego, and throughout the years they continued as successful dealers in coal and wood, handling a retail trade exclusively. Since 1913 Fred W. Ford has also been interested in the automobile business, first as authorized Ford dealer for one year, then as Chevrolet agent, and later as Oakland representative. Mr. Ford still owns the old Ford homestead of 350 acres near Owego, as well as about 800 acres of timber land, and much residential property in the village of Owego.

In 1892 Mr. Ford was united in marriage with Miss Nellie Randall, of Owego, the daughter of Henry and Mina (Hemstraut) Randall, both deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Ford have no children.

Mr. Ford is a Democrat. The family residence is located at 240 Main Street.

Floyd J. Rider.—Among Owego's most progressive business men may be mentioned Floyd J. Rider, who is superintendent of the Newark Milk & Cream Company. He was born at Tioga Center, New York, August 3, 1891, the son of Ernest and Lulu (Cook) Rider.

Ernest Rider was born at Tioga Center and his wife is a native of Halsey Valley. They now live at Straits Corners, New York. Mr. Rider has always been interested in general farming. He is a Republican and is serving as justice of the peace and road commissioner. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Church, and he belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. To Mr. and Mrs. Rider were born the following children: 1. Floyd J., the subject of this sketch. 2. Mrs. Joseph Catlin, lives at Owego. 3. Mrs. Carlton Brown, lives at Owego. 4. Mrs. Florence Rider, lives at Straits Corners. 5. Milton, lives at home.

Floyd J. Rider is a graduate of Tioga Center High School. As a boy he entered the employ of the Standard Butter Company as a butter maker and later became manager of the company's plants

at Straits Corners, North Spencer and Halsey Valley. Ten years later Mr. Rider became interested in the feed business at Tioga Center and for two years owned and operated mills there. He was next employed by the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company at Sayre, Pennsylvania. In September, 1917, Mr. Rider enlisted for service in the World War and served at Camp Dix, New Jersey, before sailing for overseas duty in May, 1918. He saw active service at the front as a member of Company H, Three Hundred and Tenth Infantry, Seventy-eighth Division. He served in the following engagements: St. Mihiel offensive, Belleau Woods and Meuse Argonne. After his discharge in June, 1919, Mr. Rider returned to Tioga Center and until July, 1930, was interested in the creamery business at that place. He then came to Owego as superintendent of the Newark Milk & Cream Company.

In September, 1916, Mr. Rider was united in marriage with Miss Grace Stetler, of Tioga Center, the daughter of William and Lucy (Taylor) Stetler. Mr. Stetler was born in Tioga County and resides at Owego. His wife, a native of New York, died in 1928. Mr. and Mrs. Rider are the parents of two sons: Floyd J., Jr., born in 1917; and Leland E., born in 1922.

Mr. Rider is a Republican, a trustee of the Methodist Church, and is affiliated with Tioga Lodge No. 534, F. & A. M., American Legion, and Tioga Sportsmen's Association.

George M. Decker, D. D. S.—One of the prominent citizens and able professional men of Tioga County is George M. Decker, well known dentist of Owego. He was born at Appalachin, New York, November 22, 1873, the son of Marvin and Frances (Patterson) Decker.

Marvin Decker, deceased, was a veteran of the Civil War. Both he and his wife were natives of Owego and died in 1906 and 1889, respectively. He was a farmer and spent his life at Owego and Apalachin. To Mr. and Mrs. Decker were born four children: 1. C. W., lives at Newark Valley. 2. George M., the subject of this sketch. 3. Lola Welch, lives at Syracuse. 4. Charlotte Greene, lives at Owego.

George M. Decker attended Apalachin High School and Buffalo High School, and in 1898 received the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery at Buffalo Dental College. After two years of practice at Troy, Pennsylvania, he was appointed to the U. S. Army and received the commission of first lieutenant, U. S. Army Dental Corps. He then served under General Wood in Cuba until 1902 and was transferred to the Department of Colorado and resigned after three years in the service. Since 1904 Doctor Decker has continued in practice at Owego. He is a member and past president of the Valley Dental Society, a member of the Sixth District Dental Society, New York State Dental Society, and American Dental Association.

Doctor Decker was married (first) June 1, 1898, to Miss Grace L. Little, of Candor, New York, the daughter of Llewellyn and Mary (Phelps) Little. The former died in 1896 and the latter in 1916. Grace L. (Little) Decker died May 22, 1925, and is buried at Candor. To this union was born a son, Dwight D., a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this history.

In December, 1926, Doctor Decker married Mrs. Cora Steele Barton of Owego, the daughter of John F. and Adelaide (Muzzey) Steele. Mr. and Mrs. Steele were born at Newark Valley. He died in July, 1904, and his wife died in February, 1923.

Doctor Decker is a member of the vestry of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, and is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge, being past master of Friendship Lodge. He also was president of the Tioga County Agriculture Society for seven years. Politically he is a Republican, and has been village trustee and school director. He also was president of the Owego Board of Education for seven years.

Doctor Decker is president of the Ahwaga Hotel Corporation.

Scott B. Chaffee, who is superintendent of Borden's Farm Products Company, at Candor, is one of the reliable and well known business men of Tioga County. He was born at Potterville, Pennsylvania, April 28, 1884, the son of Herbert W. and Ida D. (Spencer) Chaffee.

Herbert W. Chaffee was a native of Pennsylvania, born at Potterville. He was a farmer and stonemason contractor. He died in 1917 and is buried at Potterville. His wife was also a native of Potterville and died in 1892. Their children were: 1. Earl R., lives at Beaver, Pennsylvania. 2. Carl A., lives at Potterville. 3. Mabel, who died in 1894. 4. Scott B., the subject of this sketch. 5-6. Gay S., and Fay H., twins, live at Potterville. Mr. Chaffee was a Republican and a member of the Congregational Church.

Scott B. Chaffee attended the public schools of Potterville and in 1906 received a degree from Pennsylvania State College where he had specialized in dairying. He then was appointed manager of the butter factory of the Farmers Co-operative Company at Potterville. After a year he located with the Mutual Milk and Cream Company in New York City, and in April, 1908, was sent to Lime Rock, Connecticut, by the Bordens Farm Products Company. After five years in that plant he was transferred to Deposit, New York, as dairy inspector, and remained there from 1913 until 1917. In the latter year he was sent to Catatonk, New York, as plant superintendent. He then assumed his present duties as superintendent at Candor, July 1, 1918. Mr. Chaffee has completed twenty-five years of service in the company's employ.

In 1908 Mr. Chaffee was united in marriage with Miss Annabel Dickinson, of Taconic, Connecticut, the daughter of Elmore S. and Martha (Brown) Dickinson. Mr. Dickinson was born in Litchfield County, Connecticut, and died in 1932. His wife, a native of the same county, died in 1916, and is buried at Fortuna, California. To Mr. and Mrs. Chaffee have been born three children: 1. Irene G., born in 1912, a graduate of Candor High School, class of 1929, was a teacher for two years, now attends Hartwick College at Oneonta, New York. 2. Herbert E., born October 1, 1914, attends Candor High School. 3. Scott B., Jr., born in 1926, died in infancy.

Mr. Chaffee is a member of the Congregational Church and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Woodmen of the World. He is also treasurer and a member of the volunteer fire department. Politically he is a Republican.

Truman Short Stevens.—A member of one of the oldest families in Ontario County, Truman Short Stevens is prominent as the capable commissioner of public welfare, as well as superintendent of the Public Welfare Home near Canandaigua. He was born at Richmond, Ontario County, November 22, 1873, the son of Edward K. and Louise A. (Reed) Stevens.

Edward K. Stevens was born on the old Stevens homestead near Richmond, in December, 1838, and throughout his life was a farmer. He was the son of Jesse Stevens, Jr., whose father, Jesse Stevens, had come to Ontario County from Massachusetts during the very early history of this section. All were successful farmers. In 1847 Edward K. Stevens married Miss Louise A. Reed, the daughter of Wheeler Reed, also natives of Richmond, Ontario County. To them were born three children. Both are deceased.

Truman S. Stevens grew up at Richmond and received his schooling at Honeoye. In 1892 he entered Genesee Wesleyan Seminary, from which he was graduated in the following year in the business course. He took two more years of work in the same institution, and then engaged in general farming on the Stevens homestead until 1924. He removed to Honeoye in that year and conducted a general insurance business there until August 1, 1929, at which time he received his present appointment as commissioner of public welfare in Ontario County.

On October 6, 1897, Mr. Stevens was united in marriage with Miss E. Allene Beam, the daughter of D. Willard and Eliza (Doolittle) Beam, of Ontario County. To Mr. and Mrs. Stevens were born three children: 1. Ethel Louise, born December 25, 1900, attended Genesee Wesleyan Seminary, married Clayton Harvey, of Hemlock, New York, and they have three children. 2. Eliza Gertrude, born October 21, 1904, a graduate of Honeoye High School, class of 1921, married Daniel Sayre Beam, lives at Hemlock, New York, and they have two children. 3. Edward Willard, born August 3, 1907, a graduate of Honeoye High School, class of 1926, graduated Rochester Business Institute, now cost accountant for the Indian Splint Company, of Rochester.

Politically, Mr. Stevens is a Republican, and he has held the offices of supervisor and town committeeman. He is a member

of the Congregational Church, and is Past Master of Eagle Lodge, No. 619, F. & A. M., of Honeoye, and a charter member of Livonia Chapter, No. 311, R. A. M. He also is Past Patron of Eagle Chapter, No. 350, O. E. S., and was assistant grand lecturer in 1927. He was the first Master of Honeoye Grange, and still maintains his residence at Honeoye.

Dwight D. Decker, who is popular throughout Central New York as the owner and manager of the Ah-Wa-Ga Hotel, at Owego, is a veteran of the World War. He was born at Troy, Pennsylvania, July 16, 1899, the son of Dr. George M. and Grace (Little) Decker.

A complete sketch of Dr. George M. Decker, of Owego, appears elsewhere in this history.

The early education of Dwight D. Decker was received in the public schools of Owego and in 1916 he was graduated from Owego Academy. He is also a graduate of Mercersburg (Pennsylvania) Academy and spent one year at Cornell University. In 1918 he enlisted in the U. S. Army for service in the World War and was sent to the officers training school at Camp Taylor, Kentucky, where he was commissioned second lieutenant of artillery. He received his discharge March 1, 1919, and now holds a commission in the U. S. Officers Reserve Corps. After his discharge Mr. Decker returned to Cornell University as a student of agriculture for two years. In 1921 he purchased the Ah-Wa-Ga Hotel property and the following year took over adjoining property in order to enlarge the hotel. The entire structure was completely remodeled in 1931 and is now thoroughly modern in every respect.

In 1922 Mr. Decker became the owner of Hiawatha Island in the Susquehanna River, near Owego, and he completely stocked the place with pure bred Guernsey cattle and hogs. Products from this fine farm keep Ah-Wa-Ga Hotel supplied with milk, dairy products, fruits, vegetables, and meats. Mr. Decker holds membership in the National Guernsey Breeders Association.

In 1921 Mr. Decker was united in marriage with Miss Lucille Baldwin of Owego, the daughter of Carson and Martha (Stewart)

Baldwin. Both were born at Painesville, Ohio. Mr. Baldwin died in 1926 and is buried at Owego. His widow resides here. Mr. and Mrs. Decker have no children.

Mr. Decker is a Republican, a member of the Episcopal Church, and belongs to the Owego Country Club, B. P. O. Elks, and Chamber of Commerce.

Louie H. Comstock is among the substantial citizens of Owego, where he has been superintendent of Evergreen Cemetery since 1913. He was born at Lovelton, Pennsylvania, July 31, 1869, the son of Elmer and Orpha (Hulbert) Comstock.

Elmer Comstock, a native of Pennsylvania, died in May, 1932. With the exception of ten years spent in the hotel business at Mehoopany, Pennsylvania, Mr. Comstock was interested in farming throughout his life. He held the offices of village supervisor, school director and auditor. His widow resides at Lovelton. Their children were: 1. Louie H., the subject of this sketch. 2. Pierce, lives at New Milford, Pennsylvania. 3. Anna, who died in 1928. 4. Lydia Laman, lives at Sayre, Pennsylvania. 5. Ada, lives at Lovelton.

Louie H. Comstock was reared and educated at Lovelton. He was employed for two years in the glass factories at Corning, New York, and also was associated with his father in the hotel business. For one year he was manager of the Wyoming House at Tunkhannock, Pennsylvania, and in 1903 came to Owego as manager of the Central House. Before his appointment as superintendent of Evergreen Cemetery he served as a member of the Owego police force.

In 1893 Mr. Comstock was united in marriage with Miss Catherine Carpenter of Tunkhannock, Pennsylvania, who died March 2, 1929. She was the daughter of Cort and Jane (Wiltsey) Carpenter. Mr. Carpenter died in 1892 and his wife died in 1894. They are buried at Tunkhannock, Pennsylvania. To Mr. and Mrs. Comstock were born two children: 1. Earl, born in 1894, died in 1903. 2. Harrison L., born in 1896, a graduate of Owego

Academy, lives at Elyria, Ohio. He married Miss Anne Collins, and they have a son, Harrison Comstock. 3. Catherine, born in 1898, married Judson Hulbert, lives at Owego. They have three children: Louis, Ruthanna, and Catherine. 4. Elmer, born in 1903, unmarried, lives at Owego. 5. Eleanor, twin sister of Elmer, married Ernest Dodd, lives at Owego. They have two sons, Elmer and William. 6. Harriet, born in 1906, married Joseph Emm, lives at Syracuse. They have a son, Joseph, Jr.

Mr. Comstock is a Republican and has served as school commissioner. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Leslie R. Fancher, who is proprietor of the Liberty Photo Company, at 34 Lake Street, is one of the enterprising young business men of Owego. He was born here, January 18, 1897, the son of John and Eleanora (White) Fancher.

John Fancher is deceased. He was born at Oneonta, New York, and his widow is a native of the town of Tioga, Tioga County. She now lives at Owego.

Leslie R. Fancher has always lived at Owego. He is a graduate of Owego Academy and studied electrical engineering. He then spent five years with the Commercial Motor Car Company as cost accountant, and in connection with that work he also did commercial photography for the concern. In 1922 Mr. Fancher established his own business at Owego. He has recently specialized in aerial photography.

On July 14, 1919, Mr. Fancher was united in marriage with Miss Rosalena M. Somers, of Elmira, the daughter of Eli T. and Anna (Russell) Kaley Somers. Mr. Somers, a native of Connecticut, died in 1926, and is buried at Owego. His widow was born in the town of Tioga and lives at Endicott. Mr. Somers was interested in the building and contracting business for a number of years at Warren, Pennsylvania, and later located at Endicott, New York, in the same business. He was a Republican and a trustee of the Methodist Church. By a former marriage Mrs. Somers had a son, Lester J., who lives at Binghamton. To Mr.

and Mrs. Somers were born the following children: 1. Budd Russell, who was killed in action during the World War, while serving at the front during the Argonne Drive, October 11, 1918. He is buried in France. 2. Rosalena M. Fancher. 3. Holmes W., lives at Endicott. 4. Howard A., lives at Apalachin, New York. 5. Lorin D., lives at Endicott. 6. Joseph N., lives at Endicott. 7. Leola Ruth Corwin, lives at Endicott.

Mr. Fancher is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Church, and is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge, Binghamton Consistory, thirty-second degree, Kalurah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., B. P. O. Elks, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Rotary Club, and Chamber of Commerce. His wife holds membership in the Order of the Eastern Star, of which she is Past Matron and Past Grand Officer of the State.

Archie N. Searles, who has spent his entire life in the town of Owego, is prominent throughout Tioga County, having served as sheriff and chief of police. He was born January 30, 1889, the son of Homer and Emma (Corbin) Searles.

Homer Searles, who died in 1912, was a native of the town of Owego. His wife was born at Warren Township, Bradford County, Pennsylvania, and died in 1921. They are buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Owego. Mr. Searles engaged in general farming and also owned and operated saw mills throughout the county. He was a Republican, and for eight years held the office of highway commissioner. He and his wife were members of the Methodist Church. They were the parents of three sons: 1. Carl, lives at Syracuse. 2. Archie N., the subject of this sketch. 3. Howard, lives at Owego.

Archie N. Searles is a graduate of the Owego public schools. After eight years in the employ of the Owego Bridge and Iron Company, he became a member of the Owego police force in January, 1914. In the following year he was made chief of police, in which capacity he served continuously until 1929. Mr. Searles was elected as sheriff of Tioga County in November, 1928, and for three years successfully filled that office.

On October 10, 1915, Mr. Searles married Miss Salinda Finch, of Owego, the daughter of Russell R. and Estella (Deyo) Finch. Both are natives of Owego. Mr. and Mrs. Searles have a daughter, Marian M., born at Owego in 1918.

Politically Mr. Searles is a Republican. He and his family are members of the Methodist Church, and he belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Tioga Sportsmen's Association. Mr. Searles and his family have traveled extensively and have recently completed an 8,000-mile motor trip through the southwest.

Lester S. Geer.—Numbered among the substantial business men of Waverly is Lester S. Geer, funeral director, whose establishment is located at 462 Fulton Street. He was born at Elmira, October 13, 1891, the son of Elmer E. and Anna R. (Smith) Geer.

Elmer E. Geer and his wife are natives of Owego and now reside at Elmira. He is a cabinetmaker by trade and has been thus employed at Elmira since 1892. Mr. Geer is a Republican, a member of the Baptist Church, and Independent Order of Odd Fellows. To Mr. and Mrs. Geer were born two children: 1. Lester S., the subject of this sketch. 2. Marguerite Van Noy, who died in 1920.

Lester S. Geer obtained his education in Elmira and is a graduate of Elmira Free Academy. He then entered Barnes College of Anatomy and Science of Embalming, and he is a graduate of Simmons School of Embalming at Syracuse. Mr. Geer was located with S. B. Hubbell & Son, funeral directors of Elmira, for three years, and in 1917 located at Waverly as manager of the Grumme Funeral Home. He served in that position until 1928, and has since conducted his own business in this city. He purchased the Hugh Brown estate, which was completely remodeled. It ranks as the city's leading undertaking establishment and maintains complete ambulance service.

In 1912 Mr. Geer married Miss Bertha L. June, of Elmira, a graduate of Elmira Free Academy, and Meeker's Business Insti-

tute. She is the daughter of Frank B. and Elvira (Stratton) June, natives of Canton, Pennsylvania. Mr. June died in 1920 and his widow lives in Elmira. Mr. and Mrs. Geer have a daughter, Marguerite L., student.

Politically Mr. Geer is a Republican. He and his family are members of the Methodist Church and he belongs to Waverly Lodge, No. 407, F. and A. M., past master; Waverly Chapter, No. 245, R. A. M.; Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Rotary Club; and Waverly Board of Trade. He is a member of Tri County Funeral Directors Association, New York State Embalmers Association, and the New York State Funeral Directors Association.

Elliott C. Woodford.—One of the better known young business men of Tioga County is Elliott C. Woodford, who is identified with the Woodford Pharmacy at 29 Lake Street, Owego. He was born here, May 16, 1897, the son of Charles G. and Anna May (Chitry) Woodford.

Charles G. Woodford, deceased, was a representative citizen of Owego. He was born on a farm near Candor, August 31, 1851, the son of George and Mary (Loring) Woodford. After his graduation from the district schools, he attended Lowell's Business College at Binghamton, and then located with the dry goods business of Gridley Brothers, at Amboy, Illinois. He was subsequently connected with the Knapp Dry Goods Company at Waverly, New York, and in January, 1886, entered the services of the First National Bank of Owego as bookkeeper. In 1895 he succeeded the late Francis E. Brockway as teller, and was made cashier of the institution August 3, 1915. Mr. Woodford was granted a leave of absence as cashier on account of ill health in 1926, and resigned during the following year. He died July 30, 1931, and is buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Owego. He was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church and belonged to B. P. O. Elks, Owego. Anna May (Chitry) Woodford was born at Owego and died there December 17, 1927. She was the daughter of Francis and Mary (Elliott) Chitry, and was born June 28, 1859. As a young woman she

taught school at Newark Valley, Union, and Owego. She compiled and published the first literary calendar in this section of the country. It contained famous quotations for each day of the year and its publication proved a successful undertaking for her. She was a well educated woman and possessed unusual business ability. She also became prominent in the social life of Tioga County and was a charter member of the "Women of 1915," an organization which had for its slogan "Preparedness, Protection and Peace." It was founded for the purpose of arousing women in America to the conditions and needs of the time. It was Mrs. Woodford who maintained that the word "peace" should be a part of the club's watchword. In the fall of 1919 she was elected a member of the Board of Governors of the New York City Euphony Society, an organization formed during that year for the purpose of elevating the standard of American music, as well as to afford the music lovers of New York City and vicinity with an opportunity of hearing famous artists in public concert work. She was also a member of the Mary Arden Shakespeare Club of New York City, which had an exclusive membership of twenty-four. She was active in the state and national work of the Federation of Women's Clubs and had traveled extensively in this country and abroad. Her sisters were: Stella E. and Clara E. Chitry of Owego; and Mrs. Fred M. Curtis of Roseburg, Oregon.

The only child born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Woodford was Elliott C., the subject of this sketch.

Elliott C. Woodford is a graduate of Owego Academy and New York Military Academy at Cornwall. In 1920 he engaged in business in Owego as proprietor of the Woodford Pharmacy, which he had purchased from Walter B. Partridge.

In 1921 Mr. Woodford married Miss Mary Chubb, of Rome, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Ward and Minerva (Sibley) Chubb, natives of Illinois and Pennsylvania, respectively. They located at Owego in 1902, and still reside in the village. Their children were: 1. Helen, married William Halstead, lives at Owego. 2. William, lives at Kenville, New Jersey. 3. Harry, lives at Owego. 4. Mary Woodford. 5. Mildred, married Charles Ballou. 6. Sibley, lives at Owego. 7. Dorothy, married Harold Mercereau, lives

at Endicott. 8. Alice, lives in New York City. 9. Beatrice, a nurse, lives at Syracuse. Mr. and Mrs. Woodford have no children.

Mr. Woodford is a Republican and served as a member of the village board during 1923-24. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and belongs to B. P. O. Elks, and Tioga County Sportsmen's Association. Mr. Woodford is an ardent fisherman and hunter, and is the owner of a summer home on Hiawatha Island, near Owego.

John Holland Johnson, who died June 28, 1931, was for many years identified with the financial interests of the city of Penn Yan as president of the Citizens Bank. He was born at Canandaigua, New York, August 2, 1853, the son of Daniel C. and Mary (Billings) Johnson.

Daniel C. Johnson was born in Delaware County, Pennsylvania, in 1809. He was a wagon maker by trade and spent the greater part of his life at Canandaigua, where he had settled in 1847. He was married in that year to Miss Mary Billings, the daughter of William Billings, a pioneer of Canandaigua. They had five children, of whom John Holland, subject of this sketch, was the third in order of birth.

John Holland Johnson was a graduate of Canandaigua Academy and attended Hobart College, at Geneva. He then read law in the offices of William H. Smith, of Canandaigua, and was admitted to the bar in 1875. Mr. Johnson was then associated in practice with Frank H. Hamlin, of Canandaigua. He came to Penn Yan about 1870 where he formed a partnership with John F. Andrews and Augustus Franklin, under the firm name of Andrews & Johnson. They engaged in the real estate and loan business until 1899, at which time Mr. Johnson became interested in the organization of the Citizens Bank of Penn Yan, being associated with Henry M. Parmele, now president of the Hamlin National Bank, of Holcomb, New York; Frank H. Hamlin, of Canandaigua, John F. Andrews, John A. Underwood, Fred H. Lynn, and Lorimer Ogden, all of Penn Yan; and Howard L. Woodruff, of Dundee.

The institution was chartered under the laws of the State of New York, April 19, 1899, with Mr. Johnson as president and John A. Underwood as cashier. Mr. Johnson continued in that capacity until the time of his death. He is buried in Lakeview Cemetery, Penn Yan.

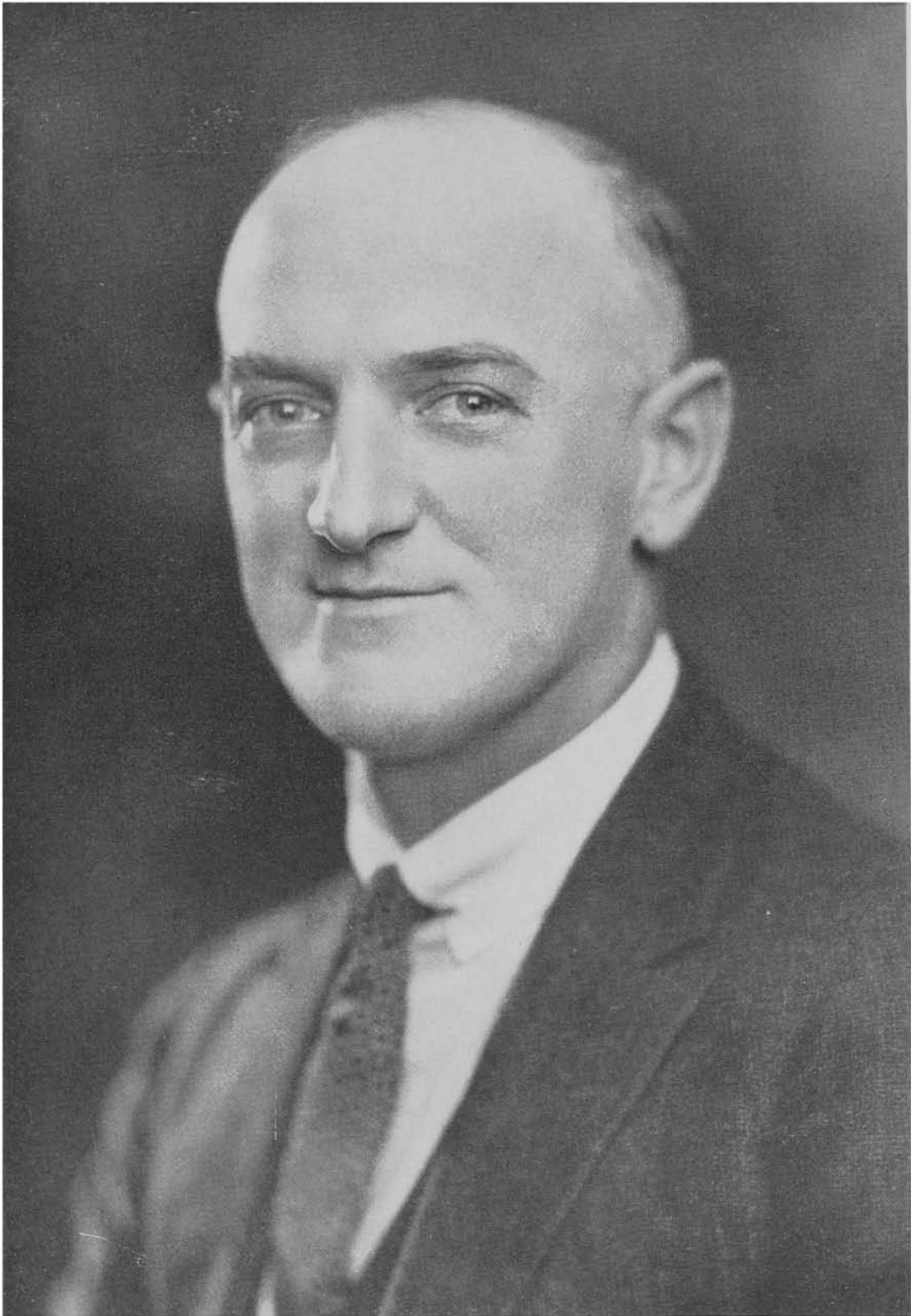
On May 29, 1889, Mr. Johnson married Miss Laura Leach Parmele, the daughter of Hiram Taft Parmele, of Canandaigua. Laura L. (Parmele) Johnson died October 11, 1911, and is buried in Lake View Cemetery. To Mr. and Mrs. Johnson were born two children: 1. Parmele, born May 19, 1893. He is a graduate of Penn Yan Academy and attended Williams College. He entered the services of the Citizens Bank in 1914 and is now secretary of the board of directors and cashier and director of the bank. He was married June 21, 1917, to Miss Mabel E. MacGinness, the daughter of Franklin P. and Hanna D. MacGinness, of Lancaster County, Virginia. They have two daughters, Laura Parmele, and Catherine Dix. He served during the World War, being stationed at Camp Meade, Maryland, and Camp Sheridan, Alabama. He was in Camp Headquarters Detachment, Personnel Division. He was honorably discharged with the rank of sergeant, February 25, 1919. 2. Elizabeth Westcott, born August 28, 1895, a graduate of Penn Yan Academy and Miss Madiera's School for Girls, in Washington, D. C., class of 1915. She received the degree of Bachelor of Arts at Vassar College in 1919 and is the wife of William N. Page, who is identified with the Boston (Massachusetts) offices of the Standard Vacuum Oil Company. They live at Lincoln, Massachusetts, and have a son, William N., Jr.

Mr. Johnson was a prominent member of the First Presbyterian Church, being secretary of the board of trustees for thirty years. He was also a trustee of the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hospital of Yates County at Penn Yan, and trustee of Keuka College for many years. He served as a member of the board of education of Penn Yan and also was village trustee. His son, Parmele Johnson, also holds membership in the First Presbyterian Church, and has been clerk of the session during the past six years. He is secretary of the Yates County Geneological and Historical Society, and is a member of the Board of Directors of Guertha Pratt Home for Aged Women at Penn Yan.

Edward A. Frank.—One of Cayuga County's most dependable citizens and best known business men is Edward A. Frank, funeral director, of Union Springs. He was born at Newark Valley, Tioga County, New York, February 28, 1887, the son of Charles and Clara (Seymour) Frank.

Charles Frank was born at Albany, New York. He was a jeweler by trade and as a young man he conducted a business at Greene, New York, and later at Newark Valley. On account of ill health, however, he was obliged to dispose of his interests, and after a time he became a traveling representative of a specialty branch of the International Harvester Company. He was retired at the time of his death in December, 1931. He is buried at Newark Valley. His widow resides at Seneca Falls, New York. Mr. Frank was a lifelong Republican and held the offices of mayor, fire chief, and school director. He was an active member of the Presbyterian Church, and belonged to Newark Valley Lodge F. & A. M., and Salem Town Chapter, R. A. M. To Mr. and Mrs. Frank were born four children: 1. Fannie Elizabeth, married C. D. Place, lives at Houston, Texas. 2. Helena Kinney, married Dr. Harold E. Foster, lives at Boise, Idaho. 3. Ethel Seymour, married Harry V. Parker, lives at Seneca Falls, New York. 4. Edward A., the subject of this sketch.

Edward A. Frank grew up at Newark Valley and was graduated from the public schools there in 1905. The following year he was graduated from Albany Business College. He became an accountant with the American Locomotive Company, at Schenectady, New York, later was identified with the Gould Pump Company, at Seneca Falls, and the Wescott Rule Company, of Seneca Falls. In September, 1917, Mr. Frank enlisted in the Ordnance Corps, U. S. Army, and was sent to Erie, Pennsylvania, in charge of government contracts at the American Brakeshoe Company. Later, he was located in the same capacity at Dayton, Ohio, with the Maxwell Motor Car Company, and subsequently at Detroit, Michigan. He was discharged as chief field accountant on November 28, 1919. Mr. Frank then returned to Seneca Falls and assisted H. P. Wescott in the organization of the Wescott Valve Company, of which he became secretary and treasurer. He later



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attended the Syracuse School of Embalming and was graduated from that institution in September, 1925. He became a registered practitioner in the same year and at that time purchased the undertaking business of Oliver S. Brown, at Union Springs. This pioneer funeral home has been in existence for more than a century. It has been modernly equipped by Mr. Frank and has a chapel in connection with the establishment.

In September, 1908, Mr. Frank married Miss Mary Elizabeth Mead, a native of England, the daughter of John and Rebecca (Barnacoe) Mead. Both were born in England and are now residents of Rome, New York, where he is identified with the Rome Brass & Copper Company. Mr. and Mrs. Frank are the parents of two children: 1. Elizabeth Germaine, a graduate of Union Springs High School, now a student nurse in the Rochester General Hospital. 2. Ralph Edward, a student.

Mr. Frank is a Republican and has held the office of mayor as well as school director. His lodge affiliations are: Warren Lodge No. 147, F. & A. M., Master; Union Springs Chapter No. 179, R. A. M., Past High Priest; Salem Town Commandery, K. T., No. 16; Damascus Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; Frontenac Lodge No. 52, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and the Grange. He has also been a director of the Board of Trade.

Matthew William Black.—Active and progressive in the business affairs of Geneva, where he is manager of the Geneva Refrigerating Corporation, Mr. Black takes a prominent part in the fraternal and civic life of the community. He was born at Rochester, New York, May 29, 1887, the son of Matthew William and Amelia M. (Lederman) Black.

Matthew William Black, deceased, was born in 1824 and died in October, 1887. He was a native of Warsaw, New York. His first wife died in early life and Mr. Black was married (second) in 1885 to Miss Amelia M. Lederman, who was the daughter of a prominent custom tailor at Rochester, New York. To this union only one child was born, Matthew William, the subject of this

sketch. Amelia M. (Lederman) Black died in 1916 and is buried in the Catholic Cemetery at Rochester.

The boyhood of Matthew William Black was spent in Rochester and Chili, New York, where he attended the public schools. He also was graduated in 1904 from the A. M. Chesborough Seminary, and in 1907 he engaged in business at Chili Station as the manager of a wholesale produce business. He continued there for two years and then was employed as field representative for the R. H. Pennington & Company, of Evansville, Indiana, wholesale fruit and produce dealers. This business extended throughout the entire country east of the Mississippi River, and Mr. Black was identified with that concern for six years. He then organized the Pennington-Black Company at Geneva in 1915. They are car lot shippers of fruits and produce and operate from Seneca Castle, New York, at the present time. Mr. Black was one of the founders of the Geneva Refrigerating Corporation in 1923 and since 1926 has been manager of the business.

Mr. Black was married August 3, 1908, to Miss Nettie Eva Meyer, the daughter of Phillip Meyer, of Rochester, New York. They have a daughter, Jeannette Louise, born January 31, 1916. She attends Geneva High School.

Politically, Mr. Black is a Republican. He is an active member of the Leesburg Lodge No. 58, F. & A. M., Leesburg, Florida; B. P. O. Elks, Rotary Club, Geneva Country Club, and Geneva Rod and Gun Club. He also has been president of the Geneva Chamber of Commerce for four years. Mrs. Black is a prominent member of the German Lutheran Church.

Thomas Warner Windnagle, who is vice president of Guile & Windnagle, Inc., is among Penn Yan's most representative business men. He was born at Prattsburg, Steuben County, March 21, 1872, the son of Jonas Early and Mildred Jane (Smith) Windnagle.

Jonas Early Windnagle was a native of New York, born at Gorham, Ontario County, in 1827. Throughout his life he was

interested in general farming in Central New York. He died in 1917 and is buried at Prattsburg. Mr. Windnagle was married March 20, 1863, to Miss Millie Jane Smith of Ontario County. They were the parents of seven children, of whom the youngest was Thomas Warner, the subject of this sketch. After the death of his first wife in 1872, Jonas Early Windnagle was married November 4, 1874, to Miss Adelaide Andrus, of Yates County. They had one son.

Thomas W. Windnagle received his early education in the public schools of Prattsburg and attended Franklin Academy. He was a teacher in the district schools for one term, and at the same time also assisted his father in farming. As a young man he became interested in the growing of grapes on Keuka Lake in Yates County, and in 1896 he became associated in business with his brother-in-law, Charles E. Guile, as owners of the basket manufacturing business. The business was incorporated in 1921 with C. E. Guile as president, Thomas Warner Windnagle, vice president and Miss Ella B. Hunt, secretary and treasurer.

On December 26, 1894, Mr. Windnagle was united in marriage with Miss Martha B. Fenton, the daughter of George W. and Martha Ann Fenton, of Barrington, New York. Their son, Dewey Fenton Windnagle was born June 18, 1898. He was graduated from Penn Yan Academy in 1916, attended Cornell University for three years, and is now a radio and electrical engineer. He married Miss Alice Bailey and has a daughter, Shirley Martha Windnagle. During the World War Mr. Windnagle served with the rank of first lieutenant. In 1916 Mr. and Mrs. Windnagle adopted a ten year old girl, Paula. She is a graduate of Penn Yan Academy and Mansfield (Pennsylvania) State Teachers College, and is now a teacher in the Corning, New York, public schools.

Mr. Windnagle is a Republican and during the past six years has held the office of mayor of Penn Yan. He had previously served as village trustee for three years and had been a member of the Board of Education for twelve years. He has been deacon of the Baptist Church since 1912, and is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His wife

is identified with the Daughters of the American Revolution, and is treasurer of Gu-Ya-No-Ga Chapter at Penn Yan.

Mr. Windnagle is a member of the American Veneer Package Association, and president of the New York State Basket Makers Association. He is also a member of the Rotary Club.

George Washington (Finton) Fenton, deceased, was a leading citizen of Penn Yan and founder of the business which is now nationally known as Guile & Windnagle, Inc., of Penn Yan. He was born in the town of Barrington, Yates County, New York, December 3, 1835, the son of Joseph Swegal and Emerancy (Gleason) Fenton.

Joseph Swegal Fenton was born in Seneca County, September 19, 1800. His father was Joseph Fenton, who was born in Dutchess County, New York, in 1760. The latter was a soldier during the Revolutionary War and served as a member of General Washington's staff. He participated in the battles of Stony Point and Bergen Point, and was present at the execution of Major André, a spy, who was found guilty in connection with the treason plot of Benedict Arnold. Joseph Fenton died October 23, 1851, and is buried in the Fenton burial grounds at Barrington, Yates County. He was married first in 1781 to Miss Margaret Swegal, and to them were born eleven children, of whom Joseph S., father of the subject, was the seventh in order of birth. Joseph Fenton was married the second time to Thankful Gillett, born 1774. She died March 26, 1850. Joseph S. Fenton married first October 7, 1821, to Miss Mary Porter of Tompkins County, New York. She was born January 10, 1801, and died July 16, 1825. They were the parents of two children. Joseph S. Fenton was married, second, on November 14, 1832, to Miss Emerancy Gleason, a native of Seneca County, and to them were born eight children, George Washington, the subject of this sketch, being the second.

George Washington Fenton attended the district schools of the town of Barrington, Yates County, New York, and in 1867 he purchased a farm of Stephen Egelston on the east shore of Keuka

Lake, near Barrington, where he planted an extensive vineyard. In connection with his grape business he also established a box factory to manufacture containers in order to properly market his grapes. Mr. Fenton was active in business until his death. He resided in Penn Yan until the time of his death, May 19, 1913. He is buried in Lake View Cemetery, Penn Yan.

On October 16, 1859, Mr. Fenton married Miss Martha Ann Bailey, of Barrington, the daughter of Samuel F. and Martha Ann (Wright) Bailey. To Mr. and Mrs. Fenton were born three daughters: 1. Mary, born February 17, 1861, married Fred Crosby, hotel proprietor, at Penn Yan. 2. Hattie, born August 10, 1862, married Charles E. Guile, of Guile & Windnagle. 3. Martha Bailey, born August 1, 1876, married T. Warner Windnagle, of Guile & Windnagle, Inc. Mrs. Guile and Mrs. Windnagle are members of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Charles George Hetherington.—As superintendent of city schools in Penn Yan, Charles George Hetherington occupies a position of prominence in the educational affairs of Central New York. He is a native of New York, born at Alpine, March 9, 1894, the son of Miles Rumsey and Grace (Denmark) Hetherington.

Miles Rumsey Hetherington was born at Enfield, Tompkins County, March 19, 1867. During his early life he engaged in farming but since 1900 has been a rural mail carrier. He was married in 1892 to Miss Grace Denmark, the daughter of Nathan S. and Eunice Denmark, of Alpine. Nathan Denmark has had extensive flour and lumber interests for many years. To Mr. and Mrs. Hetherington were born two children, of whom Charles G., the subject, was the oldest.

Charles George Hetherington acquired his early education in the public schools of Alpine and Cazenovia Seminary. He is also a graduate of Cook Academy at Montour Falls, and in 1911 entered Colgate University from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1915. During the following two years he was an instructor in chemistry at Pennsylvania State College, and

retired from the teaching profession in March, 1917, to enlist in the regular army. He went to France in August, 1917 as sergeant of the First Gas Regiment, and remained in service until after the close of the war, also being in Germany with the Army of Occupation. He also was an instructor in the army corps schools. In May, 1919, Mr. Hetherington became interested in Harstrom School, a private school for boys at Norwalk, Connecticut. He remained there until January 1, 1926, at which time he located in Elmira as assistant superintendent of schools. He has been superintendent of city schools at Penn Yan since 1928. After graduate work at Pennsylvania State College he received the degree of Master of Science in 1917, and is taking a course for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at New York University.

On September 24, 1919, Mr. Hetherington was united in marriage with Miss Anna Couch, the daughter of Charles and Mary Couch, of Odessa, New York. They are the parents of three children: 1. Virginia, born April 9, 1921. 2. Mary Grace, born March 20, 1923. 3. Harvey Couch, born June 11, 1926.

Mr. Hetherington is a member of the Episcopal Church, and belongs to the Masonic Lodge, American Legion, Rotary Club, American Chemical Society, Phi Delta Theta, Phi Delta Kappa, and Pi Delta Epsilon fraternities. He also is identified with the National Department of School Superintendents, New York Department of School Superintendents, and Finger Lakes Council of School Men. He was president of the latter organization during 1931.

Charles Elbert Guile.—A leading citizen of Penn Yan, widely known throughout Central New York, is Charles Elbert Guile, who is president of Guile & Windnagle, Inc. He was born at Milo, Yates County, April 7, 1862, the son of Perry Allen and Celicia (Lawrence) Guile.

Perry Allen Guile was born near Ithaca, August 7, 1828. He was a farmer throughout his life and died April 29, 1922. He is buried at Milo Cemetery. Mr. Guile was married January 22, 1851, to Celicia Lawrence, born May 15, 1827, and died June 27,

1906. She was a daughter of William and Polly (Mackey) Lawrence. They were natives of Dutchess County, New York.

Charles Elbert Guile attended Penn Yan Academy. At an early age he purchased a vineyard at Crosby, New York. In 1883 he acquired an interest in a basket manufacturing business, which had been owned by George W. Fenton, and in 1896 Mr. Guile became associated with Thomas Warner Windnagle in the enterprise. Ten years later they purchased the basket manufacturing plant of S. L. Pratt, at Penn Yan, and they operated it in connection with their original factory. The business was incorporated in 1921 with Mr. Guile as president, Mr. Windnagle as vice-president, and Miss Ella B. Hunt, secretary and treasurer. The company employs approximately fifty people, and operates throughout the year. In 1912 they built a factory at Gaines, Pennsylvania, which was operated until 1932, when it was moved to Penn Yan. Their products are sold in New England, New York, Pennsylvania and Maryland.

On December 1, 1881, Mr. Guile was united in marriage with Miss Hattie Fenton, the daughter of George W. and Martha Ann (Bailey) Fenton, of Barrington, New York. To Mr. and Mrs. Guile were born two daughters: 1. Ruth E., born August 1, 1895. She attended Penn Yan Academy and Monticello Seminary for Girls, at Godfrey, Illinois, and was graduated at Syracuse University, class of 1920. She has taken graduate work in Fine Arts at Mechanics Institute, Rochester, New York. She lives at home. 2. Esther Alene, born June 13, 1898, a graduate of Penn Yan Academy. She attended Syracuse University for two years, New England Conservatory of Music, and Columbia University. She married David Bruce Ayers, and lives at Geneva. They have two sons, David Bruce, Jr., and Charles Fenton.

Mr. Guile is an independent Republican. He is an active member of the Baptist Church, of which he has served as trustee for twenty-two years and president of the board for eighteen years. He is also chairman of the executive committee of the board of trustees of Keuka College, of which he has been trustee since its reorganization in 1921. He had previously served as trustee for four years. He is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge, Independent

Order of Odd Fellows, Grange, and Farm Bureau. His wife is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, her great-grandfather, Joseph Fenton, having served throughout the Revolution. He is buried at Barrington, New York. Miss Ruth Guile holds membership in the American Association of University Women, there being a local chapter at Penn Yan. She is organizing president of the Children of the American Revolution, and both daughters are members of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Harry Montgomery Putnam.—Numbered among the most representative business men of Penn Yan is Harry M. Putnam, who is president of the Citizens Bank. He was born at Starkey, Yates County, October 14, 1886, the son of Dennis H. and Estella M. (McCloud) Putnam.

Dennis H. Putnam, who died February 12, 1932, was a highly esteemed citizen of Yates County. He was born at Starkey, December 25, 1862, the son of Peter G. Putnam, who was a native of Wayne, Steuben County. The latter came to the Finger Lakes region with his parents more than a century ago. Estella M. (McCloud) Putnam, who resides at Penn Yan, is the daughter of Montgomery McCloud, a pioneer farmer of Yates County. The only child born to Mr. and Mrs. Dennis H. Putnam was Harry Montgomery, the subject of this sketch.

Harry M. Putnam attended the public schools of Starkey and is a graduate of Starkey Seminary and Rochester Business Institute. On June 15, 1908, he returned to his father's farm in Yates County, but after a short time entered the services of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, at Starkey, as a clerk in the freight offices. He then came to Penn Yan in July, 1909, and at that time entered the Citizens Bank in a clerical capacity. Through steady advancement he was bookkeeper, teller, and cashier of the institution, and was elected president of the bank in July, 1931, to succeed the late John H. Johnson, who died June 28, 1931.

Mr. Putnam is a Democrat. He holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church, of Penn Yan, and is affiliated with

the Masonic and Elk Lodges. He also holds membership in the Rotary Club, Lakeside Country Club and Isaac Walton League.

Mr. Putnam is unmarried and lives with his mother at 303 Main Street, Penn Yan.

Fred Crosby.—As proprietor of the Pennsylvania Hotel, at Penn Yan, Fred Crosby is numbered among the dependable citizens and progressive business men of Yates County. He was born at Barrington, Yates County, September 6, 1860, the son of Joseph F. and Lois (Swarthout) Crosby.

Joseph F. Crosby, who died in 1903, was a native of Yates County. He was born December 15, 1825, the son of Peter H. Crosby, who was born in Putnam County, New York, in 1800. The latter was a farmer and died at Barrington, New York, in 1870. To Joseph F. and Lois (Swarthout) Crosby were born two sons, Edmond and Fred. Joseph F. Crosby owned some of the finest vineyards on Lake Keuka, and was interested in the growing of grapes throughout his life. He was a prominent Republican and served as sheriff of Yates County during 1864-65-66, as well as county clerk for six years. He was also village supervisor. He was affiliated with the Masonic Lodge.

The earliest settlement in America by the Crosby family was made by Simeon Crosby, who came to this country from England in 1634 and settled at Boston, Massachusetts.

Fred Crosby attended the public schools of Barrington, and for many years he spent his career as a grape grower, being the owner of seventy-five acres in vineyard at one time or the largest individual grower of grapes on Keuka Lake. For forty-three years Mr. Crosby was thus engaged, and in 1925 he sold his interests and located at Dundee, where he was interested in business for a time. In October, 1926, he came to Penn Yan and purchased the Pennsylvania Hotel, with which he has since been connected.

On December 22, 1880, Mr. Crosby was united in marriage with Miss Mary Fenton, the eldest daughter of George W. Fenton, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this history. To Mr.

and Mrs. Crosby were born two sons. 1. George W., born November 6, 1891, a graduate of Penn Yan Academy, attended Cornell University, and is now identified with the Delco lighting system of Penn Yan. He is also city mail carrier. He married Alice Pulver and has three children: Edgar J., Margaret E., and Calvin George. The family lives at 213 East Elm Street. 2. Joseph F., born September 19, 1893, a graduate of Penn Yan Academy and Cornell University, class of 1915, degree of Doctor of Veterinary Medicine. He later took graduate work at Carlisle, Pennsylvania, and Washington, D. C., and in July, 1917, enlisted in the regular United States Army for service in the World War. After the armistice he continued in the service and now holds the rank of major in the Regular Army, being stationed at Tientsin, China.

Mr. Crosby is a Republican, a member of the Baptist Church of Penn Yan, and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Maccabees and Grange.

George Remsen Kinne, D. D. S.—One of the able young professional men of Yates County is Dr. George R. Kinne, of Penn Yan. He was born here June 13, 1899, the son of Remsen and Frances Elizabeth (Cornwell) Kinne.

Remsen Kinne was born at Ovid, New York, January 26, 1860, and spent practically all of his life at Penn Yan, where he was interested in the insurance and retail coal business. He died April 10, 1932, and is buried in Lake View Cemetery, Penn Yan. He was married in 1880 to Frances Elizabeth Cornwell, the daughter of George R. Cornwell, of Penn Yan, who was for a number of years a member of the New York General Assembly. He also was postmaster of Penn Yan. Frances E. (Cornwell) Kinne died August 11, 1923. To Mr. and Mrs. Kinne were born six children, of whom George R., the subject of this sketch, was the fourth in order of birth.

Remsen Kinne was the son of Silas and Matilda (Meserole) Kinne. He was born at Ovid in 1838 and died in 1918. The founder of the Kinne family (Kine) was Henry Kinne, who came to this

country from Holland in 1636. He had a family of eighteen children.

George Remsen Kinne is a graduate of Penn Yan Academy, class of 1918. In that year he enlisted for service during the World War and served in the United States Army until the close of the war. He then entered the Dental School of the University of Buffalo, from which he received a degree in 1923. He then established his present practice at Penn Yan in September, with offices at 111½ Main Street. He is a member of the New York State Dental Association, Seventh District.

On August 18, 1923, Dr. Kinne was united in marriage with Miss Barbara Tobey, the daughter of William Tobey, of Naples, New York. She is a graduate of Beaver (Pennsylvania) College, and before her marriage was a teacher of Home Economics in the public schools of Elmira. Doctor and Mrs. Kinne have a daughter, Nancy Jane, born December 2, 1924.

Politically, Doctor Kinne is a Republican. He holds membership in the Presbyterian Church, Ni Psi Phi fraternity, Barrettonian Society, and American Legion. He and his family reside at 319 Clinton Street, Penn Yan.

Walter Bowman Tower, who is successfully engaged in the real estate and insurance business at Penn Yan, is a native of Pennsylvania. He was born at Factoryville, Wyoming County, March 2, 1871, the son of Rev. Charles Miller and Mary Ellen (Sainter) Tower.

Rev. Charles Miller Tower was a minister of the Baptist Church. He was born at West Lennox, Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania, June 19, 1844, and died September 9, 1913. On March 12, 1864, he married Miss Mary Ellen Sainter, the daughter of William J. and Polly Sainter, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. They were the parents of eight children. Charles Miller Tower was the son of Rev. Rial Tower, who was a prominent minister of the Baptist Church in Pennsylvania. He was identified with the

West Lennox parish as pastor for many years and personally donated the land upon which the present Tower Baptist Church is located. Another gift is the cemetery, which bears his name, at West Lennox. He died in 1878. His father was Capt. Nathaniel Tower who served throughout the Revolutionary War. He was a farmer and died at West Lennox in 1839. He is also buried in Tower Cemetery.

Walter Bowman Tower acquired his education in the public schools of Factoryville, Pennsylvania, and also attended the private school of Prof. John Kline at Dundee. He began his business career as a clerk in a general store at Dundee, and in 1891 located at Penn Yan where he spent four years in the Lown Dry Goods Company. He then went to Elmira in 1895 and after three years with Sheehan, Dean & Company he returned to Penn Yan in 1898 as general agent for the Connecticut General Life Insurance Company of Hartford, Connecticut. Mr. Tower also engaged in the clothing business in this city for nine years and in 1902 was elected supervisor of the town of Milo, which office he held for eight years, being chairman of the board during two years. Since 1910 Mr. Tower has been interested in the real estate and insurance business with offices at 109 Main Street. He is a representative of the Cooperative Insurance Companies of New York.

On June 14, 1899, Mr. Tower was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Shearman, the daughter of Abram C. Shearman, of Penn Yan. They have no children.

Mr. Tower is a member of the Penn Yan Chamber of Commerce, of which he served as president from 1920 until 1925. During that time the local membership was increased from fifty to 385 members. Numerous manufacturing plants were also induced to locate in Penn Yan, and at this time the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hospital also became a reality.

Mr. Tower is a Republican, a member of the Masonic Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, B. P. O. Elks, Order of Red Men, Maccabees, Rotary Club, and Lakeside Country Club. He is also active in Boy Scout work in the community and for two years was president of the Finger Lakes Council.

Orville F. Randolph is a native of Yates County and a well known lawyer of Penn Yan, where he has also been Justice of the Peace since 1916. He was born at Torrey, August 22, 1855, the son of Jephtha F. and Melissa (Kress) Randolph.

Jephtha F. Randolph was born at Torrey in 1835. He was a farmer and merchant and lived most of his life at Dundee and Penn Yan. During the Civil War, Mr. Randolph served as post-master of Himrod, New York. He died February 10, 1925, and is buried at Dundee. On November 20, 1854, Mr. Randolph married Miss Melissa Kress, the daughter of Isaac Kress, of Yates County. They had three children, of whom Orville F., subject of this sketch, was the oldest.

Jephtha F. Randolph was the son of David F. Randolph, who was born in Orange County, New York, July 7, 1800. At the age of nine years the latter came to Yates County with his parents. His father was Jephtha F. Randolph, a native of New Jersey, born in 1769.

Orville F. Randolph received his early education in the district schools and in 1873 was graduated from Starkey Seminary. He then entered Oberlin College but the following year left school to read law in the offices of Spicer & Baker, of Dundee, New York. Later he was connected with the firm of Briggs & Knox, of Penn Yan, and was admitted to the bar in June, 1877. Mr. Randolph then established a private practice at Dundee, but after a short time he became identified with James Spicer. He located at Penn Yan in 1882 and remained here in practice until 1900, being associated during 1885-6-7 with Calvin J. Huson. In 1900 Mr. Randolph went to Buffalo and later to Newton, Iowa. He spent three years in the latter city, four years at Seattle, Washington, and four years at St. Louis, Missouri. He then returned to Penn Yan and since 1914 has engaged in practice here. During 1885-86 he served as clerk of the board of supervisors of Yates County. During his residence at Dundee he was also justice of the peace there.

On April 3, 1882, Mr. Randolph married Miss Hattie Sherman, the daughter of Charles Sherman. Their daughter, Helen, born at Penn Yan, February 4, 1886, is a graduate of the public schools of Penn Yan and Newton, Iowa. She married Rev. Cameron S.

Morrison, a minister of the Episcopal Church, who died August 2, 1922, at Seattle, Washington. They had a son, Cameron S., Jr. Mrs. Morrison married (second) Harold F. Tuthill, and lives at Rochester, New York.

Mr. Randolph is a Republican, an active member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, and is affiliated with Milo Lodge, F. and A. M., past master; Penn Yan Chapter, R. A. M., past high priest; he was appointed in 1889 representative of the Grand Chapter of the State of California, near the Grand Chapter of the State of New York; Jerusalem Commandery, K. T., past commander; and Corning Consistory, 32nd degree. He also belongs to the Yates County Bar Association and Yates County Agricultural Society, having served as secretary of the latter organization.

Frank Edward Monnin.—Well known among the representative young business men of Penn Yan is Frank Edward Monnin, who is president of the Keuka Ice Company, and a member of the firm of Fiero & Monnin, coal dealers. He was born at Buffalo, New York, June 16, 1894, the son of Paul and Elizabeth (Stadt-miller) Monnin.

Paul Monnin was born at Frenchtown, Pennsylvania, in 1860. He spent many years in the employ of the New York Central Railroad Company as a locomotive engineer and now lives retired in Buffalo. He was married in 1882 to Miss Elizabeth Stadtmiller, of Titusville, Pennsylvania. They had five children, of whom Frank Edward was the youngest.

After his graduation from Buffalo High School in 1911, Frank Edward Monnin entered the offices of the Mutual Transit Company as a clerk in the Buffalo offices. After three years he became associated with the Great Lakes Transit Company, and assisted in the organization of the freight traffic department, being in charge of divisional rates, etc. He remained in the latter position until 1917 and in that year enlisted for service in the World War. He served in the United States Navy and throughout the World War period was assigned to duty in aviation operations

with headquarters at Washington, D. C. After the close of the war he was assigned to the naval reserves and received his final discharge in 1921. Upon his return to Buffalo Mr. Monnin became assistant commissioner of the Industrial Aid Bureau, and after a year located with the Standard Foundry Company and Frontier Iron Works as traffic manager. Mr. Monnin organized the traffic department of the Dunlop Tire & Rubber Company of Buffalo, and was in charge of the department for eight months. He came to Penn Yan in 1921 as production manager of the Niagara Wallboard Company, and in the following year became associated with John A. Fiero, who for many years had been a leading wholesale and retail coal dealer at Penn Yan. The partnership continued until the death of Mr. Fiero in 1928, at which time Mr. Monnin acquired full control of the business, although he retained the firm name. In 1930 he assumed the controlling interest in the Keuka Ice Company and on January 1, 1931, was elected president.

On October 12, 1921, Mr. Monnin married Miss Florence M. Fiero, the daughter of John Aspell Fiero. They have two children: Harry Fiero, born March 3, 1923. 2. Virginia Ann, born June 13, 1925. Mrs. Monnin is a graduate of the Mechanics Institute at Rochester, New York. Her father, who died June 11, 1928, was a descendant of Christian Fiero, who was a soldier during the American Revolution. The family had come to America from Italy in 1708, making the voyage with a company of Dutch colonists. Christian Fiero was buried at Saugerties, New York. He was the father of Abram Post Fiero, who came to Ontario County, New York, in 1820 and settled on a farm south of Flint. The latter's son was John Christian Fiero, who became widely known throughout New York as a breeder of sheep. He is buried at Milo Center, Yates County, New York. His son, John A. Fiero, mentioned above, was the father of Florence M. Monnin. He spent more than a quarter of a century in the coal business at Penn Yan and for many years had served as superintendent of highways in Yates County.

Mr. Monnin is a Republican, a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church, and belongs to the Knights of Columbus, and Lake-

side Country Club. He was one of the organizers of the Exchange Club, of which he served as president for two terms. In 1928 he was elected as a member of the Board of Directors of the New York Coal Merchants Association, and in the following year became a member of the executive committee. He has also been a director of the Coal Merchants Mutual Insurance Company of New York, and in 1931 was appointed a member of the National Transportation Commission of American Coal Merchants Association. In the latter capacity he represented the association before the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Mr. Monnin is active in the affairs of the American Legion and has served as Yates County commissioner for Veterans' Relief.

Mrs. Monnin holds membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution.

N. Lansing Zabriskie.—For more than half a century one of Aurora's most influential and public spirited citizens was N. Lansing Zabriskie, lawyer and banker. He died in this city, November 12, 1926. Mr. Zabriskie was born at Flatbush, Long Island, February 18, 1838, the son of Dr. John Barrea and Abbie (Lott) Zabriskie.

Dr. John Barrea Zabriskie was an eminent physician and surgeon during the early history of Brooklyn, New York, where he is buried. He was of Dutch descent.

N. Lansing Zabriskie received his early education at Erasmus Hall Academy and in 1857 was graduated from Union College with Phi Beta Kappa honors and in 1916 he was awarded the degree of L. H. D. from the same institution. Mr. Zabriskie studied law at Columbia University and was admitted to the bar in Brooklyn, New York, in 1861. Six years later he established a private practice at Aurora, with which he was successfully identified until the time of his death. For a number of years Mr. Zabriskie was actively associated with the affairs of Wells College in Aurora, of which he was president of the Board of Trustees, and he was a trustee of Cayuga Lake Academy. The latter was united



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with the local public school system a number of years ago. Mr. Zabriskie was president of the Aurora National Bank for many years, and was also president of the Park Company, of New York City, and a director of the Southern States Lumber Company.

Mr. Zabriskie married (first) Miss Louise F. Morgan, of Aurora, who died in 1906. Their children were: Alonzo Morgan; and Robert Lansing. He married (second) in 1911 Miss Phoebe Munn, daughter of Thompson C. and Sarah J. (Smith) Munn, who were natives of East Orange, New Jersey. They are deceased and are buried at Orange, New Jersey. To N. Lansing and Phoebe (Munn) Zabriskie was born a son, John Lansing.

As trustee and elder of the Presbyterian Church of Aurora, Mr. Zabriskie was also a church leader in his community for many years.

Harry Brayton Townsend, M. D.—One of the experienced physicians and surgeons of Yates County, Dr. Harry B. Townsend has successfully engaged in practice at Penn Yan since 1919, and is an active member of the Yates County, New York State, and American Medical Association. He was born at Sibleyville, New York, May 23, 1870, the son of Alonzo Watson and Helen Gould (Brown) Townsend.

Alonzo Watson Townsend was born at Sibleyville, New York, February 5, 1839, and died at Livonia, Livingston County, New York, February 7, 1916. During his life he had extensive lumber interests and owned mills throughout Central New York. In 1867 Mr. Townsend married Miss Helen Gould Brown, the daughter of Austin G. Brown, of Sibleyville. They had three children, of whom Harry B., the subject of this sketch, was the oldest. Mrs. Townsend died August 5, 1916, and is buried at Honeoye Falls.

When Doctor Townsend was eighteen months old his parents moved to Richmond Mills, New York. He attended Genesee Wesleyan Seminary at Lima, New York. In 1898 he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine at Bellevue Hospital Medical College, New York City, and immediately engaged in private practice at Dresden, New York. After twenty years in that location