

charge of sales; Cecil R. Hubbard, vice president in charge of production; Robert M. Waples, secretary; Hart B. Pierce, assistant secretary; Bernard W. Possee, assistant treasurer.

The directors of the company are: George L. Abbott, president, The Garlock Packing Co., Palmyra, New York; J. H. Anderson of Niagara Share Corp., Buffalo, New York; Charles C. Congdon, attorney, Palmyra, New York; Rudolph B. Flershem, vice president, The Marine Trust Co., Buffalo, New York; S. Rae Hickok, president, The Hickok Manufacturing Co., Rochester, New York; W. G. Lasher of White, Weld & Co., New York, New York; Raymond V. V. Miller of White, Weld & Co., New York, New York; J. C. Nelson, vice president, Syracuse Washing Machine Corp., Syracuse, New York; George F. Rand, president The Marine Trust Co., Buffalo, New York; David S. Ruddy of Sage, Wolcott & Steele, Rochester, New York.

Throughout the years aside from the fluctuations due to periodical recurrences of economic disturbances the company has steadily expanded its operations along conservative lines. The products manufactured are now several hundred in number. The manufacturing plant at Palmyra is housed in a group of twelve factory buildings located directly upon the West Shore Railroad of the New York Central Lines. Many hundred persons are regularly employed in the manufacturing department. In the United States small branch factories are maintained at San Francisco, Denver and Birmingham. Manufacturing operations in Canada are carried on in a factory located at Hamilton, Ontario.

Products are distributed by a specialized sales force with district headquarters in twenty-one cities in the United States. The Garlock Packing Co. of Canada, Ltd., with headquarters at Montreal has offices in six Canadian cities. Active sales agencies have been established in all the principal countries of the world.

The uses of the products of The Garlock Packing Company are many and varied. Chiefly they are employed in one way and another with the different kinds and types of power making and power using machinery and equipment. Steel mills, automotive manufacturers, railroads and waterway transport companies comprise but a few of the many groups of users.

Many parts of the world contribute raw materials for the finished products manufactured in the Garlock factories. The East Indies supply rubber, Canada sends crude asbestos, the southern United States and Peru furnish cotton, from many parts of the world come various metals, Belgium furnishes flax, India supplies jute and the oil fields of America produce the lubricating ingredients. Other countries including far Japan are represented among the numerous sources of supply.

The steadfast insistence of Mr. Garlock and the company's early management on the maintenance of high quality in its products and prompt, dependable service for its customers has probably contributed more than any other single item to the success of its operations and the establishment of its materials as standards throughout the world. In later years as the scope of business has broadened and new lines have been added one after the other, the judgment of the originators of this policy has been duly recognized by the later managements of the company through adherence to their basic principles of operation in this regard.

A. Eugene Bolles.—A widely known newspaper man of Central New York is A. Eugene Bolles, who is editor of the Newark Courier and The Commercial in Wayne County. He was born in Wau-shara County, Wisconsin, February 20, 1872, the son of Nelson R. and Melvina (Whitford) Bolles.

Nelson R. Bolles was a native of Erie County, New York, born in 1826. He spent many years as a merchant and farmer, and for a number of years lived in Springboro, Crawford County, Pennsylvania. He died in 1912. Mr. Bolles was married in 1863 to Miss Melvina Whitford, the daughter of Stephen Whitford, of Crawford County. They were the parents of four children, of whom A. Eugene, the subject of this sketch, was the youngest.

The education of A. Eugene Bolles was received in the public schools of Springboro, Crawford County, and in 1887 he was graduated from Albion High School. As a youth he learned the printer's trade and in 1892 became a teacher in the district schools

of Crawford County. He began his newspaper career on the Erie Dispatch at Erie, Pennsylvania, in January, 1895, and during the following year he became business manager. He located at Cleveland, Ohio, in 1897, as a member of the advertising staff of the Cleveland Press, and in the following year became advertising manager of the Marine Review at Cleveland. Mr. Bolles went to New York City in 1900 as manager of "Hardware," and remained with that publication for a period of six years. In 1907 he organized the Advertising and Selling Magazine, which is still published in New York City, and of which he served as general manager for two years. During his newspaper career in New York he reorganized more than ten different publications. He then became associated with Doubleday, Page & Company, as manager of their Spanish department, being in charge of the magazine "La Revista Del Mundo" (Review of the World). He spent some time in South America for the company in connection with their Spanish publications, and during 1916-20 also was advertising manager of the Red Cross Magazine, being a member of the publication board of the American Red Cross. Due to ill health Mr. Bolles retired from his profession in 1923 and after a year of convalescence in the White Mountains of Vermont, he located at Newark, Wayne County, in April, 1924, as owner and publisher of the Newark Courier and Commercial.

Mr. Bolles was married (first) December 29, 1897, to Miss Jane Dickenson, of Erie, Pennsylvania. She died July 10, 1909, being survived by two daughters: 1. Martha, born October 20, 1900, a graduate of Boston School of Physical Education, class of 1922. She married Charles B. Shaver, of Minoa, New York, and they have three daughters, Jane, Patricia and Ruth Anne. 2. Cecilia, born September 25, 1905, a graduate of Montclair Business Institute, and later a student at Oberlin (Ohio) College. She married Herbert G. Jackson, of Newark, New York, and they have two children, Herbert G., Jr., and Sally.

Mr. Bolles married (second) January 8, 1913, Miss Harriet Lockwood, of Montclair, New Jersey. They have two children: 1. Eugene, Jr., born October 26, 1914. 2. Frances, born December 7, 1916. Both attend Newark High School.

Mr. Bolles is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and has the following lodge and club affiliations: Newark Lodge, No. 83, F. & A. M.; B. P. O. Elks; Lions Club; Chamber of Commerce; Advertising Club of New York; National Editorial Association, the Automobile Club of Rochester and the Rochester Chamber of Commerce. He is vice chairman of the Wayne District Council Boy Scouts of America, and was the first to be awarded the silver Beaver by the national organization for "Distinguished Service to Boyhood." He is a director of the Wayne County Chapter of the American Red Cross, director of the Arcadia Community Chest, and vice president of the Newark Chamber of Commerce and Wayne County chairman of the Lake Ontario Country Association. He is a member of the Wayne County Farm Bureau, and a promoter of the good roads movement in this section, having advanced these interests greatly in the community through the influence of the Newark Courier.

Capt. Clarence C. Nesbitt, M. D.—A veteran of the World War, Dr. Clarence C. Nesbitt has successfully engaged in practice at Palmyra for a number of years and is among the outstanding professional men of Wayne County. He was born near Albion, New York, May 23, 1884, the son of Samuel and Jane (Head) Nesbitt.

Samuel Nesbitt was born in Ireland in 1832. He emigrated to this country with his parents in 1844 and settled near Hamlin, New York. Later, about 1883, he removed to Albion. He died in 1918 and is buried at Mount Albion Cemetery. In 1863 Mr. Nesbitt was united in marriage with Miss Jane Head, the daughter of Henry Head, a native of Colburne, Ontario. To this union were born eleven children, of whom Clarence C., the subject of this sketch, was the youngest.

Clarence C. Nesbitt grew up at Albion, New York, where he received his early education. After his graduation from high school in 1903 he taught school for two years before entering the University of Buffalo, from which he received the degree of Doc-

tor of Medicine in 1910. He then served as interne for one year in the Hospital of the Sisters of Charity, at Buffalo, and established an office at Holley, New York, in 1911. Doctor Nesbitt remained there until 1917, at which time he enlisted in the Medical Corps and received the commission of first lieutenant. He served with the Twenty-seventh Division, and was assigned to the One Hundred and Sixth Ambulance Company, serving in France with the latter organization. He remained in France from May 17, 1918, until January 26, 1919, and was stationed at eight different battle fronts, being severely gassed on October 18, 1918. He was discharged with the rank of captain on January 26, 1919, as a casual officer, and received a citation and received the New York State Conspicuous Service Cross, the Silver Star Medal and the Order of the Purple Heart "for successful evacuation of wounded men under fire during the Hindenburg engagement."

After his discharge from the service Doctor Nesbitt established his present practice at Palmyra. During the past twelve years he has been surgeon for the Garlock Packing Company and surgeon for the New York Central Railroad Company. He is also physician for the Palmyra public schools and is identified with the Wayne County, New York State Medical societies, and American Medical Association.

On June 10, 1910, Doctor Nesbitt was united in marriage with Miss Arloa McCanne, of Denver, Colorado, who died June 23, 1913. They were the parents of two children: 1. Anne Elizabeth, born March 26, 1911, a graduate of Albany State Teachers College, class of 1932, is an English teacher at Springfield (New York) High School. 2. John David, born May 30, 1912, attends Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute at Troy, New York.

Doctor Nesbitt married (second) January 23, 1916, Miss Doris M. Smith, the daughter of Eugene and Adella (Benedict) Smith, of Palmyra. They have a son, Henry Benedict, born February 3, 1921.

Doctor Nesbitt is a Republican and has served as village president and trustee. He holds membership in the Episcopal Church and is a member of Palmyra Lodge, F. and A. M., Albion Chapter, R. A. M., and Zenobia Commandery No. 41, K. T., and Damascus

Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He also belongs to B. P. O. Elks, and Lions Club. Doctor Nesbitt was one of the organizers of the American Legion in Wayne County and was vice chairman of the eighth district.

Doctor Nesbitt and his family reside at 133 Cuyler Street, Palmyra.

Sanford Monroe Young, who is secretary and treasurer of the Wayne Coal & Lumber Corporation, at Palmyra, is a leader in the business and civic life of that community. He was born at Palmyra, May 2, 1884, the son of Hiram O. and Emma (DeBoofer) Young.

Hiram O. Young was born at Ontario, Wayne County, August 24, 1860, the son of Oscar Monroe Young, who was a native of Jefferson County, New York, born there in 1825. The latter died in the late '90s at the age of seventy-two years and is buried at Sandy Creek, New York. He was a carpenter and builder as was his son, Hiram O. Young, who became successful at Palmyra. Hiram O. Young also conducted a hardware business for a number of years in connection with his building interests. He now lives retired at St. Petersburg, Florida. He was married in 1882 to Miss Emma DeBoofer, of Sodus, New York, and to them were born three sons, of whom Sanford Monroe, subject of this sketch, was the first.

Sanford Monroe Young grew up at Palmyra, where he attended the public schools. In 1905 he was graduated from the Rochester Business Institute, and he immediately became identified with the First National Bank, at Palmyra as a bookkeeper. Six years later he left the bank to become associated with his father's hardware interests at Palmyra, under the firm name of H. O. Young & Son. The firm added an extensive line of farm implements and machinery in 1908 and in that year Rufus N. Backus purchased an interest in the enterprise, which was reorganized as Young & Backus. Two years later H. O. Young retired and the business was thereafter operated as R. N. Backus & Son. Again, in 1912,

H. O. Young and his two sons became proprietors of the company and it was carried on during the following three years as H. O. Young & Sons. At the end of that time Harry E. Young became sole owner of the business. For a time then Sanford M. Young was identified with A. B. Chaffee & Company, Inc., of Newark, New York, as auditor. From 1920 until 1922 he was connected with the cost department of the Garlock Packing Company, of Palmyra, and in August of the latter year he was active in the organization of the State Bank of Palmyra, of which he served as director and assistant cashier. In October, 1929, the State Bank of Palmyra was consolidated with the First National Bank of Palmyra, and thereafter was known as the Wayne County Trust Company. Mr. Young became secretary of the new institution and served in that capacity until May 1, 1930. On that date he resigned and spent more than a year following in travel and rest. Since 1931 he has devoted his interests to the Wayne Coal & Lumber Corporation.

Mr. Young was married June 2, 1908, to Miss Genevieve Catherine Belty, the daughter of Christopher and Elizabeth (Hall) Belty, of Palmyra. They have three daughters: 1. Leontine R., born March 29, 1910, attends the University of Denver, class of 1933. 2. Meda E., born June 3, 1913, attends Cornell University, class of 1935. 3. Winifred B., born January 8, 1915, attends Palmyra High School, class of 1933.

Mr. Young is a Republican and has served as village treasurer, village clerk, and supervisor, having held the latter office from 1913 until 1919 and being reelected in 1931. He has also been auditor of Palmyra for many years. He and his family hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and he is active in all church work. He is a member of Palmyra Lodge No. 248, F. & A. M., Palmyra Eagle Chapter, No. 79, R. A. M., Palmyra Council, R. & S. M., Zenobia Commandery No. 41, K. T., and Damascus Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., and belongs to the Lions Club, and Palmyra Business and Civic Club. During the World War he was in charge of registration for the draft in the city of Palmyra and was also a member of the state board of registration.

William Adams Cady, of Palmyra, is a representative business man of Wayne County, and has engaged in the furniture and undertaking business here since 1908. He was born at Williamson, New York, September 1, 1870, the son of Herbert E. and Samantha (Lyon) Cady.

Herbert E. Cady was a veteran of the Civil War. He was born at Williamson, New York, in 1846, and died there in 1887. Throughout his life he had extensive farming interests. He was married in 1868 to Miss Samantha Lyon, the daughter of William A. Lyon, of Marion, New York. They were the parents of three children.

The early life of William A. Cady was spent on his father's farm near Williamson and after his graduation from high school in 1886 he continued in that work. He located at Palmyra in 1892 as manager of the wall paper business of David E. Lyon, his uncle, and continued in that store for fourteen years. He then located at Savannah, New York, in 1906, being identified with an undertaking establishment at that place. He also studied at the Myers School of Embalming at Syracuse, and returned to Palmyra in 1908 to establish a business of his own. Four years later he became associated with O. C. Silver, and they purchased the furniture business of Guiles B. Crandall, which was combined with the undertaking establishment. The firm of Silver & Cady continued successfully until the death of Mr. Silver in January, 1932. The widow of Mr. Silver has retained her husband's interest in the business.

On October 25, 1892, Mr. Cady married Miss Nellie Verbridge, the daughter of Cornelius and Lena Verbridge, of Williamson, New York. They have a daughter, Marjorie Eleanor, born February 9, 1900. She is a graduate of Palmyra High School and Sargeant's School of Physical Education at Boston, Massachusetts. After three years as an instructor of physical training at Palmyra High School, she was a member of the faculty of Mount Morris High School. She was married October 25, 1932, to Sherwood Mate, of Mount Morris, New York.

Mr. Cady is a Republican and has always taken a prominent and active part in local affairs. He served as Republican county

committeeman for sixteen years, and his wife now serves in that capacity. He has also been village assessor for eighteen years, town assessor for seven years, and collector for four years. He has been a trustee of the First Baptist Church during the past twenty years, is a thirty-second degree Mason, and Past Patron for seventeen years of the Order of Eastern Star. He also belongs to the Loyal Order of Moose, and has held membership in the Palmyra Grange for more than a quarter of a century.

Thomas James McGuire.—Identified with the firm of McGuire & Hargrave, funeral directors, Thomas James McGuire has long been recognized as one of the dependable business men of Palmyra. He was born here June 30, 1888, the son of Patrick P. and Ellen (Hickey) McGuire.

Patrick P. McGuire was born in Ireland in 1847 and emigrated to this country at the age of twenty years. He spent the remainder of his life at Palmyra where he was employed by the New York Central Railroad Company. He died in December, 1931, and is buried in St. Ann's Cemetery, Palmyra. In 1880 Mr. McGuire married Miss Ellen Hickey, a native of Canada. They were the parents of seven children.

At the age of fourteen years Thomas James McGuire left school and at that time entered the employ of Guiles B. Crandall, undertaker and furniture dealer. He continued with the company for a period of twenty-one years, the first nine years of which he was associated with Guiles B. Crandall. Upon the latter's death in 1911 his son, Clifford G. Crandall succeeded to the business and for twelve years continued as manager. He died in 1923, being succeeded by his son, Harold B. Crandall. In 1923 Mr. McGuire purchased an interest in the business which was organized at that time as Crandall & McGuire. The new partnership continued until 1931. In that year Edward L. Hargrave assumed control of Mr. Crandall's interest in the enterprise.

In 1914 Mr. McGuire married (first) Miss Bertha E. Hennesey, who died November 11, 1918. She is buried in St. Ann's Cemetery,

Palmyra. He was married (second) on October 26, 1926, to Miss Theresa M. Maloney, the daughter of John and Elizabeth Maloney, of Macedon, New York.

Mr. McGuire is a Democrat, a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church and belongs to the Knights of Columbus, fourth degree. He also belongs to the Order of Alhambra, Rochester; Palmyra Business and Civic Organization; and New York State Association of Funeral Directors.

Mr. and Mrs. McGuire live at 320 Canandaigua Street, Palmyra.

Martin Emmett Colvin, widely known optician of Lyons, Wayne County, is a native of New York. He was born at Woodhull, August 10, 1875, the son of Emmett C. and Ladorna (Spencer) Colvin.

Emmett C. Colvin was a native of Pennsylvania, born at Knoxville, April 14, 1845. He spent many years in the general mercantile business at Woodhull, New York, and died there February 16, 1916. Mr. Colvin was married in 1875 to Miss Ladorna Spencer, the daughter of Charles Spencer, of Woodhull. She was a direct descendant of Gen. James Spencer, who served with Washington's Army during the American Revolution. Ladorna (Spencer) Colvin died in 1898 and is buried at Woodhull. To Mr. and Mrs. Colvin were born four children, of whom Martin E., subject of this sketch, was the oldest.

Martin Emmett Colvin is a graduate of the public schools of Woodhull and Woodhull Academy, class of 1894. In 1895 he opened an optical office at Woodhull, and successfully managed the business for four years. In the meantime he studied further at Elmira Optical School, as well as in New York City, and at Rochester University. In 1899 he located at Lyons and in that year established a jewelry and optical business there. However, in 1917 he sold the former and has since devoted his entire time to optical work. He has offices at Williams and Montezuma Streets.

On September 4, 1895, Mr. Colvin was united in marriage with Miss Jessie F. Carpenter, the daughter of William and Marian

(Pease) Carpenter, of Woodhull. Their only daughter died in infancy.

Mr. Colvin is a Republican, and belongs to the Masonic Lodge. He also is a member of the Lyons Chamber of Commerce and served as secretary for two years.

He is a member of the Rochester Optometric Society, New York State Optical Society and the American Optometric Association.

Henry Martin Laible, who is the superintendent of Rural cemetery at Lyons, is a substantial citizen of Wayne County. He was born at Buffalo, New York, November 23, 1867, the son of Jacob F. and Elizabeth (Martin) Laible.

Jacob F. Laible was born at Buffalo in 1834 and died in 1916. He was the son of Christian Laible, a native of Wuertenburg, Germany. The latter emigrated to the United States in 1830 and located on a tract of land north of the city of Buffalo. After his death the land was owned by his son, Jacob F. Laible, who sold it in 1875 and removed to Lyons. The land is now part of the city of Buffalo. Jacob F. Laible engaged in business with his brother at North Buffalo, and as mentioned above, located at Lyons in 1875. He was married in 1859 to Miss Elizabeth Martin, the daughter of George Martin, of Hamburg, Erie County, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Laible were the parents of five children.

Henry Martin Laible left school at the age of fifteen years and assisted his father in his farming interests until 1889. He then located at Erie, Pennsylvania, as assistant superintendent of Lakeside Cemetery, but in the following year returned to Lyons, where he spent two years in the employ of William Taylor, manufacturer of mail bags and pouches for the United States government. Mr. Laible later owned and operated a farm near Lyons, and also was employed for nine years by the George Brock Bottling Company. He assumed his present duties as superintendent of Rural Cemetery at Lyons in 1915.

In December, 1894, Mr. Laible married Miss Lydia L. Goetzman, the daughter of George and Magdalene (Derrich) Goetzman.

Their daughter, Florence E., was born in 1902, and is the wife of Harold H. Lauster, of Lyons. They have three children, Donald, David, and Joyce.

Mr. Laible is a Democrat and is treasurer of the Broad Street Lutheran Church. He is a member of the Brotherhood of the Broad Street Lutheran Church.

Hon. Ralph A. Harter. — As Special Surrogate of Cayuga County since 1918, Judge Harter has enjoyed a reputation as a leading lawyer of Central New York since his admission to the bar in 1905. He was born at Moravia, March 8, 1876, the son of Daniel and Helen M. (Heath) Harter.

Daniel Harter was a native of North Steuben, Oneida County, New York, and his wife was born at Little Falls, Herkimer County, New York. He came to Moravia with his parents when a small child, was educated here, and began life as a farmer. During the Civil War he served as a member of Company A, One Hundred and Eighty-sixth Regiment, New York State Volunteers, and was discharged as orderly sergeant. He became prominent as a produce and stock dealer in Cayuga County and at the time of his retirement in 1905 removed to Moravia, where he died March 20, 1912. His wife died in November, 1917. Both are buried in Indian Mound Cemetery, Moravia. Mr. Harter was a Democrat, a member of the Episcopal Church, and belonged to the Grand Army of the Republic. To Mr. and Mrs. Harter were born five children: 1. H. Bert, deceased. 2. Minnie S., married Daniel W. Brown, who is president of the First National Bank, at Romulus, New York. 3. Ralph A., the subject of this sketch. 4. Morgie, a teacher, lives at Moravia. 5. Edward, nurseryman, lives at Moravia.

Daniel Harter was the son of Henry and Nancy Harter, natives of New York. Both are deceased and are buried in the Quaker Church Cemetery, at Moravia. Henry Harter was the son of Philip Harter, whose father was Capt. Henry Harter. Members of this early family are buried in a private cemetery at Warren, Herkimer County. Several were soldiers in the Revolu-



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tion and served together at the battle of Oriskany. On the maternal side, Ralph A. Harter is descended from Col. Peter Bellinger and Delia Herkimer, the latter being a sister of Gen. Nicholas Herkimer, of Revolutionary fame.

Ralph A. Harter attended the public schools of Moravia and taught school at Moravia in 1892. He was graduated from high school in 1895. During the following year he took graduate work at Moravia and from September, 1896, until June, 1897, taught school at Genoa, Cayuga County. At Hobart College he was a member of the class of 1901, and he subsequently read law in the offices of the late Hon. S. Edwin Day, of Moravia, being admitted to the New York State Bar July 31, 1905. Mr. Harter has been in the general practice of law at Moravia since that date and was associated with Judge Day until the latter's death. He has also been justice of the peace and village clerk, and for the past fifteen years has been a member of the Republican County Committee for the Second District of Moravia. In 1918 he was appointed Special Surrogate by Governor Whitman to fill the unexpired term of the late John Kingston. On November 1, 1919, he was elected and took office January 1, 1920. Judge Harter was re-elected in 1922, 1925, 1928, and 1931. He is an active member of the Cayuga County, Western New York, and New York State Bar Associations.

On July 16, 1912, Judge Harter was united in marriage with Miss Mabel B. Hull, the daughter of George M. and Lillian A. (Wood) Hull, natives of Venice, New York. Mr. Hull is deceased and his widow lives at Syracuse. There are two sons in the Harter family: 1. Millard Ralph, born September 5, 1913, a graduate in 1930 of Moravia High School, spent one year in high school graduate work, being salutatorian of his class and winning the American Legion medal for scholarship. He attends Hobart College. 2. Donald Robert, born November 17, 1917, attends Moravia High School.

Judge Harter is a Republican. He is a vestryman of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, and is affiliated with Sylvan Lodge, F. and A. M., No. 41, Past Master; St. John Chapter, R. A. M., No. 30; Masonic Club, and Past District Deputy Grand Master of Cayuga-Tompkins District.

Hon. Edson W. Hamn.—Among the most able and successful attorneys of Central New York is Edson W. Hamn, who is engaged in general practice at Lyons, in Wayne County. He was born at Sharon Springs, New York, September 18, 1861, the son of Peter A. and Catherine (Ottman) Hamn.

Peter A. Hamn was born in Schoharie County, New York, March 11, 1825, and died November 15, 1902. He was a farmer during his entire life and was among the first settlers of Wayne County. He located later at Macedon Center in 1864. Mr. Hamn was married in 1846 to Miss Catherine Ottman, the daughter of Matthew Ottman, of Sharon Springs, New York, and to them were born nine children, of whom Edson W., the subject of this sketch, was the sixth in order of birth.

Edson W. Hamn grew up at Macedon Center and attended the public schools there. He spent two years at Albany Normal School and later taught school at Macedon for three years. He then read law in the offices of Stephen K. Williams, a prominent lawyer of Newark, New York, and after two years became identified with the Lawyers Cooperative Publishing Company, of Rochester and Newark. Mr. Hamn spent some time with the German-American Loan & Trust Company, of Brooklyn, and in 1881 again went with the Lawyers Cooperative Publishing Company, being sent to their Washington, D. C., offices, where he was engaged in compiling Supreme Court reports. During that time Mr. Hamn attended night courses at the National University of Law from which he was graduated in 1883. He then returned to Newark where he was connected with the office of Judge Luther N. Norton, being admitted to the bar in 1886. At that time he became a partner of Judge Norton and continued there until 1888, when he removed to Lyons as attorney for the Lyons National Bank. In 1893 Mr. Hamn established a private practice there, but in 1906 became associated in partnership with Clyde W. Knapp. In 1912 Mr. Knapp was elected county judge and at that time the partnership was dissolved. Until 1930 Mr. Hamn continued in private practice, and has since been associated with John W. Brandt.

On June 18, 1891, Mr. Hamn married Miss Mary VanCamp, a daughter of William VanCamp, who is editor of the Wayne Democratic Press, of Lyons. Mr. and Mrs. Hamn have two daughters: 1. Helen, born in 1898, a graduate of the Lyons public schools and a private school for girls at Lutherville, Maryland. She married William D. Kitchell, of Geneva, New York, and they have two daughters, Janet and Mary. 2. Catherine, born in 1901, a graduate of the Lyons public schools, and private school at Lutherville. She also attended the New York School of Art. She married Kenneth McIntosh, of Syracuse.

Mr. Hamn is a Republican and during 1907-11 represented his district in the New York State Assembly. He has also been a member of the State Highway Commission. He has been a member of the vestry of the Episcopal Church for more than thirty years and is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge, B. P. O. Elks, Chamber of Commerce, Newark Country Club, and Sodus Bay Golf Club.

Mr. Hamm is identified with the Wayne County and New York State Bar associations. During his extensive practice in law he has given special attention to criminal law and has taken part in eleven of the most important murder trials in this section in recent years, being attorney for the defense on nine occasions.

George Graydon Curtis. — Among the outstanding business men and representative citizens of Wayne County is George Graydon Curtis, who is division manager of the Rochester Gas & Electric Corporation at Wolcott. He was born there September 24, 1896, the son of Omar M. and Corilla A. (Borradaile) Curtis.

Omar M. Curtis, deceased, was for many years a prominent figure in the business and industrial life of Wayne County. He was born at Wolcott, May 9, 1867, and died there in 1916. After attending the public schools he entered Albany Business College and in 1887 became manager of the foundry which had been founded at Wolcott by his father in 1845. He was connected with that enterprise until 1912. In 1896 he became interested in the

erection of a small power plant in the village, and during the following years increased the capacity of the local plant until its facilities were extended to Sodus Center, Wallington, Alton, Red Creek, Rose, and North Rose. It was one of the first electric power plants established in Wayne County, and was incorporated in 1912 as the Northern Wayne Electric Light & Power Company. Mr. Curtis served as its president and general manager until his death. In 1910 he also advocated the building of a water plant for the village of Wolcott, but before the completion of his plans it was decided to build a municipally owned plant, and Mr. Curtis' plans were abandoned. He had, however, discovered a valuable mineral water in this section of the county, and for a number of years he owned and operated a bottling plant in the village, and "Wolcott Mineral Water" had a wide distribution throughout New York and New England. On December 12, 1888, Mr. Curtis married Miss Corilla A. Borradaile, the daughter of Richard and Harriet Borradaile, of Sodus Center. They had two children: 1. Helen Lucille, a graduate of the Ithaca Conservatory of Music, and Eastman School of Music at Rochester. She is an accomplished vocalist and is now soloist of the First Methodist Episcopal Church at Rochester, where she resides with her mother. 2. George Graydon, the subject of this sketch.

Omar M. Curtis was the son of Capt. George B. Curtis, who was a veteran of the Civil War. He served with the rank of captain in the Seventy-fifth New York Volunteer Infantry and was severely wounded and disabled. He died in 1906 and is buried in Wolcott Cemetery.

George Graydon Curtis acquired his early education in the public schools of Wolcott, and in 1920 was graduated from Cornell University as a mechanical engineer. He became general manager of the Northern Wayne Electric Light & Power Company, and in 1925 when the corporation was merged with the Rochester Gas & Electric Corporation, Mr. Curtis was retained as division manager. He is also president of the Wolcott Storage and Ice Company.

On August 25, 1932, Mr. Curtis was united in marriage with Miss Dorothea G. Smith, the daughter of Joel M. and Ella (War-

ner) Smith, of Rochester. She is a graduate of the Eastman School of Music, and before her marriage was a teacher of violin in the public schools of Rochester for three years. She holds membership in Sigma Alpha Iota sorority.

Mr. Curtis is a Republican and has served as village trustee. He and his wife are members of Wolcott Presbyterian Church, and he belongs to the Rotary Club, Cornell Club of Rochester, Rochester Chamber of Commerce, American Institute of Electrical Engineers, and American Legion. He also is affiliated with Theta Alpha, Tau Beta Phi, and Eta Kappa Nu fraternities.

During 1931, Mr. Curtis completely remodeled a building which had been turned over by the Village of Wolcott for library purposes, making it suitable for a library, which remodeling was done in memory of his father. Mr. Curtis was the first president of the Wolcott Civic Free Library, serving as such for three years.

Charles Wilson Oaks.—Identified with Oaks & Son, lumber dealers, of North Rose, Charles Wilson Oaks has long been recognized as one of the able business men and highly esteemed citizens of Wayne County. He was born in Waupaca County, Wisconsin, May 15, 1864, the son of Charles G. and Huldah (Wilson) Oaks.

Charles G. Oaks was a veteran of the Civil War. He was born at Rose, Wayne County, in 1834, and during his life was intensely interested in general farming and fruit growing. He died in 1922 and is buried in Rose Cemetery, at Rose. He was married in 1861 to Miss Huldah Wilson, the daughter of Robert Wilson, of Rose. They were the parents of five children, three sons and two daughters. Mr. Oaks served during the Civil War with a Wisconsin regiment and was with General Grant at the siege of Richmond. He was discharged in June, 1865. Huldah (Wilson) Oaks died in 1887 and is buried in Rose Cemetery.

Seth Oaks, great-great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch, came to the United States from England about 1750 and settled in Virginia. His son, Thomas Oaks, was a soldier during the American Revolution, and the latter's son, Charles G. Oaks,

located in Wayne County about 1830, being one of the first settlers of Rose. To Charles G. Oaks and his wife were born seven children, of whom Charles G., Jr., father of the subject of this sketch, was the fourth in order of birth.

After attending the public schools of Waupaca, Wisconsin, Charles Wilson Oaks was identified with the general mercantile establishment which was owned by his uncle, Seth A. Oaks, at Waupaca. After four years he returned to North Rose, New York, and the father became interested in the lumber business there, having purchased the holdings of Strait & Munn. From 1885 until 1915 Charles G. Oaks and his son, Charles Wilson, continued as partners, the firm being known as Oaks & Son, and in the latter year the father retired. At the same time Seth C. Oaks, son of Charles W. Oaks, succeeded as a member of the firm, which retained its original name.

In November, 1889, Mr. Oaks was united in marriage with Miss Ellen L. Winchell, the daughter of Calvin and Celia (LaRock) Winchell, of North Rose. They are the parents of two sons: Seth C., born June 13, 1893, a graduate of Wolcott High School and Rochester Business Institute, class of 1912. As mentioned above, he is now associated in the lumber business with his father. He married Miss Hazel Boothe, and they have two daughters, Miriam E. and Mirilla G. 2. Charles K., born March 30, 1901, a graduate of North Rose High School, and Colgate University, class of 1922, Bachelor of Arts. He is now identified with the Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Company, of Hartford, Connecticut, and lives at West Hartford, Connecticut. He married Miss Miriam Fogg, and they have two sons, Charles Allen and William.

Mr. Oaks has always been a Republican. He has held the offices of supervisor and town clerk and for twenty years was a member of the local board of education, being clerk also for a time. He has served as justice of the peace at Rose. Mr. Oaks and his family are members of the North Rose Baptist Church, of which he has been trustee for twenty-five years, and he is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, being Past Grand. He also holds membership in the Northeastern Lumber Dealers Association.

Melvin E. Warner.—Identified with E. Warner & Son, coal and lumber dealers, located at Newark and Marion, in Wayne County, Mr. Warner is recognized as one of the able and highly successful business men of the community. He was born at Marion, New York, November 24, 1872, the son of Erotus and Ella M. (Wake) Warner.

Erotus Warner, who was the founder of the business which bears his name at Marion, was a substantial citizen of Wayne County. He was born at Preble, New York, in 1851 and died in 1923. He is buried at Marion. During the early part of his life, Mr. Warner was a farmer. Later he engaged in the contracting business and also was a dealer in coal and builders supplies, being the organizer of E. Warner & Son. Mr. Warner was married in 1871 to Miss Ella M. Wake, the daughter of John Wake, of Marion. To them were born three children: 1. Melvin E., the subject of this sketch. 2. May F., born in 1879, married Charles H. Lookup, lives at Cohocton, New York, where he is engaged in the hardware business. 3. Oscar C., born in 1883, is a major in the U. S. Army, attached to the coast artillery. He is an instructor at Brooklyn, New York.

Melvin E. Warner grew up at Marion, where he received his early education. In 1894 he was graduated from Canandaigua Academy, and spent one year at Rochester University. Until 1907 Mr. Warner was interested in farming, having purchased a farm near Macedon in 1901. In 1907, however, he located at Marion as a business associate of his father, in the manufacture of cement blocks and building supplies. Among the contracts for that type of work completed by E. Warner & Son were the Marion Presbyterian Church, Marion Cold Storage Company, and Williamson Cold Storage & Ice Company. In 1915 coal and general builders' supplies were added to the business and three years later Mr. Warner established a coal business at Walworth. The latter enterprise was incorporated in 1923 as the Walworth Coal & Lumber Company, and in 1924 Mr. Warner took over a coal and grain business at Newark. The Newark mills were completely destroyed by fire in July, 1932, but have been rapidly rebuilt. Since 1922 Melvin E. Warner has been sole owner of the enterprise, al-

though the business has continued under its original firm name of E. Warner & Son.

On March 3, 1901, Mr. Warner was united in marriage with Miss Florence Luce, the daughter of Jefferson Luce, of Marion. They have no children.

Politically, Mr. Warner is a Republican and since 1901 he has taken a prominent and active part in local and state politics, being a delegate to the State Convention at Buffalo, New York, in 1932. He served as president of the village of Macedon in 1906, and during 1921-27 was justice of the peace at Marion. He also has held the offices of water commissioner and fire chief, and is supervisor of the town of Marion. Mrs. Warner is a member of the Marion Baptist Church. He is affiliated with B. P. O. Elks, Newark; Loyal Order of Moose; Order of Red Men; Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and Newark Chamber of Commerce. He also organized the Chamber of Commerce at Marion and served as its president for two years.

Mr. and Mrs. Warner reside at Marion.

Russel Morehouse.—As principal of Auburn High School, Russel Morehouse takes a prominent and important part in educational affairs in Cayuga County and Central New York. He was born at Utica, New York, November 6, 1891, the son of Hon. George Crane and Mary (Breen) Morehouse.

Hon. George Crane Morehouse engaged successfully in the practice of law in the city of Utica for more than half a century and served as judge also. He died there in 1930 and is buried in Forest Hill Cemetery, Utica. His widow still resides in that city. Mr. Morehouse was a graduate of the Law School of Cornell University, class of 1873. To Mr. and Mrs. Morehouse were born the following children: 1. Lawrence, attorney, lives at Utica. 2. Merwin, attorney, lives at Rochester. 3. Russel, the subject of this sketch. 4. George, M. D., lives in New York City. He is a veteran of the World War.

The early education of Russel Morehouse was obtained at Utica Free Academy, from which he was graduated in 1908. He

received the degree of Bachelor of Arts at Cornell University in 1913 and also took two years of graduate work at that university. Mr. Morehouse began his teaching career in the public school system of Washington, D. C., with which he was identified from 1913 until 1917. He enlisted in the U. S. Navy on April 29, 1917, and attended Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he trained with the Third Company. Subsequently, he was commissioned as ensign in the U. S. Naval Flying Corps and served as a pilot. He saw active service on the Atlantic coast and later in France, being discharged in February, 1919.

From 1919 until 1923 Mr. Morehouse was located at Clinton, New York, as principal of the high school there, and in the latter year assumed his present duties in Auburn.

On April 2, 1923, Mr. Morehouse was united in marriage with Miss Mary Trumbull Pattison, of Troy, New York, the daughter of Edward A. and Margaret (Sinnott) Pattison, natives of Troy and Ithaca, respectively. They are residents of Troy. Mr. and Mrs. Morehouse have two children: Russel, II, and Alice Worthington.

Politically, Mr. Morehouse is a Republican. He is a prominent member of the Episcopal Church, and is affiliated with Oriental Lodge F. & A. M. No. 224, and Rotary Club.

The Morehouse family originally came from Crannes, France. Members settled first in Suffolk County, England, as early as 1272, and later came to America. Benjamin Crane was one of the founders of the Connecticut colony.

Rev. Frederick G. Straub, who is pastor of St. Alphonsus Catholic Church, Auburn, is among the prominent community leaders and influential citizens of Cayuga County. He was born at Greece, Monroe County, New York, June 27, 1887, the son of Frederick A. and Barbara M. (Statt) Straub.

Frederick A. Straub resides at Rochester, New York, where he is connected with the Eastman Kodak Company. Until 1905 he was interested in general farming in Greece, New York, and he

has since lived in Rochester. His wife died April 2, 1926, and is buried in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Rochester. Both held membership in Holy Family Catholic Church, Rochester, New York. Their children were: 1. Frederick G., the subject of this sketch. 2. John, born April 28, 1889, died March 28, 1898. 3. Matilda, married James Duffy, lives at Rochester. 4. Monica, married Neal Vickery, lives at Rochester. 5. Alphonse J., born in 1899, lives at Rochester. 6. Louise, lives at Rochester.

Frederick G. Straub was educated at St. John's School, Greece, New York, and in 1907 was graduated from St. Andrew's Seminary, Rochester. He completed the course of study at St. Bernard's Seminary, Rochester, and was ordained to the priesthood on June 7, 1913. From 1913 until 1920 Reverend Straub was procurator at St. Bernard's Seminary in Rochester and from November 21, 1920, until 1924, he was pastor of St. Bernard's Catholic Church at Scipio and also in charge of St. Hilary's Church at Genoa, New York. On July 1, 1924, Father Straub came to Auburn to assume his present duties as pastor of St. Alphonsus Church. The fine new church was built by him and completed in December, 1930.

Rev. Frederick G. Straub is affiliated with Auburn Council Knights of Columbus No. 207.

St. Alphonsus Catholic Church, Auburn.—In the year 1853 about twenty German families decided to establish their own church in Auburn and have a pastor of their own nationality. For some years the Redemptorist Fathers of St. Joseph's German Church, Rochester, visited Auburn about once each month to attend to the spiritual wants of the German Catholics, until in the year 1854, a small wooden church was built on Wall Street, near State. The first resident pastor was Rev. Jacob Kunze, who stayed about six months. Then the German parish was attended by the Redemptorists of Rochester.

In 1855 Bishop Timon sent as pastor Rev. Don Guymer, who left the parish in 1856, and St. Alphonsus parish came again under

the pastoral care of the Redemptorists of Rochester until the year 1869.

Of the priests connected with the local parish special mention must be made of Rev. Van Emstette, because under him the snug little brick church in Water Street was bought. In 1866 the Sacrament of Confirmation was administered for the first time in the German church by Bishop Timon, of Buffalo. In 1869 Rev. Charles Vogel, a highly educated and worthy priest, became pastor of St. Alphonsus Church. With the help of charitable non-Catholic Americans this pastor was enabled to make many improvements, conspicuously a handsome steeple, from the belfry of which peals forth the tones of a thousand pound bell, the bell being paid for mainly by practically every business man in Auburn, and when in 1874 Reverend Vogel left, the church was free from debt.

In 1874 Rev. Constantine Ulrich was appointed pastor by the Rev. Bishop McQuaid. This pastor paid special attention to the Christian education of the children and under great difficulties made attempts to have a parochial school until he succeeded in buying the Carhart property on the corner of Franklin Street and Seminary Avenue at an expense of \$8,700. During Reverend Ulrich's pastorate an addition was built and other improvements made to the church.

In June, 1887, Reverend Ulrich became pastor of the German parish at Webster, New York, and Rev. Joseph Netzel succeeded him in St. Alphonsus. The same year the school was re-opened with 126 children under the direction and care of the Sisters of St. Joseph, of Rochester. In 1890 an addition was built on the school building. In April, 1896, Rev. Herbert Regenbogen succeeded Father Netzel. During his pastorate a new school was built fronting on Franklin Street and in other ways he improved the church property. He was highly esteemed by the general public and was beloved by all citizens of Auburn.

On July 1, 1924, Rev. Frederick G. Straub was appointed pastor. It was on December 21, 1930, that the new St. Alphonsus Church was dedicated by the Most Rev. John Francis O'Hern, D. D., Bishop of the diocese of Rochester.

Clarence L. Williams.—As athletic director of Auburn High School and acting supervisor of History, Clarence L. Williams has a wide acquaintance in the community and is highly esteemed. He was born at Tyre, Michigan, March 4, 1899, the son of George A. and Martha (Sparling) Williams.

George A. Williams was a native of Steuben County, New York, and his wife was born at Clinton, Ontario. At the age of two years he removed with his mother to Michigan, where he spent the remainder of his life. He became station agent in the employ of the Pere Marquette Railroad, his last assignment being at Brown City, Michigan. Mr. Williams died in 1929, and is buried at Detroit, where his widow now resides. Politically, Mr. Williams was a Republican. To Mr. and Mrs. Williams were born four children: 1. Clarence L., the subject of this sketch. 2. Harry, lives at Saginaw, Michigan. 3. Bernice, lives at Detroit. 4. Beatrice, lives at Detroit.

George A. Williams was the son of William Williams, who was a native of Steuben County, New York. He was killed while in service during the Civil War.

Clarence L. Williams was graduated from Croswell (Michigan) High School in 1917, and during the following year was employed by the Pere Marquette Railroad at Wheeler, Michigan, and St. Louis, Michigan. In 1918 he enlisted for service in the World War and attended the Officers Training Corps at Alma College, being discharged in December, 1918. He received the degree of Bachelor of Arts at Alma College in 1922 and was president of the class. He was also business manager of the College Annual and took a prominent part in college athletics as a member of football and baseball teams. Mr. Williams received the degree of Master of Arts at the University of Michigan in 1929. He began his teaching career in September, 1922, at Cook Academy, Montour Falls, New York, where he remained until June, 1926. He then came to Auburn High School as athletic director, in which capacity he has been most successful. He belongs to the New York State Teachers Association, and Cayuga County Men Teachers Association.

In 1926 Mr. Williams married Miss Ruth Norton, a graduate of Keuka College, and daughter of Dr. Arthur H. and Susan Norton. Doctor Norton is president of Keuka College, Keuka Park, New York. To Mr. and Mrs. Williams have been born two children, Beatrice Mary and Charles Norton.

Mr. Williams is a Republican, a member of the First Baptist Church, being a former trustee and was chairman of the finance committee, and he also belongs to Auburn Lodge, F. & A. M., Watkins Chapter R. A. M., Elmira Council, R. & S. M. M., American Legion, Phi Alpha fraternity, and Rotary Club.

Hon. William Heermans Clark.—A noteworthy example of the development of a daily county newspaper through its progress from weekly to daily publication, and the processes of expansion with the adoption of invention is that of the "Cortland Standard." Its career of more than a half a century is coincident with that of William Heermans Clark, late president of the Cortland Standard Printing Company.

The Cortland County Standard, as it was then known, was founded in June, 1867, by Frank G. Kinney, in the form of a four page, eight column newspaper that was set in long primer, brevier and nonpariel type, and the machinery in the office was a hand turned Taylor press for newspaper work and a small Gordon job press. The office at that time was where the Garrison Building now stands in Cortland, and it was afterward removed to the third story of the Moore Building, now occupied by the Mullen book and stationery store. It was in May, 1872, that Wesley Hooker, later president of the National Bank of Cortland, bought the paper and with his later purchase of the Cortland Journal he combined the two under the title Cortland Standard and Journal, at the same time adding steam power to the plant, new type and material, and enlarging the paper to nine columns to the page.

William Heermans Clark became identified with the publication on April 1, 1876, upon the retirement of Mr. Hooker, and soon after the name was changed to the Cortland Standard. The office

was moved January 1, 1879, to the Mahan Building on Court Street, where the first cylinder job press was installed. Again the office was moved March 1, 1883, to its present location in the Standard Building, and September 10, 1885, the form of the paper was changed to eight pages with seven columns to the page, and continued after the weekly was made the "Semi-Weekly Standard" on May 10, 1892.

The first number of the Daily Evening Standard was issued March 8, 1892, by the firm of Clark & Blodgett, this arrangement continuing until the organization of the Cortland Standard Printing Company, Inc., August 14, 1893. The members of the company at that time were: William H. Clark, president; Edward D. Blodgett, secretary and treasurer; and H. G. Joy, foreman. The Daily Cortland Standard was first issued as a four page, seven column paper and was changed May 25, 1892, to its present form. On July 12, 1892, the Cortland Daily Journal was purchased and merged with the Daily Cortland Standard, and in January, 1895, the Cortland County Sentinel, which had been published weekly, was purchased. On January 17, 1895, the paper began to be issued from the Standard office under the same name as formerly but as a weekly edition of the Cortland Standard. In 1919 the Cortland Standard absorbed and combined with its weekly edition, the weekly "Homer Republican," of Homer, New York, the oldest newspaper in the county, being established in 1812. The weekly Cincinnatus Times was absorbed by the Cortland Standard in 1925.

The Standard Building, which was erected in 1882-83, is still one of the finest buildings in Cortland, and one of the most attractive in the county, with its frontage of seventy-five feet on Main Street and 112 feet on Tompkins Street. The building then housed the Standard office together with the post office and three stores on the first floor, and various offices on the floors above. In 1883 the paper had a weekly circulation of 2,000 copies, while the "Daily Standard" today has a circulation of 6,000 copies; the plant is equipped throughout with the latest and best machinery, and the job department is a special feature, commanding patronage because of the excellence of its product not only in the city

and county but in the state as well. Employment is given to over fifty people. The Cortland Standard Printing Company was incorporated in 1893 with a capital stock of \$25,000.

In 1903 the Norwich Daily Sun and Chenango Semi-Weekly Telegraph, published at Norwich, New York, were purchased by the Norwich Publishing Company, of which Mr. Clark was president until his death, March 12, 1928, and their publication continued at Norwich.

William H. Clark, late president of the Cortland Standard Printing Company, was a descendant on both his paternal and maternal sides from officers who served with the Continental Army during the American Revolution. He was born at Lyons, Wayne County, New York, August 2, 1848, the son of William and Amelia R. (Heermans) Clark, the former a prominent lawyer in his time. William H. Clark received his education at the Union School at Lyons, and subsequently entered Hamilton College, where he studied for one year. He then attended Union College, and received the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts from the latter institution, and was a member of the Phi Beta Kappa honorary fraternity. He next took up the study of law in his father's office and was admitted to the bar in 1869. He began his practice at Lyons, where he remained for six years. In 1875 he was a member of the General Assembly from Wayne County. For four years, from 1911 until 1915, he was postmaster of Cortland. He was also a member of the board of directors of Cortland Normal School from 1887 until the time of his death and served as chairman of that board from 1891. He was a member of the first board of commissioners of the Cortland Union School. In 1890 he was elected president of the New York State Press Association, and in 1902 was president of the New York State Associated Dailies.

Mr. Clark was a member of the Republican State Committee under the chairmanship of Chester A. Arthur in 1880-81, and was Cortland County chairman of the last three Liberty Loan drives made during the World War.

On December 31, 1879, Mr. Clark married Miss Helen Street, and to them were born the following children: 1. Antoinette,

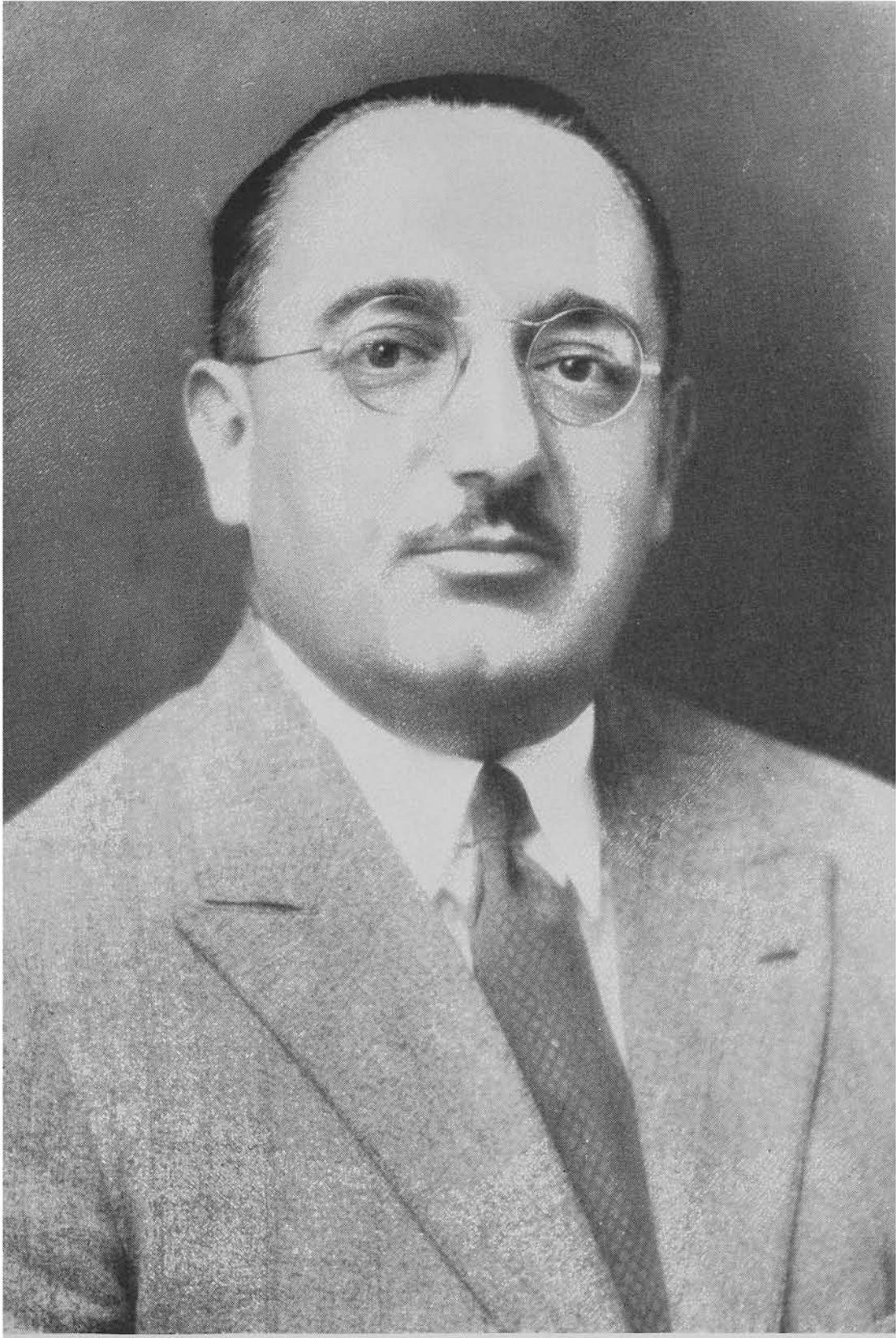
married Dr. Alexander Inglis, of Harvard University. 2. Thomas Street, who died in May, 1909. 3. Edward H., who is president of the Cortland Standard Printing Company. 4. Helen, married George S. Brooks, resides Groton, New York, and they have three children, Hugh T., Helen, and David.

He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church.

Frank Hassan Snyder, M. D.—A veteran of the World War, Doctor Snyder, of Geneva, is numbered among Ontario County's most prominent physicians and surgeons. He was born at Geneva June 24, 1889, the son of Hassan Singer and Harriet Belle (Moore) Snyder.

Hassan Singer Snyder is a native of New York, born at Fabius, January 21, 1866. He spent thirty years as a traveling representative of the Patent Cereal Company, of Geneva, and in recent years has been interested in the insurance business. On January 21, 1888, Mr. Snyder was united in marriage with Miss Harriet Belle Moore, the daughter of James B. and Emma C. (Avery) Moore, of Geneva. To them only one child was born, Frank Hassan, the subject of this sketch.

The early education of Frank Hassan Snyder was received in the public schools of Geneva, from which he was graduated in 1907. He received the degree of Bachelor of Science at Hobart College in 1911 and spent the following two years at the Indiana University Medical School, at Bloomington, Indiana. He then attended the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University, for two years, and received the degree of Doctor of Medicine from the latter institution in 1915. Doctor Snyder was attached to Bellevue, St. Luke's, and Staten Island hospitals, New York City, as interne, and in 1916 came to Geneva to establish a private practice. In January, 1918, Doctor Snyder received the commission of first lieutenant in the Medical Corps, United States Army, and was sent to France in June, being attached to Base Hospitals No. 17 and No. 103, and Field Evacuation Hospitals No. 10 and No. 11. After his discharge from the service Doctor Sny-



FRANK HASSAN SNYDER, M. D.

der resumed his practice in this city. He has offices at 364 Main Street. Doctor Snyder served as coroner of Ontario County during 1919-20-21-22-23, and again in 1931, being elected in the latter year for a three year term. He also served as a member of the city board of health for two years. Doctor Snyder holds membership in the Geneva Academy of Medicine, Ontario County, New York State, and American Medical Associations, and is designated medical examiner for the United States Veterans Bureau. He is also surgeon for the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company in this district.

On June 24, 1916, Doctor Snyder married Miss Alice Clare Van Kirk, the daughter of George D. and Margaret T. Van Kirk, of Interlaken, New York. They have a daughter, Clare Marie, born May 21, 1920.

Doctor Snyder is a Republican, a member of the Episcopal Church, and is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge and B. P. O. Elks. He also belongs to the Seneca Yacht Club, Geneva Country Club, Chamber of Commerce, Sigma Chi and Phi Rho Sigma fraternities.

Doctor Snyder is also a member of the staff and attending surgeon of Geneva General Hospital.

Col. Robert A. Bringham.—Brilliant achievement marks the military career of Col. Robert A. Bringham, retired U. S. Army officer, who is manager of the Veterans Administration Home, at Bath. He was born in Lassen County, California, August 19, 1892, the son of Marion C. and Hattie (Trimble) Bringham.

Marion C. Bringham is a native of Nebraska, and now lives retired at Susanville, Lassen County, California. His parents were en route from Indiana to California at the time of his birth, and as a young man he engaged in general farming in California. He later became proprietor of a hotel, and was thus engaged at the time of his retirement. He is a Democrat and has served as deputy sheriff of Plumas County, California. His wife was born in California, and died in October, 1893. To Mr. and Mrs. Bring-

ham were born six children: 1. Mrs. Mabel Craine, lives at Susanville, California. 2. Mrs. Katheryn Briggs, lives at Reno, Nevada. 3. Grace, who died in infancy. 4. William A., lives at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. 5. Robert A., the subject of this sketch. 6. Jesse G., lives at Red Bluff, California.

Robert A. Bringham attended the public schools of Plumas County, California, and was reared by an aunt. He worked his way through school and was graduated from Reno (Nevada) High School. He then spent two years at the University of Nevada, after which he received an appointment to West Point Military Academy in 1913 by Senator Francis G. Newman, of Nevada. He was graduated from the latter institution in 1917 with the rank of second lieutenant, U. S. Army, and he immediately was assigned to duty with the Fifty-eighth U. S. Infantry, at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Soon after he was promoted to first lieutenant, and three months later was transferred to Camp Green, Charlotte, North Carolina, as a member of the Fourth Division, mobilized preparatory to sailing for overseas duty. Lieutenant Bringham sailed in May, 1918, for London, England, and was immediately sent to the front at Chateau Thierry in defense against the German drive of June, 1918. He then fought in the second battle of the Marne, and was severely wounded during that engagement, on July 20, 1918, when he suffered the partial loss of an arm. After several months of confinement in French hospitals he was returned to the United States, and sent to Walter Reed Hospital, at Washington, D. C. After his recovery, Lieutenant Bringham was assigned to duty as professor of military science in tactics at New York University in 1919, and while there organized the Reserve Officers Training Corps at the university, being in general charge of the military department. In December, 1919, he was retired from the active list of United States Army officers on account of his injury, and was promoted to the rank of captain in December, 1920.

On September 15, 1921, Captain Bringham was sent to Staunton Military Academy, at Staunton, Virginia, as professor of military science, at his own request, and he later became professor at that institution, where he remained in active duty until Decem-

ber 1, 1928. He was again relieved from military duty and for a year engaged in the general insurance business in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. In April, 1929, Colonel Bringham received the appointment as governor of the National Military Home at Bath, New York. The institution was taken over by the United States Government in May, 1929, and he has continued in charge to the present time.

In December, 1917, Colonel Bringham was united in marriage with Miss Margaret Balcom, of Bath, the daughter of Lyman H. and Jessie (MacDougall) Balcom. They are residents of Bath. To Mr. and Mrs. Bringham have been born three sons: 1. Robert MacDougall, born at Bath, in 1919. 2. William Neale, born at Staunton, Virginia, in 1924. 3. John Malcom, born at Bath in 1930.

Colonel Bringham is a member of the Episcopal Church, and is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge, Elks Lodge, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Disabled American Veterans of the World War. He is a trustee of the Bath Library Board, director of the Chamber of Commerce, member of the Rotary Club, and member of Steuben Council, Boy Scouts of America.

D. Spencer Longwell, who has spent nearly all his life in the city of Bath, has long been identified with the business interests of the community and is president of the Longwell Lumber & Building Company, Inc., 33-35 West Steuben Street. He was born at East New Market, Maryland, February 25, 1878, the son of John and Ella S. (Bradt) Longwell.

John Longwell, who died in 1926, was a native of Steuben County, born at Urbana. His wife was a native of Onondaga County and died in 1927. They are buried at Bath. Until 1877 Mr. Longwell lived in Steuben County and was interested in the growing of grapes. In that year he went to Maryland but two years later returned to Urbana, where he lived retired at the time of his death. He was a Democrat and had served as justice of the peace. He was a member of the Episcopal Church and be-

longed to the Grange. Three sons were born to Mr. and Mrs. Longwell: 1. Walter, who is secretary and treasurer of the Longwell Lumber & Building Company, Inc. 2. D. Spencer, the subject of this sketch. 3. Charles R., merchant, lives at Pleasant Valley, New York.

D. Spencer Longwell was a student at Haverling High School at the outbreak of the Spanish American War. He left school to enlist in the United States Army and served for eighteen months as a member of Company H, 203rd New York Infantry. Upon his return to Bath he became associated in business with his brother, Walter Longwell, and they organized the Longwell Roofing Company. The firm completed numerous government contracts for roofing at the shipyards on the Delaware River at Bristol, Pennsylvania. They continued as roofing contractors exclusively until 1919, at which time they added a complete line of lumber, hardware and builders supplies, the firm being incorporated as The Longwell Lumber & Building Company, Inc. Their lumber and supply yards cover approximately three acres.

In 1917 Mr. Longwell was married to Miss Mabel Wessels, of Avoca, New York, the daughter of Menzo and Mary (Taylor) Wessels. They are natives of Avoca, New York, and Williamsport, Pennsylvania, respectively, and are now residents of Bath. To Mr. and Mrs. Longwell have been born eight children: 1. Menzo W., born in 1918. 2. Mary E., born in 1919. 3. Spencer, Jr., born in 1920. 4. Walter J., born in 1921. 5. Mildred E., born in 1923. 6. Donald J., born in 1926. 7. Alfred E., born in 1928. 8. Ina May, born September 19, 1932.

Mr. Longwell has always been a Democrat and for several years has been Democratic County Committeeman. He was a delegate to the Democratic State conventions in 1930 and 1932. As a member of the board of trustees of Bath during the past two years he has been successful in securing the boulevard lighting system for the city as well as the widening of Washington Boulevard. He and his family are members of the Presbyterian Church, and he belongs to the Masonic Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows and B. P. O. Elks, No. 1547.

Hon. Clarence Willis.—A native and life long resident of Steuben County, Clarence Willis has been a member of the New York Bar for half a century and throughout all this time has been engaged in general law practice at Bath, the county seat of Steuben County. His long experience, his thorough legal knowledge, and his ability, have enabled him to build up a very substantial practice, and he is one of the most widely known and highly respected members of the legal profession in this locality. In public affairs, too, he has been effectively active for many years and in numerous directions, but his chief interest, outside of his own profession has always been in the cause of public education, which he has served and advanced with great energy and enthusiasm, having been a member of the Bath Board of Education almost continuously from 1888 until his retirement in 1914, and its president for many years of this long period.

Clarence Willis was born on a farm near Howard, Steuben County, about ten miles northwest of Bath, July 31, 1852, the son of William Hern and Nancy (Whiting) Willis. His maternal great grandfather, Col. John Whiting, was born at Billerica, Massachusetts, October 10, 1782, later moving to Eddington, Maine, and still later in 1814 to Bath. His paternal great-grandfather, William Willis, came from Tolland County, Connecticut, to Steuben County in 1820, being a member of an old and prominent New England family. His maternal grandmother, Sarah Emerson Whiting, was born at Candia, Rockingham County, New Hampshire, March 15, 1798.

During his boyhood Clarence Willis worked on his father's farm and studied with Rev. Peter C. Robertson, who laid the foundation of a very good classical education and whose interest in his pupil's educational progress became the basis of the latter's desire to make available to everyone the best possible educational opportunities. He attended Haverling Academy, from which he was graduated in 1871, and he devoted the following two years to teaching school and reading law in the office of Ruggles & Little and Charles F. Kingsley. These activities, to which he devoted himself with great zeal, proved too exhausting for his health and he was obliged to retire for a time to the home farm. His health

eventually improved and he was able to complete his law studies, being admitted to the bar at Buffalo, New York, in 1878. In the same year he established himself in the practice of law at Bath, where he has continued since with success, and where he became one of the leading lawyers with an extensive practice. Mr. Willis has always taken a deep interest in local public affairs and was elected to many offices. From 1883 until 1888 he was clerk to the sheriff of Steuben County; in 1889 he served as village clerk of Bath; in 1890 became police justice and served for six years; from 1891 to 1895 was justice of the peace; and on March 1, 1907, was appointed by the State Controller to serve as transfer tax attorney for Steuben County. He has also been assessor and a member of the Board of Health at Bath. In 1888 Mr. Willis was elected for the first time as a member of the Board of Education and with the exception of three years, 1901-04, he served on this board until December, 1914, when ill health necessitated his resignation.

Mr. Willis' deep and helpful interest in the schools never wavered and for many years he annually donated prizes for elocution. He also established the Haverling High School Alumni Association in 1883, and served as its president for seven years. Both Hobart College at Geneva, and Alfred University at Alfred have enjoyed his friendly interest and support for many years, and have recognized his accomplishments and services to the cause of education. In 1895 the former institution conferred upon him the honorary degree of Bachelor of Arts, and the latter Master of Letters. Historical affairs have claimed his attention for many years, especially when they concerned Steuben County, in the history and development of which he has taken such an active part, and of which he is deemed one of the best informed historians. Mr. Willis has accumulated a very fine private library, especially rich in historical books, and he is the author of a highly regarded pamphlet on "The Pulteney Land Title" (Genesee Tract), which has been in such demand that it has reached its fifth edition.

The Chair of Oratory at Alfred University was founded by Mr. Willis in memory of his father and mother, and he has been a director of the Alumni Association of this institution for many years.

In politics Mr. Willis is the supporter of the Democratic party and considering that his county and town are normally strong Republican, he has made a very impressive record in both county and state politics. In 1906 he was nominated for County Judge and made a gallant fight. Three years later he was the Democratic nominee for the Assembly but lost by a small margin, and in 1910 he was his party's choice for State Senator. Although he carried every district in Bath, where two years before President Taft had swept the district with a majority of 5,000, the overwhelmingly large Republican vote of the other districts caused his defeat.

Mr. Willis has been a member of the vestry of St. Thomas Episcopal Church at Bath for many years and is senior warden. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he has served as District Deputy Grand Master, and District Deputy Grand Patriarch of the Encampment. He is also a director and former secretary and superintendent of Bath Cemetery Association.

On April 23, 1890, Mr. Willis married Miss Mary Alice Ballington. She died March 13, 1925, and is buried in Onondaga Cemetery, Bath.

Hon. Thomas Shannon.—A lawyer with a wide and important clientele in Bath and Steuben County, Thomas Shannon is also recognized as one of the civic leaders of the community, in which he has spent his entire life. He was born at Bath, July 11, 1863, the son of Matthew and Martha (Faucett) Shannon.

Matthew Shannon was born in Ireland and died in 1875. His wife, also a native of Ireland, died in 1888. They are buried at Bath. Mr. Shannon was a farmer and for many years owned and operated land west of the present location of the Soldiers' Home in Steuben County. At the time of his death he was living on a farm in Bath. Politically, Mr. Shannon was a Republican. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Shannon: 1. Fannie, deceased. 2. Elizabeth, deceased. 3. Mary, deceased. 4. Matthew E., lives at Bath. 5. Robert, lives at Bath. 6. James, deceased.

7. Mrs. Lettie Fairchild, deceased. 8. William, lives at Bath.
9. Thomas, the subject of this sketch.

After his graduation from Haverling High School at Bath, Thomas Shannon entered Cornell University, from which he was graduated in 1888, with the degree of Bachelor of Letters. He then returned to this city, and read law in the office of Hon. John F. Little, being admitted to the bar in October, 1890. During the following two years he continued his association with Judge Little, and has since practiced alone. He has specialized in surrogate court work.

In 1898, Mr. Shannon was united in marriage with Miss Maud T. MacPherson, of Bath, the daughter of Robert and Jemima (Hay) MacPherson, natives of Canada and Scotland, respectively. Mr. MacPherson died in 1906 and his wife died in 1908. They are buried at Bath. Mr. and Mrs. Shannon have no children.

Mr. Shannon has always been a Republican. He has been village president, attorney, and clerk, and from 1894 until 1900 was clerk of the board of supervisors. He was a member of the Assembly for the first district of Steuben County for the years of 1911-12. He also was a member and clerk of the local school board during 1903-27. For six years Mr. Shannon has been United States Commissioner. He is local attorney for "The Federal Land Bank" of Springfield, Massachusetts. He is a director of the Bath National Bank.

Mr. and Mrs. Shannon are members of St. Thomas Episcopal Church, and he belongs to Bath Lodge, No. 112, F. and A. M. He has been president of the Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the Davenport Library Board.

James S. Drake, Jr.—As attorney of Steuben County, James S. Drake, Jr., has practiced law in Steuben County during the past ten years, and is prominent in the legal affairs of Bath. He is also a veteran of the World War. Mr. Drake was born in this city, December 29, 1896, the son of James S. and Lennie (Ireland) Drake.

James S. Drake is a well known citizen of Bath. Both he and his wife are natives of Steuben County. He is a Democrat, a member of the Baptist Church, and Maccabees. To Mr. and Mrs. Drake were born four children: 1. Newell, lives at Syracuse. 2. Winifred, lives at Bath. 3. James S., the subject of this sketch. 4. Lillian, married George Morse, lives at Bath.

James S. Drake, Jr., is a graduate of Haverling High School, class of 1915. He entered Albany Law School, but on March 16, 1916, left school to enlist in the United States Army, being a member of Company A, 10th New York Infantry. He was then stationed at Camp Whitman, New York, until August, 1916, and at that time resumed his studies at Albany Law School. However, on February 2, 1917, he was again called into the service, and did guard duty at Ashokan Reservoir in the Catskill mountains. In May, 1917, he was transferred to Woodbine, Maryland, on guard duty on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, and in August was sent to Camp Wadsworth, South Carolina, as a member of the 27th Division. He was then transferred as a member of Company A, 51st Pioneer Infantry, and in July, 1918, sailed for France with that organization. He served with the rank of sergeant in the Toule sector and also participated in the battle of St. Mihiel and the Verdun drive, as well as Meuse Argonne offensive. He attended the emergency officers' training school at LaVolnone, and after the signing of the armistice was sent to Germany with the Army of Occupation, being discharged at Camp Upton, Long Island, July 19, 1919, with the rank of second lieutenant.

Mr. Drake then returned to the Albany Law School, from which he received the degree of LL. B. in 1922. He was associated in practice in this city with Floyd W. Annabel, and in March, 1928, Mr. Drake was appointed attorney of Steuben County. He also served as Police Justice for three terms.

On July 8, 1926, Mr. Drake was united in marriage with Miss Blanche Jansen, of Ithaca, the daughter of J. C. and Jennie (Fritz) Jansen, of Tompkins County. The former now resides at Richford, New York, and the latter died in 1928. Blanche (Jansen) Drake is a graduate of Ithaca High School, and Ithaca Hospital. Before her marriage she was superintendent of nurses of

Steuben County Tuberculosis Sanitorium at Bath. Mr. and Mrs. Drake have two children: 1. Dorothy Marie, born in 1927. 2. James S., III, born in 1931.

Politically, Mr. Drake is a Republican, and he has served as Republican county committeeman. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and he is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Loyal Order of Moose and Chamber of Commerce. He is attorney and county historian for the local Post of the American Legion and past commander, and is also attorney for the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

W. Sterling Cole.—Holding high rank in legal circles in Steuben County, is W. Sterling Cole, who is associated with the firm of Cole & Cole, at Bath. He was born at Painted Post, New York, April 18, 1904, the son of Hon. Ernest E. and Minnie (Pierce) Cole.

Hon. Ernest E. Cole, of Albany, New York, has served as a member of the New York State Senate and Assembly and at the present time is Deputy Commissioner of Education in New York State. Mr. Cole was born at Savona, Steuben County, received his early education in the public schools, and in 1895 was graduated from the law school of Cornell University. He taught school in Steuben County until 1906, being located at Howard, Greenwood, Painted Post and Addison. Mr. Cole came to Bath in 1916 to practice law and was associated with Wilbur F. Knapp, as a member of the firm of Cole & Knapp. This partnership continued until 1926, at which time Mr. Cole was appointed Deputy Commissioner of Education at Albany. His son, Robert E. Cole, succeeded him as a member of the firm, which has since been reorganized as Cole & Cole. Mr. Cole has always been a Republican. He is a member of the First Presbyterian Church and belongs to the Masonic Lodge. His wife was also born at Savona. Mr. and Mrs. Cole are the parents of three sons: 1. Robert E., lawyer, lives at Bath. 2. W. Sterling, the subject of this sketch. 3. James P., M. D., who is connected with the New York Orthopedic Hospital, New York City.

W. Sterling Cole attended Haverling High School at Bath, and in 1925 received the degree of Bachelor of Arts at Colgate University. He then was a member of the faculty of Corning Free Academy, and subsequently entered Albany Law School, from which he received the degree of LL. B. in 1929. Mr. Cole spent one year in the investment office of George R. Cooley, at Albany, and then located at Bath. The firm of Cole & Knapp was discontinued in 1930, at which time Robert E. and W. Sterling Cole organized the firm of Cole & Cole. Mr. Cole is a Republican, and in 1932 was a candidate for election to congress from this district.

In 1929 Mr. Cole married Miss Anna Elizabeth Thomas, of Corning, New York, the daughter of John L. and Nina (Edger) Thomas. Mr. Thomas is a prominent citizen of Corning, where he is treasurer of the Corning Glass Works. Mrs. Cole attended Wells College for two years and is a graduate of Simmons College, at Boston, Massachusetts. Mr. and Mrs. Cole have a son, William S., born August 10, 1931.

Mr. Cole is an Elder of the Presbyterian Church and is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge, Sigma Nu and Phi Beta Kappa fraternities. He is serving his second term as a member of the local Board of Education.

John H. Faucett.—Among the progressive and well known business men of Bath is John H. Faucett, dealer in coal, feed and builders supplies. He was born in this city, July 31, 1874, the son of James and Elizabeth (Brundage) Faucett.

James Faucett, deceased, was a veteran of the Civil War. He was born at Bath, received his education in the public schools, and in early life engaged in business in this city as a dealer in produce, buying hay, grain and other commodities, later taking on coal and feed, and after a time added builders supplies. He was identified with that enterprise until his death in 1915, and it is still carried on by his son. Mr. Faucett was a Republican and served as president of the village as well as supervisor. He also was sheriff of Steuben County for one term. He was an active

member of the Presbyterian Church and was affiliated with the Masonic Lodge for half a century, at the time of his death being the oldest member of the Bath Lodge. His wife was born at Urbana, Steuben County, and died in 1918. To Mr. and Mrs. Faucett were born three sons: 1. John H., the subject of this sketch. 2. James, flour and grist mill owner, Bath. 3. Will, connected with the Dollar Steamship Lines, New York City.

John H. Faucett is a graduate of the public schools of Bath and attended Rochester Business College. His entire business career has been identified with the business which was established by his father. He is also secretary of the Bath Savings & Loan Association.

In 1906 Mr. Faucett married Miss Mary Elizabeth Lindsay, of Bath, the daughter of Capt. W. W. and Mary Elizabeth Lindsay, natives of Ireland. Both are deceased and are buried at Bath. Mr. Lindsay served throughout the Civil War with the rank of captain and was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. Mr. and Mrs. Faucett have a son, James Victor, born in 1908. He is a graduate of Haverling High School and Bryant & Stratton Business College at Buffalo. He is associated with his father's business at Bath. He belongs to the Exchange Club of Bath.

Mr. Faucett is a Republican and a member of the Episcopal Church.

Arthur James Paddock, D. V. M.—One of the prominent young professional men of Steuben County is Doctor Paddock, veterinary surgeon, who is engaged in practice at Bath. He was born at Italy, Yates County, December 17, 1897, the son of William and Emily (Emerson) Paddock.

William Paddock, who died in 1929, was a native of Yates County. He remained there throughout his life and was a well known farmer. Politically, he was a Republican and served as county committeeman, justice of the peace, and assessor. He was a supporter of the Methodist Church. His widow was born at Suffolk, England, and resides at Hall, New York. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Paddock: 1. E. E., lives at

Pulteney, New York. 2. Philip, farmer, lives at Branchport, New York. 3. Fannie, married William Wallace, lives at Branchport. 4. Daniel, produce merchant, lives at Penn Yan. 5. Louise, married Don T. Bishop, lives at Benton, New York. 6. Mrs. Philip Daniels, lives at Hall, New York. 7. Joseph William, farmer, lives on the Paddock homestead in Yates County. 8. Arthur James, the subject of this sketch.

Arthur James Paddock is a graduate of Franklin Academy and in 1921 was graduated from the College of Veterinary Medicine at Cornell University. During the following year he was resident veterinarian at the Ellen Spyer Veterinary Hospital, New York City. He then spent two years in private practice at Prattsburg, New York, and in April, 1924, located at Bath. He is also local milk inspector, being in charge of the entire city supply, and he is accredited veterinarian in this section of Steuben County for the State of New York. He holds membership in the New York State Veterinary Medical Association.

On August 20, 1921, Doctor Paddock was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Bloomer, of Prattsburg, New York, the daughter of Charles and Minnie (Potter) Bloomer. To Doctor and Mrs. Paddock have been born three children: 1. James Arthur, born in 1923. 2. Jean Marie, born in 1926. 3. Elizabeth Ann, born in 1930.

Doctor Paddock is a Republican, a member of the Presbyterian Church, and is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge, Sigma Xi and Alpha Psi fraternities, Exchange Club and the American Legion.

William Messerschmitt is one of the representative business men of Bath, where he is associated with the firm of Messerschmitt & Empey, candy manufacturers. He was born at Rochester, New York, October 3, 1869, the son of John M. and Mary (Gardner) Messerschmitt.

John M. Messerschmitt was a native of Bavaria, Germany, and his wife was born in Baden Baden. He came to this country at the age of ten years and located at Rochester, New York, with his

parents. In early youth he learned the candy making business and in 1869 located at Bath as the proprietor of a restaurant and candy business. In 1885 he built the Messerschmitt block, which is now the location of his son's business. He also was proprietor of the Messerschmitt Hotel at Bath until his death, in October, 1915. His wife died in 1913. They are buried at Bath. Mr. Messerschmitt was a Republican, a member of the German Lutheran Church, and belonged to the Masonic Lodge and Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Messerschmitt: 1. Mrs. Eugene Hick, lives at Elmira. 2. Mrs. Elizabeth Higgins, who died in 1910. 3. Edward A., lives at Bath. 4. Mrs. Carrie Waldeck, lives at Rochester. 5. William, the subject of this sketch. 6. John, who died in 1896.

William Messerschmitt obtained his education in the public schools of Bath and Haverling. In early life he became associated with his father's business interests at Bath, and succeeded to the management upon the death of his father in 1915. During the following four years his brother, Edward Messerschmitt, continued as his partner, but in 1919 Franklin C. Empey became his new associate. They are wholesale manufacturers of candy, confectioners supplies, soda fountain supplies, and novelties.

Mr. Messerschmitt married (first) Miss Catherine Huber, of Bath, who died in 1905. She was the daughter of Charles and Catherine (Millenbacker) Huber, natives of Germany. Mr. Huber was a veteran of the Civil War and died shortly after his discharge. His wife died in 1904. To William and Catherine (Huber) Messerschmitt was born a daughter, Carlana Louise, born in 1897. She is a graduate of Haverling High School and Mechanics Institute at Rochester. She married Franklin C. Empey, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this history. Mr. Messerschmitt married (second) Susan (Frazier) Howard, of Addison, New York. They have no children.

Mr. Messerschmitt is a member of the Presbyterian Church, Bath Lodge, No. 112, F. and A. M.; Steuben Chapter, No. 95, R. A. M.; De Molay Commandery, K. T.; Cashmere Grotto, M. O. V. P. É. R.; Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Chamber of Commerce. Politically, he is a Republican.

Elmer Kleckler has a wide acquaintance in the city of Bath, where he has been identified with the City Water Works since 1894 as superintendent. He was born at Oak Grove, Michigan, April 23, 1869, the son of Elias and Lucy (Surdam) Kleckler.

Elias Kleckler was a native of Tompkins County, born at North Lansing. He was a millwright by trade and also engaged in farming. He later had extensive lumber interests in Michigan. He returned to New York in 1871 and located at Savona, Steuben County, where he engaged in the manufacture of wooden pumps. He died June 14, 1904, and is buried at Savona. His wife was born in Tompkins County and died July 29, 1883. He was a Republican and held membership in the Baptist Church and the Masonic Fraternity. To Mr. and Mrs. Kleckler were born the following children: 1. Gertrude, born January 6, 1857, died August 9, 1931. 2. Frank G., died 1932. 3. Fred, lives at Painted Post. 4. Herbert, born April 27, 1866, died March 29, 1898. 5. Elmer, the subject of this sketch. 6. Mrs. C. M. Tucker, lives at Knoxville, Pennsylvania.

Elmer Kleckler attended the public schools of Savona and for a time was interested in his father's business. He located at Bath in February, 1890, as engineer in the electric light room at the Soldiers' Home. During the past thirty-nine years he has been connected with the Bath Water Works Company, and since 1902 has been general manager.

On February 12, 1896, Mr. Kleckler married Miss Sarah A. McCleary, a native of Ireland, the daughter of William and Mary (Stewart) McCleary. Both were natives of Ireland, and died in 1909 and 1929, respectively. Mr. and Mrs. Kleckler have two children: 1. Lucy, born in 1900, a graduate of Geneseo State Normal School, was a teacher in the public schools of South Orange, New Jersey, before her marriage to Coleman Mallory. They have two children, Robert Coleman and Barbara Jane. They live at Geneva, New York. 2. Herbert E., born in 1907, attended Mechanics Institute, Rochester. He is assistant superintendent of the Bath Water Works Company.

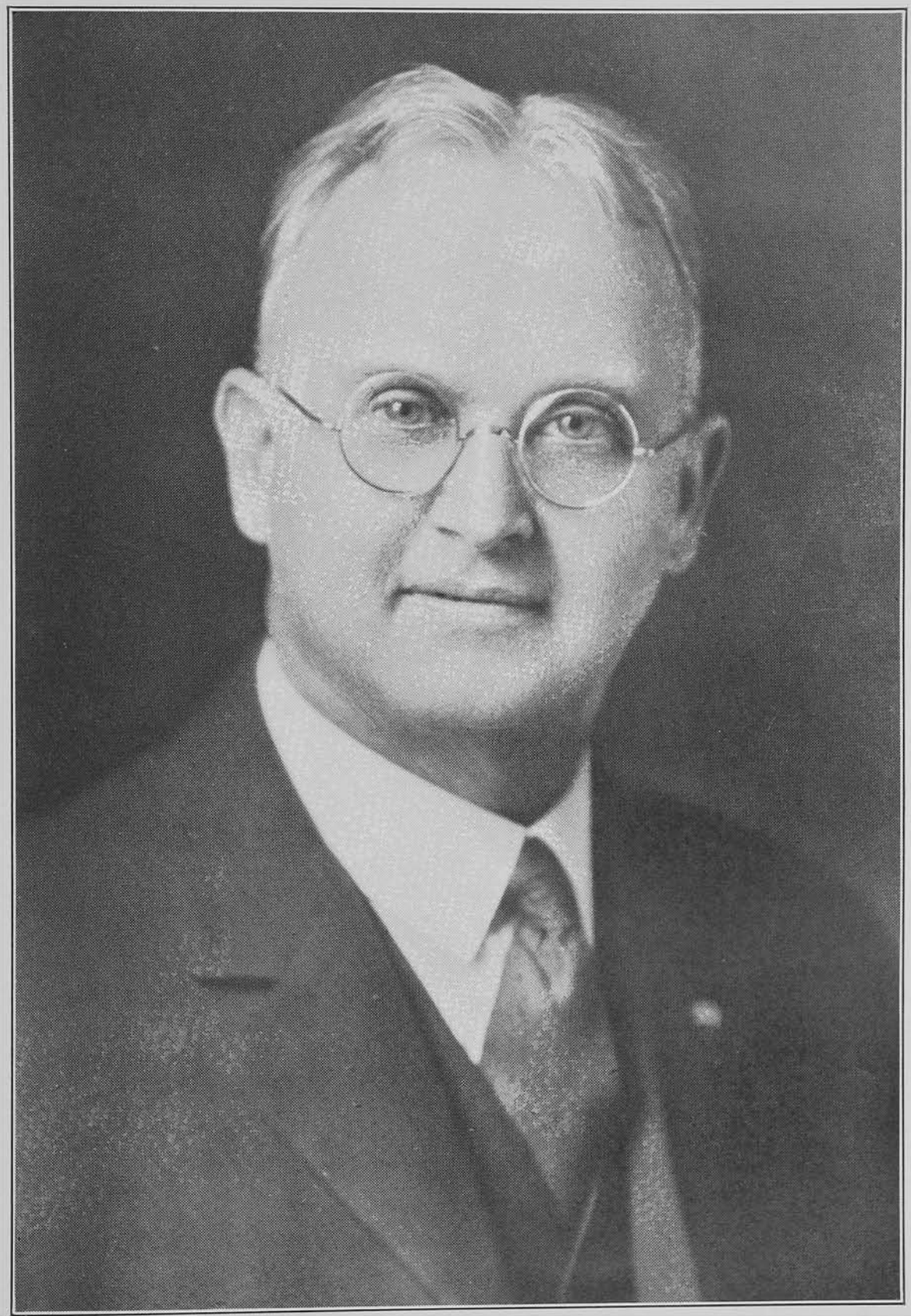
Mr. Kleckler is a Republican, and a member of the Episcopal Church. He holds membership in the Modern Woodmen of Amer-

ica, Steuben Lodge, No. 112, F. and A. M., past master and Past District Deputy Grand Master of the Steuben District; Bath Chapter, No. 95, R. A. M., Past High Priest; Bath Council, No. 40, R. and S. M., Past Master, and DeMolay Commandery, No. 22, K. T.

John Arthur Spengler, M. D.—One of the noted specialists of Central New York is Doctor Spengler, ophthalmologist, with offices at 423 Main Street, Geneva. He is also ophthalmic surgeon for the Lehigh Valley Railroad and New York Central & Hudson River Railroad, as well as staff ophthalmologist at Geneva General Hospital. Doctor Spengler was born at Geneva, March 10, 1868, the son of John and Elizabeth (Van Huben) Spengler.

John Spengler was a native of Switzerland, born December 24, 1833. He emigrated to the United States in 1854 and settled at Geneva, where for many years he successfully conducted a retail shoe business. He later was a farmer and died at Reading, Pennsylvania, in December, 1906. Mr. Spengler was married in 1866 to Miss Elizabeth Van Huben, who was also a native of Switzerland, born October 17, 1884. She resides with Dr. John Spengler. To Mr. and Mrs. Spengler were born seven children, of whom John Arthur, subject of this sketch, was the oldest.

John Arthur Spengler attended the public schools of Geneva, from which he was graduated in 1890. He then entered Hobart College, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Letters in 1893, and the degree of Bachelor of Science at Cornell University in 1895, and was a member of The Cornellian Council of Cornell University. He was then awarded the degree of Master of Letters at Hobart College in 1897, and the following year received the degree of Doctor of Civil Law at Nashville (Tennessee) College of Law. He then entered the medical department of the University of Buffalo, from which he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1899. While in Cornell University he was under the tutelage of Dr. John S. Kirkendall for two years. After serving as interne in the Buffalo Eye and Ear Hospital under Dr. Lucien Howe, Doc-



JOHN ARTHUR SPENGLER, M. D.

tor Spengler established a private practice at Geneva in 1899, where he specialized in the treatment of diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat. In recent years, however, he has practically confined his attention to the practice of ophthalmology. He holds membership in the following professional organizations: Association for Research in Ophthalmology; American Academy of Political and Social Science; Buffalo Ophthalmic Club; Optical Society of America; American Chemical Society (Rochester Section); Association of New York Central Railway Lines Surgeons; active member of the New York and New England Association of Railway Surgeons; Illuminating Engineering Society; International Congress of Ophthalmology; Ontario County Medical Society; New York State Medical Society; Fellow of the American Medical Association; American Academy of Ophthalmology and Oto Laryngology; a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, and American Association for the Advancement of Science. He is also certified by the American Board of Ophthalmic Examiners, and is the author of "Advantages of Tri-focal Lenses and Reasons Why They Should Be Worn," and "The Ives Visual Vacuity Test Object." Doctor Spengler's laboratory is also equipped to manufacture and grind lenses for his patients. It is considered the most modern eye laboratory for diagnosis in the United States, consisting of special built cameras for the photography of all external and internal parts of the eye; both single and stereoscopic photographs; microscopic examinations of external and internal eye pathologies; in fact, representatives state that the Doctor has every modern eye instrument used in ophthalmology.

As early as 1927, Dr. Spengler was making photographs in black and white of the inside of the eye, and in 1928 he began taking photographs in natural colors of the inside of the living eye, being a pioneer in eye photography.

On July 17, 1907, Doctor Spengler was united in marriage with Miss Edra A. MacVicker, the daughter of John and Cecelia (Compson) MacVicker, of Rochester, New York. At one time Mr. MacVicker was editor of the Clyde (New York) Times, and was a member of the staff of the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle. Doctor and Mrs. Spengler have two daughters: 1. Mabel

Cecelia, born in 1909, a graduate of William Smith College, class of 1932. 2. Ruth Elizabeth, born in 1913, a graduate of Geneva High School, class of 1932.

Doctor Spengler is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he has been President of the Board of Trustees for many years. He is a life member of Ark Lodge, No. 33, F. and A. M.; life member of Geneva Chapter, No. 36, R. A. M.; life member of Geneva Commandery, No. 29, K. T., being an active member of the Supreme Council of the 33rd degree Scottish Rite, Damascus Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Rochester. He also holds membership in the Rotary Club, Chamber of Commerce, Y. M. C. A., Geneva Rod and Gun Club, National Rifle Association, Geneva Rifle Club, Seneca Yacht Club, Automobile Club of Geneva and Isaac Walton League of America.

During the World War, Doctor Spengler volunteered his services but was not called into active service but served in the Volunteer Medical Service Corps.

Rev. Patrick A. Kelly, who is pastor of St. Gabriel's Catholic Church, at Hammondsport, is among Steuben County's most prominent citizens. He was born at Medina, New York, in 1888, the son of James J. and Bridget A. (Downey) Kelly.

James J. Kelly was born at Brockville, Ontario, Canada. He was ten years old when his parents came to New York and settled at Medina. He became a foundry superintendent and remained at that place until 1890, when he located at Rochester, New York, as city inspector. He retired in 1914 and died two years later. Mr. Kelly was a veteran of the Civil War. He left home at the age of fourteen years and enlisted as a member of the Eighth New York Heavy Artillery. He was wounded several times in service and was discharged with the rank of captain. Mr. Kelly was a Republican and held membership in the Grand Army of the Republic. His wife was born in Ireland and died in 1916. Both are buried at Rochester. Their children were: 1. Mrs. Patrick J. Kennedy, lives at Medina, New York. 2. John, lives at Palmyra. 3. Mary, lives

at Rochester. 4. Rachel, who died in 1917. 5. James, who was killed in Cuba during the Spanish-American War while serving as a member of the 202nd New York Regiment. 6. Daniel, who died in 1914. 7. Elizabeth, who died in 1922, was the wife of John Regan. 8. Sister Marie, Order of St. Joseph, St. Ambrose Convent, Rochester. 9. Bernard A., who died in 1920. 10. Patrick A., the subject of this sketch. 11. Joseph F., lives at Rochester. 12. Stella, lives at Rochester.

Patrick A. Kelly spent his boyhood at Rochester and attended St. Mary's parochial school. He was graduated from St. Andrew's Seminary, being ordained to the priesthood at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Rochester, on June 12, 1915, by Archbishop Hickey. He then became assistant pastor at Mt. Carmel Church, Rochester, and three years later was transferred to St. Michael's Church at Penn Yan, where he remained for five years. After four years as assistant pastor of St. Patrick's Church at Owego, Father Kelly came to Hammondsport, January 10, 1929, as pastor of St. Gabriel's Church.

Father Kelly is a member of the Knights of Columbus at Penn Yan.

Fred R. Webster, who is vice-president and trust officer of the Farmers and Mechanics Trust Company, at Bath, has been identified with that institution for a period of forty years. He was born at Groton City, Tompkins County, the son of Francis W. and Jennie (Hollister) Webster.

Francis W. Webster was a native of Fabius, Onondaga County. He was five years of age when his parents removed to Groton City, where he was educated. He later engaged in a general mercantile business there and also served as postmaster. At the time of his retirement he located at Cortland. He died in 1927 and is buried at Groton, New York. His wife was born at Lisle, Broome County, and died in 1927. Mr. Webster was a Republican and a member of the Congregational Church. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Webster: 1. Irene, who died in 1930, was the wife of Charles Ranney. 2. Fred R., the subject of this sketch.

Fred R. Webster attended the public schools of Groton, New York, and Cortland Normal School. He is a graduate of Roberts Business Institute at Elmira. He came to Bath in 1892 as a stenographer in the Farmers and Mechanics Bank, and during the forty years has filled every official position with the exception of president. In 1924 the bank became a Trust Company and Mr. Webster became its trust officer, and later its vice-president. He is still serving in that capacity, and also for years has been a director in the institution.

Mr. Webster married (first) Miss Charlotte Mead, of Bath, the daughter of James and Catherine (Waterman) Mead. Mr. Mead died in 1873 and his wife died in 1926. Charlotte (Mead) Webster died in 1911, and is buried at Bath. To Mr. and Mrs. Webster was born a daughter, Katherine M., born in 1899. She is a graduate of Haverling High School and Cortland Normal School. She married O. Kenneth Maxson, of Cortland, and they have two children: Frederick Webster and Charlotte Maxson. They reside at Binghamton. Mr. Webster married (second) in 1914, Miss Nora Decker, of Bath, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George M. Decker. Both are deceased and buried in Bath, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Webster have no children.

Mr. Webster is a Republican and has served as village treasurer. He is an active member of St. Thomas Episcopal Church and has served as vestryman. He belongs to the Masonic Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. and Mrs. Webster live at 104 Gansevoort Street, Bath.

Deyo W. Putnam, a successful business man of Steuben County, is proprietor of the D. W. Putnam Company, Inc., manufacturers of grape products of Hammondsport. He was born at Avoca, New York, June 10, 1890, the son of Charles B. and Addie (Hayes) Putnam.

Charles B. Putnam, who died in 1912, was a native of Steuben County. Throughout his life he was a builder and contractor and lived at Avoca. He was a Democrat and served as constable. His

wife was born at Avoca and died in 1919. She is buried at Springfield, New York. To Mr. and Mrs. Putnam were born four children: 1. Mrs. Maud Hanaman, lives at Buffalo. 2. Ray B., lives at Rochester, New York. 3. Deyo W., the subject of this sketch. 4. Mrs. Twyla Whightman, lives at Rochester.

Deyo W. Putnam grew up at Avoca, where he attended the public schools. He located in Buffalo in 1909 as a traveling representative of the Liggett & Myers Tobacco Company, and three years later established a retail tobacco business in Buffalo. Mr. Putnam returned to Avoca in 1918 at which time he became a member of the firm of Gledhill & Putnam, Inc., of which he served as secretary and treasurer. They were extensive wholesale produce dealers. Mr. Putnam retired from the firm in 1928 and at that time located at Hammondsport as a manufacturer of grape juice. He has become a leading shipper of grapes and grape products, having purchased the plant of the Hammondsport Wine Company in 1930. It is estimated that the new corporation bottles as many as 1,000 cases of grape juice per day during the season. A profitable trade is maintained throughout the United States and Canada, as well as in New Zealand and Porto Rico. The plant employs forty men.

In 1912 Mr. Putnam married Miss Barbara E. Guenther, the daughter of Anthony and Anna (Cristle) Guenther, natives of Buffalo, New York, and Germany. Mr. Guenther died in 1926 and his widow resides at Buffalo. Mr. and Mrs. Putnam's only child, Betty Virginia, was born at Buffalo in 1921.

Mr. Putnam is a Democrat and in 1928 was the unsuccessful candidate for State Senator in this district. He has been Democratic County Committeeman since 1918. Mr. Putnam is a member of the Rotary Club, of which he served as president in 1930, and he belongs to the Chamber of Commerce, president in 1931. He also is affiliated with the B. P. O. Elks, Bath Country Club, and Hammondsport Yacht Club. He is a trustee of the board of education.

Mr. Putnam and his family live at 94 Lake Street, Hammondsport.

Robert H. Howell.—Outstanding among the substantial business men of Hammondsport is Robert H. Howell, identified with the Howell Lumber Company, and he is a member of a prominent pioneer family of Steuben County. He was born at Geneva, New York, September 25, 1894, the son of Edward and Mary (Robinson) Howell.

Edward Howell, a native of Bath, died in 1902. He was a graduate of the public schools here and attended Yale University. He then located at Geneva as secretary of Phillips & Clark Company. He continued with that concern until the time of his death. Mr. Howell was a Republican and held membership in the Episcopal Church. His wife was born at Rochester, New York, and died in 1917. They were the parents of three sons: 1. James H., who is logging engineer with the Caterpillar Tractor Company, at Peoria, Illinois. He is a graduate of Geneva High School and attended Cornell University. He was one of the early members of the Curtis Aeroplane Company of Hammondsport, and during the World War he was in San Francisco, California, in charge of airplane inspection for the United States Government. Later he became associated with the Best Tractor Company, of San Leandro, California, which concern absorbed the Holt Tractor Company and re-organized as the Caterpillar Company. He was sent to Russia to instruct the Soviet Government in logging engineering, and after eight months in Europe he returned to the United States. Most of his traveling in Europe was made by airplane. 2. Robert H., the subject of this sketch.

Among the earliest settlers in the vicinity of Bath was James Howell, grandfather of the subject of this sketch. He conducted a dry goods and department store here for a number of years. His father was the Hon. Edward Howell, born at Newburgh, Orange County, New York, October 16, 1792. In 1808 Edward Howell located at Sidney, Delaware County, and remained there as a school teacher until 1811. He then came to Bath and spent the following five years in the mercantile business, afterward taking up the study of law in the office of Gen. Daniel Cruger, of Bath. He was appointed county clerk in 1818 and soon after became postmaster of Bath. In 1823 he was admitted to practice in the

Supreme Court and became solicitor in Chancery. Three years later he became counsellor of courts. He was appointed District Attorney in 1829 and elected to the General Assembly in 1832. He became a member of Congress in 1833 and also served as Supreme Court Commissioner. He died January 30, 1871, at the age of seventy-nine years.

Robert H. Howell, subject of this sketch, was reared and educated at Geneva. He received the degree of Bachelor of Arts at New York University in 1916 and at that time located at Hammondsport with the Curtiss Airplane Company. On July 1, 1917, he was sent to Detroit, Michigan, where he engaged in aircraft production work under the supervision of the United States Army. He made several unsuccessful attempts to enlist in the service, and later Mr. Howell was ordered into an Officers' Infantry Training Camp at Camp Fremont, California, but the armistice was signed and his orders cancelled. He then returned to Hammondsport as manager of the Hammondsport Mills, until March 1, 1923. He engaged in sales promotion work with the Sperry Flour Company of San Francisco, California, for one year, after which he again returned to Hammondsport as mill manager. He purchased the business in 1926 and has since engaged in the sale of hardware, and builders supplies, as well as coal. His lumber and coal yards cover two acres of land with a private switch on the Erie Railroad.

On December 28, 1917, Mr. Howell married Miss Emily Champlin, of Hammondsport, the daughter of Harry M. and Eva (Drummer) Champlin, natives of Pleasant Valley and Elmira, respectively. The former died in 1927 and the latter resides at Hammondsport. Mr. and Mrs. Howell have two children: 1. Harry Champlin, born in 1920. 2. Mareva Robinson, born in 1923.

Mr. Howell is a Democrat and during 1928-30 was village president. He has also been a member of the school board for two years. He and his family are members of St. James Episcopal Church and he is affiliated with Urbana Lodge, No. 459, F. and A. M.; Steuben Chapter, R. A. M., and Elks Lodge. He was one of the founders of the Rotary Club at Hammondsport and served as its first president in 1928. Mr. Howell is a member of the

Keuka Lake Yacht Club, and for four years has held the sailing championship of the club. He is the owner of a fine yacht. The family has a summer home on East Lake Road, Keuka Lake.

Edwin Stewart Underhill.—The name Underhill is synonymous with the publication of newspapers of the highest type in Steuben County. Father and son and sons of the same family have contributed to development of two of the leading journals within the widening zone of their influence which extends throughout five counties in this State and Pennsylvania.

Edwin Stewart Underhill, Sr., was born at Bath, New York, October 7, 1861, the son of Anthony L. and Charlotte (McBeth) Underhill. His was a birthright legacy of the fourth estate; since his father for more than forty years was editor and publisher of the "Steuben Farmers Advocate," at Bath. The elder Underhill was the postmaster of Bath and served as Democratic presidential elector on the Cleveland ticket in 1884. Mr. Underhill was a direct descendant in the eighth generation of Capt. John Underhill, of New Hampshire, at one time governor of the State, and who attained fame as a soldier in the war waged by early settlers of Massachusetts against the Pequot Indians.

Having graduated from Haverling High School, at Bath, Edwin Stewart Underhill entered Yale University, from whose academic department he was graduated with the class of 1881. He entered the office of the "Steuben Farmers Advocate" and was associated with its publication during his father's life time. Politics and public service then claimed his active participation, and in 1884 he was made chairman of the Democratic (Steuben) County Committee, in which office he served for several years. In 1888 he was the nominee of the Democratic party for presidential elector.

For some time Mr. Underhill was editor of the "Canandaigua Messenger," which was published by his father. In September, 1899, he with his father purchased the "Corning Daily Democrat," which later was changed to the "Evening Leader." In 1910 Mr.

Underhill was elected representative in Congress for the Thirty-third District of New York, and in 1912 he was re-elected, being the first in his second term to represent the new Thirty-seventh District. He had the unique distinction of having defeated two stalwart and able Republicans, Hon. J. Sloat Fassett, who had a national reputation, and Hon. Thomas F. Fennell.

During his terms in Congress, Mr. Underhill gave his active support to the new Parcel Post system, Federal Reserve Bank Act, Federal Roads Act, etc. He also vigorously aided pension and public building legislation for his district, voted for the American occupation of Mexico to protect the rights of Americans, labored for the adoption of national employers' liability, and workmen's compensation acts, farm legislation and many other important measures. He was a member of the Committee on Buildings and Grounds, and on Industrial Arts and Expositions, of which latter body he was chairman.

Mr. Underhill was president of the Farmers & Mechanics Investment Corporation of Bath; vice-president and chairman of the board of directors of the Farmers & Mechanics Trust Company; served as secretary and later as president of the Urbana Wine Company, of Urbana, which was succeeded in 1921 by the Gold Seal Products Company, of which he was president.

He was a member of many civic and honorary bodies organized to accomplish special improvements and activities. From 1911 until his death he was president of the Davenport Library at Bath, and was a member of the town's board of education for twenty years. He rendered particularly effective service in the World War period as food administrator of Steuben County, and as chairman of the American Red Cross Chapter in Bath, in which latter capacity he served for sometime afterward. He was affiliated with the Masonic Lodge and was district deputy grand master of the 34th Masonic district, which office he held for two years. He was also a member of Corning Consistory and Kalurah Temple, and B. P. O. Elks. He was a charter member of the Rotary Club of Bath.

Mr. Underhill married (first), October 9, 1884, Miss Minerva Elizabeth Allen, only daughter of William W. and Helen M.

(Gansevoort) Allen. Two sons were born to this union: William Allen and Edwin Stewart, Jr., sketches of whom appear elsewhere in this history. Mrs. Underhill died in 1921 and four years later Mr. Underhill married Miss Mary Amelia Allen, of Bath.

Edwin S. Underhill, Sr., died in an automobile accident between Bath and Corning, February 7, 1929.

The Corning Evening Leader, of which Mr. Underhill was owner and publisher, it being the only newspaper published in Corning, is a survivor and consolidation of the Corning Journal, established by Thomas Messenger in 1847, the Corning Sun, established in 1853 by Mark M. Pomeroy, and the Corning Democrat, established by Rev. Ira R. Brown in 1854, as the Southern Tier Farmer, and changed by later owners, C. T. Huson and Frank D. Brown, to the Corning Democrat. The Democrat remained under the ownership of the Brown family until 1889, when it was purchased by the late Anthony L. Underhill and his son, Edwin S. Underhill, and in 1903 its name was changed to the Evening Leader.

The Corning Journal, purchased in July, 1851, by A. N. McDowell and the late Dr. George W. Pratt, was taken over by Doctor Pratt and published by him and his son, Hon. Harry W. Pratt, until 1918, when a company headed by the late John L. Chatfield, one of its editors, took over its publication until its sale to the Evening Leader in 1920.

Anthony L. Underhill, for more than forty years editor and publisher of the Steuben Farmers Advocate, of Bath, and Edwin S. Underhill, as publisher and editor of the Canandaigua Message, and later of the Bath Advocate, the Evening Leader quickly expanded from a four page paper with a circulation of less than 200 daily to a twelve to thirty-two page evening newspaper with a paid in advance circulation of nearly 10,000. The policy of the Evening Leader has been for many years, and was for some years previous to its absorption of the Corning Daily Journal (Republican), an independent newspaper of the highest political ideals. While Edwin S. Underhill was in Congress (1911-1915) he foresaw the rapidly merging viewpoints of the two principal political parties on the great economic question. With courage and pro-

gressiveness, then ahead of public sentiment, he announced an independent policy for the Evening Leader. Since that time the newspaper has actively, aggressively and vigorously stood for in journalism what Edwin S. Underhill so ably stood for in congress, constructive representation of the best interests of city, county, state, and nation. In at least two respects the Evening Leader has been a real pioneer in journalistic practice. It was one of the very first newspapers to adopt a paid in advance subscription policy and also probably one of the first ten small city newspapers to cut loose in the face of competition and strong party sentiment and announce its independence and determination to stand for policies and men rather than mere political partisanship. This policy, regarded dubiously by Mr. Underhill's fellow publishers when launched, was so successful as effecting home circulation that when the Corning Journal was merged with it, the subscription list of that newspaper brought it no new readers, the Leader already dominating the field with practically blanket coverage.

The Evening Leader is highly regarded for its advertising influence and from a news standpoint is generally recognized as one of the most ably edited and conducted newspapers in the state. Despite the fact that it is in a highly competitive field among many splendid big city newspapers, the Evening Leader has carved out an exclusive territory for itself in five counties in New York and Pennsylvania, where it is truly the "home paper." It has for years shown a steady and consistent growth, both in size and circulation, standing seventh in the United States for the comparative size of city circulation.

For nearly thirty years, John F. Rolfe, who is now publisher of the Hartford, Connecticut, Times, was managing editor and business manager of The Leader. The acumen, foresight and native ability of Mr. Rolfe and his loyalty to the newspaper, the publisher and the community over the many years of their association were essential factors in the development of The Leader.

In 1915 Mr. Underhill erected the Evening Leader building, a fireproof structure, which is one of the finest buildings in Corning, and exclusively occupied by his newspaper and printing business. The Leader's mechanical plant is as modern as can be found in

the largest cities, including every type of equipment in the latest design. Its circulation is served by its own fleet of cars and trucks. It has a working force of about fifty people, and over 150 correspondents furnish the vicinity news. The Associated Press, of which it is a member, supplies state and general news over its special leased wire. Its editorial page has been graced by such leading and independent editorial writers as David Lawrence and Mark Sullivan, while the famous political cartoonist, "Ding," is a daily contributor. In addition, scores of features of the highest grade and widest appeal are presented, while business and market page news is covered by the Consolidated Press, Associated Press, Roger W. Babson, and other noted authorities. Associated with Mr. Underhill in active management of the Evening Leader were his two sons, William A. Underhill and Edwin S. Underhill, Jr., and John F. Rolfe.

William Allen Underhill, a son of the late Edwin Stewart Underhill, Sr., former owner and publisher of the Corning Evening Leader, is one of the publishers of that daily newspaper. Having acquired experience in the editorial department of the Leader for a period of five years, he then entered the business office.

William Allen Underhill was born at Bath, New York, January 28, 1888, the son of Edwin S. and Minerva (Allen) Underhill. He attended the public schools of Bath and spent one year at University High School, Chicago, Illinois, and then attended Princeton Preparatory School at Princeton, New Jersey, where he spent one year. He received the degree of Bachelor of Arts at Yale University in 1910, and from college went directly into the Leader office, where he served in the editorial department.

Mr. Underhill is also secretary of the Corning Printing Company, director of the Gold Seal Products Company, at Urbana, New York; a vestryman of Christ Episcopal Church; director of the Corning Trust Company, and a director of the Finger Lakes Investing Corporation. He was for seven years president of Corning Hospital. He has twice served as director of the Corning

Chamber of Commerce. He is affiliated with the Sons of the American Revolution, Corning Rotary, and B. P. O. Elks, Corning. Politically, Mr. Underhill is a Republican.

Shortly after the entrance of the United States in the World War, Mr. Underhill enlisted as a yeoman, second class, United States Naval Reserve Force, at Philadelphia, June 2, 1917. He was assigned to duty on the S. S. "Edorea" (S. P. 549). On April 15, 1918, he was commissioned as ensign and transferred to the overseas communication service. He subsequently was on duty at London, England, and Bizerta, Tunis, Africa. He was with the American Commission to negotiate peace at Paris, and returned to the United States in February, 1919, being discharged on March 17th.

Edwin Stewart Underhill, Jr., is one of the business managers of the Corning Evening Leader, of which his father, the late Edwin Stewart Underhill, was the owner and publisher, and of which the latter's other son, William Allen Underhill, is also a manager of the business department. Biographies of the father and brother appear elsewhere in this history, and also give an account of the rise and progress of the Evening Leader.

Edwin Stewart Underhill, Jr., was born at Bath, April 18, 1890, the son of Edwin S. and Minerva E. (Allen) Underhill. Both parents are deceased.

Mr. Underhill was a student at Haverling High School, Bath, for one year, and pursued his studies further at Princeton Preparatory School, at Princeton, New Jersey. He also spent a year at Jacob Tome Institute, Fort Deposit, Maryland, and next entered Sheffield Scientific School, Yale University, from which he was graduated in 1911. His association with the Corning Evening Leader began immediately after leaving the university, for in the year of his graduation he was attached to the business department of the newspaper, and has ever since held office as one of the managers of that division.

On July 2, 1917, Mr. Underhill enlisted in the United States Navy for service in the World War, and served in the submarine

patrol off the Atlantic Coast. He was commissioned Ensign in the United States Naval Reserve Force, May 13, 1918, and in September of that year was given the rank of Ensign with his (T) at the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland. Throughout the remainder of the war he saw service aboard the United States S. S. Von Steuben, as a member of the transport service, and was discharged in December, 1918.

On June 7, 1923, Mr. Underhill was married at Elmira to Florence Winner. They have two children: 1. Margaret Minerva, born May 7, 1924. 2. Edwin Stewart, III, born April 15, 1926.

Mr. Underhill is chairman of the Steuben County Democratic Committee, a member of Christ Protestant Episcopal Church, and is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge; B. P. O. Elks, Past Exalted Ruler of Corning Lodge; and Corning Chamber of Commerce, Past President. He is a past president of the New York Associated Dailies.

Mr. Underhill is president of the Corning Printing Company, president and director of the Gold Seal Products Company of Urbana, and director of the First National Bank & Trust Company of Corning, and Farmers & Mechanics Trust Co. of Bath.

S. John Stover is an active, enterprising business man of Corning, where he is identified with the Stover Funeral Home, at 327 East Second Street. He was born at Booneville, Pennsylvania, February 4, 1884, the son of Rev. John D. and Pauline (Overdorf) Stover.

Rev. John D. Stover, who died in 1919, was a native of Pennsylvania. After his graduation from high school he entered Central Pennsylvania Theological Seminary at New Berlin, Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated in 1884. He was ordained as a minister of the Evangelical Church during that year and until 1911 was active in ministerial work. He then retired and lived at Booneville, Pennsylvania, until his death. His charges included East Point, Port Treverton, New Berlin, Hanover, Lock Haven, Quiggleville, and Logansville, all in Pennsylvania. His widow re-

sides at Booneville. To Mr. and Mrs. Stover were born three sons: 1. Weller E., who holds the rank of General in the U. S. Army, and is stationed in Delaware. He is a graduate of West Point Military Academy, served as first lieutenant during the Spanish-American War and Colonel of Artillery during the World War. 2. S. John, the subject of this sketch. 3. P. Henry, lives at Buffalo, New York.

S. John Stover attended the public schools of Pennsylvania and taught school for two years in York County after his graduation from normal school. He then located at Jersey Shore, Pennsylvania, as an accountant for the New York Central Railroad Company. He was later transferred to Mahaffey, Pennsylvania, for three years, and subsequently to Corning, and remained in the employ of the railroad until 1919. He then attended the Reunard School of Embalming in New York City from which he was graduated in 1920. Upon his return to Corning he was associated in business with Ernest Perkins, and they purchased the undertaking establishment of Daniel Stimson. After a year the partnership was dissolved and Mr. Stover began the business of Stover Funeral Home—on premises purchased of W. T. Smith, and has since engaged in business alone. He conducts one of the finest funeral homes in Steuben County and maintains complete ambulance service.

In 1905 Mr. Stover was united in marriage with Miss Mazie McDowell, of Dallastown, Pennsylvania, a daughter of William F. and Ida (Blymire) McDowell. They are residents of Olean, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Stover have two children: 1. Parepa Pauline, born in 1908, a graduate of Corning Free Academy and Elmira College. She is now dietician at Kings County Hospital, Brooklyn, New York. 2. John, Jr., born in 1913, a graduate of Manlius Military Academy, class of 1931, attends Corning Free Academy.

Mr. Stover is a Republican and has served as Republican committeeman for the City of Corning during the past seven years. He has also been supervisor of District No. 1, Corning, since 1921. He is an elder of the Presbyterian Church, a thirty-second degree Mason, and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows,

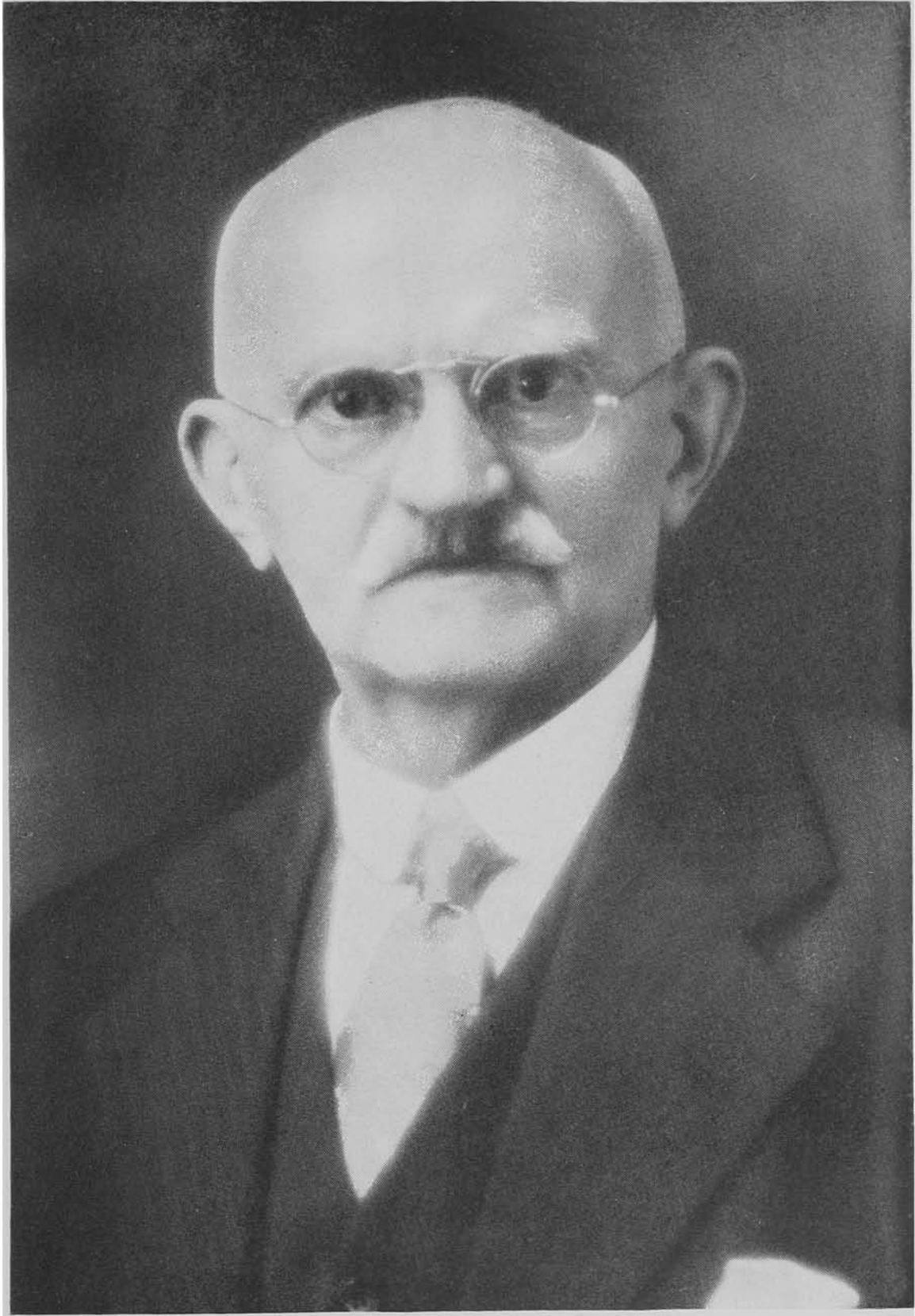
Lions Club, Corning City Club, Chamber of Commerce, and Corning Fish and Game Club. He is active in the Boy Scout movement and is a trustee of the Corning district.

John G. Tillema.—As owner of the Star Steam Laundry, Mr. Tillema ranks among Geneva's representative citizens and successful business men. He was born at Groningen, Holland, April 6, 1857, the son of Anneco and Anna (Huisinga) Tillema.

Anneco Tillema was a native of Holland. He came to this country in 1866 and followed his profession as a veterinary surgeon at Holland, Michigan. After three years he removed to Chicago and later to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where he died in 1874. Anna (Huisinga) Tillema died in Holland in December, 1857. He later married Alice Linthorst, a native of Holland, and to them were born two children.

John G. Tillema grew up in his native land and as a young boy came to this country with his father. He was educated at Holland, Michigan, and Chicago, Illinois, being graduated from Chicago High School in 1874. He then entered the general offices of the Wisconsin Central Railroad at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and later became auditor of the passenger and ticket accounts, in which capacity he served for seven years. He then resigned to accept a position as station accountant with the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad in Chicago. Mr. Tillema remained in that work for nine years and in 1890 was made head of traffic accounts for the Illinois Steel Company, of Chicago. He continued in that work for ten years, and in 1900 became auditor of traffic and stock settlement accounts of the Lackawanna Steel Company, at Lackawanna, New York. In 1920 Mr. Tillema came to Geneva and purchased the Geneva Star Laundry, being associated in the undertaking with his son, Myron E. Tillema. It is the largest steam laundry in the city and is modernly equipped throughout with the latest type of laundry machinery. The plant is located at 15 Union Alley.

Mr. Tillema was married April 25, 1883, to Miss Christina M. Heystek, the daughter of Anthony Heystek, of Chicago. To them



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were born three children: 1. Florence, born March 9, 1884, married Frank Verner, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and she died January 1, 1911. She had three children: Dorothy Tillema, Frank Stoltzen, and Florence. 2. John G., Jr., born September 9, 1885, died at the age of seven years, buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Chicago. 3. Myron Edward, born September 26, 1895, a graduate of the Buffalo public schools and Hurst Business College, Buffalo. He served during the World War, and is now associated in business with his father at Geneva.

Politically, Mr. Tillema is a Republican. He and his wife are members of North Presbyterian Church, and he belongs to the Chamber of Commerce.

Verne V. Ryon.—Among Steuben County's most able attorneys and prominent citizens, is Verne V. Ryon, of Corning, who is a veteran of the World War. He was born at Lawrenceville, Tioga County, Pennsylvania, May 4, 1887, the son of David H. and Hattie (French) Ryon.

David H. Ryon, who died May 1, 1927, is buried at Coopers Plains, Steuben County. His widow was born at Judson Hill, Bradford County, Pennsylvania, and resides with her son, Verne V., at Corning. Following his graduation from the district schools of Lawrenceville, Pennsylvania, David H. Ryon entered Mansfield Normal School, being a graduate of that institution at the age of fourteen years, the youngest student to ever graduate at that age during that particular time in the history of the school. He taught school for several years, and then went to New Hampton, Iowa, where he conducted a general mercantile business for a time. He also owned and operated a ranch in Missouri, and in later life returned to Pennsylvania, where he had extensive lumber interests during the remainder of his life. Mr. Ryon was a Democrat, held membership in the Methodist Church, and belonged to the Elks Lodge and Independent Order of Odd Fellows. To Mr. and Mrs. Ryon were born five children: 1. Howard, farmer, lives at Savona, New York. 2. Verne V., the subject

of this sketch. 3. Alice, married Andrew McLaughlin, lives at Corning. 4. David H., lives at Fairport, New York. 5. Florence, who died in 1929, was the wife of Lee H. Abbey, of Coopers Plains, New York.

Verne V. Ryon is a graduate of North High School, Corning, class of 1907. He had also spent one year at Mansfield Normal School, and in 1907 entered the Law School of the University of Michigan, from which he received the degree of LL. B. in 1911. After his admission to the Michigan and New York bars, Mr. Ryon located at Corning, where he was associated with the practice of Frank Saxon, until January, 1913. He then received the appointment of assistant district attorney of Steuben County, in which capacity he served for three years. Mr. Ryon then became a member of the firm of Stowell & Ryon, being associated with Claude V. Stowell, and the partnership continued until 1929. Mr. Ryon has since practiced alone and has offices in the First National Bank Building.

During the World War Mr. Ryon enlisted in the U. S. Army, and attended the Officers' Training School at Fort Niagara. Later, he was discharged from the service and enlisted in the U. S. Navy in January, 1918, being sent to the Great Lakes Training Station in Chicago. He served as general instructor of seamanship and was connected with the University of Michigan until the close of the war. He was discharged in February, 1919.

In May, 1918, Mr. Ryon was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Easterbrook, of Hornsby, New York, the daughter of Edwin J. and Delinda (Dickinson) Easterbrook. The former lives retired at Corning and the latter died in 1929. Mr. and Mrs. Ryon have no children.

Mr. Ryon is a Republican, a member of the Congregational Church, and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, American Legion, Grange, and Corning Fish & Game Club. He is a member of the Steuben County Bar Association. He is the owner of the old A. B. Dickinson homestead of 1,200 acres near Hornsby in Steuben County.

John Ryon, great-great-grandfather of Verne V. Ryon, was a general in the Irish Army. En route to this country with his fam-

ily a son, John Ryon, Jr., was born at sea. The latter became a soldier in the American Revolution, and attained the rank of lieutenant colonel under General Sullivan.

John L. Thomas.—Secretary and treasurer of the Corning Glass Works, John L. Thomas is identified with one of the most important industries of Central New York, and is a representative citizen of Corning. He was born at Salladasburg, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania, June 20, 1871, the son of William W. and Mary (Feister) Thomas.

William W. Thomas, who died in 1922, was a native of Salladasburg, Pennsylvania. He was reared and educated at that place and engaged in the general mercantile business for many years, later living at Williamsport, Pennsylvania. He was living retired at the time of his death. His wife was born at Caton, New York, and died in 1919. Both are buried at Williamsport. Mr. Thomas was a Democrat and held membership in the Methodist Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas were born the following children: 1. Mrs. Harry Tenbrook, lives at Williamsport. 2. Mrs. Effie Kunkle, deceased. 3. Mrs. Lee Harper, lives at Williamsport. 4. Brice Thomas, lives at Williamsport. 5. John L., the subject of this sketch. 6. Mrs. Mabel Ivins, widow, lives at Williamsport.

John L. Thomas is a graduate of the public schools of Williamsport, and attended Williamsport Business College. He spent eight years in the offices of the Fall Brook Railroad Company, and then was transferred to the company's offices as auditor. After two years he went with the First National Bank, and in 1910, after five years with that institution, Mr. Thomas became associated with the interests of the Corning Glass Works as bookkeeper. He later became assistant treasurer of the concern, and in 1929 was elected secretary and treasurer. He is also a vice president and director of the Corning Fiber Box Corporation, treasurer of the Steuben Securities Corporation, and treasurer of the Corhart Refractory Company, of Louisville, Kentucky.

In 1901 Mr. Thomas was united in marriage with Miss Nina V. Edgar, of Corning, the daughter of William F. and Frances (Gil-

lett) Edgar. Both were natives of Corning and died in 1900 and 1928, respectively. To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas have been born five children: 1. Frances E., born in 1902, a graduate of Corning Free Academy, Wells College and Columbia University. She was a member of the faculty of Wells College for two years before her marriage to Dr. Ernest B. McAndrews, of Corning. They have two sons: John Thomas, born in 1928; and William, born in 1930. 2. Mary Elizabeth, born in 1904, a graduate of Corning Free Academy, spent two years at Wells College, and was graduated from Simmons College, at Boston, Massachusetts. She was identified with the Eastman Kodak Company and later with the New York State Department of Education at Albany before her marriage to W. Sterling Cole, attorney, of Bath. They have a son, William Sterling Cole, Jr. 3. John W., born in 1909, a graduate of Corning Free Academy, and Colgate University. He lives at home. 4. Virginia T., born in 1911, a graduate of Corning Free Academy, attended Martha Washington College, at Washington, D. C., for one year, and is a graduate of Catherine Gibbs School, at Boston, Massachusetts. She is identified with the Pratt & Whitney Aircraft Corporation, at Hartford, Connecticut. 5. Patricia Eleanor, born in 1919, attends Corning Free Academy.

Mr. Thomas is a Republican, a deacon of the Baptist Church, and has the following lodge and club affiliations: Painted Post Lodge No. 117, F. & A. M.; Corning Consistory, thirty-second degree, A. A. S. R., and Kalurah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; Corning Country Club; City Club; Chamber of Commerce; and Corning Fish & Game Club. The family lives at 233 Pine Street, Corning, and also has a summer home on Keuka Lake.

Mr. Thomas is a director of the Corning Trust Company, and Corning Glass Works.

William G. Menihan.—One of the better known business men of Steuben County is William G. Menihan, who is president and treasurer of the Corning Saw and Supply Company. He was born at Honeoye, Ontario County, New York, November 27, 1870, the son of Michael and Mary (McDonald) Menihan.

Both Michael Menihan and his wife were natives of Ireland. They became well known residents of Ontario County, and Mr. Menihan engaged in general farming throughout his life. He was a Democrat and served as highway superintendent. He died in 1916 and his wife died in 1911. Both are buried at Honeoye. Their children were: 1. John, deceased. 2. Mary, deceased. 3. Michael, wagon manufacturer, lives at Honeoye Falls. 4. William G., the subject of this sketch. 5. Daniel, merchant, lives at East Bloomfield, New York. 6. P. H., farmer, lives at Canandaigua. 7. Frank D., vice president of the Corning Saw and Supply Company. 8. Margaret, deceased.

William G. Menihan grew up on his father's farm near Honeoye and attended the district schools. In 1896 he was graduated from Rochester Business University, and in that year entered the service of the New York Central Railroad at Buffalo as chief clerk to the baggage master. He served in that capacity for seven years. He then was an accountant in the employ of the Jacob Dold Packing Company for seven years, and in 1912 located at Corning as a partner with his brother-in-law, John O'Neil. They became leading manufacturers of butchers' saws and supplies, and continued as owners of the Corning Saw Company until July, 1916, at which time Mr. Menihan became sole owner of the enterprise. The business was incorporated as the Corning Saw and Supply Company in October, 1928, with Mr. Menihan as president and treasurer, and his brother, F. D. Menihan as vice president. H. V. O'Brien is secretary. The company has an extensive business throughout New York, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey.

On October 20, 1902, Mr. Menihan was united in marriage with Miss Lucy O'Neil, of Corning, the daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Fox) O'Neil, natives of Ireland. Both are deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Menihan have been born three children: 1. Ruth Kathryn, born August 23, 1905, a graduate of Corning Academy and Bryant & Stratton's Business College, Buffalo. 2. Joseph G., born in 1910, a graduate of Madison Park High School, Buffalo, attends the University of Michigan, class of 1933. 3. Virginia R., born in 1916, attends Lafayette High School, Buffalo.

Mr. Menihan is a Democrat, a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, and belongs to the Knights of Columbus, Past Grand and Trustee. The family lives at 139 Chemung Street.

George Buell Hollister.—Outstanding among the business leaders of Steuben County and Central New York is George Buell Hollister, who is vice president, director, and member of the executive committee of the Corning Glass Works, at Corning. He was born at Brooklyn, New York, September 16, 1865, the son of George and Phoebe Moore (Conklin) Hollister.

George Hollister was a native of Connecticut, born at Windsor. He was reared and educated there, and became a successful wholesale grain merchant, being identified with that particular line of business throughout his entire active career. He died at Corning in 1918, and his wife, born at New Suffolk, Long Island, New York, died in 1917. Both are buried at Corning. Mr. Hollister was a Republican, and held membership in the Presbyterian Church. There were two children born to Mr. and Mrs. Hollister: 1. George Buell, the subject of this sketch. 2. Mrs. Arthur A. Houghton, widow, lives in New York City.

After his graduation from Stevens High School, at Hoboken, New Jersey, George Buell Hollister attended Phillips Academy, at Andover, Massachusetts, from which he was graduated in 1888. He received the degree of Bachelor of Arts at Yale University four years later, and for several years thereafter was identified with his father's business interests. He then spent five years in geological survey work for the United States government. During that period Mr. Hollister resided in Washington, D. C., and New Jersey. He came to Corning in 1904 as assistant to Mr. Houghton, who was manager of the Corning Glass Works. Subsequently, Mr. Hollister was put in charge of sales, and after a few years assumed the duties of vice president and director, as well as a member of the executive committee.

In 1902 Mr. Hollister married (first) Miss Marcia McKinney, of Binghamton, New York, who died in 1909. She was the daugh-

ter of Maj. Edward Phillip and Fannie Lee (Fish) McKinney, of New York. No children were born to that marriage. In 1911 Mr. Hollister married (second) Miss Phoebe Barnes Canfield, of Corning, the daughter of Robert H. and Sarah (Barnes) Canfield. The former, born at Geneva, New York, resides at Corning. The latter died in July, 1932, and is buried at Bath. To Mr. and Mrs. Hollister were born two children: 1. Buell Hollister, born at Corning in 1912, attended Corning Free Academy, Fessenden School in Massachusetts, and Northwood School, at Lake Placid, New York. He lives at home. 2. Priscilla Hollister, born in 1914, attended Foxcroft School, at Middleburg, Virginia, now a student at Petite L'Ecole, Florence, Italy.

Mr. Hollister is a Republican in politics, and at the present time is a member of the "Temporary Emergency Relief Administration," and its State Advisory Council. He holds membership in the Episcopal Church, of which he is senior warden, and he belongs to the City Club, University Club of New York City, Yale Club of New York, Corning Country Club, American Ornithological Union, and American Association of Art.

Mr. Hollister and his family have a summer home on Buzzards Bay in Massachusetts, and he holds membership in the New Bedford (Massachusetts) Yacht Club, being an ardent sportsman. He is the owner of a forty-six foot yawl rig sailing yacht.

Henry G. Hubbard, who is manager of the Crystal City Gas Company, is among Corning's progressive and energetic citizens. He was born at Pavilion, Genesee County, New York, April 14, 1891, the son of S. O. and Dora V. (Heath) Hubbard.

S. O. Hubbard is a representative business man of Pavilion, where he has been associated with the hardware business throughout his entire business career. He was born in Wyoming County, New York, but in early life located at Pavilion. His wife is a native of the latter place. Mr. Hubbard is a Republican and holds membership in the Methodist Church. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard: 1. Mrs. D. H. Rose, who died in July,