

of Bachelor of Science in 1909. During the following six years he was identified with U. S. government work in Panama, and resigned as junior engineer in July, 1916. He then became engineer of maintenance for the Willys Morrow Company, and served in that capacity until 1921. He then was interested in the retail gas and oil business in this city, and in 1924 purchased the sheet metal business of Barker, Rose & Clinton. The business was incorporated in 1927 as the Bartholomew & Hall Company, with Mr. Bartholomew as president. They are recognized as the city's leading roofing and sheet metal contractors, and heating engineers.

Mr. Bartholomew was married March 3, 1917, to Miss Elizabeth Munro, the daughter of John T. and Mary (Cotton) Munro, who are natives and residents of Elmira. At the time of his retirement Mr. Munro was superintendent of the car shops of the Erie Railroad Company at North Paterson, New Jersey. Mr. and Mrs. Bartholomew have no children. Mr. Bartholomew is a Republican, a member of the First Presbyterian Church, and belongs to B. P. O. Elks No. 62; Phi Gamma Delta fraternity; and Association of Commerce. He and his wife live at 355 Riverside Avenue, Elmira.

Louis P. Smith.—The name of Louis P. Smith is connected with much of constructive value in the business and civic life of Ithaca, where he is identified with the Ithaca Gun Company as vice president. He was born in Center Lisle, Broome County, New York, May 14, 1871, the son of Leroy Henry and Eunice (Howland) Smith.

Leroy Henry Smith was born in 1845 at Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, but with his parents came to Center Lisle when a child. He was in the lumber manufacturing business there until 1881, at which time he came to Ithaca as one of the founders of the Ithaca Gun Company. He served as president of the institution until his death in 1902. He is buried in Ithaca. His widow was also born in Broome County and lives in this city. To Mr. and Mrs. Smith were born three children: 1. Louis P., the subject of this sketch.

2. Lena S., married Charles Rinehart, lives at Maplewood, New Jersey. 3. Claude Howland, who died in 1929.

At the age of eighteen years "Lou" Smith came to Ithaca from Center Lisle. He began working in the plant of the Ithaca Gun Company for the modest sum of seven and one-half cents per hour. He worked all over the plant for four years and at the end of that time was getting twelve and one-half cents an hour. He then left the Ithaca Gun Company and returned to Center Lisle, where he established a creamery business. After a year he sold the plant for a profit of \$1,500 and returned to Ithaca as a salesman for the Ithaca Gun Company, with the whole United States as his territory. He is now vice president, sales and advertising manager of the company. He is also sales and advertising manager for the Lefever Arms Company and Western Arms Corporation.

In 1907 Mr. Smith married Miss Harriet Pratt of New Milford, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Col. Charles and Lily B. (Goff) Pratt. Colonel Pratt served as a member of Congress and also had numerous banking interests. He was also identified with the cement and lumber business for many years. To Mr. and Mrs. Smith were born two sons: 1. Charles LeRoy, born at Binghamton, New York, in 1908, a graduate of The Hill School, Pottstown, Pennsylvania, and Princeton University, Bachelor of Arts degree. He is now taking graduate work at Cornell University, and is second lieutenant in the United States Officers Reserve Corps. 2. Sheldon Monroe, born at Ithaca, in 1911, a graduate of The Hill School, attends Princeton University, class of 1933.

Mr. Smith has served as mayor of Ithaca, being nominated by the Republican party and endorsed by the Democratic party. He is a charter member of Ithaca Lodge No. 636, B. P. O. Elks; member of the Pan-American Commercial Conference representing New York, by appointment of the Governor; was the first Boy Scout commissioner for the City of Ithaca. He is a member of Ithaca's Volunteer Fire and Police Departments, is past president of the Rotary Club, was for three terms president of the Ithaca Chamber of Commerce, and past president of the New York State Sportsmen's Association. He is a Mason and a Shriner, a past potentate of Kalurah Temple, Binghamton, New York. His activ-

ities as an Odd Fellow include telling the State Committee of Odd Fellows it might have any site it chose for the Odd Fellows Home and Orphanage, which now overlooks Ithaca and Cornell University.

When mayor of Ithaca he called the citizens' meeting at which Ithaca's Community Chest was organized, when only a few cities in this country had Community Chests. He was chairman of the Ithaca committee that raised an annual endowment of \$43,000 for Cornell University at Ithaca, and chairman of Ithaca's committee which successfully put over each of the four war loans in Ithaca during the World war. As a money raiser in community and civic projects, Mr. Smith has few equals. No one calls him "Mister." He is "Lou" to everybody. He is "Everybody's Friend."

Clifton Springs Sanitarium and Clinic, of Clifton Springs, New York, was founded in 1850 by Dr. Henry Foster, who was graduated from the medical department of Western Reserve University, at Cleveland, Ohio, in February, 1848, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. For a time following his graduation from the university he had charge of the new Graefenburg Water Cure, located five miles south of Utica, New York, a system for the treatment of disease, and known as hydrotherapy, a system accepted with a great deal of favor from 1840 until 1860.

In the fall of 1849 Doctor Foster came to Clifton Springs, having heard of the fame of the Clifton Springs sulphur water. As early as 1825 there had been erected a bath house just north of the main spring where now stands the Pierce Pavilion. This had been patronized not only by the whites but by the Seneca Indians, who were fond of visiting the spot. The water here resembles closely that of White Sulphur Springs, in West Virginia, which has been since 1778 one of the popular resorts of the South. Clifton Springs have been abundant in supply—in fact, exhaustless, and if uninfluenced by piping their temperature at all seasons is fifty-five degrees Fahrenheit, another consideration that made Clifton Springs attractive aside from the mineral springs. An-

other attraction is that there is an abundant supply of fresh water from not far distant springs, and the value of these waters for hydropathic purposes was greatly appreciated by Doctor Foster. He determined to secure possession of the property, although at the time he had only \$1,000 in capital. He quietly negotiated for a purchase and eventually secured the deed from Mr. Phelps, one of the grantees of the tract, called the Phelps and Gorham Purchase. Seeing the need of a joint stock company to finance the enterprise, such a company was organized February 24, 1850, with twenty-one shares of stock at \$500 per share. There were ten original stockholders, Doctor Foster taking two shares. The chosen site originally consisted of ten acres containing these wild sulphur springs and brook, as well as much marshland, and it was purchased for \$750. The first building was completed and formally opened on September 13, 1850, a large three-story double frame building with a wide veranda extending along the entire front. When completed and furnished it cost \$23,000. The capital stock amounted to only \$10,500, leaving a floating indebtedness of nearly \$13,000. For the first eighteen months Doctor Foster was the only physician connected with the institution, known at that time as the Clifton Springs Water Cure. On April 5, 1854, it was incorporated under Chapter 153 of the Laws of New York State, and at a meeting of stockholders it was voted to increase the capital from \$10,500 to \$21,000, the original stockholders absorbing the new stock. In 1855 the capital was again increased fifty per cent, making the capital \$31,500. Its patronage, as a rule, exceeded its accommodations, and after the old frame building had been enlarged in a dozen minor ways it became necessary to do something more radical. A new east wing of brick, four stories high, was completed in July, 1856, and in 1865 the old frame building was replaced by a massive brick structure fronting 235 feet over all the central part, five stories high, and the east and west wings four stories. In the rear was the chapel.

At the beginning the medical equipment was simple. Hydropathic treatment in all its forms was practiced, accompanied by the moderate use of drugs. Doctor Foster was a deeply religious man and the Divine Spirit permeated the institution under his

management, and his belief as frequently expressed was that water, drugs, massage, electricity, heat or cold, never cured a disease, but the spirit of God used them as instruments to accomplish the divine purpose.

A brother of Dr. Henry Foster, William Foster, built and owned the Annex Block, a three and four-story brick structure with 220 feet frontage across the street and west of the sanitarium proper. It was designed for a hotel with stores on the ground floor, and it is today a part of the sanitarium equipment. In 1856 a cash dividend of seven per cent was paid on the stock and an annual cash dividend of eight per cent thereafter was paid on the stock until 1881, when the stock company ceased. Gradually, and especially after the completion of the new brick building, Doctor Foster increased the medical equipment, introducing hand massage, dry electricity (Falvanic Faradic and Static), tub baths, known as electro-chemical, and electro-thermal. He installed salt baths and Turkish baths. The use of the old sulphur baths was retained and much of the early hydropathic treatment.

In May, 1871, the corporate name of the institution was changed by act of Legislature from Clifton Springs Water Cure Company to Clifton Springs Sanitarium Company. Among the hygienic and recreative provisions made by Doctor Foster was a good gymnasium with a competent physical instructor. In 1857 Doctor Foster had increased his holdings of stock in the company from time to time until the books showed 100 shares in his name in 1858, 143 shares in 1861, 163 shares in 1862, 270 shares in 1864, 315 shares, all of the outstanding stock, and by act of the State Legislature on July 22, 1867, he was recognized as the exclusive owner of all the property held by the Clifton Springs Water Cure Company. On November 1, 1881, Dr. and Mrs. Foster executed a warranty deed conveying to the Clifton Springs Sanitarium Company the entire sanitarium plant with all its equipment to be "held in trust forever" for certain purposes, and upon certain conditions named. The conveyance included the cottage property, which had been erected as a residence for the superintendent, and had been so used as a home by Doctor Foster and his wife. This was conveyed subject to Mrs. Foster's life estate. The entire Fos-

ter Block also was conveyed subject to a \$35,000 mortgage. The deed also covered all water supply, fire insurance for \$160,000, as well as \$52,000 insurance upon the Doctor's life. Later, he included the sanitarium farm of 350 acres, which had been acquired years before, with all its stock, machinery, etc. The consideration for the deed of trust was the authority conferred upon Doctor Foster by the several acts of the Legislature to carry out an intention formed in 1850 by him, so conveying the property as an acknowledgment of Divine favor, which had blessed and prospered his efforts. The deed provided for a self-perpetuating board of thirteen trustees to administer the trust. The board was to have general control of the institution except the matters expressly vested in the superintendent or chief physician. They could make by-laws, appoint committees, purchase and sell real estate, and contract debts upon the credit of the corporation, except that the aggregate indebtedness at any one time should not exceed a specified sum named. The deed of trust was a lengthy and complicated one, showing much thought and shrewd foresight. Its provisions anticipated conditions that might arise and provided the course to be followed to carry out the Doctor's intention, but left a wide margin to the discretion of the board. After the execution of the deed of trust, Doctor Foster retained the supreme headship of all departments until his death. So far as possible he relieved himself of medical cares save as a consulting physician and gave himself more particularly to the supervision of the business interests.

During the final decade of Doctor Foster's life there was a marked development of the medical department of the institution. A nurses' training school was established, the first class of eight young women graduating in 1894. In 1897 an X-ray department was added and the latest developments in that science has ever since had a place in the sanitarium. Eye, ear, nose and throat surgery had a place in 1895. In 1898 a general department of surgery was added, and the upper floor of the new addition to the Annex was devoted to operating rooms and surgical patients.

There have been three sanitarium buildings on substantially the same site. First, the old original frame structure, dating from

1850 to 1865; second, the brick building built partly in 1856 and completed in 1865, this building remaining for thirty years, but it was not fireproof nor modern. It had a glorious history but the time came when its was inadequate. The first of the new fireproof structures was erected in 1889. The west wing and the center were completed and the entire building dedicated July 10, 1896, fireproof throughout, with a frontage of 244 feet, six stories high, including the basement, two safety elevators, and a solarium on the top floor. A semi-centennial celebration event was held in 1900, fifty years after the sanitarium founding. Soon after Doctor Foster began to fail in health and the end came on January 15, 1901. Wide publicity was given his life by the press, and funeral services were held in the sanitarium chapel. He lacked only three days of attaining his eightieth birthday. On account of the deed of trust that had been executed twenty years before, the affairs of the sanitarium were continued with scarcely a ripple, thus justifying the wisdom of its founder.

In June, 1924, a fine five-story fireproof brick structure was completed and dedicated, which had been planned for a nurses' home for some years. It is located across the street from the hospital building and on the east edge of the park. It is called "Maxwell Hall," in honor of George H. Maxwell, a substantial benefactor. It has accommodations for ninety-six nurses.

In June, 1925, having long felt the need of additional facilities and more room, another fireproof brick structure was dedicated, that had been erected a short distance east of the main sanitarium building. It is five stories, with a 120-foot frontage, and 220 feet deep. This building is called "Woodbury Building," and connects with the main building by a corridor, being used as a clinic hospital, surgery and X-ray laboratory. It is named in memory of a superintendent by the name of Malcolm Woodbury, who had been at the head of the sanitarium from 1914 until 1921. The main building of the sanitarium has accommodations for 200 patients and guests. These rooms are equipped in a manner similar to those of the large modern hotel. The Foster Building, semi-fireproof, houses the dental and obstetrical departments, and will accommodate 100 patients. The Lodge nearby and West Hall,

connected with the main building, will accommodate seventy-five patients. Woodbury Building accommodates eighty patients.

A 100-acre park, with hundreds of fine old trees, surrounds the buildings. Running along two sides of the park is an interesting and easy nine-hole golf course. The sanitarium has its own dairy and poultry farm of 350 acres, as well as a more distant tract of 500 acres. It maintains its own power plant, with a direct connection with the Empire Gas & Electric Company. It also operates its own water system and ice units. Buildings other than those mentioned include officers' residences and dormitories for employees.

Since the sanitarium was deeded to an unpaid board of trustees, it is conducted without personal profit, making possible unusual service for the rates charged. At present the permanent medical staff numbers sixteen physicians, covering a wide range of specialties. The laboratories of the institution occupy twenty rooms, equipped for pathology, bacteriology, serology, biochemistry, and clinical microscopy. The personnel in charge consist of twelve trained workers competent to perform any test or examination. The motto of the sanitarium is "to use in a liberal spirit all known remedial agencies."

George Henry Pidgeon.—Prominent in the business, civic and fraternal life of Auburn is George Henry Pidgeon, successful retail merchant in this city since 1913. He is a native of Canada, born at Lachine, Quebec, in 1888, the son of John Arthur and Ellen (Bullis) Pidgeon.

John Arthur Pidgeon was born in Canada and his wife is a native of Fort Covington, New York. They are residents of Caruthers, Saskatchewan, where Mr. Pidgeon is connected with the Grand Trunk & Canadian National Railway. To Mr. and Mrs. Pidgeon were born two children: 1. George Henry, the subject of this sketch. 2. Irene, deceased.

George Henry Pidgeon received his education in the public schools of Hamilton, Ontario, and Buffalo, New York. He began

his business career in wholesale millinery and in 1913, as mentioned above, Mr. Pidgeon established an exclusive shop for women in Auburn. It is the finest of its particular type and Mr. Pidgeon is well known for his business ability and modern ideas in merchandising. A branch shop is maintained in Oswego.

In 1913 Mr. Pidgeon married (first) Miss Gertrude Kessler, who died in 1918. In 1922 he was married to Miss Helen E. Peck, of Waterloo, New York, the daughter of George A. and Ruth (Henderson) Peck. Both are natives of Canada and reside at California, Missouri. To Mr. and Mrs. Pidgeon have been born four children: 1. George Douglas, born in 1923. 2. Carol Ruth, born in 1925. 3. Rosalie, born in 1926. 4. Frank Richard, born in March, 1932.

Mr. Pidgeon is a member of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, and his wife belongs to the Second Presbyterian Church. He is a member of the Rotary Club, Chamber of Commerce, St. Paul's Lodge, F. & A. M., Auburn Country Club, and Retail Merchants' Association.

Hiram A. Roe.—Numbered among the leading and reliable business men of Cayuga County is Hiram A. Roe, who is identified with the Meridian Agriculture Works, of Meridian. He was born at West Taghkanic, Columbia County, New York, October 29, 1866, the son of N. S. and Emma (Vathrick) Roe.

N. S. Roe, deceased, was a veteran of the Civil War. He served as a member of Company K, Fourteenth New York Volunteer Infantry. Mr. Roe was a farmer in early life and later conducted a general mercantile business at Hudson, New York. He then owned a farm at Ira, Cayuga County, and for several years before his death lived at Meridian. Mr. Roe died in 1914 and his wife died in 1913. Both are buried at Cato. He was a Democrat and served as assessor. He held membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Grand Army of the Republic. The only child born to Mr. and Mrs. Roe was Hiram A., the subject of this sketch.

Hiram A. Roe received his education in the public schools of Hudson and Ira, New York, and for seventeen years engaged in general farming near Ira. He became associated in business with his father in 1894 as proprietors of a sawmill and feed business. Six years later Mr. Roe purchased a farm at Otter Lake, which he disposed of in 1915. At that time Mr. Roe located at Meridian and until 1918 was identified with the New York State Department of Highways. In the latter year he took over the interests of the Meridian Agriculture Works, well known manufacturers of sleighs, land rollers, hay racks, etc.

In 1900 Mr. Roe was united in marriage with Miss Ellen Horrigan, daughter of Matt Horrigan, a native of County Limerick, Ireland. He was killed while in service during the Civil War.

Politically, Mr. Roe is a Democrat. He has always taken a keen interest in water sports, and since 1899 has owned some of the finest crafts in this section. A new thirty-eight-foot cruiser was built to his order in 1932.

Matthew E. Kennedy.—Outstanding among Elmira's influential citizens and highly successful business men is Matthew E. Kennedy, who is president of The Kennedy Valve Manufacturing Company. He was born at Brooklyn, New York, August 5, 1879, the son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Moran) Kennedy.

Daniel Kennedy was born in Roscommon, Ireland, August 15, 1848, and at the age of eighteen years came to this country and located at Brooklyn, New York, where he was employed as a pattern-maker in the shops of the Worthington Pump Company, and in 1875 he established a business of his own in New York City. Two years later, in 1877, he began the manufacture of valves in New York City and continued there until 1890. In that year he incorporated his business as The Kennedy Valve Manufacturing Company and removed his plant to Coxsackie, New York, and continued there until 1908. In that year he removed his plant and business to Elmira, New York, where he remained the active head of the company until his death in 1928. His widow, also born in

Ireland, lives in Elmira. Their children were: 1. Matthew E., the subject of this sketch. 2. Helen C., married John C. Judge, lives at Brooklyn. 3. Daniel J., who died in 1919. 4. John C., vice president and secretary of The Kennedy Valve Manufacturing Company. 5. Clarence H., who is vice president of the company. 6. Elizabeth Dorothy, married A. H. McCreery, lives at Dallas, Texas. 7. Kathleen R., married Charles T. Burke, lives at Elmira.

Matthew E. Kennedy received his early education in private schools in Brooklyn and New York City. His entire business career has been identified with the interest of The Kennedy Valve Manufacturing Company. He began in a sales capacity and during the years preceding the death of his father he served the company successively, as assistant secretary, secretary and treasurer. Upon the death of his father he was elected president of the company.

On June 16, 1913, Mr. Kennedy married Miss Marie O'Connor of Elmira, the daughter of Jeremiah J. and Mary (Purcell) O'Connor, the former a native of Ireland and the latter of Elmira. Mr. O'Connor died in 1914 and his wife died in 1928. Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy have three daughters: 1. Mary T., born August 25, 1915. 2. Elizabeth J., born February 28, 1919. 3. Florence, born October 21, 1925.

Mr. Kennedy and his family are members of St. Patrick's Catholic Church and he belongs to the Knights of Columbus, B. P. O. Elks, Elmira Country Club, Association of Commerce and American Society of Mechanical Engineers. He is also a director of the Chemung Canal Trust Company, of Elmira.

Harry S. Hunt.—Holding high rank in the business affairs of the City of Corning is Harry S. Hunt, who is president and general manager of the Hunt Glass Works, Inc. He was born at Manchester, England, in 1874, the son of Thomas T. and Emma (Schofield) Hunt.

Thomas T. Hunt who died in 1909 was a native of England, being born at Warrington. His wife was born in Halifax, England, and died in 1900. Both are buried at Corning.

Thomas Hunt came to this country in 1876 and at first located at White Mills, Pennsylvania, where he was connected with C. Dolfinger & Sons, Glass Manufacturers. He later moved to Corning and in 1895 together with his son Harry S. Hunt, who was then connected with T. G. Hawkes & Co., and Daniel Sullivan, he organized the Hunt & Sullivan Co. About ten years later, upon the death of Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Hunt and son became the owners of the concern which was then incorporated as the Hunt Glass Company. Mr. Thos. Hunt was a Republican and a member of the Episcopal Church. The only child in the Hunt family was Harry S. Hunt, the subject of this sketch.

The boyhood of Harry S. Hunt was spent in Corning, where he attended the public school. In 1898 he was united in marriage with Miss Jennie Bonham of Painted Post, New York, who died in 1903. She was the daughter of Harry and Sarah (Smith) Bonham, residents of Painted Post. The former died in 1907 and the latter in 1927. They are buried at Painted Post.

To Harry S. and Jennie (Bonham) Hunt was born a daughter, Dorothy B., in 1899. She is a graduate of Corning Free Academy and Saint Faith's School at Saratoga, New York. She married Walter J. Sullivan of Elmira, New York, but now resides at Ithaca, New York. They have three sons: Walter J., Jr.; John and Thomas. In 1910 Mr. Hunt married Miss Cassie L. Smith of Cincinnati, Ohio. They have no children.

Upon the death of his father, Mr. Hunt became president and general manager of the Hunt Glass Works, Inc., and is numbered among the representative and highly successful business men of Corning. Through his exercise of sound judgment he has conducted his business in a most successful manner and is representative of the advanced industrial interests of Steuben County. The chief output of the Hunt Glass Works, Inc., includes high grade cut and engraved glassware, which has a wide distribution and sale throughout the entire United States and British Isles.

Mr. Hunt is a member of the Presbyterian Church and belongs to Painted Post Lodge F. & A. M.; Corning Consistory, thirty-second degree; B. P. O. of Elks, and Corning Fish and Game Club. He is a Republican.

Glee Warner Cheesman, M. D. — Holding noteworthy rank among the leading physicians and surgeons of Central New York, is Dr. Glee Warner Cheesman, of Hornell, whose practice is limited to the treatment of diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat. He is a native of Steuben County, born at Troupsburg, December 24, 1893, the son of Merrill D. and Mary L. (Jones) Cheesman.

Throughout his life Merrill D. Cheesman was a farmer and building contractor. Both he and his wife were born at Troupsburg and died February 4th, and November 22nd, 1929, respectively. He was a Republican, a member of the Baptist Church and belonged to the Grange. To Mr. and Mrs. Cheesman were born four children: 1. Anna Mary, married R. H. Hooper, lives at Los Angeles, California. 2. Seth W., building contractor, Los Angeles. 3. Earl E., lives at Union, New York. 4. Glee Warner, the subject of this sketch.

Glee Warner Cheesman acquired his early education in the public schools of Troupsburg and Canisteo. Following his graduation from Canisteo High School in 1913, he took up the study of medicine at the University of Buffalo, from which he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1918. After a year as interne in Arnot Ogden Memorial Hospital at Elmira, Doctor Cheesman established a general practice at Canisteo, where he remained until 1926. During the following year he took graduate study in eye, ear, nose and throat work at the New York Post Graduate Hospital, New York City. Since July, 1927, he has been located at Hornell, with offices at 3 Union Place. He is a member of the staffs of Saint James, Mercy, and Bethesda hospitals, Hornell, and holds membership in the Steuben County, New York State and American Medical associations.

On July 5, 1919, Doctor Cheesman was united in marriage with Miss Ethel M. Dawson, born at Portland, Oregon, November 24, 1893. She is a graduate of City Hospital, Buffalo, and at the time of her marriage resided in that city. Her parents were Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Dawson, natives of Portland. The former died in 1927 and the latter in 1893. Doctor and Mrs. Cheesman have two daughters: 1. Doris Gleetha, born May 16, 1920. 2. Janet Dawson, born July 11, 1925.

Doctor Cheesman and his family are members of the Presbyterian Church at Canisteo, and he is affiliated with Morning Star Lodge, No. 44, F. & A. M., Omega Upsilon Phi, and Theta Nu Upsilon fraternities, and American Legion. Politically he is a Republican and has served as school director since 1925. He was also school physician at Canisteo during 1919-26.

Hon. Frank E. Rowe, who is serving as justice of the peace, of the Town of Bath, is a substantial and highly esteemed citizen of Steuben County. He was born in Kanona, New York, the son of Louis and Caroline (Drum) Rowe.

Both Louis Rowe and his wife were natives of Germany. In early infancy they were brought to this country by their parents, both families being early settlers of the Town of Wayland in Steuben County. Louis Rowe was educated in the public schools of this vicinity, and as a young man owned and operated a tannery at Kanona, which was destroyed by fire in 1876, and Mr. Rowe then engaged in the hide and leather business until his retirement. He died in 1901 and his wife died in 1919. They are buried in the Town of Wayland. Mr. Rowe was a Republican and he and his wife were members of the Presbyterian Church. They had two sons: 1. Henry, who died in 1868. 2. Frank E., the subject of this sketch.

Frank E. Rowe grew up at Kanona and attended the public schools there and at Bath. In 1889 he received the appointment as first railroad agent for the Kanona and Prattsburg Railroad Company, at Prattsburg, and remained in that capacity for seven years, residing at Prattsburg. During the following few years he was interested in the leather business with his father, and later became associated with Oscar Swain as a member of the firm of Swain & Rowe, general merchants at Kanona. After seven years Mr. Rowe retired from the business and located at Bath, where he spent seven years in the hardware, heating and plumbing business, under the firm name of Rowe and Matthews, being associated with his brother-in-law, Frank H. Matthews. Mr. Rowe has

been justice of the peace of the Town of Bath for twenty-five years, served as clerk of courts in Steuben County during 1924-29, and at the present time is police justice of the Village of Bath.

Mr. Rowe married (first) in 1890 Miss Evelyn Matthews, of Kanona, who died in 1912. She was the daughter of M. T. and Sarah (Ostrander) Matthews, both deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Rowe had two daughters: 1. Marian C., born in 1891, a graduate of Haverling High School, now holds a position with the Village of Bath. 2. Clara Alice, born in 1893, a graduate of Haverling High School, Bath. She married Henry M. Hille, and lives in Bath. They have a son, Henry M., Jr., born September 3, 1932.

Mr. Rowe married (second) in 1928 Ellen (Keller) Wick, of Bath, the daughter of Robert and Sarah Jane (Davenport) Keller, who were natives of Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, and reside at Knoxville, Tioga County, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Rowe is a graduate of Ithaca High School and Meeker's Business Institute at Elmira.

Mr. Rowe is a Republican, a member of the First Presbyterian Church, of Bath, and is a prominent member of the Masonic Lodge, being affiliated with Blue Lodge Chapter, Council, and Damascus Temple, Rochester.

Charles L. Crane.—Among the most able and highly successful attorneys of Central New York may be mentioned Charles L. Crane, who is engaged in practice at Addison. He was born at Cameron, New York, September 12, 1879, the son of Milton E. and Sarah (Snyder) Crane.

Milton E. Crane, deceased, was a veteran of the Civil War. He was born at Cameron, June 16, 1849. At the age of fifteen years Mr. Crane enlisted and served throughout the Civil War, being discharged in June, 1865. He was married two years later to Miss Sarah Snyder, the daughter of Daniel Snyder, a farmer of Cameron. To them were born six children of whom Charles L., the subject of this sketch, was the fourth. The father was a blacksmith and a farmer and served as deputy sheriff of Steuben

County. He had lived at Addison from 1885 until the time of his death, October 13, 1932. He is buried at Addison.

Charles L. Crane obtained his education in the public schools of Addison, being a member of the graduating class of Addison High School in 1896. During the following four years he was employed as a clerk in the mercantile establishments at Hornell and Addison, and in 1900 Mr. Crane entered Syracuse University, from which he received the degree of LL. B. in 1904. He spent the following six months in the office of Lucius A. Manley, a prominent attorney of Long Island City, and in February, 1905, Mr. Crane established a practice at Addison. He was associated with Hon. Edwin C. Smith during 1907-09, and in later years Mr. Smith was elected judge of the Supreme Court of New York. Mr. Crane has continued in private practice since that date. He specializes in surrogate, corporation and commercial law. He was one of the incorporators of Linderman-Crane, Inc., widely known promoters and developers of the oil and gas interests of Steuben County.

On August 14, 1906, Mr. Crane married Miss Grace A. Strang, the daughter of Frank D. and Alice (Tremper) Strang, of Westfield, Pennsylvania. They have a daughter, Janet E., born March 31, 1909. She is a graduate of Addison High School and Wells College, class of 1930. She also attended Rochester Business Institute and is now engaged in secretarial work in Rochester.

Mr. Crane is identified with the Western Federation Bar Association, Steuben County Bar Association, and New York State Bar Association. He is a Republican, and during 1907-08 was secretary of the Republican county committee. He is affiliated with Addison Union Lodge, No. 118, F. and A. M.; Corning Consistory, thirty-second degree; Past District Deputy Grand Master of Steuben Masonic district; Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Corning City Club; Addison Grange; Corning Automobile Club; A. A. A. Association; Addison Advertising Club; and Delta Chi college fraternity. He is a member of the Methodist Church, and his wife and daughter hold membership in the Presbyterian Church of Addison.

George A. Cooper.—Widely known in business circles in Cayuga County is George A. Cooper, who is president of the First National Bank, of Cato. He was born at Sterling, Cayuga County, June 18, 1863, the son of Menzo W. and Maria (Lake) Cooper.

Menzo W. Cooper was born at Victory, Cayuga County, a member of a prominent pioneer family of this section. Throughout his life he was interested in dairy farming and was the owner of a well-improved farm of sixty-five acres near Sterling. His wife was born at Argyle, Washington County. Both are deceased and are buried at Martville, New York. Mr. Cooper was a Republican and had served as overseer of the poor. His wife held membership in the Presbyterian Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Cooper were born five children: 1. Helen E., the widow of Ransford Fletcher, lives at Auburn. 2. Willoughby, deceased. 3. Zora, who died in 1931, was the wife of Benjamin Croscup, deceased. 4. George A., the subject of this sketch. 5. Lucy, the widow of George E. Crofott, lives at Auburn.

Menzo W. Cooper was the son of John and Amanda (Cochran) Cooper. Both were natives of New York and are buried at Victory. John Cooper served throughout the War of 1812. He lived at Oswego, New York, for several years and was employed in ship building. Maria (Lake) Cooper was the daughter of George and Lucy (Lester) Lake. The former was born in the north of Ireland and the latter was a native of Connecticut. Both are buried at Sterling Center, New York.

George A. Cooper grew up on his father's farm near Sterling and attended the district schools. He was also a student at Weedsport High School and Red Creek Academy. At the age of sixteen years he began teaching school at Sterling, and subsequently taught at Hannibal, Cato, and Victory. He then farmed for three years. Mr. Cooper was appointed school commissioner of the First District of Cayuga County and served an unexpired term of nine months. He was then appointed for a three-year term and later re-elected for another three-year term. Mr. Cooper purchased a farm of seventy acres near Victory, which he successfully operated for sixteen years, and he was also well known as a dealer in hay. In April, 1919, he was elected secretary and treas-

urer of the Crowninshield Mill, Inc., and he is still identified with that enterprise. He was one of the founders of the First National Bank of Cato, and served as its first vice president. Mr. Cooper was elected to the office of president and director of the institution in 1927. He purchased a fine farm of 125 acres at Ira, Cayuga County, in 1931, which he operates. He resides at Cato.

Mr. Cooper was married (first) in 1887 to Miss Flora Near, the daughter of John and Abigail (Cooper) Near. Mr. Near was born at Kinderhook and his wife was a native of Conquest, Cayuga County. Both are buried at Cato. Flora (Near) Cooper died in January, 1929, and is buried at Cato. On February 15, 1930, Mr. Cooper married (second) Miss Bessie Allen, the daughter of Floyd F. and Jennie (Lay) Allen, both natives of Sterling, Cayuga County. Mr. Allen is deceased and is buried at Martville. His widow lives at Cato.

Mr. Cooper is a prominent Republican, and is affiliated with Cato Lodge F. & A. M. No. 141, past master, and past district deputy grand master of the Cayuga-Tompkins District.

Richard Truxton King.—Active and progressive in the affairs of Port Byron as publisher and editor of the Port Byron Chronicle, Mr. King is well and favorably known throughout Cayuga County, and is a veteran of the World War. He was born at Port Byron, September 3, 1894, the son of L. H. and Carrie A. (Thomas) King.

L. H. King was born at Batavia, New York, and his wife was a native of Port Byron, where she still resides. He conducted a grocery business for several years at this place, and later became owner and editor of the Port Byron Chronicle, with which he was identified at the time of his death in 1924. He served as postmaster of Port Byron for twenty years, and for twelve years was also superintendent of canals for the State of New York. Politically, he was a Republican, and held the office of justice of the peace. Mr. King was a trustee of the Baptist Church, and was affiliated with Port Byron Lodge No. 130, F. & A. M., Morris

Chapter No. 156, R. A. M., and Independent Order of Odd Fellows. To L. H. and Carrie A. (Thomas) King were born five children: 1. Rev. L. H., Jr., lives at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. 2. Fannie M., married Edward Russell, lives at Syracuse. 3. Nellie, married Dr. W. C. Waterman, lives in New York City. 4. Lois, married Arthur O. Backus, lives at Buffalo. 5. Richard Truxton, the subject of this sketch.

L. H. King was the son of Richard King, a native of Port Byron. As a young man Richard King became a surveyor and was commissioned by the United States Government to survey throughout the West. He died while identified with the building of dry docks for the old Erie Canal, and is buried at Port Byron. Richard King was the son of Phillip King, who was born in Massachusetts. In early life he had come to Cayuga County and located at Mentz, being the first white settler in that section of the county.

Richard Truxton King obtained his education in the public schools of Port Byron, and attended Syracuse Business College after his graduation from Port Byron High School. He also studied at Auburn Business College, and then became associated with his father's newspaper at Port Byron. Mr. King enlisted in the United States Army in December, 1917, for service in the World War, and became identified with the Aviation Section of the Signal Corps, being sent to Fort Slocum, near New Rochelle, New York. He later was transferred to Camp Dix, New Jersey, and then attended an officers' training school at Camp Hancock, Augusta, Georgia. He was commissioned a second lieutenant of infantry and assigned to a depot brigade to instruct recruits in the use of machine guns. He was discharged from the service in December, 1919, as a first lieutenant.

Upon the death of his father in 1924, Mr. King assumed complete control of the Port Byron Chronicle. He is vice president of the Chamber of Commerce.

In 1924 Mr. King married Miss Alice M. Grant, of Oswego, the daughter of William H. Grant, who is in the employ of the New York Central Railroad as a master mechanic.

Politically, Mr. King is a Republican, and he is serving as justice of the peace. He is an active member of the Baptist Church,

and is affiliated with Port Byron Lodge No. 130, F. & A. M.; Morris Chapter No. 156, R. A. M., past high priest; B. P. O. Elks No. 474; Masonic Club; John Cool Post No. 257, American Legion, past commander; "40 and 8" Society; Coast Artillery Association; Cayuga County Chapter, Reserve Officers' Association; New York State Reserve Officers' Association; and National Reserve Officers' Association.

Paul R. Chappell.—One of the most prominent citizens of Cayuga County is Paul R. Chappell, owner of "River View Farm," near Cayuga, and he is a veteran of the World War. He was born at Aurelius, Cayuga County, April 14, 1894, the son of Russell S. and Jennie B. (Buckland) Chappell.

Russell S. Chappell, who died in 1930, was well and favorably known as one of the successful farmers of Cayuga County. He was a native of Throop, Cayuga County, born in 1850. Mr. Chappell was a Democrat, a member of the Baptist Church, and belonged to the Cayuga County Farm Bureau. His wife was born at Montezuma and died in 1921. Both are buried at Weedsport. They were the parents of four children: 1. Benjamin, lives at Staten Island, New York. 2. S. S., lives at Auburn. 3. Grace, married Dr. W. H. Coe, physician, lives at Auburn. 4. Paul R., the subject of this sketch.

After his graduation from Auburn High School in 1913, Paul R. Chappell entered Cornell University, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1917. On April 14, 1917, he went to France as a member of the American Field Service, French Army, and became a driver of ammunition trucks at the front. On October 14th of the same year he was transferred to the American Army, United States Signal Corps, Aviation Section, and trained in Italy. He also attended a flying school at Vendome, France, Eighth Instruction Center, where he received the commission of second lieutenant with a pilot's rating. He was discharged from the service in February, 1919. Mr. Chappell then became associated with his father's farming interests in Cayuga

County, and upon the latter's death in 1930 he became owner of the estate, which is known as "River View Farm."

Mr. Chappell was united in marriage with Miss Elsie Louise Hayes, the daughter of Jesse and Catherine (Brunner) Hayes, natives of Germany. The former resides at Cayuga and the latter is deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Chappell have been born three children: Bruce, Martin Lewis and Brenda Jane.

In politics Mr. Chappell is a Democrat. He is clerk of the Board of Education, District No. 1, Cayuga County, and belongs to Cayuga County Farm Bureau. He also is affiliated with Salem Lodge No. 326, F. & A. M., past master; Union Springs Chapter No. 179, R. A. M., past high priest; King Hiram Council No. 18, past master; Salem Town Commandery No. 16, K. T.; and Myn-derse-Rice Post No. 97, American Legion.

Mernette L. Chapman, who is district superintendent of schools in the First District of Seneca County, has a wide acquaintance throughout Central New York and has already enjoyed a successful career in the field of education. She was born at Ovid, Seneca County, the daughter of Peter C. and Louisa (Smith) Chapman.

Peter C. Chapman died in 1907 and is buried at Ovid. He was born at Ovid, Seneca County, and his wife was born at Trumansburg, New York. She resides at Ovid. Mr. Chapman was a farmer and owned 200 acres of fine land near Romulus. He was a Democrat and took a prominent part in local politics. He held membership in the Presbyterian Church and belonged to Union Lodge, No. 114, F. and A. M., and Ovid Chapter, 92, R. A. M. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Chapman: 1. Hugh, married Laura Bristol, and they have two daughters, Martha and Louisa. He is a farmer near Ovid. 2. Mernette L., the subject of this sketch.

Peter C. Chapman was the son of Hugh and Susan (Covert) Chapman, who were natives of Seneca County. He served as sheriff and was widely known in this section as the owner of many fine racing horses. His father, Joseph Chapman, was among the

first settlers of Seneca County and the Chapman family has been prominently identified with the history of this community for several generations.

Mernette L. Chapman was graduated from Ovid High School in 1908 and spent one and one-half years in graduate work there. She then taught school at Willard, New York, and in 1913 was graduated from the New York State Teachers College, where she had specialized in the study of Home Economics. She was appointed assistant secretary and a member of the faculty at the Young Women's Christian Association at Binghamton, New York, and subsequently became head of the Home Economics Department at Nutley, New Jersey, High School, in which capacity she served for seven years. She then returned to Ovid as a teacher in Ovid District School No. 2. In 1928 she received the degree of Bachelor of Arts at New York State College, and until February, 1932, was a teacher of English at Ovid High School. She received her present appointment as district superintendent of schools in the First District of Seneca County in February, 1932. At the present time she is taking graduate work at Cornell University.

Miss Chapman is a member of the Presbyterian Church and is identified with the Seneca County and New York Teachers Associations.

Fred Palmer Shaw.—An enterprising and well known merchant of New Hope, Mr. Shaw is a native of Cayuga County. He was born at Niles, February 17, 1881, the son of George Niles and Anne E. (Hazzard) Shaw.

George Niles Shaw was born at Niles, Cayuga County, in May, 1840, and his wife was a native of the same place. During the Civil War he enlisted and served as a member of Battery I, Third New York Light Artillery. He took part in numerous battles of the war and after his discharge Mr. Shaw went to Sauk Center, Minnesota, where he took up a land grant and engaged in farming. He later returned to the East and for a time operated a store at Sempronius for his uncle, Warren Clark. He then removed to

New Hope. Subsequently, Mr. Shaw owned and operated a farm near Niles and remained there until 1912. His wife died in 1922 and is buried in Indian Mound Cemetery, Moravia. Mr. Shaw is a Democrat and has held the office of town clerk of Sempronius, as well as assessor of Niles. He belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic. To Mr. and Mrs. Shaw were born five children: 1. William W., merchant, lives at Moravia. 2. Charles D., lives at Rochester. 3. Pearl, deceased. 4. Fred Palmer, the subject of this sketch. 5. Dwight A., lives at Rochester.

George N. Shaw is the son of George Niles and Elizabeth Shaw, natives of Cayuga County. Both are buried in New Hope Cemetery. Anne E. (Hazzard) Shaw was the daughter of William and Caroline Hazzard, also natives of Cayuga County. Mr. and Mrs. Hazzard are buried at Kelloggsville, New York.

The boyhood of Fred Palmer Shaw was spent at New Hope and he attended the district schools. He learned the trade of carpenter and was employed at New Hope, Auburn, and Rochester. He became an expert finisher and builder and followed that trade until 1910, at which time he returned to New Hope. He purchased the general mercantile business of T. W. Maxwell in 1912, and became owner of the building three years later. It was founded by Warren Clark in the early 60's and is one of the well known business places in the county. Mr. Shaw also owns several fine farms, among them being the old Hazzard homestead of thirty acres, which is located in Cayuga County.

In 1906 Mr. Shaw married Miss Mary J. Andrews, the daughter of Albert A. and Martha (Rowe) Andrews, natives of Somersetshire, England. Both are buried in New Hope Cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Shaw have no children.

Mr. Shaw has always been a Democrat, and has served continuously as supervisor of Niles since January 1, 1922. He is minority leader of supervisors. He is a member of Freeville Assembly, and is affiliated with Sylvan Lodge, F. and A. M., No. 41, Owasco Valley Chapter, O. E. S., Kelloggsville Lodge, No. 796, I. O. O. F., Grange, and New York State Pomona Grange. Mrs. Shaw is Past Grand of Dorcas Rebekah Lodge, No. 399, and is Associate Conductress of Owasco Valley Chapter, O. E. S.

Charles H. Miller.—Associated with the business interests of Elmira as vice president and general manager of the Elmira Hygeia Ice Company, Charles H. Miller is recognized as one of the able business men of Central New York. He was born at Elmira, September 1, 1894, the son of James C. and Mary C. (Carpenter) Miller.

James C. Miller, who died December 22, 1924, had spent fifty-five years in the service of the Erie Railroad Company as an engineer on the Hornell & Susquehanna Division. He retired at the age of seventy-four years and maintained his home in Elmira until his death. Both he and his wife were born in this city, where Mrs. Miller still resides. Mr. Miller was a Republican and held membership in Park Congregational Church, Elmira. To Mr. and Mrs. Miller were born the following children: 1. Waid, who died at the age of eleven years. 2. Fred, who died in 1916. 3. Harry, lives at Painted Post, New York. 4. James, lives at Painted Post, New York. 5. Emma, lives at Elmira, where she is chief accountant for the Arnot-Ogden Hospital. 6. Thomas, lives at Elmira. 7. George C., lives at Elmira, where he is secretary of the Elmira Arms Company. 8. Stanley, lives at Mountain Lake, New Jersey, and is consulting engineer for the Western Electric Company. 9. Raymond, lives at Elmira. 10. Charles H., the subject of this sketch.

Charles H. Miller is a graduate of the public schools of Elmira and as a boy clerked in local grocery stores. He then spent three years with the Elmira Water, Light & Railway Company, under the direction of Harry M. Beardsley, and for four years was associated with the C. M. & R. Tompkins Wholesale Grocery Company. In 1916 Mr. Miller went with the Elmira Ice Company, and in 1924 the business was merged with the Fell Ice Company and Crystal Ice Company, and thereafter known as the Elmira Consolidated Ice Company, with Mr. Miller as president and general manager. In 1930 the business was sold to the Elmira Hygeia Ice Company, and at that time Mr. Miller became vice president and general manager.

On March 3, 1917, Mr. Miller was united in marriage with Miss Florence R. Brand, of Elmira, the daughter of John and Clara E.

(Woodward) Brand. Both were born in Elmira and now reside in Florida. Mr. Brand was for many years a prominent figure in the business and civic life of Elmira and served as park commissioner for twenty years. He was a director of the Steel Memorial Library, and Elmira Home for the Aged. His gift to the city of Brand Park is typical of Mr. Brand's civic pride and generosity. The family residence is still maintained at 357 Maple Avenue, although Mr. and Mrs. Brand spend most of the year in Florida. Mrs. Miller is a graduate of Elmira College and Martha Washington College, at Washington, D. C. To Mr. and Mrs. Miller have been born three children: 1. Walter B., born July 30, 1919. 2. Charles Richard, born May 30, 1924. 3. Ralph Edward, born March 2, 1930.

Politically, Mr. Miller is a Republican. He is a member of Park Congregational Church, and is affiliated with Ivy Lodge, F. and A. M., Kiwanis Club, and the Elmira Polo and Hunt Club.

The Miller family residence is located at 721 West Church Street.

Alfred Kittler, who is division passenger agent for the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company, is well and favorably known in Ithaca. He is a native of Heil, Germany, born October 8, 1883, the son of Julius and Anna Kittler.

Julius Kittler was a native of Germany and died at Newark, New Jersey, in 1912. He had come to this country in 1883 and became successful as a manufacturer of surgical instruments and medical supplies. His wife died in 1920. Both are buried at Newark, New York. They were the parents of seven children, of whom Alfred, the subject of this sketch, was the fourth.

Alfred Kittler obtained his education in the public schools of Newark, New Jersey, and then spent four years in the employ of the Spencer Optical Manufacturing Company at Newark. His next employment was with the Lehigh Valley Railroad in that city as a clerk in the passenger traffic department. He subsequently was traveling passenger agent for eight years and was then trans-

ferred to New York City as a city passenger agent. He has served in his present capacity as division passenger agent since 1921.

In 1909 Mr. Kittler was united in marriage with Miss Laura D. Miller, of Newark, New Jersey, the daughter of P. J. and Minnie (Isley) Miller. Mr. Miller resides at Summit, New Jersey. His wife died in 1919 and is buried at Newark. Throughout his life Mr. Kittler was a merchant tailor in Newark. Mr. and Mrs. Kittler have no children.

Mr. Kittler is independent in politics. He is an active member of the Presbyterian Church, and is affiliated with Forest Hill Lodge, F. and A. M., No. 206, Newark; B. P. O. Elks, No. 636, Ithaca; Rotary Club, Ithaca Country Club, Town and Gown Club, and Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Kittler has taken a keen and active interest in civic affairs since his residence in Ithaca and is prominent in welfare work.

Mr. and Mrs. Kittler live at 708 Stewart Street.

Guy G. Stevens, D. V. M.—Prominent throughout Tompkins County, where he has established an excellent practice, is Doctor Guy G. Stevens, of Groton. He was born here, June 15, 1888, the son of H. B. and Susie A. (Gross) Stevens.

H. B. Stevens died at Groton in 1930. He was a native of that place, attended Groton Academy, and in early life was a farmer. He then became interested in the fire insurance business and was thus engaged at the time of his death, as president of the Groton & Dryden Insurance Company. Mr. Stevens was a Republican and served as county committeeman. He held membership in the Congregational Church, and belonged to the Knights of Pythias. His father was Manson Stevens, also born at Groton, and the son of Volney Stevens, who was born in Tompkins County, January 13, 1809. His father, John Stevens, was born in 1785 and was one of the first settlers of Groton, having come to this section from Salem, New York. The family is also descended from John Guthrie, who located at Groton in 1798. Susie A. (Gross) Stevens was born at McLean, New York, and died in 1895. To Mr. and

Mrs. H. B. Stevens were born three sons: 1. Guy G., the subject of this sketch. 2. Benson, lives on the old Stevens homestead north of Groton. 3. Leland, also lives on the homestead.

Guy G. Stevens is a graduate of Groton High School, class of 1907, and received the degree of Doctor of Veterinary Medicine at Cornell University in 1911. His entire professional career has been spent at Groton with the exception of his service in the World War. He enlisted in the United States Army in June, 1918, and received the commission of second lieutenant, being stationed at Camp Stanley, Texas. He later became first lieutenant and served with the veterinary corps of the 18th Division until his discharge on February 21, 1919.

Doctor Stevens was married on June 30, 1915, to Miss Elizabeth Welty, of McLean, the daughter of Philip and Elizabeth (Benedict) Welty, natives of Auburn and McLean, respectively. Mr. Welty died in 1925 and his widow lives at Groton. To Doctor and Mrs. Stevens two children have been born: Priscilla Elizabeth and Philip H.

Politically, Doctor Stevens is a Republican. He is a trustee of the Congregational Church, and a director of the Rotary Club of Cortland.

Sidney R. Smith.—Numbered among the progressive business men of Tioga County may be mentioned Sidney R. Smith, funeral director, and he also holds the office of supervisor of Richford. He was born at Owego, Tioga County, May 14, 1879, the son of Robert C. and Agnes (Bakeman) Smith.

Robert C. Smith, who died in 1917, was a native of Owego, as was his wife. She died May 30, 1918. Both are buried at Owego. Mr. Smith attended the district schools and for many years was interested in farming. During the latter twenty years of his life he lived retired at Newark Valley. Mr. Smith was independent in politics, and was an active member of the Baptist Church. There were three children in the Smith family: 1. Eugene, farmer, lives near Apalachin, New York. 2. Sidney R., the subject of this

sketch. 3. Nina, married Edwin Parker, lives at Los Angeles, California.

Following his graduation from Owego Academy, Sidney R. Smith entered the employ of T. M. Hubbard, undertaker, of Owego, with whom he remained for two years. He then spent a year with W. C. Harrington, at Elmira, and for two years was located in business for himself at Newark Valley. Six years were spent as a funeral director at Tully, New York, and in 1918 Mr. Smith located at Richford. He has also been interested in the coal and feed business there since 1925, at which time he purchased the holdings of Franklin Bliss.

On February 25, 1905, Mr. Smith was united in marriage with Miss Alice Morrell, of Canandaigua, born October 15, 1881, the daughter of John M. and Julia (Dolan) Morrell. He was a native of England and died at Canandaigua in 1904. His wife, born at Utica, New York, is also deceased. For many years Mr. Morrell was identified with the Smith Milling Company, of Canandaigua. He was a Republican and served as tax collector. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have an adopted daughter, Ann Morrell Smith, born May 5, 1905. She is a graduate of Canandaigua Academy and Thompson Memorial Hospital at Canandaigua. She is now a graduate nurse and is employed at the Tioga County Hospital, at Waverly, New York.

Mr. Smith is a Democrat, and in January, 1931, assumed his duties as supervisor of Richford. He holds membership in St. John's Church, at Newark Valley, and is affiliated with Speedsville Lodge, F. and A. M., and Binghamton Shrine.

Joseph O. Woolf is the proprietor of a florist business at 105 West Church Street, Elmira, and is one of the city's substantial business men. He was born at Hendy Creek, New York, October 25, 1874, the son of Hiram and Mary Jane (Brown) Woolf.

Hiram Woolf was born at Elmira and died here in 1905. He was reared on a farm at Hendy Creek and attended the public schools. For several years he owned and operated a farm and

sawmill, later spent one year as a locomotive fireman on the D. L. & W. Railroad, and at the time of his death was an engineer in the employ of the Richardson Shoe Company at Elmira. He was a Republican, and served as school trustee and road commissioner at Hendy Creek. He was a member of the Methodist Church and belonged to the Masonic Lodge. His wife was born at Horseheads, New York, and died in 1902. To Mr. and Mrs. Woolf were born four children: 1. Minnie, who died in infancy. 2. Jennie Buckley, who died in May, 1931. 3. Irena Rice, lives at Elmira. 4. Joseph O., subject of this sketch.

At the age of fifteen years Joseph O. Woolf left Hendy Creek and came to Elmira, where he attended Miller's Business School. He then entered the employ of the C. M. & R. Tompkins Company, wholesale grocers, with whom he was identified for a period of thirty years, most of that time being spent on the road as a sales representative. Mr. Woolf's next business connection was with the Hygeia Ice Cream Company as sales manager, which position he now holds. Since 1915 he has also been interested in the florist business, at that time having purchased the Backer greenhouses at 428 West Fourth Street. In February, 1929, he assumed control of the LaFrance greenhouses at 308 East Miller Street, and now has 21,000 square feet under glass. A shop and office are maintained at 105 West Church Street.

Mr. Woolf married Miss Isabel Gruber, of Elmira, the daughter of Philip and Margaret Gruber, natives of Pennsylvania, both now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Woolf have two sons: 1. Hiram Gruber, a graduate of Elmira Free Academy, Starkey Seminary, and Hamilton College. He taught for two years at Starkey Seminary, and is now principal of Liberty St. School at Penn Yan. He has spent seven summers as a student at the Auburn Theological Seminary and School of Religious Education in preparation for the ministry. 2. Luther Earnest, a graduate of Elmira Free Academy and Starkey Seminary, class of 1931. He is now a student at Cornell University.

Mr. Woolf is a Republican and is serving his fourth term as alderman of the third ward. He is an Elder of Lake Street Presbyterian Church, and is affiliated with Ivy Lodge, F. and A. M.,

Elmira Chapter and Commandery. He also belongs to the Rotary Club and is vice president of the Century Club.

Glenn Vance Ostrander is a veteran of the World War, and one of the enterprising young business men of Elmira, where he is manager of the Atlantic Refining Company. He was born at Wellsville, New York, August 4, 1898, the son of Jesse G. and Lena May (Vance) Ostrander.

Jesse G. Ostrander was a native of Denver, Colorado. He located in New York during his early life and for a number of years was identified with the retail fruit business. For fifteen years he was manager of the Alger Shoe Store at Wellsville, and later was a member of the firm of Ostrander & Goodliff. Prior to his death he was connected with the McEwen Oil Well Supply Company of Wellsville. Mr. Ostrander died April 7, 1925, and his widow resides at Wellsville. He was a Republican, a member of the Baptist Church, and had various lodge affiliations. To Mr. and Mrs. Ostrander the following children were born: 1. Glenn Vance, the subject of this sketch. 2. Kathleen Louise, married Howard Withey, lives in New York City. She is a graduate of the New Haven (Connecticut) Normal School of Gymnastics. 3. Robert J., a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh, now a pharmacist, lives at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, married Miss Elizabeth Comstock, of Wellsville.

Glenn Vance Ostrander is a graduate of the public schools of Wellsville, and following his graduation from high school in 1917 he enlisted for service in the World War and was sent to Fort Slocum, New York, and later to Fort Allen in Vermont. He subsequently served at Camp Shelby and Camp Merritt and sailed for overseas duty as a member of the 76th Field Artillery, Third Division. He participated in many important battles and drives of the war, and was discharged with the rank of corporal, October 10, 1919. Mr. Ostrander began his business career with the American Natural Gas Company, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and in 1921, returned to Wellsville as a salesman with the Reynolds Auto-

mobile Company. A short time later he located at Wellsboro with the Corning Glass Works. In 1923 he organized the County Credit Bureau at Wellsboro, and was identified with that organization until 1926, at which time he entered the service of the Atlantic Refining Company as a salesman. He received his appointment as manager of the company's Elmira office in July, 1929.

On November 4, 1922, Mr. Ostrander married Miss Laura Mae Downs, of Brooklyn, New York, the daughter of L. M. and Lena Downs, natives of Hornell and Rushville, New York, respectively. Mr. Downs died in 1905 and his widow lives at Cincinnati, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Ostrander have two sons: 1. Robert G., born October 26, 1924. 2. Harry J., born January 30, 1926.

Mr. Ostrander is a Republican, a member of the Baptist Church, and belongs to B. P. O. Elks, Rotary Club, Rabshaw Fishing & Hunting Club, and Slide Island Rod & Gun Club.

Ralph C. Smith, the owner and manager of Mayer's Smoke Shop, at 203 East State Street, was born at Rhinebeck, Dutchess County, New York, November 21, 1892, the son of Grove and Elizabeth A. (Simmons) Smith.

Grove Smith, who died May 31, 1930, was a native of Catskill, New York. He spent his early life on a farm and later became a building contractor. He was a Democrat and served for many years as trustee of the village of Rhinebeck. Mr. Smith held membership in the Methodist Church and Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His wife was born in Ulster County, New York, and died March 15, 1922. Both are buried at Madalin, New York. There are two children in the Smith family: 1. Ralph C., the subject of this sketch. 2. Floronce M., married Frank Sutton, lives at West Lafayette, Indiana. He is a graduate of Purdue University.

After his graduation from Rhinebeck High School, Ralph C. Smith attended Cornell University, from which he received a degree in Arts and Science in 1915. In that year he became a designer of steel forms to be used in concrete work and spent two years in the employ of the Hydraulic Pressed Steel Company, of

Cleveland, Ohio. He returned to Ithaca in 1918 as an instructor of machine gunnery in the ground school at Cornell University, and later that year returned to Cleveland as inspector of engineering material for the United States Naval Department. During the following two years he was identified with a construction company in Cleveland as engineer. Mr. Smith became secretary of the Ithaca Chamber of Commerce in March, 1922, and served in that capacity until 1928. He has since been proprietor of Mayer's Smoke Shop, formerly owned by Harry Mayer.

On July 2, 1917, Mr. Smith was married at Cleveland to Miss Jennie O. Frost, born in Troy, Pennsylvania, September 25, 1889, the daughter of Frank and Sena D. (Dunbar) Frost. Mr. Frost died in March, 1918, and his wife died in June, 1926. Both are buried in Lakeview Cemetery, Ithaca. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have no children. She is a graduate of Ithaca High School and Ithaca Conservatory of Music.

Mr. Smith is a Republican and was an unsuccessful candidate for mayor of Ithaca in 1931. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church, and he is affiliated with Hobasco Lodge, No. 716, F. and A. M.; Eagle Chapter, No. 58, R. A. M.; Masonic Club; B. P. O. Elks, Past Exalted Ruler during 1928-29; Chamber of Commerce; Rotary Club; Exchange Club; Ithaca Advertising Club, and Ithaca Country Club. He is president of the Cornell Club of Ithaca, director of the Y. M. C. A., and past president of the Ithaca Automobile Club.

Alfred J. Meyer is successfully engaged in business in Elmira as president of the Silvertown Motor Company, Studebaker and Rockne dealers, and he is a veteran of the World War. He was born in this city, June 11, 1892, the son of Joseph J. and Elizabeth (Haupt) Meyer.

Joseph J. Meyer was a native of Germany and died in 1905. He attended the public schools and studied pharmacy. He then was identified with a pharmacy at Lake and Water streets in Elmira for more than twenty-five years. In 1900 Mr. Meyer re-

tired. He was a Republican, a member of the Second Presbyterian Church, and belonged to the Masonic Lodge and Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His widow was born in Germany and resides at 37 West Third Street, Elmira. They had two children: 1. Florence Belle, a graduate of Elmira Free Academy and Warners Business College, Elmira, married Emerson Hanley, of Elmira. 2. Alfred J., the subject of this sketch.

The early education of Alfred J. Meyer was received in the public schools of Elmira and he is a graduate of Elmira Free Academy. His first position was with Carl Wilbur, electrical contractor, and three years later he went with George Young, of Elmira. In 1910 he entered the automobile business as a mechanic in the LaFrance Garage, at Fox and Carroll streets. Mr. Meyer left his employment in 1917 and enlisted for service in the World War at Washington, D. C. He received the commission of second lieutenant, First Regiment, Motor Corps of the Aviation Section and sailed for overseas duty, being in charge of Motor Reception Park No. 7, at St. Nazairre, France. He was discharged at Camp Upton, Long Island, May 10, 1919, and immediately returned to his former employment with the LaFrance Garage. On September 15, 1919, he organized the Silvertown Motor Company with the following officers: Alfred J. Meyer, president; George Petzke, vice president, and John T. Osowski, secretary and treasurer. On November 21, 1921, the business was merged with the LaFrance Garage, and the new corporation retained its original officers. They have been located at 301 East Church Street since that time, and in 1931 also became agents for the new Rockne car, a product of the Studebaker corporation. Their territory as agents includes Tioga and Chemung counties in New York, and Bradford County in Pennsylvania.

On December 27, 1917, Mr. Meyer was united in marriage with Miss Irene Burns, born at Elmira, August 20, 1892, the daughter of Daniel Burns. Mr. Burns died in 1914 and his wife died in 1902. Mr. and Mrs. Meyer have no children.

Mr. Meyer is a member of Second Presbyterian Church, B. P. O. Elks, American Legion, Association of Commerce, Elmira Business Men's Association, New York State and American Automo-

bile Associations, and Chemung County Rod & Gun Club. Politically, he is a Republican. Mrs. Meyer holds membership in St. Cecelia's Catholic Church, Elmira.

Theodore R. Murdock, D. D. S.—Numbered among the able and successful dental surgeons of Chemung County, Dr. Theodore R. Murdock, of Elmira, holds a prominent place. He was born in this city, September 11, 1897, the son of Herbert L. and Florence (Rose) Murdock.

Herbert L. Murdock is identified with the Temple Book Store, located in the Masonic Building, Elmira. He was born here and is a graduate of Elmira Free Academy. As a young man he studied stenography with Theodore C. Rose, his wife's father, as his tutor. The latter was the first shorthand writer and court stenographer in Chemung County and served as court stenographer in District United States Court for over thirty-five years. Herbert L. Murdock also became a court stenographer and served in that capacity in this city for ten years, and at Red Bank, New Jersey, for twenty years. As mentioned above, he and his wife are now proprietors of the Temple Book Store. She was born at Norwich, Chenango County. Mr. Murdock is a Republican and a member of Park Presbyterian Church. Two sons were born to Mr. and Mrs. Murdock: 1. Theodore R., the subject of this sketch. 2. William E., lives at Elmira, where he is identified with the Perry Insurance Company. He married Miss Thelma Harrison, of Trenton, New Jersey.

After his graduation from high school at Red Bank, New Jersey, Theodore R. Murdock entered the University of Pennsylvania, from which he received the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery in 1919. During the World War he enlisted in the United States Navy and served as a first class hospital attendant at the 24th and Gray Ferry dock, Philadelphia. In 1919 he became associated in practice in Elmira with Dr. Henry A. Moore. Since March 1, 1929, he has maintained a private practice with offices at 221 West Church Street. Dr. Murdock is identified with the Che-

mung County, New York State, and American Dental Associations.

On October 6, 1920, Dr. Murdock married Miss Emily C. Naser, who was born at Red Bank, September 24, 1898, the daughter of Andrew W. and Jane (Casey) Naser. They are residents of 932 West Gray Street, Elmira. Doctor and Mrs. Murdock have a son, Theodore R., born in Elmira, January 13, 1927.

Doctor Murdock is a Republican, a member of the First Baptist Church, and belongs to Ivy Lodge, No. 369, F. and A. M.; Elmira Chapter, No. 42, R. A. M.; Elmira Commandery, K. T.; Cashmere Grotto; Torch Club; Theta Chi fraternity; Elmira Exchange Club; Elmira Country Club; American Legion; and Chemund Rod and Gun Club.

William Lynn Houseman.—A well known and responsible citizen of Geneva and Ontario County is William Lynn Houseman, who is the capable superintendent of public schools in this city. He was born at Lenox, New York, February 13, 1887, the son of William O. and Estella F. (Pratt) Houseman.

William O. Houseman was a native of New York, born at Stockridge, in October, 1855. He was a farmer throughout his life. Mr. Houseman was married in 1880 to Miss Estella F. Pratt, daughter of Ezra Pratt, for many years a successful merchant at Oneida, New York. Later, he lived at Rochester. To William O. and Estella F. (Pratt) Houseman were born three children. Mr. Houseman died in 1922 and is buried in Glenwood Cemetery, Oneida.

William Lynn Houseman obtained his early education in the public schools of Munnsville, New York, and was graduated from Oneida High School in 1902. He later took special work at Colgate Academy before entering Colgate University, and in 1904 he received the degree of Bachelor of Science. In 1921 Mr. Houseman received the degree of Master of Arts at Columbia University. He has also taken graduate work at New York and Cornell Universities. In 1908 he was appointed

as instructor of science in the high school at Cortland, New York, and the following year he was made vice principal, and principal of the high school in 1910. In the latter year he went to Hope, North Dakota, as superintendent of schools and served in that capacity four years. Upon his return to New York Mr. Houseman located at White Plains as an instructor and athletic coach in the high school. In 1916 he was made principal of the Court Street elementary school and two years later became principal of White Plains High School. He held the latter position successfully for nine years and in 1926 came to Geneva to assume his present responsibilities as superintendent.

Mr. Houseman was married on August 31, 1909, to Miss Maud C. Wilson, the daughter of Charles Wilson, of New York Mills, Oneida County. They are the parents of a daughter, Jacquelin.

Mr. Houseman is a Republican, a member of North Presbyterian Church, and is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge, Rotary Club, Lions Club, Chamber of Commerce, and Phi Kappa Psi fraternity. He was one of the founders of the senior society of Skull and Scroll at Colgate University. Mr. Houseman also belongs to the Y. M. C. A., and is former president of the Finger Lakes School Men's Club.

Mr. Houseman took a conspicuous part in college athletics, being captain of the Colgate varsity football team for one year and captain of the varsity baseball team for four years. He later played professional baseball in Watertown during 1908.

The Houseman family lives at 22 North Brook Street, Geneva.

Walter Curtis, road contractor, with offices at 511 Exchange Street, is one of Geneva's best known and most dependable business men. He was born in Yorkshire, England, July 11, 1869, the son of Reuben and Mary (Godley) Curtis.

Reuben Curtis was born in England in 1843 and came to this country about 1872. He settled at Mansfield, Pennsylvania, where he was employed as a stone mason and contractor until the time of his death, December 12, 1912. He is buried there. He was mar-

ried in England in 1867 to Miss Mary Godley, who died in 1902. Both were members of the Methodist Church and the father of Reuben Curtis, as well as several uncles, were ministers of wide renown in England. To Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Curtis were born seven children, of whom Walter, the subject of this sketch, was the first.

Walter Curtis obtained his education in the public schools of Pennsylvania and in 1888 was graduated from high school. He then came to Geneva, where he spent two years in the employ of the Geneva Preserving Company. Later he was connected for ten years with the Standard Optical Company, and in 1900 went as superintendent of the Hygeia Ice Company of Geneva. In 1905 he engaged in the contracting business as a builder and excavator, and in 1921 became a highway contractor. In association with his brother, Reuben F. Curtis, they have built much of the concrete highway system in the Finger Lakes district during the last twelve years. From 1914 until 1924 they also conducted a retail coal and builders' supply business in Geneva.

Mr. Curtis was married January 5, 1898, to Miss Mary Ella Champion, the daughter of Andrew A. and Caroline (VanDusen) Champion. He was a member of one of the earliest families of Geneva. To Mr. and Mrs. Curtis the following seven children were born: 1. Theodore A., born October 7, 1900, associated with the Automatic Vending Machine Company, of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. He is married and has a daughter, Betty Jane. 2. Maida Margaret, born January 23, 1903, married Floyd A. Gray, lives at Newburgh, New York. 3. Helen S., born December 16, 1904, a graduate of Geneva High School, class of 1925, now the wife of Robert E. Sayre, lives at Geneva. They have a daughter, Shirley Anne. 4. Walter Marvin, died in infancy. 5. Robert E., born June 19, 1910, a graduate of Geneva High School, class of 1930, now connected with the Shur-On Standard Optical Company, of Geneva. 6. Mary Elizabeth, born March 31, 1912, a graduate of Geneva High School, class of 1930, now a stenographer with the Shur-On Standard Optical Company, Geneva. 7. Lucille E., born March 23, 1914, attends Geneva High School.

Mr. Curtis is a Republican and is ward committeeman. He is a member of the First Baptist Church of Geneva, is affiliated with B. P. O. Elks, Geneva, and belongs to the Chamber of Commerce.

David Bruce Ayers, of Geneva, is among the city's most representative young business men, and is a veteran of the World War. He was born at Kittanning, Pennsylvania, July 27, 1896, the son of John G. and Lillian (Bruce) Ayers.

John G. Ayers was born at Butler, Pennsylvania, March 13, 1856. He was a civil engineer by profession and spent the greater part of his life in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company in that capacity. He lived at Kittanning and later at Geneva. Mr. Ayers was married in 1894 to Miss Lillian Bruce, daughter of David D. and Eleanor (Mackey) Bruce, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. To them were born two children: 1. One died in infancy. 2. David Bruce, the subject of this sketch. Mr. Ayers died in July, 1930, and his wife died in August, 1908. Both are buried in Glenwood Cemetery, Geneva.

David B. Ayers obtained his schooling at Kittanning, Pennsylvania, and Geneva. His first employment was with the Geneva Trust Company and in September, 1918, he enlisted for service in the World War. His company did not see service in France, however, and Mr. Ayers was discharged May 7, 1919. He then returned to his former employment in Geneva. In 1921 he went to Penn Yan, where he was associated with the Penn Yan Boat Company until 1925. He then organized the Chesapeake Boat Company, of Chesapeake City, Maryland, of which he was president and treasurer. He disposed of his interest at the latter date and in 1930 returned to Geneva, where he took over the John B. Clark Insurance Agency. It has since been conducted as the David B. Ayers Agency, and Mr. Ayers is already recognized as one of the insurance experts in Ontario County. He has offices at 40 Seneca Street.

On September 20, 1920, Mr. Ayers was united in marriage with Miss Esther A. Guile, daughter of Charles E. and Hattie (Fen-

ton) Guile, of Penn Yan. Mr. Guile is widely known as the president of Guile & Windnagle, Inc., basket manufacturers, of Penn Yan. To Mr. and Mrs. Ayers have been born two sons: David Bruce, Jr., and Charles Fenton. Mrs. Ayers is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and traces her lineage back to General Ethan Allen, of Revolutionary fame, and to Commodore Perry. She also holds membership in the Geneva Women's Club.

Mr. Ayers is a Republican, a member of the First Presbyterian Church, and is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge, American Legion, Geneva Country Club, Seneca Yacht Club, and Chamber of Commerce.

Arthur George Schulz.—Among Wayne County's representative and successful young business men is Arthur George Schulz, furniture dealer and funeral director, of Newark. He was born at Rochester, New York, November 14, 1892, the son of Charles, Jr., and Emma (Huober) Schulz.

Charles Schulz, Jr., was born at Wurtemberg, Germany, the son of Charles Schulz, who spent many years in the employ of the steel mills of Rochester, New York. He was a moulder. His son, Charles, Jr., was educated in the public schools of Rochester, and throughout his life followed the tailoring business in that city. He died at the age of thirty-six years, and is buried in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Rochester. He was married in 1891 to Miss Emma Huober, the daughter of Michael Huober, of Newark, New York. To Mr. and Mrs. Schulz were born two sons, the elder of whom was Arthur George, the subject of this sketch.

Arthur George Schulz was but four years of age when his father died and he came to Newark with his mother and brother soon after. He attended the public schools and when fifteen years of age was employed as a clerk in the grocery store of J. W. Chase. He later secured employment in the Steuerwald Furniture Company, of Newark, and two years later went to New York City to attend the Renaud School of Embalming. Mr. Schulz became a licensed embalmer in 1913 and upon his return to Newark became

associated in the furniture and undertaking business with Harry Parker. The partnership continued until June, 1923, and since that time Mr. Schulz has engaged in business alone. His furniture store is located on East Union Street and the undertaking establishment at 215 South Main Street. The latter has been occupied since 1926.

On April 5, 1912, Mr. Schulz married Miss Laura Belle Conklin, the daughter of John and Belle Conklin, of Newark. Their son, William C., born in August, 1920, died April 23, 1930, and is buried in East Newark Cemetery.

Mr. Schulz is a Republican in politics, holds membership in the Baptist Church, and is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge, B. P. O. Elks, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Loyal Order of Moose, Rotary Club, and Newark Country Club. He is president of the Newark Chamber of Commerce and through his efforts the organization is taking a prominent part in the establishment of a community bank, to replace the First National Bank and Arcadia Trust Company, which were closed during 1931. This situation left Newark, a city of 8,000 population, without any banking facilities.

Charles Henry Staunton.—One of the well known business men of Geneva and Ontario County is Charles Henry Staunton, portrait studio, located at 50 Seneca Street. He was born at Davenport, Iowa, October 30, 1866, the son of Edwin Adolphus and Jennie Matilda (Barrett) Staunton.

Edwin Adolphus Staunton, deceased, was a veteran of the Civil War. He was born in England in 1835 and at the age of six years came to this country and lived with his uncle, Rev. William Staunton, D. D., a minister of the Episcopal Church in New York City. Edwin A. Staunton was educated in the public schools there and throughout his life followed mercantile pursuits in Davenport, Iowa. He died there in 1910. Mr. Staunton was married in 1857 to Miss Jennie Matilda Barrett, whose father was born in Cork, Ireland. To Mr. and Mrs. Staunton were born eight children.

Charles Henry Staunton grew up at Davenport, Iowa, where he attended the public schools. At the age of fifteen years he left school to enter the studio of Jacob Lenz, photographer, and he remained in his employ for five years. Mr. Staunton then spent two years with Mark W. Owens, of Muscatine, Iowa, and one year at St. Paul, Minnesota. He was associated at the latter city with Emery & Brown, photographers, and in 1889 opened a studio at Davenport, Iowa, where he remained for one year as a manufacturer of stereoscopic views. In 1890 Mr. Staunton located at Poughkeepsie, New York, as studio manager for C. H. Gallop & Company, owners of studios at Poughkeepsie and Fishkill, New York, Holyoke, Massachusetts, and Danbury, Connecticut. After almost three years, Mr. Staunton went to Rochester, New York, as a finisher of portraits for Ranger & Cornell. The following year he located at Northampton, Massachusetts, and remained for one year in the studio of Francis Schilaire. He then returned to his former employment with C. H. Gallop & Company, at Poughkeepsie. In 1898 he went to Wolcott, New York, where he owned and operated a studio specializing in the manufacture of illustrative song films. During the following year Mr. Staunton became a partner in the Stereopticon & Film Exchange, of Chicago, and two years later went to Memphis, Tennessee, where he remained for one year as chief operator for J. C. Covert, portrait artist. Mr. Staunton was next located at Milford, Massachusetts, as manager of the studio of J. C. Brown, and the following year he went to Rochester, New York, as experimental chemist for the Defender Photo Supply Company, which was later merged with the Eastman Kodak Company. In 1912 Mr. Staunton opened a portrait and commercial studio in Rochester, which he successfully operated for fifteen years. In 1927 he sold his interests and located at Geneva, but the following year resumed his portrait work and established a studio in this city.

Mr. Staunton was married August 3, 1892, to Miss Florence Leona Short, the daughter of Robert and Eliza (Finn) Short, of Seneca Falls, New York. To them were born two sons: 1. Robert Edwin, born in 1894, now efficiency engineer, lives at Rochester, New York. He is married and has three children. 2. LeRoy Wil-

bur, born in 1896, now advertising manager for the Westinghouse Manufacturing Company, at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He is a veteran of the World War, and lives at Manchester, Ohio.

Mr. Staunton is a member of the Chamber of Commerce. He and his wife are active members of Christadelphian Church.

John Augustus Hatch, M. D.—A prominent citizen of Penn Yan, Dr. John A. Hatch stands high in medical circles in Yates County, being identified with the Foster-Hatch Medical group, with offices at 165 Main Street. He was born here, July 6, 1893, the son of William and Ida (Gilmore) Hatch.

William Hatch was born in Yates County in 1864. For a number of years he engaged in business at Bath, New York, as the owner of the Steam Laundry. He died there in 1914 and is buried in Lakeview Cemetery, Penn Yan. Mr. Hatch was married in 1885 to Miss Ida Gilmore, of Penn Yan, and they were the parents of six children, two of whom died in infancy.

John Augustus Hatch grew up at Penn Yan and attended the public schools. After his graduation from Penn Yan Academy in 1914 he entered the University of Buffalo. Later he took up the study of medicine at the same university and received the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1919. Doctor Hatch was located as interne in the Buffalo General Hospital for one year, remained there as house surgeon for the second year, and then took graduate work in New York Lying-In Hospital, New York City, as well as the Infant Summer Hospital, at Rochester, and the Laboratory of Surgical Technique, at Chicago, Illinois. He then enlisted for service during the World War but hostilities ceased before he saw duty overseas. After his discharge, Doctor Hatch located at Penn Yan in private practice until 1929, when he became associated with Dr. E. C. Foster, in the organization of a medical group in the city, being associated also with Dr. Glenn Hatch and Dr. Ross Lantzenheiser. The clinic is completely equipped for diagnosis and the treatment of disease and ranks among the finest medical centers in this section of the State. For the past eight years Doc-

tor Hatch has also been secretary and treasurer of the Lake Keuka Medical & Surgical Association, which is composed of twenty-two New York Counties, and widely known as an interesting center for medical men to meet annually during the summer season. Doctor Hatch is a member of the staff of the Soldiers & Sailors Hospital at Penn Yan and also holds membership in the Yates County Medical Society, New York State Medical Society, and American Medical Association.

On May 22, 1920, Doctor Hatch was united in marriage with Miss Helen Nutt, the daughter of E. C. Nutt, of Penn Yan. The latter served for a number of years as a member of the New York State General Assembly.

Politically, Doctor Hatch is a Republican and he has served as coroner of Yates County since 1921. He is a member of the First Presbyterian Church, a charter member of the Rotary Club, and belongs to the Masonic Lodge, Lakeside Country Club, Rochester Club, and Nu Sigma Nu fraternity.

Charles Prescott Russell is among the substantial business men of Williamson, and a member of one of the best known pioneer families of Wayne County. He was born here August 16, 1887, the son of Darius F. and Dora (Tuttle) Russell.

Darius F. Russell was a veteran of the Civil War. He was born at Williamson, January 24, 1839, and died there June 5, 1906. Throughout his life he was a farmer and remained on the Russell homestead in Wayne County. During the Civil War he saw service for three years and took part in the battle of Bull Run as well as the campaign of the James River peninsula. In 1865 he married Miss Maria VanOstrand, who died in 1882. They had two children. He married (second) in 1886, Miss Dora Tuttle. They were the parents of four children, of whom Charles Prescott, the subject of this sketch, was the oldest.

Darius F. Russell was the son of Nathaniel Russell, who was born at Williamson in 1802, being the third white child born near Sodus Point. He died in 1868 and is buried in Marion Cemetery.

His father was Daniel Russell, who was born at Rocky Hill, Connecticut, about 1770. He was a surveyor and came to Wayne County in 1793. He located on land near Pultneyville, and remained there as a government surveyor. He married Miss Lucy Wright, a native of Connecticut, and afterward settled the Russell homestead of 320 acres near the village of Williamson. Of the original tract 130 acres is still owned by Charles Prescott Russell. To Daniel and Lucy (Wright) Russell were born eight children, among them being Nathaniel Russell. The latter was married in 1830 to Miss Rachel Prescott, and to them were born four sons, of whom Darius F. was the third.

Nathaniel Russell, great-great-grandfather of Charles P. Russell, served throughout the Revolutionary War and was one of the founders of Yale University.

Charles Prescott Russell is a graduate of the district schools of Wayne County, Ontario High School, and Marion Collegiate Institute. He spent three years at Cornell University, and in 1913 returned to the Russell farm with which he was identified until 1919. He then became proprietor of the Williamson Fertilizer Works. He is also interested in farming and is widely known as a grower of fruit and celery. He holds membership in the New York State Vegetable Growers Association, National Vegetable Growers Association, New York State Horticultural Society, Farm Bureau and Grange.

On October 7, 1913, Mr. Russell was united in marriage with Miss Josiena VanDerzelle, the daughter of Jacob VanDerzelle, a resident of Williamson, and native of Holland. Mr. and Mrs. Russell are the parents of three children: 1. Melda, born October 26, 1914, a graduate of Williamson Central School, class of 1932. 2. Bertram, born March 7, 1916. 3. Bernice Joyce, born October 8, 1922.

Mr. Russell is a Republican and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Modern Woodmen of America. He holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he has been a member of the official board for twelve years and Sunday school superintendent for eighteen years.

John Carroll Kennedy.—Active and progressive in business, John Carroll Kennedy is well known in the city of Elmira as vice president and secretary of the Kennedy Valve Manufacturing Company. He was born at Brooklyn, New York, November 10, 1887, the son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Moran) Kennedy.

Daniel Kennedy was born in Roscommon, Ireland, August 15, 1848, and at the age of eighteen years came to this country and located at Brooklyn, New York, where he was employed as a pattern maker in the shops of the Worthington Pump Company, and in 1875 he established a business of his own in New York City. Two years later, in 1877, he began the manufacture of valves in New York City and continued there until 1890. In that year he incorporated his business as the Kennedy Valve Manufacturing Company and removed his plant to Coxsackie, New York, and continued there until 1908. In that year he removed his plant and business to Elmira, New York, where he remained the active head of the company until his death in 1928. His widow, also born in Ireland, lives in Elmira. Their children were: 1. Mathew E., who is president and treasurer of the Kennedy Valve Manufacturing Company. 2. Helen C., married John C. Judge, lives at Brooklyn. 3. Daniel J., who died in 1919. 4. John C., the subject of this sketch. 5. Clarence H., who is vice president of the Kennedy Valve Manufacturing Company. 6. Elizabeth Dorothy, married A. H. McCreery, lives at Dallas, Texas. 7. Kathleen R., married Charles T. Burke, lives at Elmira.

John Carroll Kennedy is a graduate of the public schools of Brooklyn, Albany Academy, and attended Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute at Troy, New York. In 1910 he became identified with the engineering department of the Kennedy Valve Manufacturing Company, and in 1919 was made works manager. Nine years later Mr. Kennedy was elected vice president and secretary of the concern. This widely known company maintains branch offices and warehouses in New York City, Chicago, and San Francisco, and is represented throughout the entire United States by an extensive sales system. They are manufacturers of valves, hydrants, fittings, and indicator posts.

In 1918 Mr. Kennedy was united in marriage with Mrs. Katherine Mitchell, of Elmira, New York, the daughter of John and Hanorah (Abbott) Munn. Mr. Munn died in 1919. His wife was born at Owego, and is also deceased.

In politics Mr. Kennedy is a Democrat. He is a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and belongs to B. P. O. Elks, Elmira Country Club, Association of Commerce, and American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

Mr. Kennedy was one of the organizers of the Elmira Personal Loan Company in 1931, and is vice president and director.

William P. Symonds, who has successfully engaged in business at Woodhull for a number of years, and is a highly esteemed citizen of Steuben County, was born at Troupsburg, New York, December 6, 1870, the son of Charles and Libby (Salisbury) Symonds.

Charles Symonds was born at Oxford, Chenango County, New York, in 1846. He had extensive farming interests and spent most of his life in Steuben County. In 1867 he was married to Miss Libby Salisbury, the daughter of Tobias and Mary Jane Salisbury of Troupsburg. They were the parents of four children. Mrs. Symonds died in 1877. Mr. Symonds died in 1921 and is buried in East Troupsburg Cemetery.

William P. Symonds acquired his education in the district schools of Troupsburg and attended Woodhull High School. He remained on his father's farm for several years and then operated a farm of his father-in-law Edwin G. Brown. Mr. Symonds became a successful dairy farmer and was the owner of a fine herd of registered Holstein cattle. In 1905 he purchased a farm near East Troupsburg, which he successfully operated for ten years. From 1915 until 1925 he was associated in business with Edwin G. Brown as owners of a flour and feed mill at Woodhull. In the latter year Mr. Symonds became sole owner of the enterprise. He has also been secretary and treasurer of the Woodhull Telephone Company since 1924.

On December 7, 1890, Mr. Symonds married Miss Eva Brown, the daughter of Edwin G. and Laura Brown of Woodhull. They were the parents of three children: 1. One died in infancy. 2. William LaRue, born May 27, 1907, is associated in business with his father at Woodhull. He married Miss Louise House, and they have a daughter Laura. 2. Adrea L., a graduate of Addison Teachers' College, married Llewellyn L. Towner, lives at Addison.

Mr. Symonds is a Republican and has been county committeeman for eight years. He has also served as justice of the peace for twelve years and as village collector since 1929. He and his wife are members of the Woodhull Baptist Church of which he has served as trustee and Sunday School superintendent for many years. He is affiliated with Restoration Lodge, No. 777, F. and A. M., past master; and Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he has served as secretary since 1917.

Almon W. Burrell.—A member of the Steuben County bar for almost forty years, practicing at Canisteo, Almon W. Burrell ranks among the most successful lawyers in this section of New York. He has served as district attorney and judge of Steuben County, as well as assistant attorney general for the State of New York. Mr. Burrell was born at Angelica, Allegany County, New York, October 15, 1865, the son of Alphonse H. and Sarah C. (Allen) Burrell.

Alphonse H. Burrell, who died December 17, 1912, was for many years a leading lawyer of Canisteo. He was born at Herkimer, New York, and attended the district schools. Coming to Steuben County as a lad, he was interested in the manufacture of wagons at Greenwood, New York, in partnership with his brother, Allen M. Burrell. He later read law in the offices of Green & Angell, at Angelica, being admitted to the bar in 1866. Until his death in 1912 he successfully engaged in practice at Canisteo, and was also district attorney of Steuben County. Mr. Burrell was a Republican, a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and was affiliated with Morning Star Lodge, No. 65, F.

and A. M. He also belonged to the Steuben County and New York State Bar Associations. Sarah C. (Allen) Burrell died December 27, 1900. She was descended from Col. Ethan Allen of Revolutionary War fame. To Alphonse H. and Sarah C. (Allen) Burrell were born four sons: 1. Marshall M., who died in 1929. 2. Marcellus E., who died in 1915. 3. Fred, retired, lives at Canisteo. 4. Almon W., the subject of this sketch.

The early education of Almon W. Burrell was received in the public schools of Canisteo, and in 1884 he was graduated from Canisteo Academy. He then matriculated at Genesee Wesleyan Seminary, at Lima, New York, being a graduate there in 1887. Immediately, Mr. Burrell became a clerk in his father's law office at Canisteo, being admitted to the bar in 1894. The partnership of father and son then continued successfully until the death of the former in 1912, and since that date Mr. Burrell has practiced alone. He was elected justice of the peace in 1887, while still a law student, and also later served as village attorney. In November, 1900, he was elected district attorney of Steuben County, and re-elected to that office in 1903. On May 1, 1906, he was appointed county judge of Steuben County by Governor Higgins to succeed Judge William W. Clark, who had been appointed to the Supreme Court, and at that date Mr. Burrell immediately resigned his office as district attorney to take over his new duties. In 1906 he was nominated and elected to the office of County Judge for a full six year term, beginning on January 1, 1907. From 1925 until 1931 he served as assistant attorney general of New York, under Attorney General Albert Ottinger and Attorney General Hamilton Ward. At the present time Mr. Burrell is attorney and counsel for the receiver of the defunct First National Bank of Hornell and Citizens National Bank & Trust Co. of Hornell.

On November 28, 1894, Mr. Burrell was united in marriage with Miss Loella Olive Townsend, of Richmond, Ontario County, born October 20, 1865, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo W. Townsend, natives of Monroe County and Ontario County, respectively. Both are deceased. Mrs. Burrell is a graduate of Genesee Wesleyan Seminary, at Lima, and Rochester Business School. She was a teacher for fifteen years, being identified with

the schools of Naples and Richmond Mills, New York, and as a member of the faculty of Canisteo Academy, for fourteen years of that period. To Mr. and Mrs. Burrell were born two daughters: 1. Dorothy Helen, born March 9, 1900, died April 17, 1901, buried at Canisteo. 2. Kathryn T., born August 26, 1904. She is a graduate of Canisteo Academy and Ithaca Conservatory of Music. Kathryn married Richard T. Robinson. They have two sons, Burrell and Richard C., Jr., and a daughter, Kathryn. They live at Ithaca, New York. Loella Olive (Townsend) Burrell is a direct descendant of Capt. Daniel Townsend, who served throughout the Revolutionary War as a member of the Fourth Massachusetts Cavalry.

Politically, Mr. Burrell has always been a Republican. He is an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and has the following lodge and club affiliations: Morning Star Lodge No. 65, F. & A. M., Canisteo; Hornell Chapter No. 101, R. A. M.; DeMolay Commandery No. 22, K. T.; thirty-second degree; Corning Consistory; Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Mountain Lodge No. 503; Canisteo Tent, Knights of Tented Maccabees; Steuben County, New York State, and American Bar Associations.

Mr. Burrell has always taken a keen interest in educational affairs and for fifteen years served as school board member and as president of that body for several years. He was also one of the founders of Wimodaughsien Free Library, at Canisteo, and served as first president of the Board of Trustees.

Calvin Allen Buffington, retired, was during his long business career, identified with the manufacturing interests of Tioga County. He was born at Potterville, Pennsylvania, October 15, 1859, the son of Chauncey L. and Lydia (Belden) Buffington.

Chauncey L. Buffington, who died in 1894, was a veteran of the Civil War. Both he and his wife were natives of Bradford County, Pennsylvania. He was a blacksmith by trade and was thus engaged throughout his life. He is buried at Warren Center, Pennsylvania. His wife died in 1904. Mr. Buffington was a Republican

and held membership in the Methodist Church and Grand Army of the Republic. To Mr. and Mrs. Buffington were born the following children: 1. Henry, who died in 1914. 2. Mary, who died in 1929, was the wife of Daniel Tucker. 3. Dulcina, who died in 1907, was the wife of David Folk. 4. Calvin Allen, the subject of this sketch. 5. Odessa, who died in 1873. 6. Addie, who died in 1915, was the wife of Jerry Gross. 7. Lettie, married J. Roberts, lives at Buffalo. 8. Lydia, who died in 1922, was the wife of Charles Stine.

Calvin Allen Buffington attended the rural schools at Lareysville, Pennsylvania. For a time he was associated with his father's shop, and in 1875 he located at South Warren, Pennsylvania. He was also associated for a short time with Pitcher Bros., wagon builders at Warren Center, and in 1879 located at Berkshire, where he engaged in the same business until 1909. He then became interested in the manufacture of metal chairs and organized the C. A. Buffington Company, in partnership with Frank Young. He retired from business in 1926, at which time the interests of the company were sold to the Confidence Chair Company.

On December 13, 1878, Mr. Buffington married (first) Miss Sarah Donnelly, of Newark Valley, New York, who died in 1904, leaving the following children: 1. Ralph Morris, born January 12, 1880, a graduate of Cornell University, is a retired United States veterinary surgeon and lives at Washington, D. C. 2. Elizabeth, born June 4, 1883, died in 1929, was the wife of Benjamin Wende. 3. Floyd, born December 21, 1892, a graduate of the University of Rochester, is identified with the Foss interests in New York City and Washington. He resides in the latter city.

On December 22, 1910, Mr. Buffington married (second) Miss Fruitilla Talmadge, born at South Owego, September 22, 1872, the daughter of Ezra and Angeline (Waite) Talmadge. Both were natives of Tioga County. Mr. Talmadge died in 1919 and his wife died in 1911. Mrs. Buffington is a graduate of Owego Academy and Cortland Normal School, and was a teacher for seventeen years in the district schools of Central New York. Mr. and Mrs. Buffington have a daughter, Mary Adelaide, born September 16, 1915.

Mr. Buffington is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Church, and is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge.

Delmar Matthews Darrin.—Honored and esteemed throughout Steuben County is Delmar Matthews Darrin, attorney, who has been identified with the professional life of Addison since 1875. He was born at Barrington, Yates County, New York, June 6, 1849, the son of David Travis and Mary Jane (Matthews) Darrin.

The history of the Darrin family may be traced back to early Colonial times both in New Amsterdam and New England. Ephriam Darwin came from Sussex, England, and settled at Guilford, Connecticut, in 1670. His grandson, Daniel Darwin, moved to Connecticut, and settled at Branford. It was then that the family name was misspelled "Darrin," on the church records, and it has since been spelled in that latter form. Other ancestors were Nicholas Knapp, who came to Watertown, Massachusetts, in 1630, and Rev. Everardus and Anneke (Jans) Bogardus, settlers of New Amsterdam in 1633.

David Travis Darrin was born at Barrington, Yates County, New York, and died at Addison in 1910. His wife was a native of Reading, Schuyler County, New York, and died in 1908. Both are buried at Addison. Mr. Darrin was reared and educated at Barrington, and was a graduate of Starkey Seminary. He taught school and served as school commissioner in Yates County. He located at Addison in 1853 as a wagon maker and carriage builder, and spent the remainder of his life at those trades. Mr. Darrin was a Republican and was one of the founders of the Episcopal Church at Addison in 1855. Three sons were born to David Travis Darrin and his wife: 1. Delmar Matthews, the subject of this sketch. 2. Ira G., who died in September, 1931, was a lawyer. 3. Herbert, who died in 1928, was widely known as an inventor and electrical genius.

Delmar Matthews Darrin attended Addison public schools and was graduated from Cornell University in 1872 with the degree

of Bachelor of Science. He earned his expenses through college as a clerk in the county offices and also was employed in a newspaper office at Ithaca. While a student he served as sergeant of cadets during 1870-71 and as captain in 1872. He was elected class treasurer in 1870, and held the same office during his junior year at the university. From September, 1872, until June, 1875, he read law in the offices of an Addison attorney, and was admitted to the bar during the latter year. Mr. Darrin has since successfully practiced his profession in this city. He served as corporation counsel for eighteen consecutive years, and for twenty-three years was a member of the Addison School Board. He also was a charter member of the Addison Public Library board, being the only surviving member of the original board, and he has been president of that body for a number of years. He was appointed referee in bankruptcy for the Western District of New York in 1901, and has continued to hold that office to the present time, now being the oldest official in that capacity in point of service.

On June 22, 1876, Mr. Darrin was united in marriage with Miss Mary Hill Dawson, who died at Addison, March 9, 1926. She was the daughter of John Warren and Mary Augusta (Simonson) Hill, of Brooklyn, New York. Her parents died during her early life and she was adopted by an uncle and aunt, Charles G. and Jeanette M. Dawson. To Mr. and Mrs. Darrin were born three children: 1. Hugh Webster, born in 1877, a graduate of Hamilton College, class of 1900, and Albany Law School in 1902. He was associated in practice with his father at Addison until his death in 1917. He had married Miss Mary VanValkenburg, of Wellsboro, Pennsylvania. Their son, Charles V. Darrin, attends Mansfield Academy. 2. Catherine Eliza, born in 1879, a graduate of Smith College, Bachelor of Arts and Barnard College, class of 1906. She is a widely known lecturer and during the World War served in France with the Barnard unit of the American Red Cross. 3. Helen Mary, born in 1881, a graduate of Smith College, class of 1901. She married Charles E. Robertson, and they have two sons: Delmar D., a graduate of Georgia School of Technology, Civil Engineer, lives at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and

Charles E., Jr., attends the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland, class of 1933.

Politically, Mr. Darrin is a Republican. He is a 33rd degree Mason and belongs to the American Bar Association. He is a member of the Sons of the Revolution, New York City Chapter.

James J. Yanick, M. D.—Among the most capable of the younger physicians and surgeons of Steuben County is Doctor Yanick, of Hornell, who was a candidate for the office of coroner and is a candidate for the State Legislature. He was born at Paterson, New Jersey, September 28, 1903, the son of John and Elizabeth (Ballson) Yanick.

John Yanick and his wife are natives of Lithuania. In early life both settled at Paterson, New Jersey, where Mr. Yanick has spent thirty years in the employ of the Manhattan Shirt Company. He is a Democrat, a member of the Catholic Church, and belongs to the Order of Foresters. There are two children in the Yanick family: 1. James J., the subject of this sketch. 2. Agnes, lives at home.

James J. Yanick is a graduate of the public schools of Paterson, New Jersey, and received the degree of Bachelor of Science at Alfred University in 1924. He then taught biology for one year at the latter institution, after which he entered the College of Medicine, Cornell University. He received the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1928, spent one year as an interne in the Paterson General Hospital, at Paterson, and then engaged in private practice in that city for six months. In January, 1930, Doctor Yanick located at Hornell, where he has established an excellent practice. During Medical School he served in the R. O. T. C., earning the rank of first lieutenant in the Medical Corps, United States Army, being stationed at Carlisle Barracks in Pennsylvania.

On February 11, 1928, Doctor Yanick was married to Miss Margaret Argentieri, born in Italy, September 27, 1900, the daughter of Stephen and Martha Argentieri. They are natives of Italy and reside at Hornell. Doctor and Mrs. Yanick have two daugh-

ters: 1. Jean Lucille, born March 11, 1929. 2. Marilyn Norma, born January 8, 1932.

Politically, Doctor Yanick is a Democrat. He is a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church, and is affiliated with the Reserve Officers Association, Loyal Order of Moose, Hornell City, New York State, and American Medical Associations. He also is a member of the staffs of St. James Mercy and Bethesda Hospitals.

Reginald W. Wells, who is secretary of the Hornell Chamber of Commerce, and president of the Hornell Credit Rating Bureau, Inc., ranks among Steuben County's most progressive business men and leading citizens. He was born at Stratford-on-Avon, England, January 9, 1893, the son of John and Alice (Schofield) Wells.

John Wells has always lived in England. He was born at Stratford-on-Avon and his wife is a native of Manchester. He learned the trade of tailor in the employ of Facer & Son, and for twenty-five years was a master tailor, conducting a business of his own at Stratford-on-Avon. In 1914 he became superintendent of the Refugee Insurance Company, in which capacity he still serves. He and his wife are members of Wesleyan Methodist Church. Their children are: 1. Reginald W., the subject of this sketch. 2. Norman, building contractor, lives at Stratford-on-Avon.

After his graduation from Abbey School in England, Reginald W. Wells became junior clerk in the offices of the Great Western Railroad Company. In 1922 he became assistant station master at Warwick, England, but soon after came to the United States and located at Hornell, New York, with the Erie Railroad Company as a clerk in their accounting department. In 1929 he resigned and in that year organized the Hornell Credit Rating Bureau, of which he was sole owner until July, 1931. The bureau was then incorporated with Mr. Wells as president and general manager. Branch offices are maintained at Bath, Wellsville, Penn Yan, and Newark. In 1930 Mr. Wells also assumed the office of secretary of the Chamber of Commerce. He is secretary and treasurer of

the Hornell Engineering Company, Inc.; president of the Geneva Credit Bureau, Inc.; treasurer of the Hornell Ice Cream & Candy Company, Inc.; and branch manager of the Skyline Construction Company, Inc., of Pawtucket, Rhode Island.

Mr. Wells was married on September 10, 1914, to Miss Ina Anthony Attwooll, born at Birmingham, England, July 16, 1894, the daughter of John Anthony and Eliza Ann (Mainwaring) Attwooll. The former died in 1910 and the latter resides at Hornell. Mr. Attwooll was editor and publisher of the "Handsworth Chronicle," newspaper of Handsworth, England. Mrs. Wells is a graduate of the University of Birmingham, class of 1914. Mr. and Mrs. Wells have no children.

Mr. Wells is a Republican and has been justice of the peace at Hornell. He is a member of the Episcopal Church, and is affiliated with Hornellsville Lodge, No. 331, F. and A. M., and Rotary Club. For seven years he was Scout Master of Troop No. 8, Hornell.

Franklin C. Empey.—Among Bath's progressive business men is Franklin C. Empey, who is a member of the firm of Messerschmitt & Empey, candy manufacturers, located at 34 Liberty Street. He was born at Sterling, Ontario, Canada, in 1892, the son of James Miller and Mary Theresa (Smith) Empey.

James Miller Empey, who died in 1923, was a native of Canada. He was a tailor by trade and attended the Mitchell School of Designing in New York City. He then located at Rochester, New York, in 1893, and became general manager of the Scotch Woolen Company. He later held a responsible position with the National Clothing Company at Rochester. He was a member of the Christian Science Church and belonged to the Masonic Lodge. His widow was born at Foxboro, Ontario, the daughter of William Smith. She resides at Rochester. Mrs. Empey holds membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution. Two sons were born to Mr. and Mrs. Empey: 1. James L., lives at Hartford, Connecticut, where he is identified with the Newberry Stores, Inc. 2. Franklin C., the subject of this sketch.

After his graduation from Rochester High School, he was with Gorden-Madden, architects, as architectural draftsman. Franklin C. Empey attended the University of Michigan, where he specialized in the study of architecture and designing. Upon his return to Rochester he became a draftsman in the employ of the Peoples Five and Ten Cent Store, and in 1916 was sent to Bath to open a branch store for the company. He also was connected with the Metropolitan Stores as manager at Perry, New York, and returned to Bath in 1919 as a partner of William Messerschmitt, candy manufacturer.

In 1917 Mr. Empey married Miss Carlana Louise Messerschmitt, the daughter of William and Catherine (Huber) Messerschmitt, of Bath. They have three children: Mary Louise, Carlana Wilma, and James William.

Mr. Empey is a Republican, a member of the Christian Science Church, and is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge, and B. P. O. Elks, No. 154, Bath.

Arthur C. Markgraf is a substantial and highly esteemed citizen of Elmira, where he is superintendent of John N. Stearns & Company, Inc., silk manufacturers. He is a native of Germany, born at Glauchau, Saxony, September 27, 1875, the son of Robert and Emily (Etzold) Markgraf.

Robert Markgraf and his wife were born in Saxony. He was a textile worker and was thus employed throughout his active career. He died in November, 1931, at the age of eighty-eight years, and is buried in Germany. His widow, now eighty-six years of age, resides at Glauchau. Their children were: 1. Clara Ebersbach, lives at Paterson, New Jersey. 2. Paul, lives at Zurich, Switzerland. 3. Bernard, who was killed in service during the World War, is buried in Berlin, Germany. 4. Arthur C., the subject of this sketch. 5. Bruno, lives at Zwickau, Saxony. 6. Oscar, lives at Glauchau. 7. Ella Seidal, lives at Glauchau.

Arthur C. Markgraf was reared and educated in his native land and at the age of 17 years emigrated to this country and settled at Paterson, New Jersey. He soon learned the textile trade

and after ten years removed to Scranton, Pennsylvania, where he was employed as a foreman in the textile mills. He subsequently located at Lock Haven, Pennsylvania, and after four years went to Jersey Shore as a foreman. He began his business association with John N. Stearns & Company, Inc., at their Williamsport plant, and was located there for twelve years. He then served as plant superintendent of the W. R. Hoehn Silk Company at Williamsport for six years, spent one year at Emans, Pennsylvania, as superintendent of the Frederick Silk Mills, and in 1927 came to Elmira to assume his present duties.

In 1899 Mr. Markgraf married Miss Anna C. Ziegler, of Paterson, New Jersey. They have two children: 1. Gertrude E., born in 1902, a graduate of Williamsport High School, and West Chester State Teachers College. She also took graduate work at Harvard University, and was a teacher before her marriage to Arthur Townhill. They have a daughter, Caroline, born in 1932. They live at Cleveland, Ohio. 2. Arthur C., Jr., born in 1905, a graduate of Williamsport High School, and Philadelphia College of Textile Engineering. He lives at Elmira.

Mr. Markgraf is a Republican, a member of German Lutheran Church, and belongs to the Rotary Club, B. P. O. Elks, Association of Commerce, and Industrial Executive Club.

Henry Axtell Wheat.—For many years Mr. Wheat has been prominent in the business life of Geneva. Mr. Wheat was born at Geneva, May 28, 1859, the son of Corydon Wheat and Emily (Lacy) Wheat.

Corydon Wheat was born at the old homestead near the village of Orleans, New York, June 4, 1824, the son of Benjamin Wheat, Jr., who served throughout the Revolutionary War. The family of Corydon Wheat came to this country from England, a number of his ancestors being members of the Plymouth Colony. On the maternal side the family is also of early New England stock and figured actively in the colonial history of the country. Corydon Wheat, father of the subject of this sketch, was educated at Lima

Seminary, but spent most of his life in Geneva, where he was a leading citizen. He was president of the Geneva Optical Company, one of the original owners of the city water system, and was one of the founders of the First National Bank. He was an Episcopalian, a member of Trinity Church, and Past Master of Ark Lodge, F. and A. M. On September 1, 1852, he married Emily Lacy, daughter of Lawrence Walton and Eliza (Cook) Lacy, of Geneva. Corydon Wheat died December 24, 1890, and is buried in Glenwood Cemetery, Geneva.

Henry A. Wheat is a graduate of the public schools of Geneva and received the degree of Bachelor of Science at Hobart College in 1884. Following his graduation he read law in the offices of Charles N. Hemiup, but soon became interested in and took an active part in the organization of a number of Geneva's leading manufacturing industries. He has been for many years president of the Summit Foundry Company and the Geneva Preserving Company. He was one of the founders and is vice-president of the Geneva Savings Bank. Mr. Wheat married, December 24, 1884, Nellie Maxwell, daughter of Thompson C. Maxwell, a prominent nurseryman of Geneva, now deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Wheat were born five children: 1. Mildred, who attended Mrs. Dow's School at Briercliff, and also the Art Students' League in New York City. She now conducts the Mildred Wheat Art Studio at Geneva. 2. Maxwell C., born November 9, 1888, a graduate of Manlius Military Academy and Hobart College, class of 1912. He is now interested in the manufacture and sale of boats and equipment at Geneva. He is married and has one son. 3. Corydon, born February 11, 1898, attended Manlius Military Academy and Hobart College. He is an artist by profession, is married, and lives at Geneva. 4. Henry A., Jr., born July 21, 1901, a graduate of Hobart College, class of 1924. He is a broker and lives at Rochester, New York. He is married and has two children. 5. Beverly Lacy, born March 16, 1907, a graduate of Hobart College, class of 1931, now associated with a chain store corporation at Worcester, Massachusetts.

Mr. Wheat is a member of the North Presbyterian Church, of which he has been an elder for many years. He belongs to the

Society of Colonial Wars, the Society of the Genesee, and the Huguenot Society. Among the colonial ancestors may be mentioned Captain Mathew Fuller, surgeon general of the Plymouth Colony, and Captain Mathew St. John, of the Colonial Wars.

The family residence is at 584 South Main Street, Geneva.

Fred DuBois Crane, who is proprietor of the F. D. Crane Company, and receiver for the Up-to-Date Advertising Company, is recognized as one of the dependable business men of Canisteo. He was born here, January 27, 1888, the son of Harrison and Antoinette (DuBois) Crane.

Harrison Crane, who died at Canisteo in 1918, was a veteran of the Civil War. He was reared and educated at Addison, Steuben County, where he was born, and as a youth enlisted for service in the Civil War. After his discharge he returned to Canisteo and spent several years in the employ of the Voris Sash & Door Works. Then he went to Washington, D. C., and until his retirement was doorkeeper at the House of Representatives building there. He was a Republican, and also held the offices of deputy sheriff of Steuben County and supervisor of Canisteo. He and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and he belonged to the Masonic Lodge and Grand Army of the Republic. Antoinette (DuBois) Crane died in 1896 and is buried at Canisteo. To them were born the following children: 1. Fred DuBois, the subject of this sketch. 2. Sarah Louise, the widow of Harry Crain, lives at Canisteo. By a second marriage Mr. Crane had two sons: Harry, lives at Canisteo. 2. Edward Hunter, lives at Hammondsport, New York, and is president of the Bank of Hammondsport.

Fred DuBois Crane received his education in the public schools of Canisteo. He was employed as a clerk in the local post office for one year, and then entered the service of the Erie Railroad Company, as freight clerk at Painted Post. Subsequently, he served in that capacity at Corning and Canisteo, and later at Galeton, Pennsylvania, as clerk in the freight office of the Buffalo

Galeton, Pennsylvania, as clerk in the freight office of the Buffalo offices, Mr. Crane came to Canisteo as office manager of the Superior Register Company, and he served in that capacity for a period of five years. In January, 1915, he organized the F. D. Crane Company, sales book manufacturers, with offices at Canisteo and factory at Sturgis, Michigan. On October 1, 1932, Mr. Crane was appointed receiver for the Up-to-Date Advertising Company, of Canisteo.

On August 26, 1915, Mr. Crane was united in marriage with Miss Carrie Freeman, of Franklinville, New York, born May 25, 1890, the daughter of M. and Etta (Ryther) Freeman. The former died in 1914 and the latter in 1929. Both are buried at Franklinville. Mrs. Crane is a graduate of Franklinville High School and Buffalo Normal School. She is president of the Junior Shakespeare Club, of Canisteo. Mr. and Mrs. Crane have a daughter, Constance Ruth, born May 30, 1920.

Mr. Crane is a Republican and has served as village trustee. He is an active member of the Presbyterian Church and belongs to Morning Star Lodge, No. 65, F. and A. M.

During the World War Mr. Crane enlisted and served as a private in Company 5, being located at Camp Meigs, Washington, D. C. He belongs to the American Legion.

Fred E. Williams has been engaged in business at Canisteo for a number of years, and is widely known throughout Steuben County as a funeral director and furniture dealer. He was born at Canisteo, January 19, 1873, the son of Dennis E. and Dulcy (Towsley) Williams.

Dennis E. Williams was a native of Steuben County, born at Troupsburg. He died December 26, 1928, and his wife died December 5, 1900. She was born at Jasper, Steuben County. Dennis E. Williams was the son of Nathan Williams, who was among the early settlers of Steuben County. Throughout his life Dennis E. Williams was a farmer and owned land near Canisteo, Troupsburg and Jasper. He was a Republican and served as road com-

missioner. To Mr. and Mrs. Williams were born two sons: 1. Fred E., the subject of this sketch. 2. Norman E., lives at Rutland, Pennsylvania. Mr. Williams married (second) Miss Stella Murphy, of Canisteo.

Following his graduation from the district schools of Jasper, Fred E. Williams attended Canisteo Academy. He assisted his father in his farming interests for several years, and as a young man was employed by C. E. Brown, undertaker, at Jasper. In 1896 he established a furniture and undertaking business at Howard, Steuben County, and during the following year located at Troupsburg. Mr. Williams disposed of the latter business in March, 1909, and at that time came to Canisteo, where he purchased the furniture and undertaking establishment of C. P. Waite, being associated during the following year with D. W. Hofer. Since 1910 he has conducted the business alone.

On August 19, 1896, Mr. Williams married Miss Louise Buchanan Hurd, of Woodhull, New York. She was born March 5, 1877, the daughter of John S. and Jennie (Buchanan) Hurd, natives of Pennsylvania and New York, respectively. Mr. Hurd died August 7, 1926, and his widow resides at Canisteo. Louise Buchanan (Hurd) Williams died October 5, 1932, and is buried at Canisteo. She held membership in the Order of the Eastern Star, Rebekahs, and Needle Craft Club of Canisteo. She was a prominent member of the Methodist Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Williams were born two daughters: 1. Rosamond Louise, born July 14, 1898, a graduate of Canisteo Academy, Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, and a private art school of Miss Helen Wilde, of New York City. She married Clark Howard Richardson and lives at Canisteo. They have a son, Clark Howard, Jr. 2. Grace Dulcy, born November 23, 1907. She is a graduate of Canisteo Academy, attended Syracuse University for three years, and Alfred University for one year. She lives at home.

Mr. Williams is a Republican and served as village trustee for two terms. He and his family are members of the Methodist Church and he is affiliated with Morning Star Lodge, No. 65, F. and A. M.; Hornell Chapter, No. 101, R. A. M.; DeMolay Commandery, K. T., No. 22; Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Rotary Club.

Angelo Sisto is well and favorably known at Addison, where he has extensive real estate interests. He is a native of Italy, born March 28, 1886, the son of Louie and Christine (Santucci) Sisto.

Louie Sisto was a native of Italy, and his wife still resides there. He died in 1909. In 1880 Mr. Sisto made a voyage to South America and two years later returned to his native land. However, in 1884 he emigrated to the United States and settled at Sayre, Pennsylvania, where he spent twenty years in the employ of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company. While on a return visit to Italy he died in 1909, and is buried there. To Mr. and Mrs. Sisto were born three sons: 1. Louie, Jr., lives at Addison. 2. Angelo, the subject of this sketch. 3. Jesse, lives at Waverly, New York.

At the age of thirteen years Angelo Sisto came to this country with his parents and located at Sayre, Pennsylvania. He too spent some time in the shops of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company, and after five years established a retail grocery business at Waverly, New York. Two years later he became a traveling representative of the Wolverine Soap Company, of Portland, Michigan, and after various other business connections Mr. Sisto came to Addison in June, 1917, as proprietor of a garage. He sold the enterprise after six months and during the following eleven years was owner and manager of the American Hotel. In 1923 he made a visit to Italy with his wife and upon his return to Addison he purchased four gasoline and oil service stations, which he successfully operated until 1930, at which time he disposed of his interests to the Shell Oil Company. He has since been identified with the real estate business in this city. In June, 1932, Mr. Sisto, in partnership with G. Foland, purchased one of the large factory sites here, which they have leased. He is still owner of the American Hotel.

In 1923 Mr. Sisto was united in marriage with Miss Irene Danningburg, of Addison, the daughter of Harry and Mamie (Lindblatt) Danningburg. Mr. Danningburg was born in Pedricktown, New Jersey, and Mrs. Danningburg was born in New York City. The former died in 1928 and the latter resides at Addison. Before

her marriage Mrs. Sisto was a teacher in the district schools of Steuben County. Mr. and Mrs. Sisto have no children.

Mr. Sisto is a Republican, and he is an active member of St. Catherine's Catholic Church and his wife is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

The Pleasant Valley Wine Company, producers of the famous Great Western Champagne, was organized in 1860 by the following business leaders of Central New York: William Baker, Aaron Y. Baker, Charles D. Champlin, G. H. Wheeler, Timothy M. Younglove, Delos D. Rose, G. H. Brundage, Belle McMasters, Dugold Cameron, and J. W. Davis. Charles D. Champlin served as manager until the time of his death in January, 1875. It was mainly through his untiring efforts, energy, perseverance and business ability that the company and its products rank second to none in this country.

With the company's twenty-four vaults, each of 100 x 22 feet in size, with a storage capacity of 3,000,000 bottles of sparkling wine, and 600,000 gallons of still wine, this organization was conceded to be among the most flourishing of its kind in the world.

The Pleasant Valley Wine Company was the first concern in the United States to make champagne of real merit. Joseph Masson came to Hammondsport, New York, from France, where he had achieved distinction as a champagne maker, and so skilled was he that his product had immediate success. His successor in the business was Jules Masson, who in turn was succeeded by his son, Victor Masson. All the secrets of the French champagne makers were brought to America by the Massons, and with these and the general knowledge gained as champagne making progressed, the Great Western Company soon was making champagne equal to that produced in France.

Charles D. Champlin was born at Stamford, Delaware County, New York, August 31, 1828. He came to Hammondsport in 1846 and was identified with various business interests there throughout his life. He also became the owner of one of the fine tracts of land in Pleasant Valley. During 1855 grape culture attracted

his attention, and to him more than to any other individual, Pleasant Valley is indebted for the success of its profitable industry. In 1860 he was the projector and principal organizer of the Pleasant Valley Wine Company, which under his skillful management became the largest and most successful establishment of its kind in the country, also known throughout the world for the excellency of its products.

At the present time the Pleasant Valley Wine Company is operated and managed by Charles Davenport Champlin, grandson of its founder. Although the prohibition act greatly curtailed the activities of this extensive enterprise in its manufacture of champagnes and wines, the growing and marketing of grapes for home consumption and the manufacture of excellent grape juice has been carried on extensively by this pionéer concern.

Frederick C. Cameron.—As assistant director of sales, Corning Glass Works, Mr. Cameron has been identified with that institution for a period of twenty-eight years, and is highly esteemed and widely known in the city of Corning. He was born at Hornellsville, now Hornell, June 26, 1871, the son of Ronald and Mary (Sarsfield) Cameron.

Ronald Cameron was a native of Dunbarton-on-the-Clyde, Scotland. His parents emigrated to Canada during his early infancy, and settled in Montreal. As a young man Mr. Cameron came to the United States and located at Hornell. He spent many years in the employ of the Erie Railroad Company as a locomotive engineer and met with an accidental death in a railroad wreck in 1881. His wife, born at Cohoes, Albany County, New York, died in 1887. They are buried at Hornell. Mr. Cameron was a Democrat and served as village trustee. He held membership in the Presbyterian Church, and was affiliated with the Masonic Lodge.

Frederick C. Cameron was reared and educated at Hornell. He was a graduate of St. Bonaventure College, class of 1892, and for two years was a medical student of Columbia University. He

then spent two years in the employ of the Erie Railroad Company at Hornell, and in 1900 became identified with the Brady Brass Company. He came to Corning in January, 1905, as a sales representative of the Corning Glass Works. He subsequently became division sales manager of the company and later assumed his present duties as assistant director of sales.

On June 26, 1901, Mr. Cameron was united in marriage with Miss Christina Mae Harding, of Hornell, the daughter of John Mott and Nancy Eleanor (Willis) Harding. Both were born in Steuben County, New York and are deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Cameron have a daughter, Mary Elizabeth, born in New York City in 1913. She attended Corning Academy, Marymount-on-the-Hudson, and Knox School at Cooperstown, New York.

Mr. Cameron is a Republican, a member of the Catholic Church, and belongs to the Knights of Columbus, Elks Lodge, Rotary Club, Corning Country Club, City Club, Chamber of Commerce, and National Republican Club. He is also national representative of the Steuben Area, Boy Scouts of America, in which organization he has taken an active interest for many years. His wife is a member of the Episcopal Church.

Otto K. Stewart, M. D.—One of the representative professional men of Steuben County is Dr. Otto K. Stewart, who has successfully engaged in the practice of medicine at Hornell during the past thirty years. He is a member of the staffs of St. James Mercy and Bethesda Hospitals, Hornell, and is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. He is also past president of the Hornell Medical Association and Steuben County Medical Association, and holds membership in the New York State and American Medical associations. Doctor Stewart was born at Canisteo, February 20, 1878, the son of James H. and Rachael Jane (Stephens) Stewart.

The biography of James H. Stewart appears elsewhere in this history. There were four children in the Stewart family: 1. Harry O., lives at Canisteo. 2. Otto K., the subject of this sketch.

3. Lena Adelaide, married Duncan Boughner, lives at Canisteo.
4. Mabel, who died in 1929.

The boyhood of Otto K. Stewart was spent at Canisteo, where he received his early education. After his graduation from Canisteo Academy in 1898 he entered the Medical School of the University of Buffalo, from which he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1902. After serving as interne in the Erie County Hospital at Buffalo, Doctor Stewart remained there for some time as a graduate medical student. During his professional career he has also studied in clinics in Paris, Munich, Leeds, and Berlin. He has taken graduate work in Johns Hopkins University. Doctor Stewart is examining physician for numerous leading insurance companies in central New York and for a number of years has represented the New York Central and Pennsylvania Railroads in a professional capacity. He has practiced at Hornell since 1903.

On August 16, 1904, Doctor Stewart married (first) Miss Alice G. Valentine of Hamilton, Ontario, who died in 1924. She is buried at Hornell. Her parents were Charles and Alice (Arland) Valentine, natives of Canada, both deceased. Doctor Stewart married (second) on September 30, 1926, Miss Helen Lorene Driscoll, who was born at Hornell, August 2, 1892, the daughter of William and Nora (Houlihan) Driscoll, natives of Utica and Troy, New York, respectively. The former lives retired at Hornell after a service of forty-three years in the employ of the Erie Railroad Company. He is a Democrat, a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church and belongs to the Knights of Columbus. His wife died in 1915 and is buried in St. Ann's Cemetery, Hornell. Helen Lorene (Driscoll) Stewart is a graduate of Hornell High School and Geneseo Normal School. She took graduate work in Education at Columbia University, and before her marriage was a teacher for eleven years in the schools of Salem and Hornell. She holds membership in the Fortnightly Club and Catholic Daughters of America and the Woman's Board of St. James Mercy Hospital.

To Doctor and Mrs. Stewart have been born two sons: 1. Otto Kevin, born December 21, 1927. 2. William Driscoll, born July 24, 1930.

In politics, Doctor Stewart is identified with the Republican party. He is affiliated with Hornell Lodge, No. 331, F. and A. M.; Hornellsville Chapter, No. 101, R. A. M.; Rochester Shrine, and B. P. O. Elks. He also belongs to the Chamber of Commerce and is a director of the First State Bank of Canisteo. He holds membership in the Methodist Church, and his wife is a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church, Hornell.

William E. Pepper.—As mayor of Addison, William E. Pepper is prominently identified with the city's business and civic life, and he is a veteran of the World War. He was born at Presho, Steuben County, December 25, 1891, the son of John J. and Hattie D. (Raplee) Pepper.

John J. Pepper was a native of Steuben County, born at Presho. He was educated in the district schools and as a young man conducted a grocery business at Presho. Later, he came to Addison and until 1914 was interested in the manufacture of cigars. He then spent four years in this city as a grocer and from 1918 until his death in 1929 was the proprietor of a wholesale and retail gasoline and oil service station. He was a Republican and served as village trustee. Mr. Pepper was affiliated with the Masonic Lodge and Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His widow, born at Tioga, Pennsylvania, resides at Addison. Their children were: 1. Claude, who died July 2, 1928. 2. Blanche, married Earl Leavenworth, lives at Addison. 3. Frank, who died in 1918. 4. William E., the subject of this sketch.

William E. Pepper attended the public schools of Addison, and on April 1, 1918, enlisted for service in the World War, and was sent to Camp Dix, New Jersey. Later, he was transferred to Fort Niagara, New York, and later to Bristol, Pennsylvania, being attached to Company C, U. S. Guards. He received his discharge at Camp Dix on February 4, 1919. Mr. Pepper's entire business career has been identified with the bakery business at Addison, and he is proprietor of the Pep-O-Bakery.

On June 14, 1919, Mr. Pepper was united in marriage with Miss Clara C. Reynolds, of Addison, the daughter of Thomas and

Bessie (Willard) Reynolds, natives of Steuben County. The former died December 25, 1920, and the latter resides at Elmira. Mr. and Mrs. Pepper have four children: 1. Elizabeth J., born March 4, 1920. 2. Geraldine May, born March 26, 1922. 3. Marjorie Elaine, born November 3, 1924. 4. John William, born October 2, 1925.

Politically, Mr. Pepper is a Republican. He held the office of village trustee for ten years and in March, 1930, was elected to the office of mayor of Addison. He belongs to the Masonic Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Addison Fish and Game Club. The family resides at 9 Front Street, Addison.

William E. Barron, M. D.—One of the most successful professional men of Steuben County is Dr. William E. Barron, physician and surgeon, who has engaged in practice at Addison for more than forty years. He was born in that city, November 9, 1866, the son of William P. and Matilda (Jennings) Barron.

William P. Barron was a native of New Hampshire. He was among the very earliest settlers of Steuben County, and located at Addison. He made the trip to New York by ox team and encountered the hardships of the pioneers of those days. Mr. Barron became a prosperous farmer, and in later life was interested in the real estate business at Addison. He died in 1883 and his wife, born at Addison, died in 1895. He was a Democrat and held membership in the Presbyterian Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Barron were born the following children: 1. Mrs. Peter B. Lenna, died at Syracuse in 1927. 2. Mrs. Ida B. Stacy, lives at Syracuse. 3. Cornelia, who died in 1918. 4. William E., the subject of this sketch.

William E. Barron acquired his early education in the public schools of Addison, spent three years at Alfred University, and in 1891 received the degree of Doctor of Medicine at Baltimore Medical College. His entire professional career has been spent at Addison, and he has been most successful in his chosen profession. He is past president of the Steuben County Medical Society, and holds membership in the New York State and American Medical Asso-

ciations. At the present time he is health officer of Addison, Cameron and Rathbone.

In 1892 Doctor Barron married Miss Julia Blakesley, daughter of Prof. David A. and Elizabeth (Force) Blakesley. The former, now ninety-five years of age, resides at Addison. His wife died in 1922. To Doctor and Mrs. Barron were born three children: 1. Dorothy, born in 1893, a graduate of Addison High School, Alfred University, and the Johns Hopkins University Nursing School. She married Andrew Krusen, and lives at Daytona Beach, Florida. They have three children: William, Charles and Christine. 2. Donald, born in 1896, a graduate of Addison High School, and attended the University of Michigan. He was a World War veteran, and died at Addison in 1924. 3. Blakesley, born in 1900, a graduate of Addison High School and Georgia School of Technology, now an engineer with the United States Gypsum Company, of Chicago, Illinois.

During the World War Doctor Barron enlisted for service in July, 1917, and received the commission of first lieutenant, Medical Corps, United States Army. He was in active duty at Camp Gordon, Georgia, until the close of the war and was discharged in December, 1918.

Doctor Barron is a Republican and has served as village president. He is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Grange, and American Legion.

Arba Martin Blodgett.—As superintendent and principal of North High School, Corning, Arba Martin Blodgett has been identified with the public school system of Corning for thirty-five years, and is recognized as one of the leading figures in the educational life of the community. He was born at Prattsburg, Steuben County, May 7, 1869, the son of William D. and Phoebe (Pressler) Blodgett.

William D. Blodgett, deceased, was a member of one of the well known pioneer families of Steuben County. He was born at Prattsburg, June 6, 1845, and died in March, 1920. He is buried

in Ingleside Cemetery, Prattsburg. Throughout his life Mr. Blodgett successfully engaged in general farming, and lived on the old Blodgett homestead near Ingleside, which is now in the possession of his son, Arba Martin Blodgett. In 1866 he married Miss Phoebe Pressler, daughter of William Pressler, of Prattsburg. To them were born four children.

The Blodgett family is of English origin and came to the United States during the early part of the 17th century. Members of this family became prominent citizens of Connecticut. Arba Martin Blodgett grew up at Ingleside and received his education in the public schools of Naples, being a graduate of Naples High School in 1889. He then entered Starkey Seminary, now Palmer Institute, and was graduated from that institution in 1893. Mr. Blodgett obtained the degree of Bachelor of Arts at Union College in 1897 and in September of the same year came to Corning as principal of schools. He has been superintendent and principal since 1908. He is identified with the National Educational Association and New York State Council of School Superintendents. Throughout his teaching career Mr. Blodgett has also been interested in the insurance business and during the past twenty summers has been a successful representative of the Providence Mutual Insurance Company of Philadelphia.

In August, 1897, he was united in marriage with Miss Minnie Alderman, the daughter of Henry and Rhoda (Vose) Alderman, of Merchantville, New York. They are the parents of three children: 1. Lewis Alderman, born July 6, 1898, a graduate of Corning High School and Cornell University. He is a veteran of the World War, having served in the United States Navy. At the present time he is principal of schools at Southold, Suffolk County. He is married and has one son, Lewis A., Jr. 2-3. Harold William and Elsie Bernice, twins, born March 24, 1900. Both are graduates of Corning High School and Cornell University, Bachelor of Arts, class of 1921 and 1922, respectively. Harold William Blodgett is a professor of English at Dartmouth College. He is married and has three children: William, Millicent and Jeffrey. Elsie Bernice Blodgett married Charles D. Loveland, and lives at Rock-

ville Center, Long Island. They have two sons, Charles D., Jr., and David.

Mr. Blodgett is a Republican and is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge, 32nd degree. He also belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, and Corning Chamber of Commerce. For seven years he held membership in the Rotary Club. He and his family are active members of the Congregational Church, of which he has served as deacon for more than twenty years.

Glenn W. Cole.—Identified with the Corning Glass Works as production manager, Glenn W. Cole is recognized as one of the city's prominent young business men. He was born here May 14, 1895, the son of Chester Glenn and Hattie (Walker) Cole.

Chester Glenn Cole died in Corning in 1920. He had spent his entire life here and was a graduate of Corning Free Academy and Cornell University. For several years he was identified with the Fall Brook Railroad Company and later was one of the founders of the Corning Building Company, of which he served as president at the time of his death. He was a director of the First National Bank and Corning Savings and Loan Association. Politically, Mr. Cole was a Republican and held membership in the Presbyterian Church. His wife was also born in this city and died in April, 1932. Their children were: 1. Sidney T., who was killed in action during the World War, July 18, 1918. He is buried at Belleau Wood, France. 2. Glenn W., the subject of this sketch. 3. Mrs. Alden VanCampen, lives at Corning.

Glenn W. Cole obtained his early education at Hill School, Pottstown, Pennsylvania, and in 1914 entered Cornell University. In 1917 he left school to enlist for service in the World War and attended the officers training school at Madison Barracks. He received a commission of second lieutenant in 1917 and was sent to Camp Dix, New Jersey, where he was assigned to the 308th Machine Gun Battalion, 78th Division. This outfit sailed for France in April, 1918, and saw much active service during the remainder

of the war period. He received the commission of first lieutenant in November, 1918, and was discharged from the service in April, 1919. Mr. Cole then resumed his studies at Cornell University and received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1919. His entire business career has been identified with the Corning Glass Works, and in 1930 he became production manager. He is also a director of the Corning Building Company.

In 1920 Mr. Cole married Miss Eleanor Houghton, of Corning, the daughter of Alanson B. and Adelaide (Wellington) Houghton. They were born at Cambridge, Massachusetts, and are residents of Corning and Washington, D. C. Mrs. Cole is a graduate of Westover School for Girls at Middlebury, Connecticut. Mr. and Mrs. Cole are the parents of three daughters: 1. Adelaide, born November 19, 1923. 2. Sidney T., born October 12, 1927. 3. Eleanor, born in September, 1932.

Mr. Cole is a Republican and holds membership in the City Club, Chamber of Commerce, Corning Country Club, and Corning Fish and Game Club. His wife is an active member of the Episcopal Church.

Mr. Cole and his family reside at 33 East Third Street.

William J. Tracy, M. D.—Outstanding among the most prominent young physicians and surgeons of Central New York is Dr. William J. Tracy, of Hornell, who is a veteran of the World War. He is a native of this city, born December 13, 1886, the son of Joseph J. and Anna (Hayes) Tracy.

Joseph J. Tracy, who died in 1912, was a native of Westchester, England. His wife was born at Warsaw, New York, and died in 1914. They are buried in Hornell. As an infant Joseph J. Tracy was brought to the United States by his parents, who settled in New York. His entire active career was spent in the employ of the Erie Railroad Company, and at his retirement he had spent forty-two years in the company's service. Mr. Tracy was a Democrat, a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church and belonged to the Knights of Columbus and Elks Lodge. To Mr. and Mrs. Tracy

were born the following children: Mary Francis, who died in 1923, was the wife of J. P. Riefer, of Hornell. 2. Elizabeth, who died in 1898. 3. Alice M., married M. A. McClafferty, lives at Hornell. 4. William J., the subject of this sketch. 5. Helen Hayes, married K. P. Whiting, lives at Olean, New York.

Following his graduation from Hornell High School in 1904, William J. Tracy entered the University of Buffalo, from which he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1909. He was an interne in Moses Taylor Hospital at Lackawanna, New York, and during 1910 was connected with the Sisters of Charity Hospital in Buffalo. He spent one year in association with Dr. James A. Logan as physician and associate manager of Hotel Rider at Cambridge Springs, Pennsylvania, and in December, 1912, established his present practice at Hornell. He has offices at 80 Broadway.

In June, 1917, Doctor Tracy enlisted for service in the World War and received the commission of first lieutenant, Medical Corps, United States Army. He subsequently was attached to the British service and held the rank of captain in the Medical Corps. After five months of service in England and Scotland he was sent to France, where he spent the remainder of the war period attached to the 26th and 82nd Divisions, United States Army. He received his discharge in May, 1919. Doctor Tracy is a member of the staff of St. James Mercy Hospital at Hornell, and is identified with the Hornell City, Steuben County, New York State, and American Medical Associations.

Doctor Tracy was married October 18, 1916, to Miss Mary Frances Carran, born at Canisteo, November 24, 1892. She is a graduate of Wellsville (Pennsylvania) High School, and Hornell Business College. She is also a graduate nurse, St. James Mercy Hospital. She is the daughter of Fred and Julia (Donnelly) Carran. Mr. Carran was born on the Isle of Man and died in Hornell in 1910. His widow was born in this city, where she still resides. Doctor and Mrs. Tracy have three sons: 1. William J., born December 19, 1920. 2. Fred Carran, born September 10, 1922. 3. Joseph Stewart, born January 8, 1926.

Doctor Tracy is independent in politics. He and his family are members of St. Ann's Catholic Church and he belongs to B. P. O.

Elks, Chamber of Commerce, and Arthur Cunningham Post, American Legion, Commander in 1922. He is also president of the Hornell Country Club.

Clayton S. Shoemaker.—Prominently identified with the leading business interests of Central New York is Clayton S. Shoemaker, who is secretary and treasurer of the Shoemaker Corporation, 410 West Gray Street, Elmira. He was born in this city, December 4, 1898, the son of Floyd M. and Flora L. (Holmes) Shoemaker.

Floyd M. Shoemaker is a representative and highly esteemed business man of Elmira, where he is president of the Hygeia Refrigeration Company. He was born at Dundee, New York, in 1872, and his wife is a native of WilkesBarre, Pennsylvania. He was graduated from the public schools of Elmira and in 1890 was a graduate of St. John's Military Academy, at Manlius. He began his business career as a bookkeeper in the Second National Bank of Elmira, and three years later went with the Standard Oil Company of New York. He organized the Hygeia Refrigeration Company many years ago and served as its first general manager. He is now president. In 1919 he also became an executive of the Frostilla Company, which was founded by Clay M. Holmes in 1872. He is a director of the Chemung County Building & Loan Association. Mr. Shoemaker is a trustee of the First Baptist Church and belongs to the Masonic Lodge, City Club, Elmira Country Club, and Engineers Club of New York City. He has been president of the New York State Cold Storage Association. There are four children in the Shoemaker family: 1. Monroe Holmes, a graduate of Elmira Free Academy and Lafayette College at Easton, Pennsylvania. He is assistant secretary of the Shoemaker Corporation. He married Miss Esther Wetzels, of Elmira. 2. Guy S., who is vice president of the Shoemaker Corporation. He married Miss Audrey Fleming, of Pasadena, California. 3. Clayton S., the subject of this sketch, and twin brother of Guy S. 4. Lois, a graduate of Elmira Free Academy and Briar-

cliff, on the Hudson She married Dudley Alcott, and lives at Big Flats, New York.

Clayton S. Shoemaker is a graduate of Elmira Free Academy, attended Lafayette College for one year, and was graduated from the University of Michigan in 1920 with the degree of Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering. His first business connection was with the Hygeia Refrigeration Company, and in 1925 he resigned as superintendent to devote his attention to the interests of the Frostilla Company. In 1931 the Shoemaker corporation was formed with Mr. Shoemaker as secretary and treasurer. This corporation is the combination of the following well known manufacturing companies: The Frostilla Company; the Pompeian Company, which was taken over by the Shoemaker interests in 1930, with Mr. Shoemaker as vice president; Scott & Bond Company, which was absorbed by the Shoemaker interests in 1931 with Mr. Shoemaker as treasurer; and Pompeian Company, Ltd., of Toronto, Canada, with Mr. Shoemaker as vice president. He is also president of all subsidiary companies of Scott & Bond Company, which maintains offices throughout Canada, and the United States. Factories are operated at Bloomfield, New Jersey, Toronto, Canada, and South America.

On April 5, 1923, Mr. Shoemaker married Miss Margaret Langenbacker, of New York City, born April 16, 1898, a resident of Montclair, New Jersey, at the time of her marriage. She is a graduate of Montclair High School and Abbott Seminary, Andover, Massachusetts. Mr. and Mrs. Shoemaker have two children: Robert Stevens, born September 15, 1925, and Carol Robinson, born April 30, 1929.

Mr. Shoemaker is a Republican, a member of the First Presbyterian Church, and belongs to the City Club, Elmira Country and Golf clubs, Y. M. C. A., and Phi Delta Chi fraternity. While a student at the University of Michigan he held membership in Michiganum, an honorary society, and was vice president of the Michigan Union. He also was Varsity baseball manager in 1920.

In April, 1918, Mr. Shoemaker enlisted in the United States Naval Reserve Corps as an ordinary seaman and served on the Great Lakes with the Eagle boat unit. He had previously attended an officers Training Camp at Fort Sheridan, Illinois.

Joseph Carleton Allen, who is identified with the business interests of Prattsburg as a wholesale dealer in produce, hay, grain and coal, is a native of Seneca County. He was born at Romulus, March 8, 1885, the son of Rynear Colonel and Mary (Ogden) Allen.

Rynear Colonel Allen, a native of Seneca County, was born in 1843. He had extensive farming interests throughout his life, which was spent in this section of New York State. In 1870 Mr. Allen married Miss Mary Ogden, the daughter of Charles O. Ogden, farmer, of Seneca County. They were the parents of four children, of whom Joseph C., the subject of this sketch, was the youngest. Mr. Allen died April 14, 1917, and his wife died December 4, 1905. They are buried in Romulus Cemetery.

Joseph Carleton Allen received his education in the district schools and spent his boyhood on his father's farm in Seneca County. He attended Geneva Academy for two years and was a student for six months at Rochester Business Institute. He then became a bookkeeper in the employ of Nelson, Morris & Company, meat packers, of Rochester, and was identified with that concern for four years. He spent the following six years with the Rochester Stamping Company and Robeson Cutlery Company, related enterprises, of Rochester. His next employment was with John G. Elbs, manufacturers of egg carriers, at Rochester. In 1916 Mr. Allen located at Prattsburg and at that time purchased the business of E. E. Paddock, wholesale buyer and shipper of produce, hay, and grain. He holds membership in the New York State Hay and Grain Dealers Association, and New York State Coal Merchants Association.

On June 27, 1906, Mr. Allen married Miss Ruby Lewis, the daughter of Flint and Frances (Gillette) Lewis, of Prattsburg. They have three children: 1. Frances Mary, born May 15, 1907, a graduate of Rochester and Prattsburg public schools. She married Edward J. Hardick, of Rochester, and they have two children, Edward and Mary Jane. 2. Genevieve Marion, born February 21, 1914, a graduate of Prattsburg High School. She married Austin K. Angus, of Port Washington, Long Island. They have a daugh-

ter, Ruth Anne. 3. Lewis Carleton, born November 28, 1915, attends Prattsburg High School.

Mr. Allen is a Republican and for four years held the office of village trustee. He has also been secretary of the local Board of Education during the past fifteen years. He and his family are members of the Presbyterian Church and he is affiliated with Prattsburg Lodge, F. and A. M., Past Master; and Corning Conistory 32nd degree. He is an ardent sportsman and has a summer home on the west shore of Keuka Lake, near Pulteney.

Harry J. Stewart, D. D. S., of Canisteo, has had a notably successful career during his thirty years of practice in this section of New York. He was born at Howard, Steuben County, September 14, 1876, the son of James H. and Rachel Jane (Stevens) Stewart.

James H. Stewart, born at Howard, March 4, 1853, died May 30, 1926. He was a graduate of Canisteo Academy and during his early life engaged in the building business there in partnership with his brother-in-law, N. J. Stevens. In 1879 Mr. Stewart became a dealer in pianos, organs, and other musical instruments, and successfully conducted a business at Canisteo until the time of his death. He was a Republican and had served as village collector and school director. He and his wife were members of the Baptist Church, and he belonged to the Masonic Lodge and Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Rachael Jane (Stevens) Stewart was born at Canisteo, March 25, 1855, and died September 1, 1927. Both are buried at Canisteo. Their children were: 1. Harry J., the subject of this sketch. 2. Otto K., M. D., lives at Hornell. 3. Pauline A., married Duncan Boughner, lives at Canisteo. 4. Mabel E., deceased.

The Stewart family is of Irish origin, and was founded in this country by John Stewart, who was born in Ireland in 1775. He and his wife, Jane White, emigrated to this country in 1805 and settled at Albany, New York. Later they located at Argyle, Washington County, and in 1818 came to Steuben County. They

settled on a tract of 150 acres. Their fourth son, William Stewart, grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was a farmer in early life, and at the age of forty-five years took up the study of medicine. He engaged in that profession at Buena Vista, New York, until his death in 1898. He married Susan L. Ford, of Howard.

Harry J. Stewart acquired his early education in the public schools of Canisteo and is a graduate of Canisteo Academy. He received the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery at the University of Buffalo in 1901, and during the following two years was established in practice at Canisteo. He then spent one year in New York City, and in August, 1904, resumed his practice here. Since 1931 Doctor Stewart has been associated with his son, Dr. Harold O. Stewart.

On September 25, 1900, Doctor Stewart married Miss Villa B. Lozier, the daughter of Frank and Henrietta (Prutzman) Lozier, natives of Steuben County. The former died February 11, 1923, and the latter resides at Buffalo. Doctor and Mrs. Stewart are the parents of three children: 1. Winifred L., born September 4, 1902, a graduate of Canisteo Academy and Elmira College, class of 1923. She married Paul Laine, and lives at Brooklyn, New York. 2. Harold O., born June 25, 1906. He is a graduate of Canisteo Academy, attended the University of Michigan, and Alfred University, and in 1931 received the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery at the University of Buffalo. He married Miss Genevieve A. Burrell, of Canisteo, and they have two children: Joyce B., born January 10, 1926; and Dorothy Lee, born September 10, 1931. He is a Democrat and is serving as Democratic county committeeman. He belongs to Lambda Chi Alpha and Xi Psi Phi fraternities. 3. Rachel J., born November 4, 1907, a graduate of Canisteo Academy. She married Robert Miller, of Canisteo, and they have two children, Robert Stewart and Suzanne Miller.

Doctor Stewart is a Democrat and for a number of years has been county committeeman. He and his family are members of the Methodist Church, and he belongs to the Masonic and Elk Lodges, Loyal Order of Moose, and Modern Woodmen of America. He also holds membership in the New York State Dental Association, Seventh District.