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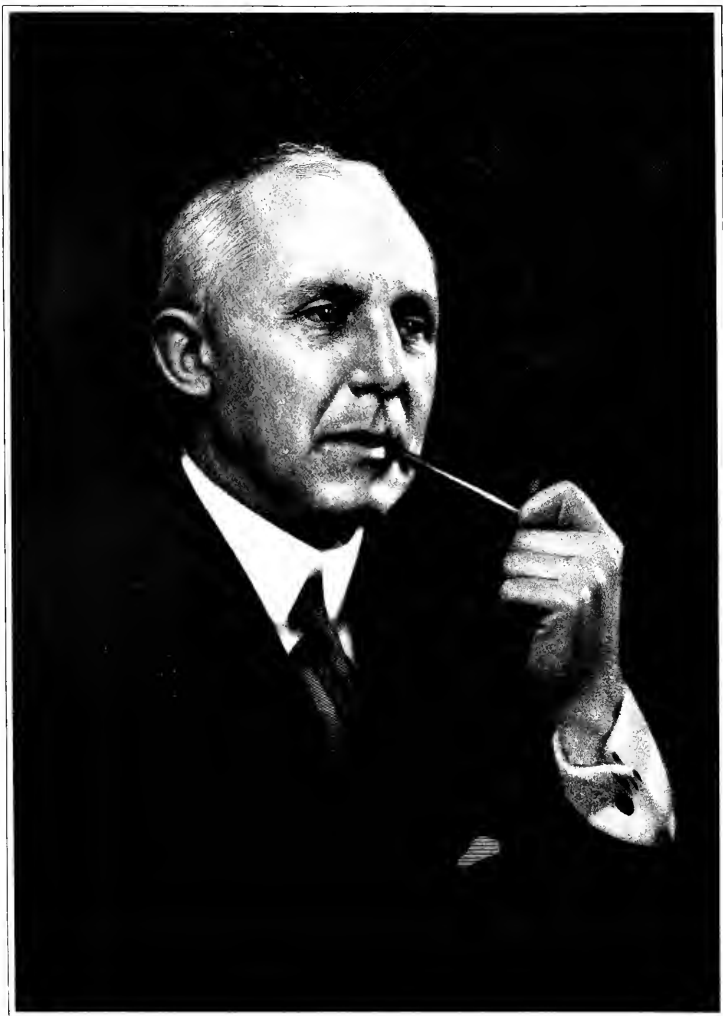


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# A HISTORY OF --- WILKES-BARRE

LUZERNE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

FROM ITS FIRST BEGINNINGS TO THE PRESENT TIME; INCLUDING  
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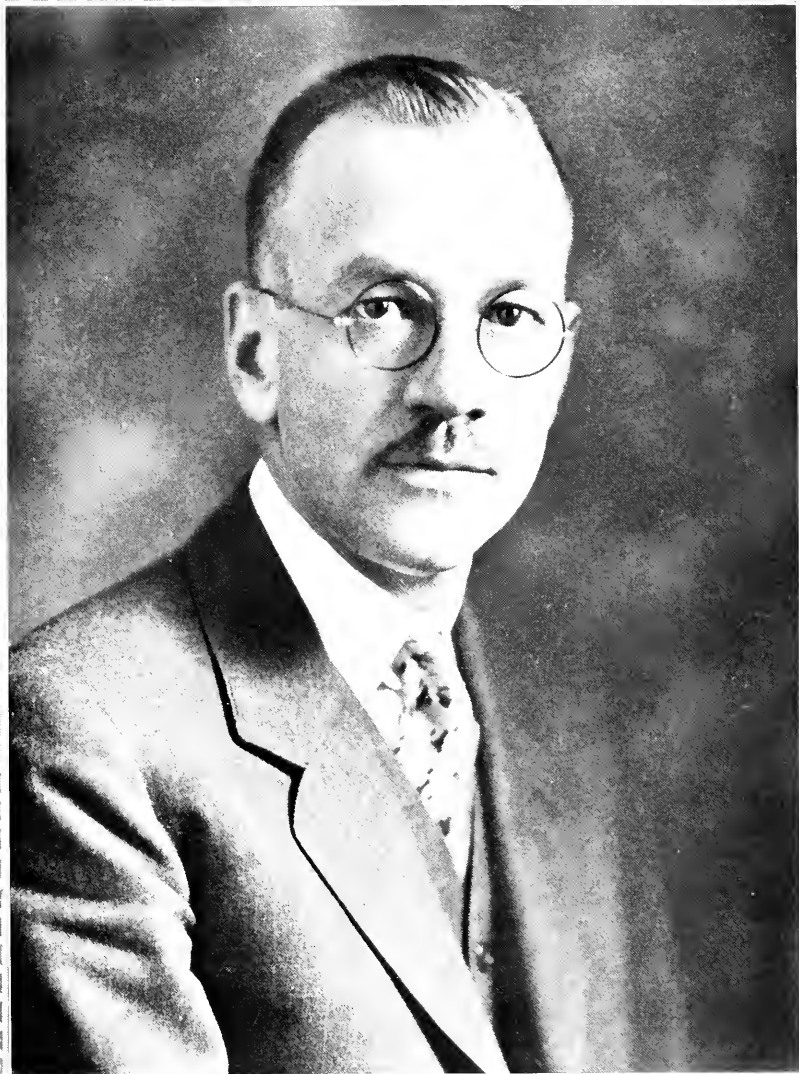
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Lester H. Bevan

**LAURENCE W. BEVAN**—One of the very successful business and professional men of Wilkes-Barre is Laurence W. Bevan, vice-president and general manager of the Hazard Wire Rope Company, of Wilkes-Barre. Mr. Bevan was identified with the former Hazard Manufacturing Company from March, 1913, to the time of its reorganization in 1927. He took charge as engineer of tests for the company, and since 1925 filled the responsible official and executive positions of vice-president and general manager. He is a graduate of the Pennsylvania State College, and was formerly in the employ of the Carnegie Steel Company.

Rev. I. L. Bevan, father of Mr. Bevan, is of Welsh ancestry, a descendant of forebears who came from Wales to this country about a century ago. He is a minister of the Christian and Missionary Alliance of America, a man of ability and of fine Christian character. He married Alice Foster, and they make their home in West Pittston, Pennsylvania. They are the parents of four children: Robert C., who is a salesman in the employ of the Hazard Wire Rope Company; Paul T., a salesman in the employ of the H. B. Schooley and Company, of Wilkes-Barre; Kenneth F., who is associated with the Matheson Automobile Company, at Forty Fort, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania; and Laurence W., of further mention.

Laurence W. Bevan, son of Rev. I. L. and Alice (Foster) Bevan, was born in West Pittston, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, November 2, 1889, and spent his early boyhood in his birthplace, attending the local public schools and then continuing his study in Wyoming Seminary, at Kingston, Pennsylvania, where he completed his course with graduation in 1908. He then matriculated in the Pennsylvania State College, from which he was graduated in 1912 with the degree of Bachelor of Science. After graduation he went out to Youngstown, Ohio, where he was for a time associated with the Carnegie Steel Company. In March, 1913, he returned to this State and located in Wilkes-Barre, where he took charge as engineer of tests for the Hazard Manufacturing Company. Here he remained, giving faithful and very efficient service, and in 1925 he was made general manager of the business. In 1927 he was made vice-president and general manager, and since reorganization of the company he retained the two positions as well as director with the Hazard Wire Rope Company. Mr. Bevan gives his support to the Republican party. Fraternally, he is identified with Kingston Lodge, No. 375, Free and Accepted Masons. He is a member of the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers, and is well known among his professional associates. He is a director of the Luzerne County Branch of the Pennsylvania Manufacturers Association; trustee of the Hahnemann Hospital, Wilkes-Barre; director of the Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce; and in June, 1929, he was elected vice-president of the Pennsylvania State Alumni Association. He is a member of the Rotary Club, the Westmoreland Club, the Franklin Club, and of the college fraternity, Beta Theta Pi, and he is a Protestant in his religious faith.

Laurence W. Bevan married, September 10, 1913, Helen G. Biehl, of Plymouth, Luzerne County, daughter of Dr. Jefferson P. and Carrie (Davenport) Biehl, the father a well-known physician of Plymouth, and the mother, deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Bevan have two sons: Laurence W., Jr., and Robert Davenport. The family home is located at Dallas, Pennsylvania.

**ANTHONY J. RUDDY**—A business man of ability and long experience, Anthony J. Ruddy has made his home in Hudson, Pennsylvania, for many years. As proprietor of the A. J. Ruddy general store, he provides for the needs of the community in a very efficient way, while in the various other phases of local activity, he has played a prominent part.

Mr. Ruddy was born in Ireland, April 8, 1858, a son of Patrick Ruddy, who was born in Ireland, and died in 1890, and of Mary Ruddy, also a native of Ireland, who died in 1910. He came with his parents to the United States in May, 1864. Being denied the advantages of a finished education, at the age of nine he began work in a coal breaker in Hudson, which he continued for a period of twelve years, from 1867 to 1879. At the end of that time he entered the grocery business as a clerk in a local store, but after only two years, in 1881, he established the firm of Reilley and Ruddy, in association with Mr. Reilley, and together they operated a general store until the year 1900, when Mr. Ruddy disposed of his interest in the venture. In the same year, at No. 2 Miner Street, he established his

own general store, which was immediately successful. In the course of the years since that time, Mr. Ruddy's efforts resulted in a large volume of business as the general excellence of his service and products gained wider recognition. In addition to this work, Mr. Ruddy is a director and vice-president of the Citizens' Bank, of Parsons, in which institution he was one of the original stockholders.

Politically, Mr. Ruddy supports the principles and candidates of the Democratic party, served as a member of the Plains Township School Board, and as tax collector of the same. He worships in the faith of the Roman Catholic Church, and for many years has been a member and a liberal supporter of the church of the Sacred Heart, at Hudson.

In November, 1880, Anthony J. Ruddy married Mary Kilker of Hudson, daughter of Patrick and Mary Kilker of this place. Of this marriage there were five children: 1. Mary, who married George Schroeder, of Wilkes-Barre. 2. Joseph, a dentist in Wilkes-Barre. 3. Charles, who is a dentist in Pittston. 4. Anna, a teacher in the city schools. 5. Gerald, of Hudson. Mrs. Ruddy died in November, 1913.

**GEORGE G. BRADER**—A leading figure in real estate and insurance circles in Luzerne County, George G. Brader is one of the most prominent citizens of Nanticoke, taking an active part in the civic affairs of the community and occupying a high position in its business life. Mr. Brader conducts an extensive insurance business, being agent for approximately twenty different companies, all of which are the best known and most substantial organizations in the United States. In addition to his commercial activities, he takes a deep interest in business clubs and fraternal organizations, being particularly devoted to those of the Masonic Order, in which, for many years, he has been a loyal and enthusiastic leader.

Mr. Brader was born in Beach Haven, Luzerne County, March 1, 1868, son of Daniel and Sarah (MacGraw) Brader. Daniel Brader was born in Northampton County, son of Henry Brader, who brought his family to Luzerne County many years ago. Henry Brader was engaged during his active career as a mechanic. Daniel Brader learned the trade of cabinet making and boat building, and for a time was engaged in constructing boats for the canal company which once plied this section. He later engaged in the construction business independently, acquiring boat yards and building boats on contract for private parties. In addition to this, he operated a successful and complete lumber yard and planing mill at Beach Haven, in which town he was a prominent figure, taking an active part in all affairs and being a leading member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church. By his marriage, he had one son, George G., of whom further.

George G. Brader was educated in the public schools of Luzerne County, after which he studied at Wyoming Seminary. Upon the completion of his education, he entered the employ of the Wyoming National Bank at Wilkes-Barre and remained with this important financial institution until 1906, in the position of corresponding clerk. At that time, he engaged in his present business, taking over the organization which his brother, J. C. Brader, had established in 1886 and operated until that time, in Nanticoke. Mr. Brader has ever been successful in all his enterprises, having a keen knowledge of the real estate and insurance trade, with a particularly expert and accurate judgment of land values and prospects. In 1924, he was joined by his son, Norwood H., who handles much of the detail relating to real estate, with particular attention to city properties. Although his success in the financial world attests to his thorough attention to business, he finds time to devote to social and fraternal affairs, and is a leader in Masonic circles, being a member of Landmark Lodge, No. 442, Free and Accepted Masons, Shekinah Chapter, No. 182, Royal Arch Masons; Dies le Veut Commandery, No. 45, Knights Templar, and Past Eminent Commander thereof also a member of Keystone Consistory, and Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Wilkes-Barre, in which he served officially, resigning his office of Recorder upon his removal to Nanticoke. He is prominent in the Craftsmen's Club of Nanticoke, the Press Club of Wilkes-Barre, the Irem Temple Country Club, Luzerne County Insurance Exchange, the Pennsylvania State Association of Insurance Agents, and the State Federation of Insurance Agents. In his religious affiliations, he is a member of the Presbyterian Church. George G. Brader married December 1, 1892, Elizabeth

Atherton, of Kingston, daughter of Thomas R. Atherton. To this union have been born three children: 1. George Atherton; enlisted in the Aviation Service of the United States in May, 1917, shortly after the declaration of war against the Central Powers; trained at Madison Barracks, New York, and later at the Air Service Ground School, Ithaca, New York; going overseas in October, 1917, he finished his training with the Royal Air Forces of England and while stationed at Turnberry Field, Scotland, was killed April 5, 1918, while engaged in a practice flight, being then twenty-five years of age. 2. Mary, married Edward Siegel, of Nanticoke, and they have one child, George Atherton. 3. Norwood H., born December 23, 1899, was educated in the public schools of Nanticoke and after high school, entered West Chester Normal School, being attached to the Students' Army Training Corps, during the World War, and later graduating from the Wyoming Seminary, with the class of 1920; matriculated at Cornell University, receiving his degree of Mechanical Engineer with the class of 1924; then became associated with his father in the latter's business and has ever continued to be a prominent part of that organization; married Ruth Houser, of Ithaca, New York, who died in July, 1926, leaving one son, James N. Mr. Brader and his family reside on Tibury Heights, West Nanticoke.

**CHARLES W. MILLER**—Having as his only assets a fund of energy and ambition coupled with an agreeable personality, Charles W. Miller began his business career in Wilkes-Barre in 1887, when he came to this city and became associated with J. C. Bright and Company, dealers in oil. Since that time, he has continued to advance steadily until today he is one of the city's leading business men as well as being prominent in all civil affairs and an active figure in all projects for community welfare.

Mr. Miller was born at Mifflinville, Columbia County, Pennsylvania, on January 2, 1866, son of George and Mary (Martz) Miller, both of whom were members of old Pennsylvania families and who are both now deceased. George Miller was born in Columbia County and was for many years a successful farmer.

Charles W. Miller received his education in the public schools of Mifflinville, assisting in the farm work while carrying on his studies, and he later entered Wyoming Seminary at Kingston. Upon the completion of his course, he matriculated at the Bloomsburg State Normal School where he was an apt and diligent student. After finishing his studies, he accepted a position as bookkeeper at Weatherley, Pennsylvania, and in 1887, came to Wilkes-Barre as aforementioned. Through his industry and ability, he prospered continuously and in 1900, entered business for himself, during the year purchasing the business formerly owned by the J. C. Bright and Company. He has ever since continued in the oil business, having been connected with this present location for forty years and is the oldest oil dealer in point of service in this city. Business increased so that he opened and now operates a branch of his enterprise at the corner of North Main and North streets. Taking an active interest in the city's progress, he as a member of the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce and as a director of the Young Men's Christian Association, has ever had the best interests of the city at heart. In fraternal organizations, he takes a prominent part, being a member of Landmark Lodge, No. 442, Free and Accepted Masons in which he is Past Master; Shekinah Chapter, No. 182, Royal Arch Masons; Dieu le Veut Commandery, No. 45, Knights Templar; Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and the Shrine Country Club. In politics, he has always followed the principles of the Republican party and in his religious affiliations is a member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, having been a trustee for many years.

Charles W. Miller married (first), in September, 1887, Luella Keller, of Mifflinville, Pennsylvania, daughter of William and Margaret (Bowman) Keller, and they had one daughter, Mary, married M. G. Robbins, of Kingston, and their children are Charles and Melvin. Mrs. Miller died in September, 1894. Mr. Miller married (second), in December, 1897, Helen Doron, of this city, daughter of William E. and Elizabeth (Barnes) Doron, and they have one daughter, Elizabeth, who married Albert R. May of this city, and they have a son, A. Robinson May, Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Miller reside at No. 281 North Main Street, in the home which he built more than thirty-one years ago.

**MICHAEL ALEXANDER**—For nearly forty years the residents of Nanticoke have been pleasantly familiar with the commercial house of Michael Alexander, deal-

ing in dry goods and garments for women. Established by Michael Alexander in 1889, at Nos. 15 and 17 East Main Street, the original location has been found satisfactory, although they have moved once, merely to cross the street, even with the growth of the city and the expansion of their business. The name seems to be synonymous with the business section in which it is located, so firmly have the members of the firm entrenched themselves in the good will of the trading populace. Joseph and Herman Alexander today comprise the firm and both have displayed such deep interest in the prosperity of the city, in its enterprises, its social, religious, political and fraternal affairs that they are held to be citizens of high merit and worthy of all the good fortune that has attended their industry.

Michael Alexander was born in Germany, emigrating to America when a young man and locating in Nanticoke, where he spent his life as a merchant. His wife was Minna Meyer, also of German birth, still surviving him, who died in 1913. She was the mother of nine children, Rose, her first born, being the wife of H. Frudenthal, a hat manufacturer of New York City. In the order of their births the others were Max, a manufacturer of hats, operating in New York City; Joseph, who is a partner in the Nanticoke firm of M. Alexander Sons; Alexander, also a New York hat manufacturer; Leo, in similar business; Herman, a partner of his brother Joseph in the Nanticoke firm; Bertha, wife of J. H. Margolies, of West Chester, Pennsylvania; Hilda, and Gertrude, wife of W. S. Green, of New York City. In addition to conducting the dry goods store in Nanticoke, Joseph and Herman Alexander own and operate a hat store for men at No. 2 West Market Street, Wilkes-Barre, which they founded in 1917.

Joseph Alexander, the elder of the two brothers comprising the firm, was born in Germany, August 4, 1880, was brought to Nanticoke by his parents and educated in the public schools here. He entered into association with his father at the conclusion of his elementary education and soon became a partner in the concern. He continued in that occupation until the death of his father, then entering into partnership with his brother and continuing the business. He is a director in the Nanticoke National Bank and holds membership in Antiquity Lodge, No. 11, Free and Accepted Masons; Caldwell Consistory, of Bloomsbury; Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine and in the Craftsmen's Club. He is held to be one of the most progressive citizens of Nanticoke.

Herman Alexander was also born in Germany, in 1886; was brought to Nanticoke by his parents and was educated in the public schools here. He was taken into his father's store to learn the business and continued there until his father's death brought about the change that made him a partner of his brother, Joseph, in the business. His popularity is on a plane with that of his brother, the two being looked upon by their fellow-citizens as men of substantial character and high worth to the community. Herman is a member of New York Lodge, No. 743, Free and Accepted Masons; of Caldwell Consistory; Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and of the Craftsmen's Club.

**WALTER C. SUTHERLAND**—From a very modest beginning, the firm of Sutherland and McMillan, wholesale grocers and importers, of Pittston, Pennsylvania, has developed into the largest jobbing concern in Luzerne County. Founded by Walter C. Sutherland and Charles L. McMillan, more than thirty-six years ago, the enterprise has been guided by the business ability of the founders through all these years, and is now (1928) doing a volume of business which aggregates over a million dollars annually. The firm handles groceries and feed, specializing in Columbia Flour, and Fox Hill and Columbia canned goods, their own brands. Mr. Sutherland is a director of the People's Union Savings Bank, and has for many years been active in public affairs in Pittston.

The Sutherland family is one of the old families of Scotch ancestry, tracing back to William Sutherland, who came to this country from Scotland. He settled in Dutchess County, New York, and reared a family there, the line to Walter C. Sutherland of Pittston, descending through William Jr., son of the immigrant, born in Dutchess County, New York, in 1690; his son Colonel David Sutherland, of Dutchess County, born in 1722, who served as a colonel in the 6th New York State Militia during the Revolutionary War; his son, Joel, born August 30, 1755; his son, Brush, born June 5, 1785;



*Ed. Miller*







*Robert H. Sarrohan*



his son, Smith, born October 21, 1818. All of the above were born in Dutchess County, New York.

Smith Sutherland, born in 1818, was educated in Gilbertsville Academy, Otsego County, New York, and served as justice of the peace and as captain of a military company in Otsego County, New York, where he was also a superintendent of schools. In 1850, when he was about thirty-two years of age, he came to Pittston, Pennsylvania. Here he became a successful merchant, and continued to follow that line of business activity. He was a man of wide interests, active in local affairs, and a progressive and helpful citizen. A supporter of the Republican party, and a member of the Universalist Church, he was for more than forty years a substantial and progressive citizen of Pittston, continuing to be actively interested in its affairs to the time of his death, which occurred in 1891, at the age of seventy-three years. He married (first) Lucy P. Fuller, and to this marriage two children, both of whom are deceased were born: Charles F., born May 25, 1848, and George H., born January 5, 1850. Smith Sutherland married (second) Laura Stanton, and to this marriage two children were born: Lucy F., born March 6, 1864, who married Joseph B. Hayes; and Walter C., of further mention.

Walter C. Sutherland, son of Smith and Laura Loomis (Stanton) Sutherland, was born in Exeter Township, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, November 7, 1862, and received his early education in the public schools of West Pittston. Later, he was a student in Kingston Seminary, and before his seminary course he spent one year in the United States Navy, under Commander Robley B. Evans. When his training was completed, he entered the employ of Githens, Rexsamer and Company, wholesale grocers of Philadelphia, with whom he remained for a period of ten years, 1882-92. In 1892, he engaged in the wholesale grocery line in Pittston, forming a partnership with C. L. McMillan, and through the years which have passed since that time he has continued in this business, developing it to the proportions which place it at the head of jobbing houses in the county. In 1912, W. A. Hay was admitted as a partner, but the business continued to operate under the original name of Sutherland and McMillan. Their operations cover the Wyoming Valley and part of Lackawanna County, and the present impressive annual business has developed from the original annual sale of one hundred thousand dollars. Six salesmen are kept on the road, and the firm has a reputation which has been one of its valuable assets for more than three decades. The establishment is located at No. 10 Sutherland Place, in Pittston, and is one of the leading concerns of the city.

Mr. Sutherland is a Republican in politics, and has always been deeply interested in the general welfare of West Pittston, serving for seven years as a member of the West Pittston Council, during which time he was president of the council for one year. He is well known in the Masonic Order, being a member of St. John's Lodge, No. 233, Free and Accepted Masons; Pittston Chapter, No. 242, Royal Arch Masons; Wyoming Valley Commandery, No. 57, Knights Templar; Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of the New England Society, of New England, and the Pennsylvania Society; of the Sons of the Revolution, the Wyoming Valley Historical and Geological Society; and of numerous clubs, including the Westmoreland Club, Craftsmen's Club, Fox Hill Country Club, in which he served as treasurer and president of the board of governors. His religious affiliation is with the Presbyterian Church.

Walter C. Sutherland married, April 17, 1889, Grace Klotz, of West Pittston, Pennsylvania, daughter of Joseph Klotz, a pioneer settler in Pittston, and they have three children: 1. Martha S., who married Major S. K. Mitchell, a member of the firm of Biddle and Eno, of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. 2. Marian S., who married Allen P. Kirby, of Wilkes-Barre. 3. Esther, who lives at home. Mrs. Sutherland is a member, and actively interested in the work of the Woman's Club and the Presbyterian Church. The family residence is at No. 50 Susquehanna Avenue, West Pittston.

**CHARLES L. McMILLAN**—In the commercial development of Pittston, Charles L. McMillan has taken a prominent part as member of the wholesale grocery concern of Sutherland & McMillan, one of this city's most progressive business establishments, doing business over a wide area and expanding steadily and consistently by reason of their efficiency, modern methods of operation and thorough consideration for their customers. Mr. McMillan is thoroughly acquainted with

this branch of commerce having been connected with the grocery business, both retail and wholesale, for the entire period of his active career. His present partnership with Mr. Sutherland was formed in 1892 and it has continued firmly and successfully during the ensuing years, and today this concern is one of the foremost factors in Pittston's commercial advance. In civil life, Mr. McMillan is prominent in everything pertaining to public welfare, while in fraternal and social organizations he is a popular and energetic member.

Mr. McMillan was born in Hawley, May 14, 1862, son of James L. McMillan, who died in 1908, and Marian D. (Muir) McMillan, born in 1843 and died in 1915. James L. McMillan was born in Dumfriesshire, Scotland, and came to the United States in 1855, settling in Pittston where he spent the greater part of his life. For a time he resided in Avoca where he conducted a general merchandise store and was also interested in coal operations, later being elected president of the New York & Pittston Coal Company in which office he served for many years. He was also director of the First National Bank of Pittston, and an elder in the Presbyterian Church at West Pittston, having held similar office for a time at Avoca. Mr. and Mrs. McMillan were the parents of twelve children, all of whom reached maturity, of whom Charles L. (of whom further) was the eldest.

Charles L. McMillan was educated in the public schools of this vicinity and upon the completion of his formal education, entered upon his business career by working in his father's store. At the age of twenty-two years, he embarked on an independent business venture and opened a general store for several years, until he entered into his present partnership in 1892. Mr. McMillan is a leading factor in the financial and industrial life of this section, being a director of the People's Union Bank of Pittston and a director of the New York & Pittston Coal Company. His fraternal affiliations are with St. John's Lodge, No. 233, Free and Accepted Masons; and Pittston Chapter, Royal Arch Masons. His social and recreational activities are confined to the Fox Hill Club and the Craftsmen's Club, and his religious adherence is given to the Presbyterian Church at West Pittston.

Charles L. McMillan married, November 15, 1887, Mabel M. Olds of Moosic, daughter of William E. and Margaret M. Olds, and to this union have been born three children: 1. Olds, married Laura Breese, and they have two children: Ann and Mabel, the family residing in New York City where Mr. McMillan is a broker. 2. Kenneth D., married Ruth Latham of Chicago and they reside at Forty Fort. They have two children: Ruth and Kenneth. 3. Norman S., unmarried, a prominent broker in New York City. The family residence is located at 912 Susquehanna Avenue, West Pittston.

**ROBERT H. GARRAHAN**—Prominent in the fields of scientific farming and real estate development in Luzerne County, Robert H. Garrahan, of Forty Fort, Pennsylvania, is widely and favorably known in his community and county, where he has done much to bring about needed improvements, especially in all matters pertaining to the use and development of land.

He was born at Plymouth, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, on October 15, 1875, son of Michael and Margaret (Hutchinson) Garrahan. He received his early education in the Wyoming Seminary, and then entered Pennsylvania State College, where he took up his agricultural studies. Upon completion of his academic work, he became an instructor in agriculture at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee, where he remained for two years. At the end of that period he decided to enter a more practical field of agriculture, and settled in Kingston, Pennsylvania, where he did agricultural work on his own behalf, and where, from small beginnings, he developed his own large farming enterprise, marketing his own products through the firm of R. H. Garrahan and Son, organized by him in conjunction with his son, Ralph K. Garrahan. Contributing, while engaged in actual farming, much to the cause of scientific agriculture, Mr. Garrahan kept his model truck farms on the rich soil of the flats contiguous to Wilkes-Barre, and here made marked contributions to the science of vegetable-growing. He had as many as one hundred and thirty acres of ground under intensive cultivation, all of which was exclusively devoted to the raising of garden vegetables. The farm, in four tracts, lay in Forty Fort.

Although Mr. Garrahan is still interested in farming, he is now perhaps more active in the development of real estate projects, giving especial attention to develop-

ing the new "Westmore" district in Kingston, known as the "New Westmore Section." He has done extensive improvement work there, and has filled in a large portion of land with a view to developing three ponds, while he has also laid several miles of sidewalk. He has installed sewer systems, and has brought about increases in the valuation of property with consequent increased taxation figures and greater municipal prosperity. Mr. Garrahan is vice-president of the Forty Fort State Bank, a director of the Kingston Bank and Trust Company, and a member of the Rotary Club and the Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce. He was at one time a director of the Pennsylvania State Chamber of Commerce. He is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, is active in the affairs of this order, and in it is affiliated with the Knights Templar and the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

Robert H. Garrahan married, on October 2, 1901, Mabel Keller, of Kingston, Pennsylvania. By this marriage there were two children: Ralph K.; Jean C., who became the wife of J. H. Bremen. The family residence is situated at No. 1830 Wyoming Avenue, Forty Fort.

**WILLIAM S. LEE**—One of the best authorities on automobiles in the Wyoming Valley is William S. Lee, proprietor of Lee's garage in Wilkes-Barre. Mr. Lee, who comes from one of the earliest English families to settle in this State, has been in the automobile business since its infancy, having started in this line as early as 1906 when automobiles were almost a novelty. He is the son of the late Conrad Lee who was a dealer in lumber, proprietor of the Wyoming planing mill, and otherwise largely interested in the business affairs at Wilkes-Barre and elsewhere.

Conrad Lee was born at Hanover Township, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, November 3, 1824, a son of Stephen and Jane (Lines) Lee. His paternal grandfather, James Lee, and his maternal grandparents, Conrad and Mary (Fairchild) Lines, were pioneer settlers in Newport and Hanover townships, Luzerne County. Conrad Lines, born July 26, 1789, passed all his married life of about fifty-three years in Newport Township. He was a blacksmith by trade, and accumulated a valuable tract of coal land of over two hundred acres. He reared a family of six children.

Stephen Lee and Jane Lines were married February 10, 1824, and removed to Delaware County, Ohio, where Mr. Lee cleared and improved a farm at times also working at his trade which was that of a plasterer. After a residence there of six years he returned to Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, locating in Wright Township, where he erected a sawmill and engaged in lumbering and farming. After a period of twenty-two years he removed to Wilkes-Barre, and purchased the planing mill at Canal and North streets. He died in that city June 12, 1874, at the age of sixty-two years. His widow died September 25, 1881, at her home on North Street. Stephen and Jane (Lines) Lee had seven children: Conrad, of whom later; John R.; Mary, who at her death devised all of her property (some \$25,000) to her nephews and nieces, died at the old homestead; Priscilla, married M. S. Roberts, of Askam, Hanover Township, and had seven children; Amanda, married Edward Lutse, now retired, of Clarke Summit, and they had three children.

Conrad Lee, eldest child of Stephen and Jane (Lines) Lee, was reared in his native county, and completed his education at the Wyoming Seminary, Kingston. In his early manhood he taught school for several terms in the home neighborhood, and on attaining his majority, went to Rome Corners, Delaware County, Ohio, where he taught school for a term. The following three years he was yard foreman in the lumber department of John L. Gill and Company, at Columbus, Ohio. Returning to Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, he gave some time to dealing in government mules and Western cattle, disposing of them in the principal markets throughout the country. In 1865 when but twenty-three years of age, he was appointed an outside superintendent of the Avondale coal mines, a position which he held for twenty-one years, being marked with peculiar experiences. Shortly after his appointment, a sudden freshet threatened the sweeping away and entire loss of the timber for the erection of the coal bunkers which had been floated to a point just below Plymouth. Mr. Lee with the aid of his men, lashed the timbers to trees, and in the morning discovered that a continued rising of water had brought it to a convenient height, cut his lashings and floated his timbers over fields and fences to the exact spot where they were needed. The owner, John C.

Phelps, coming to the river bank in the morning and unaware of what had occurred, seeing no trace of the timber, gave it up for lost, and considered himself thousands of dollars out of pocket.

When the water had subsided enough for him to cross the stream he found his property on the spot to which it had been conveyed by Mr. Lee, to whom he expressed his gratitude and admiration, and thenceforward he reposed unbounded confidence in one who had served so faithfully and sagaciously. During the Molly Maguire difficulties, Mr. Lee was regarded with hatred by the murderous band, and his footsteps were dogged on various occasions, but he fortunately escaped unhurt. While in charge of the mines the first great mining disaster in the coal region occurred September 6, 1869, in which one hundred and eight men lost their lives. This accident was the direct cause of the passage of the law known as the "mine ventilation law," which makes it obligatory to have two openings to every mine.

In his younger days at home, Mr. Lee had become thoroughly familiar with the lumber business, through his association with his father in the mill in Wright Township, and after the death of the latter in 1874, young Conrad became interested in the Wyoming planing mill and lumber business at Wilkes-Barre, with which his father had been connected, and also in mercantile business at Avondale. After 1886, he was the sole proprietor of the planing mill and lumber business, which he expanded very greatly, making one great enterprise. Mr. Lee was also president of the George F. Lee Coal Company; the Forty Fort Land Company; and a stockholder in the Wyoming Valley Trust company. He was one of the original members of the firm of Scouton, Lee and Company, of Parsons, Pennsylvania. He was a large owner of and dealer in real estate in Wilkes-Barre, and was a most enterprising and public-spirited man, taking an active part in community affairs and exerting himself to further advancement of the varied interests of the city and county. He was an active member of the Wilkes-Barre Board of Trade; a member of the Presbyterian Church and in his politics he was a Republican. In all of his relations, both social and in business, he was regarded with entire confidence for his unassailable integrity, while his personal qualities of character made him a favorite wherever he was known in a broad circle of friends.

On July 28, 1868, Conrad Lee married Agnes Weir, daughter of Martin and Jane (Govan) Weir, of Hazleton, and natives of Renfrewshire, Scotland. To this marriage were born four children: George, Margaret Weir, Jean, and William S., of whom further. Both Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Lee are now deceased.

William S. Lee was born at Plymouth, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, February 24, 1886. He was brought to Wilkes-Barre by his parents when he was only six years of age and grew up here, where he received his education in the public schools and the Harry Hillman Academy. After finishing school he engaged in the lumber business with his father until 1906, when he saw the possibilities of the automobile business and, leaving the lumber business launched into the automobile game, and has continued successfully in it ever since. For twenty-two years he has been active in automobile progress. The first line of cars that he handled were the Oldsmobile and the Thomas; this was back in 1906 when the business was in its infancy, and for the past fifteen years he has been the distributor for the famous Franklyn motor cars. With his knowledge of cars and the trade in general he has held a commanding position in the automobile business in this section. He is a member of the Wilkes-Barre Lodge, No. 109, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; the Memorial Presbyterian Church of Wilkes-Barre; and in his politics he is a Republican. He is also secretary and treasurer and part owner of Camp Thomhurst in the Pocono Mountains in Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania.

William S. Lee married Ada Burnaford, of Wilkes-Barre, and they are the parents of two children, Elizabeth L., and William S., Jr.

**JOSEPH CONNOLLY**—Since Joseph Connolly joined the cabinet maker's trade more than twenty years ago, he has been steadily progressing in his chosen line of business. Since 1910 he has been developing a cabinet making business of his own under his own name, in Plymouth, and his progress has been steady. He has occupied three different locations since beginning, not counting his present commodious three story plant at the corner of River and Hanover streets, and each move has been made because his business had outgrown its old





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quarters. Now, in his fourth housing, he has made sure of ample space and of every possible convenience, and, in addition, to a general cabinet-making and mill work business, is manufacturing specialties for the silk mill trade, show cases, and store fixtures. By appointment he has served as secretary of the borough of Plymouth from 1924 to 1928.

Joseph Connolly was born in Ireland, April 8, 1879, and was brought to this country by his parents when he was an infant only one year old. His father, John Connolly, born in Ireland in 1850, is a cabinet maker by trade, and is still living (1928). His mother, Ruth Connolly, also a native of Ireland, was born in 1850, and died in 1905. The boy received his education in the public schools of Jersey City, New Jersey, and then found employment in New York City, where he continued to work until he was twenty-one years of age. He then, in 1900, came to Pennsylvania, locating in Larksville, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, where he learned the trade which his father has always followed, that of the cabinet maker. He learned his trade with Clark Brothers, of Plymouth, and then remained with them until 1908, a period of more than eight years. From 1908 to 1910 he did general jobbing in the cabinet maker's line, operating under his own name, in 1910 opening a small shop in the rear of the Shawnee Cash Store, where he continued to build up the patronage which he had already secured. By 1912 his business had so increased that more space and better accommodations were needed, and he leased a small building in Commercial Alley, leasing from Z. F. Wagner. When change again became desirable, even imperative, he purchased the property, including the shops of C. C. Kansom, a property facing the railroad, located in the rear of No. 66 East Main Street. The accommodations here met his requirements until 1921, when he sold and leased a property from the Plymouth Lumber Company, located at the corner of River and Hanover streets. Here he has a three-story building, and his business has grown to proportions which require the services of about nine men. His general cabinet-making work is well known in this vicinity, and he has long been known also as an expert manufacturer of specialties for the silk mill trade, show cases, store fixtures, and for general mill work. Mr. Connolly is a Republican in his political sympathies and is actively interested in local civic affairs, but he is no office seeker, and prefers to render the quiet and able service which a good business man and a loyal private citizen may render to the community. He has, however, by appointment served as secretary of the borough from 1924 to 1928, and during that time he gave to his public duties the same careful attention which he gives to his own private business. He is a member of the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce and has always been liberal in supporting philanthropic and civic enterprises in the community. Fraternally, he is identified with the Knights of Pythias and the Knights of Malta, and he is also a member of the Kiwanis Club. His religious affiliation is with the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Plymouth, which he has served as financial secretary for the past ten years.

Joseph Connolly was married, December 24, 1908, to Amy Eleanore Low, of Plymouth, daughter of Charles W. and Sarah Low, and they have seven children: Ruth Low, Sarah Ethel, Amy Lareda, Josephine Elizabeth, Paul Joseph, Charlotte Eleanore, and Margaret Louise.

**RICHARD BRINSLEY SHERIDAN**—It was more than thirty-five years ago that a young Irish lad felt the urge that possessed so many of his countrymen to cross the Atlantic Ocean and seek his fortune in America. This young man was Richard Brinsley Sheridan, son of Thomas Brinsley and Elizabeth (McAuley) Sheridan, both deceased. Mr. Sheridan was born in Dublin, January 27, 1871, in which city his father had for many years been a harrister, highly educated and acknowledged a leader of the bar in that section of Ireland. The elder Mr. Sheridan was the father of six children, five of whom attained maturity. Richard Brinsley was the only boy, the others being Kathleen, Frances, Lilly and Margaret, all still residing in Ireland.

Mr. Sheridan acquired his first knowledge of letters at the Loretta Convent, which was located at St. Stephen's Green, Dublin. Later, he attended Belvidere College in Dublin and from that institution took a course at the St. Finian's Seminary, in County Meath. For a short time after ceasing his studies Mr. Sheridan took a position as a clerk in a Drogheda grocery store but, naturally, he had the feeling that such work was most unsuitable for a young man of his learning and ability. He stuck to it for about two years, however, and then saw the shores

of his native land recede from view as he stood on the deck of a ship bound for America. He arrived in this country in October, 1893, and speedily obtained employment in a grocery store in Nanticoke, Luzerne County. He had ever before him the career of his father and he was determined, if possible, to follow the profession in which his sire had made a brilliant record. Mr. Sheridan took up the study of law in the office of the late John T. Lenehan, and in 1899 he was admitted to the practice of law before the Luzerne County Bar. Since the day of his admission to practice he has been actively engaged in his chosen field, not confining himself to any particular branch of the law but covering all sections of his profession. He is attorney for the People's Street Railway and for the People's Saving and Trust Company, both of Nanticoke. For sixteen years he was borough solicitor for Nanticoke, and is now city solicitor for that municipality. He is a member of the Luzerne County and American Bar associations, and is ever active in the circles of the Knights of Columbus, the Ancient Order of Hibernians and with the Wilkes-Barre Lodge, No. 109, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is affiliated with St. Francis' Roman Catholic Church at Nanticoke, Luzerne County, where he has resided since his arrival in this country. Politically, he is a Democrat and has been a loyal and active party worker for the past twenty-five years.

Mr. Sheridan was married, September 11, 1911, to Genevieve R. Corgan, daughter of Michael H. and Harriet Corgan, of Nanticoke. Mr. and Mrs. Sheridan have four children, Michael H., Richard B., Jr., Thomas B. and Harriet.

**WILLIAM CHALLENGER**—The Challenger Store, of Nanticoke, located at 56-58-60 East Main Street, was established by William Challenger in 1903, as a grocery business. From groceries he turned to general merchandise, and in 1912 to furniture, carpets and pianos, until, at the present time (1928) the firm has grown until the store has four floors and a basement, measuring on its base dimensions one hundred and thirty-two by forty feet, and is one of the most modern of department establishments in the Wyoming Valley. Mr. Challenger maintains in stock the best of goods in every line. On the fourth floor, which has a mezzanine, are displayed many of the choicest wares; on the third are upholstered goods and pianos; on the second, carpets, rugs, floor coverings of all kinds; and in the basement, stoves and kitchen furnishings. The street floor is, of course, given over to a general range of stock, calculated to interest the more casual shopper. The trade of the Challenger Store extends the length and breadth of Luzerne County, and supplies employment to some twenty-five or thirty persons. It is a great store, sound in its financial rating; but it is only one of the interests of William Challenger.

William Challenger was born in Dripton, Luzerne County, August 17, 1873, a son of William and Elizabeth (John) Challenger. William, Sr., was born in Bristol, England, and after location in Nanticoke was employed in the mines. He died at the age of forty-seven, in 1893; his widow died September 12, 1925, at the age of eighty-six. They were the parents of two children: William, of whom follows, and Mary, wife of John W. Griffith.

At the age of nine years William Challenger went to work in the mines, as breaker boy. Later he became a griver, and at the age of twenty secured employment as grocer's clerk. He learned all phases of the business, and the theories and practices of retail trading. At twenty-nine years of age, in 1903, he engaged in the grocery business under his own name; and his first modest venture was not only the nucleus of the Challenger Store with its four stories and basement, but also the nucleus of subsequent extensive operations in several commercial directions. In 1920 Mr. Challenger founded the Nanticoke Foundry & Machine Company, in association with others interested, and became its first president. In 1925, after a prosperous five years of operation, Mr. Challenger and associates suspended the Nanticoke Foundry & Machine Company, and it was at once converted into a factory for the manufacture of ice cream, while a portion of its warehousing space was and is leased out. In 1922 Mr. Challenger erected a fabricated steel business block of five stories, at the intersection of Main Street and Broadway. This substantial building houses twenty-five renters, and is apportioned into apartments, stores and offices, as well as the State Theatre, which occupies the greater part of the ground floor. Mr. Challenger owns a building on Market Street, comprising

four stories and twenty-nine apartments. Furthermore, he owns three stores, other than the Challenger Store, a warehouse, and a garage. This last is forty-eight by one hundred and sixty-five feet in its outside dimensions, and was constructed in 1917, by Mr. Challenger. In 1927 he erected a building, ninety-eight by one hundred and seventeen feet, to house twenty-four apartments and a garage; this building was completed in full detail in 1928. All of these buildings and businesses have come to Mr. Challenger through his own efforts; the boy who was a coal picker has become the man of many properties, indeed.

In the general affairs of Nanticoke Mr. Challenger takes an interested part, and is known widely as one of the community's most public-spirited citizens. Politically, he is influential, but employs his influence to the best ends, and quietly. Fraternally, he is a member of Lodge No. 541, Free and Accepted Masons; Caldwell Consistory, at Bloomsburg, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Also, he is a member of the Knights of Pythias, lodge of Nanticoke, and a communicant of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In matters of charity, as in all others, Mr. Challenger deals largely; his contributions are made without thought of race or creed benefited. During the World War, while somewhat too advanced in years for service in the military, he did serve, tirelessly and well, on the many boards and committees in charge of prosecution of the conflict from within this country, and was instrumental most beneficially to the country in the Liberty Loan campaigns.

On September 14, 1904, Mr. Challenger was united in marriage with Ida Ruloff, daughter of the Rev. F. H. Ruloff, pastor of the Zion Reformed Church of Nanticoke; and to this union have been born children: 1. Mary. 2. Elizabeth. 3. Dorothy. 4. William F. 5. Ruth. 6. Christine. 7. Robert. The family reside at No. 100 East Main Street.

**NELSON GEORGE PRINGLE**—Born in Kingston, April 5, 1860, son of a distinguished old Pennsylvania family, Nelson George Pringle took over operation of the general store which his father had established upon the death of the latter, and continued merchandising in the town of his birth until his own death September 15, 1908. One of the most highly esteemed citizens Kingston has ever had, Mr. Pringle was identified with the life of the town throughout an important period of its development, and a history of the community would not be complete without a record of his life. In his business dealings Mr. Pringle had a reputation for honesty and integrity that was unassailable, and all his customers were his friends. He was constantly lending his aid and influence to further public betterment causes and was instrumental in the institution of a number of civic reforms.

Alexander J. Pringle, father of the subject of this sketch, was born at Plymouth, Pennsylvania, September 3, 1824, and came to Kingston as a teacher in the public schools. He taught in the Wilkes-Barre public schools from 1853 to 1862. In 1860 he was made a trustee of the Wyoming Seminary, in which capacity he continued to serve throughout the remainder of his life, being treasurer of the board from 1872 until his death. Alexander J. Pringle enjoyed the highest respect of the people about Wilkes-Barre and Kingston and was accorded many positions of trust. He was a trustee and treasurer of the Kingston Methodist Episcopal Church and contributed to and aided in the erection, in 1872 and 1873, of the church building which now stands. He was one of the organizers and first directors of the Wilkes-Barre Deposit and Savings Bank in 1871, a trustee for a number of years of the Forty Fort Cemetery Association, and served as executive and trustee of innumerable estates. He established the general store which his son later took over and operated it several years before his death August 12, 1881. He married, October 21, 1858, Mary Price, daughter of George and Clarissa (Cooper) Price. Nelson George Pringle was their only child.

Mr. Pringle attended Wyoming Seminary, graduating with the class of 1879, and then went to Yale University, where he was with the class of 1884, but in the meantime his father's death had occurred and he had assumed active management of the Kingston store, assuming, along with his business affairs, his father's responsibilities in community life. He aided in work of the Methodist Church and, Republican in politics, exerted his influence to keep able men in local offices. Mr. Pringle was a member of Yale Alumni Association, of which he was

secretary and treasurer for some time; a member of Sigma Epsilon Fraternity and the Westmoreland Club.

On January 3, 1884, Mr. Pringle married Sarah Aldula Copeland, who died April 19, 1922, daughter of Dr. David and Sarah (Wheelock) Copeland, thereby joining two families both noted in educational work, for Dr. Copeland was president of Wyoming Seminary for ten years, from 1872 to 1882. Born at Braintree, Vermont, December 21, 1832, he was graduated from Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut, in 1855 with a Bachelor of Arts degree. In 1858 he commenced his work as teacher, joining the Genesee Conference. From that time on he taught in religious schools of the East and Middle West, coming to Kingston upon taking up the work at Wyoming Seminary. He married, in 1857, Sarah Wheelock, daughter of Hon. David and Amelia (Davis) Wheelock of Royalton, Vermont. Dr. Copeland held a number of scholastic and honorary degrees. He was given a Master of Arts degree by Wesleyan University; won his Ph. D. degree from Lafayette College in 1875, and held a D. D. degree from both Wesleyan and Syracuse universities.

From the union of the Copeland and Pringle families were born two daughters, Elizabeth Harvey Pringle, educated at Wilkes-Barre Institute; graduated from Wyoming Seminary in 1909; Vassar College in 1913, with the Bachelor of Arts degree, and Bertha Aldula Pringle, also educated at Wilkes-Barre Institute, graduate of Wyoming Seminary in 1912, and Vassar College in 1916, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Both daughters reside at No. 245 College Avenue, Kingston.

**CHARLES ERNEST BANKER**—Energetic, ambitious and successful, Charles E. Banker, a leading coal operator and dealer of Wilkes-Barre, is an example to all who would prove for themselves that taking advantage of opportunities to improve one's talents is sure to win the race in the pursuit of success. Mr. Banker is the son of the late Charles H. Banker, who died December 23, 1926, and Emma Banker, still living in Wilkes-Barre. Charles H. Banker was the son of Philip Banker, a well-known contractor and builder of Wilkes-Barre, who erected many of the churches, schools and other public buildings in and around this city. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Banker: 1. P. W., who has a drug store in Wilkes-Barre and also in Kingston, Pennsylvania. 2. Willamina, who is a trained nurse. 3. Martha, who is the wife of Norman Hoover of Wilkes-Barre. 4. Elizabeth, the wife of Fred. Lamereaux of Forty Fort, Luzerne County. 5. Charles Ernest, of whom further. 6. Elsie, the wife of Arthur E. Morgan of Wilkes-Barre. 7. George F. 8. Clara E., accountant for the various companies.

Charles Ernest Banker was born in the city of Wilkes-Barre, November 1, 1887. He grew up in his native city, where he attended the public schools and graduated from the high school in the class of 1904. After leaving school, he took a position as a clerk in the office of the Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre Coal Company, where he remained for ten years. After that time, he went into the mine operating side of the coal business and became a wholesale dealer in coal which he has continued with good success ever since. His field of activity is by no means confined to one locality, he is president of the Banker Coal Company and the Lehigh and Wyoming Valley Coal Company in the State of Pennsylvania, and president of the City Coal Company of Binghamton and Harnell, New York. Also he is vice-president of the Central Coal Company of Hazleton. When one considers that Mr. Banker began his business career without capital and his present holdings and operations are entirely the result of his personal efforts, it is easy to recognize why he is generally termed one of the leading men in this community. He is a member of Lodge No. 61, Free and Accepted Masons, Wilkes-Barre; Shkeshah Chapter, No. 82, Royal Arch Masons; Dieu le Veut Commandery, No. 45, Knights Templar; Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; Irem Temple Club; Wyoming Lodge, No. 39, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a member of the Franklin Club, United Sportsmen of Pennsylvania; the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce; the Pennsylvania State Chamber of Commerce and the United States Chamber of Commerce. He is a Republican in politics and member of the Lutheran Church.

On December 11, 1911, Charles Ernest Banker married Mabel Fregans, daughter of Frederick and Alice (Fell) Fregans, of Wilkes-Barre. They have three children: Alice F., Jane L., and Ernestine Clair.



Charles Ernest Banker









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**SAMUEL J. REYNOLDS**—Working for four years at the hard task of a breaker boy at the coal mines, when he was sixteen years of age Samuel J. Reynolds determined to make something of himself and undertook to learn carpentry. Industrious and intelligent, ambitious and frugal, keen witted and scrupulously honest, he could not fail in his quest for fortune, which has answered his demand by virtue of his hard work and unflinching devotion to a single cause. Honors have come to him because of his outstanding citizenship, wherein he has ever displayed the keenest interest in affairs of worthy concern to the people at large. He has been chosen for elective office by unanimous selection and in every case has so administered his posts that satisfaction has been widespread. He is a man of the people, a citizen of highest probity, a worker who has been a mighty power in the growth and development of Plymouth and the surrounding district of Pennsylvania.

He was born in Plymouth, August 13, 1879, a son of Samuel Reynolds, a native of England and a stationary engineer, who died in 1921, and of Mary (Hoskin) Reynolds, also English, whose death occurred in 1920. Samuel was educated in the public schools of Plymouth, leaving them at the age of twelve years to work on the coal breakers. When he was sixteen he began the practical study of carpentry, at the same time taking the contractor's and builder's course at the International Correspondence Schools, at Scranton. Completing this course in 1906, he formed a partnership with William M. Long and established a contracting and building business, which they continued together until 1914, in which year the association was severed and Mr. Reynolds has since operated independently, employing an average of twelve men. He is a Republican in politics and belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he is on the official board, as well as the building committee for the remodeling of the edifice. He was elected to membership in the City Council in 1922 and reelected without opposition in 1927 for a four-year term. He was the first and second vice-president of the Chamber of Commerce and on January 1, 1928, was elected to the presidency of that organization. Since 1920 he has been treasurer of Plymouth Fire Company, No. 1. His fraternal affiliations include the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Patriotic Order Sons of America, Junior Order United American Mechanics, Foresters of America, Lodge No. 2; Knights of Pythias, Radiant Lodge, No. 178; and the Kiwanis Club, of which he is a charter member. For two years just passed he has been chairman of the Crippled Children's Committee of the last named organization and had charge of the federation drive for Plymouth of the Kiwanis Club.

Samuel J. Reynolds married, December 24, 1906, Frankie Dodson, daughter of John and Jane Dodson, one of the pioneer families of Plymouth, Pennsylvania.

**EDGAR B. STRYKER**—In the active business life of Nanticoke, Edgar B. Stryker is one of the foremost leaders in his capacity as proprietor of the Buick Sales & Service Station, located at No. 20 West Broad Street, serving the needs and requirements of the motorists of this community as well as tourists and travelers in this section of the State. Mr. Stryker has achieved a splendid reputation for the superior service afforded by his garage and repair department and his establishment is well known by Pennsylvania autoists for its absolute dependability in both materials and supplies and the courteous manner in which all needs are attended. In promoting the progress and development of this community, he has been of invaluable assistance by creating a feeling of good-will and affability among the travelers stopping in this city who take away with them the most favorable impressions of this city and its people. He also served as a deputy sheriff in 1913-16.

Mr. Stryker was born in Neshanic, New Jersey, February 27, 1880, son of William and Mary (Agens) Stryker. William Stryker, who is now deceased, was a farmer for many years in Somerset County, New Jersey, and was a highly esteemed and respected member of his vicinity.

Edgar B. Stryker was educated in the public schools of New Jersey and grew to manhood on the family homestead. After finishing his formal education at Coleman's Business College, he embarked on his business career at the age of sixteen, and was connected with a grocery organization for two years, familiarizing himself with this enterprise and acquiring a thorough and excellent knowledge of business principles. Going to New York City, he was associated for three years with the firm of Jelliff, Wright & Company, after which he returned to

the old homestead and remained three years, assisting his father in agricultural pursuits. Returning to the grocery business, he continued in this line until 1916, when he came to Wilkes-Barre and accepted a position in the repair department of the automobile firm of Henderson & Cobb. His satisfactory service and expert knowledge caused him to progress rapidly until 1921, when he came to West Nanticoke and opened an independent garage, holding the agency for Buick cars, carrying on a large and prosperous business at that location for four years, being one of the west side's foremost men in commercial affairs. In August, 1925, Mr. Stryker moved to his present location in Nanticoke and ever since his opening of this modern and improved enterprise, he has been consistently successful, maintaining a public garage of the finest type, car storage in perfect safety and assurance, automobile salesrooms of a distinctive, attractive nature, and a service station that is unrivaled for quality workmanship and efficiency. The reputation of his repair department has spread throughout this vicinity and as a result he employs five men steadily in his branch of the business alone to care for the continual demand for prompt and perfect repairs. In his agency for the Buick automobiles, he covers the territory embracing Lower Asku, Hanover, Wanamie, Aldin, Glen Lyon, Huntcock's Creek, West Nanticoke to Avondale and Nanticoke. In the civic life of Nanticoke, Mr. Stryker takes a prominent part and can always be depended upon to aid by his influence and support every movement which has for its purpose the advancement or improvement of the town and its people. His popularity in fraternal associations is attested by his membership in Nanticoke Lodge, No. 541, Free and Accepted Masons; Keystone Consistory; and Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is an active member of the American Legion and during the World War saw considerable active service. Mr. Stryker enlisted in the United States Army, July, 1917, and was attached to the 312th Ammunition Train, 87th Division, spending three weeks at Camp Dix, after which, with his outfit, he sailed from Montreal, Canada, to Southampton, England, and thence to Le Havre, France, where they entrained for Bordeaux, France. He was stationed in France until after the Armistice, being mustered out of service in March, 1919.

Edgar B. Stryker married, May 30, 1917, May L. Rittenmeyer, of Wilkes-Barre, and they reside at 121 East Main Street, Nanticoke. They also have a summer home at Sylvian Lake. Mr. Stryker, although still a comparatively young man, has established a splendid position for himself in the commercial life of this section of Pennsylvania, and his career is a remarkable example of unflinching energy and constant striving to attain his desired goal.

**HARRY L. FREEMAN**—Long established as a general law practitioner in which he has made a most desirable and pleasing record in the courts of Luzerne County, Harry L. Freeman has attained distinction as a pleader and as a legal advisor, both in behalf of leading local financial institutions and the individual clientele. Honors have come to him mainly because of his personal and unaided effort to attain the best things in his profession, and because of his strict adherence to high principle and integrity of purpose.

Harry L. Freeman was born November 23, 1877, in Plymouth, a son of Leopold and Rosa (Steindler) Freeman, natives of Austria, the father dying November 3, 1914. Leopold Freeman came to the United States in 1865, and he enlisted in the United States Army for about one year. Coming to Wilkes-Barre in 1866, he removed to Plymouth in 1867, where he was employed in business for about forty-seven years. Mr. and Mrs. Freeman were the parents of twelve children: Alfred Freeman, a New York City architect; Harry L. Freeman, of whom further; Martha Freeman, who married Abram S. Galland, of Wilkes-Barre; Frances Freeman, who married the late Isadore Glou; Ida Freeman, deceased, married Arthur A. Caspar, deceased; Stella Freeman, married Harry Weis, of Sunbury, Pennsylvania; Stanley L. Freeman, M. D., a Wilkes-Barre physician; Jerome Freeman, a merchant of Bloomsburg; Sydney Freeman, a merchant at Wilkes-Barre; Kathryn Freeman, who resides in New York City; Miriam Freeman, married Dr. Julian Long, of Wilkes-Barre; Milton Freeman, deceased in childhood. Mrs. Freeman, who is seventy-two years old, has resided at Plymouth for the past fifty years.

Harry L. Freeman attended the Plymouth public schools, and was graduated at the Harry Hillman Academy in Wilkes-Barre. In 1900, he entered upon the

study of law in the offices of Judge Seligman J. Straus, and he was admitted to the Luzerne County Bar on January 6, 1902. Active in his profession for over a quarter of a century, Mr. Freeman is a member of the board of directors and is attorney for the Plymouth National Bank; he is attorney for the borough of Luzerne; a member of the Luzerne County Bar Association, and the Pennsylvania State Bar Association; and has practiced before the Superior and Supreme courts of Pennsylvania, and the Federal courts of the United States. In political matters, he votes an Independent ticket. He is director of the Chamber of Commerce of Plymouth and the Kiwanis Club of Plymouth.

Harry L. Freeman married, April 22, 1903, Mary Boyes, of Germantown, Pennsylvania, daughter of James and Mary (Keam) Boyes. Their children: Leo B. Freeman, a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania; now pursuing a medical course at the University of Pennsylvania Medical Graduate School; Dorothy R., a graduate at Cedar Crest College, at Allentown, Pennsylvania.

**ROBERT A. LENTZ**—One of the leading business men of Freeland, Pennsylvania, is Robert A. Lentz, proprietor of the extensive lumber yards situated at the foot of Washington Street. The business was founded in 1912, and has grown rapidly and steadily. Mr. Lentz has been a resident of Freeland since 1892, and is a carpenter by trade, but he has been engaged in contracting and building in this vicinity for more than thirty years. His practical experience as a carpenter fitted him for the management of his contracting and lumber business, and he also handles a full line of hardware. He is active in local affairs and is well known in fraternal circles.

Robert A. Lentz was born in Washington Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, December 9, 1867, son of Dr. and Mary (Fenstermacher) Lentz. He received his education in his native county, and then learned the carpenter's trade. In the spring of 1892, he came to Luzerne County, locating in Freeland, and here followed his trade. As time passed he engaged in contracting on his own account. He was successful as a contractor, and, realizing the advantages of handling his own lumber, he decided, after some twenty years of experience, to establish a lumber business and operate that in connection with his activities as a contractor and builder. Accordingly, in 1912, he began handling lumber in a small way, increasing the amount of stock carried as his patronage grew. His practical knowledge of the carpenter's trade added to his experience as a contracting builder enabled him to know most thoroughly the needs of those who purchase his line of goods in this locality, and success came to him in abundant measure. His plant is located at the foot of Washington Street, in Freeland, and from the small beginnings of his venture into this enterprise, his business has grown to proportions which require the use of his extensive yards covering 125 by 270 feet of ground space, upon which he has erected sheds for drying, storage, etc. He carries not only lumber but all kinds of building materials, including hardware, and for many years now has been one of the leading lumber establishments of Freeland. He has continued his operations as a building contractor, erecting all kinds of structures and giving employment to ten or twelve men. He has consistently limited his building operations to Freeland and vicinity, and here he has long ago established a reputation for excellent workmanship and for honest business dealings. While achieving marked success in his business, Mr. Lentz does not fail to find time for personal and active interest in the affairs of the borough. He has served as a member of the borough council, and is always ready to support any well planned project for the improvement of the place. He is a member of Lodge No. 1145, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; of Arbutus Lodge, No. 611, Free and Accepted Masons; also of Lehigh Consistory; and he holds membership in the Patriotic Order Sons of America and in the Junior Order United American Mechanics. His religious interest is with the Reformed Church of Freeland, of which he is a communicant and which he serves as a member of the official board.

Robert A. Lentz was married, August 13, 1891, to Lillian Mohr, of Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, daughter of Tilman Mohr, and they are the parents of ten children: 1. Mamie, wife of Harry Horrax, of Oakdale. 2. Charles, who is associated with his father in business; married Ruth Williams. 3. Harold, also with his father. 4. Edith. 5. Howard. 6. Ida. 7. Ferris. 8. Minerva. 9. Jennie. 10. Ruth. The family home is located at No. 926 West Walnut Street, in Freeland.

**JOSEPH P. BURKE, M. D.**, is of the third generation of the family in this country and in Pittston. His grandparents, both paternal and maternal, who established the family here, came from County Mayo, Ireland, a county which has contributed to this region through its emigrants and their descendants many of the most patriotic and valuable citizens. Oliver Burke, the doctor's paternal grandfather, married Barbara McDonald. His maternal grandparents were Peter and Julia Cowley.

Dr. Joseph P. Burke, one of a family of twelve children, was born in Pittston, March 22, 1883, son of Oliver E. and Julia (Cawley) Burke. He did his college preparatory work in local schools and then matriculated at Holy Cross College, Worcester, Massachusetts, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science. He then entered the Medical School of Georgetown University, and graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. Then to gain practical experience he served a period as interne in St. Joseph's Hospital, Paterson, New Jersey, and followed this by a term of service as house physician in Mercy Hospital, Wilkes-Barre. Thus equipped he began the private practice of his profession in Pittston in 1914. He was progressing at a very satisfactory rate when the United States entered the World War. Then, of course, he could do naught but set personal interests aside and enlist to fight the foes of democracy. On September 10, 1917, he entered the Medical Department of the 102d Infantry, 26th Division and sailed for France two days later. He participated in the Seicheprey defensive, St. Mihiel offensive, and Chavignon defensive. He was taken prisoner at the latter engagement on April 20, 1918, and held until after the signing of the Armistice. He was mustered out of the service in the spring of 1919 with the rank of lieutenant.

Dr. Burke is a member of the county and State medical societies and of the American Medical Association. He is a member of the staff of St. Mary's Keller Hospital. His fraternal memberships are in the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Columbus and Phi Beta Pi.

On June 25, 1920, Dr. Joseph P. Burke married Rose Conway of Scranton. They are members of St. John's Roman Catholic Church. Mrs. Burke is an active member of the Woman's Catholic Club and the Organists Guild of Scranton. The family residence is at 159 Philadelphia Avenue, West Pittston.

**THOMAS J. LEWIS**—Dignity of character, serious entertainment of progressive political questions, tireless industry and devotion to the best interests of his fellow-citizens have together contributed to the esteem in which Thomas J. Lewis, Burgess of Freeland, is held by the community. He has accepted office only when it sought him with convincing force and has administered his charge faithfully and efficiently, adding thereby to his already large circle of staunch friends. From boyhood he has mingled with men of action and industrious production and has from them absorbed the best knowledge that can be gained from such association, bringing it to bear in his labors in business and in civic activities with happy effect. A man whose life has been spent in hardy labor, he is naturally a leader in outdoor sports, an attribute that has brought to him the admiration and fealty of the younger element and thereby added supporters of his cause when he has been induced to enter the political lists as a nominee for office. Mr. Lewis is regarded by his fellow-citizens of the district in which he has long resided, as a worthy member of the body politic.

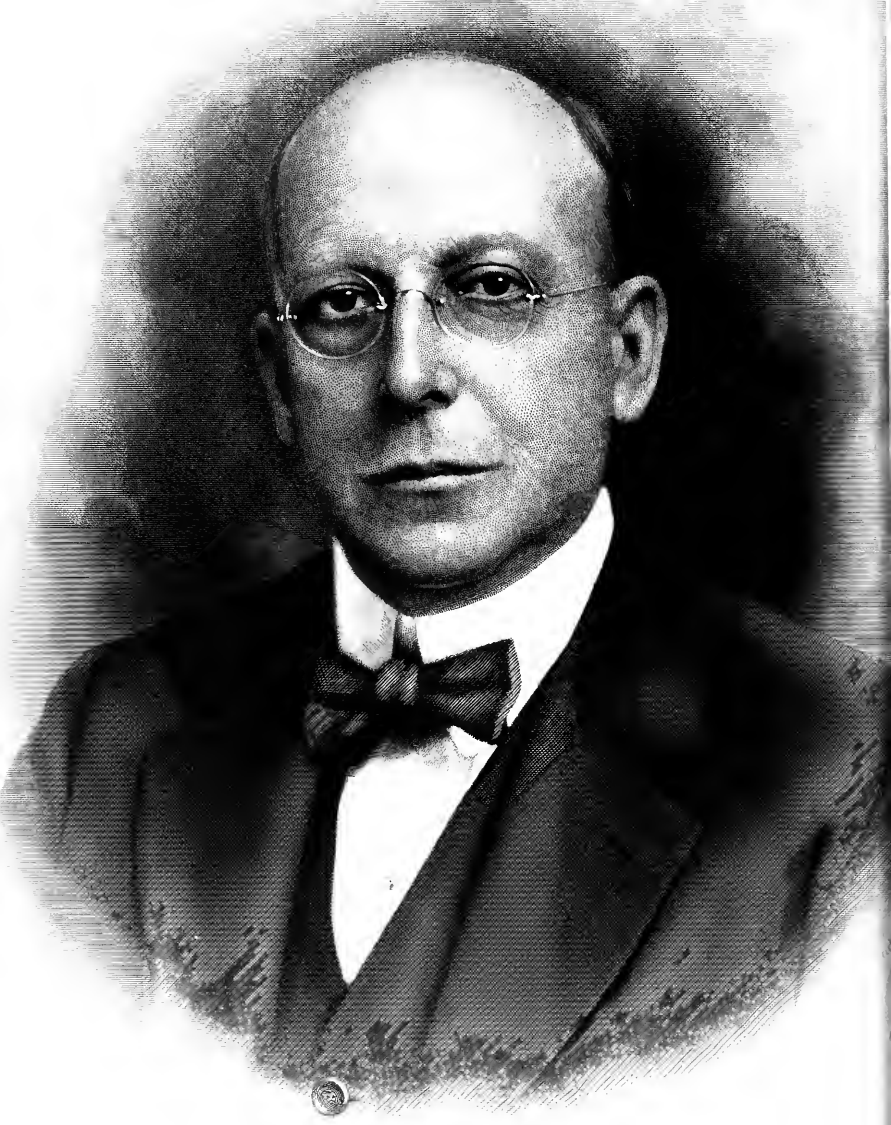
He was born in Wales, British Isles, August 4, 1865, a son of David and Anna (Harris) Lewis, and began working in the mines of his native land when he was twelve years of age, continuing until he was seventeen, when he emigrated to the United States and followed a natural path to the anthracite fields of Pennsylvania, locating in Freeland. Here he found employment in the Drifton shops of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company as a laborer. Fidelity to his employers brought reward and promotion came to him from grade to grade until he became foreman of the shops, a position he has held for years and which he has administered to the complete satisfaction of the company, as well as to his force of workers and his own personal credit. He was called to office as treasurer of Foster Township and later was elected Burgess of Freeland, which position he has filled since 1925, making an efficient administrator and justifying the confidence of the electorate that gave him an overwhelming majority at the election. He is a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles of Hazleton and attends the Baptist Church.



*Thomas J. Lewis*







*J. W. Kirby*



**BEV. A. G. LAFAJ**—The clergy of the Hazleton area accord to Father Lafaj the deepest of respect. Well trained for the priesthood, he gives to his charges the utmost of devotion, and carries the teachings of the Lord into the souls of his many parishioners. He is pastor of St. Stanislaus Polish Roman Catholic Church, at Carson and Eighth streets, Hazleton. Within the parish are four hundred and fifty families. Father Lafaj was born in Wilkes-Barre, June 3, 1897, son of George and Julia Lafaj. George Lafaj was a native of Poland, and came to this country as a young man. In Wilkes-Barre he worked as a miner through long years, until his death, in 1904.

Following graduation from school at Orchard Lake, Michigan, Father Lafaj studied at St. Mary's College, and continued his studies at St. Cynthia's Seminary, being ordained to the priesthood in 1921 by Bishop Hoban, in South Scranton. For fifteen months thereafter he was a curate at Dixon City, then took the pastorate of St. John's Church, at Exeter, where he remained eight months. Following this charge he was removed to St. Joseph's, at Morris Run, Tioga County. After four years and three months there he came to his present charge in Hazleton.

St. Stanislaus Roman Catholic Church (Polish) was established in 1891, through an amalgamation of Polish and Lithuanian peoples. It was founded by Rev. Bruno Dembinski, who stayed with the church until 1896. He was succeeded by Rev. Richard Aust, who held the charge until death came, in 1913. Rev. Aust was followed by Rev. Kowalczyk, during whose administration Rev. Tolpa was temporarily in executive place. Next was Rev. Nowak, who came to the parish when Father Kowalczyk retired from it in 1919. Rev. Nowak held the charge until July, 1925, being succeeded by Rev. V. S. Matuszewski, who gave way to Rev. W. Kwiatkowski. Father Kwiatkowski retired from the church in August, 1927; and it was then that Father Lafaj came to the Hazleton parish.

St. Stanislaus has a seating capacity of three hundred, and at the present time (this is written in 1928) erection of a new church and school is under process, at the same location. These will afford much needed facilities, as the parish has grown materially in membership. Father Lafaj administers to the needs of his parishioners with love and understanding. They turn to him at every occasion.

Father Lafaj is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, as member of Lodge No. 173, at Williamsport; and with the Knights of Columbus, Lodge No. 2161, at Blossburg. He takes pleasure in out-of-door relaxations and sports, being particularly fond of hunting and fishing. He is very well liked by all who know him, for he is genial, possessed of a wit that is pleasing and laughter that rings sincere.

**GEORGE PICKERING COOPER**—Though not yet thirty years of age George Pickering Cooper is president of three successful business organizations, all of which he organized and all of which are not only successful but are rapidly growing. Five years ago Mr. Cooper was associated with his father in business, but in 1923 he withdrew and since that time he has brought into existence and placed upon a solid foundation the Cooper Construction Company, the Cooper Crushed Stone Company, Inc., and the Plymouth Excavating Company, Inc., all of which he has served as chief executive since their organization, the first two in 1925, and in 1928 he completed the organization of the

Plymouth Excavating Company, Inc., of which he is to be president and manager. He was also the youngest district president which the Patriotic Order Sons of America had ever elected.

George Pickering Cooper was born in Plymouth, Pennsylvania, July 29, 1899, son of Ralph Cooper, a native of Bloomsburgh, Pennsylvania, who is engaged in business as a general contractor, and of Cora (Pickering) Cooper, who is a native of Plymouth, Pennsylvania. As a boy he attended the public schools here, graduating from the high school with the class of 1916, after which he took a commercial course in the Broadway High School. When his commercial training was finished he secured employment in the Ambrose West Knitting Mill, but after about a year in that connection he engaged in business for himself as a huckster, beginning in 1919 and continuing until 1921. In that year he became associated with his father in a general contracting and trucking business under the name of R. Cooper and Sons, and that partnership was continued until 1923, when Mr. Cooper withdrew and began contracting under his own name. Two years later, in 1925, he organized the Cooper Construction Company, also the Cooper Crushed Stone Company, Inc., and since that time he has been the efficient president of both companies. In 1928 he organized the Plymouth Excavating Company, Inc., and of this enterprise he is president and general manager. Thus it is that Mr. Cooper, at the age of twenty-nine, is at the head of three successful business enterprises, employing on an average of seventy men. His executive ability is recognized by his associates and his more than usual business ability is bringing him substantial rewards. As an administrator, he wins easily the cooperation and the earnest support of those with whom he works, and at the present time (1928) he has the honor of being the youngest chief executive of a district ever elected by any district of the Patriotic Order Sons of America. In this connection, as in his business administration, Mr. Cooper is a "live wire," and is an able leader of his group. In his political sympathies he is a Republican, and he is well known in the Masonic Order, being a member of Lodge No. 332, Free and Accepted Masons; of Dieu le Veut Commandery, Knights Templar; and of Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is an interested member of the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce, and his club is the Craftsmen's Club. His religious affiliation is with the Presbyterian Church.

George Pickering Cooper was married, in September, 1922, to Leona Evans, of Plymouth, Pennsylvania, daughter of John O. and Margaret Evans, and they have one daughter, Dorothy E., who was born in March, 1924. Their home is at No. 24 Girard Avenue, in Plymouth.

**FRED MORGAN KIRBY**—One of the principle factors in the financial and industrial circles of the Eastern States is Fred Morgan Kirby, vice-president and director of the F. W. Woolworth Company, which is a consolidation of the three hundred and eighteen stores of F. W. Woolworth & Company, one hundred and twelve stores of S. H. Knox & Company, ninety-six stores of F. M. Kirby & Company, fifteen stores of C. S. Woolworth, ten stores of E. P. Charlton, and two stores of W. H. Moore, a total of five hundred and fifty-three stores. Although his activities are country-wide, Mr. Kirby maintains his headquarters in the Miners' Bank Building, Wilkes-Barre, the scene of his first business

success. The story of the inception and development of the F. W. Woolworth Company, of which Mr. Kirby is one of the founders, is a story of a romance of American business, and shows what determination, aided by genius and ability, can accomplish.

Mr. Kirby was born in Brownville, Jefferson County, New York, October 30, 1861, the son of William and Angelina Elizabeth (Slater) Kirby, the father a native of New Brunswick, who sailed around Cape Horn in the days of "49," and took part in the gold rush of that adventurous era. For six years he remained in California and upon his return to Jefferson County engaged in agriculture. William Kirby was married in Hounsfield, Jefferson County, New York, April 8, 1858, to Angelina Elizabeth Slater, the daughter of Joseph and Zylpha (Morgan) Slater. They were the parents of two children, as follows: 1. Fred Morgan, of whom this is a record. 2. Charlotte Elizabeth, born June 5, 1869, near Stowell's Corners, Jefferson County, New York, died August 16, 1870, in Pamela, Jefferson County.

The early education of Mr. Kirby was obtained in the public schools of his community, and at the age of fourteen years he attended the high school at Watertown, Jefferson County. When about fifteen years of age, Mr. Kirby became a clerk in the dry goods store of Moore & Smith, at Watertown. Among his fellow-employees in this store were F. W. and C. S. Woolworth, both of whom were to become his associates in the operation of five-and-ten-cent stores. It was in the Moore & Smith establishment that the five-and-ten-cent store idea had its inception. A former resident of Watertown, who was the senior partner in the firm of Barrett & Goulding, of Port Huron, Michigan, while visiting the former city, mentioned that a firm in Michigan had experienced great success in getting rid of some slow-moving stock by putting up temporary counters and offering any article thereon at five cents. Mr. Moore was greatly impressed with the story and during the next "Fair Week," then the busiest part of the year in Watertown, he gave the idea a trial, with the result that he got rid of a lot of merchandise that had been for some time on his shelves. This was the circumstance that revealed the possibilities of the five-and-ten-cent system, and which eventually led nearly all the employees of the Moore & Smith store into the new field.

For eight years Mr. Kirby remained with the Moore & Smith concern and then, with his savings of five hundred dollars as his share of the capital, he formed a partnership with C. Sumner Woolworth, of Scranton, Lackawanna County. On September 1, 1884, the firm of Woolworth & Kirby opened its first five-and-ten-cent store at No. 172 East Market Street, Wilkes-Barre, in that part of the Hollenback Block owned by Edward Welles. This partnership lasted for three years, at the end of which time Mr. Kirby purchased Mr. Woolworth's interest. In the spring of 1888, Mr. Kirby took in his father as a partner and the business continued under the firm name of F. M. and W. Kirby. In 1892 they removed to a new location in the Derr Block, at the western corner of Market and Washington streets and, after the death of the elder Kirby, the firm name became F. M. Kirby & Company. After 1888, the expansion of the firm began with the founding throughout the country of stores similar to the Wilkes-Barre establishment, operating under the name of F. M. Kirby & Company. On January 12, 1910, the company that had

made such a humble beginning in 1884 was incorporated with a capital of three million dollars, which in the following month was increased to five millions. By the close of the year 1911, F. M. Kirby & Company owned and operated ninety-six stores, located in as many towns throughout the United States. On January 1, 1912, occurred the great merger of the five-and-ten-cent stores of the country. The consolidation was incorporated with a capital of sixty-five million dollars, the stores number over a thousand, and they have become a recognized National institution.

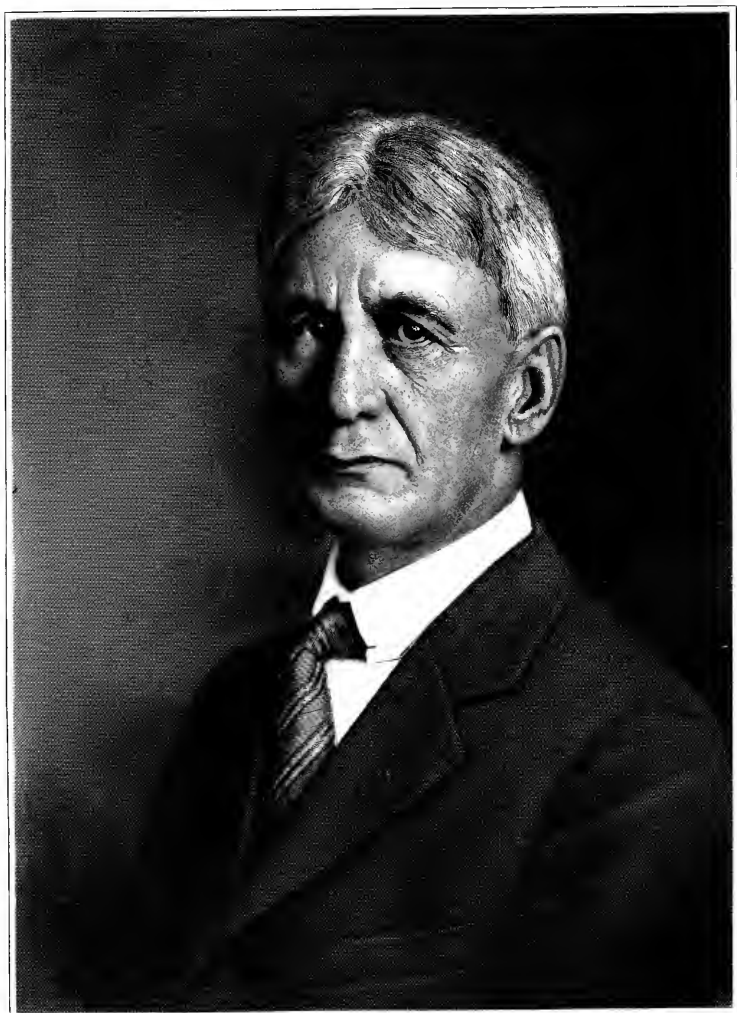
In addition to his interests in the five-and-ten-cent stores combination, of which, as stated, he is vice-president and director, Mr. Kirby was elected second vice-president of the Second National Bank of Wilkes-Barre, which post he held until his resignation in October, 1916. On November 3, 1909, he was elected a director of the Miners' Savings Bank, became first vice-president April 23, 1913, and succeeded to the presidency September 29, 1914, and is now chairman of the board. He is a director and executive committeeman of the Lehigh Valley Railroad; president of the Wilkes-Barre Railway Company; director of the United States Lumber Company, the Mississippi Central Railroad, and a trustee of the American Surety Company, of New York. In many Wilkes-Barre and Wyoming Valley enterprises Mr. Kirby was for a long time associated with Abram Nesbitt.

The residence of Mr. Kirby, at the corner of River and South streets, is located on a very historic spot. It is the site of a log house where Colonel Denison, who was next in command to Colonel Zebulon Butler at the battle of Wyoming, July 3, 1778, was married to Elizabeth Sill, the first marriage in the Wyoming Valley. Later, a large frame house was erected by Rosewell Welles, one of the four lawyers admitted to the bar on the foundation of the county and the organization of the courts. The present mansion was erected in 1873-74 by S. L. Thurlow and was occupied in 1875. The property changed hands several times before coming into the possession of Mr. Kirby, by whom it was remodeled into the present beautiful residence. The summer home of Mr. Kirby is a handsome stone structure located at Glen Summit Springs.

All the educational, charitable and philanthropic institutions of Wyoming Valley have the generous support of Mr. Kirby. He is a trustee of Lafayette College and of Wyoming Seminary; a director of the Wilkes-Barre City Hospital. Since 1899 he has been a vestryman of St. Stephen's Protestant Episcopal Church. His clubs include the Wyoming Valley Country Club, the Franklin, Press and Craftsmen's Clubs, all of Wilkes-Barre; the Concordia Society, of Wilkes-Barre; the Rocky Mountain, Hardware, Union League, Metropolitan, Recess and Bankers' clubs, of New York City; the Scranton Club, of Scranton, Pennsylvania; and the Hazleton Country Club, of Hazleton, Pennsylvania. He is affiliated with Watertown Lodge, No. 49, Free and Accepted Masons, of Watertown, New York; the Keystone Lodge of Perfection, and Irem Tempie, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

During the World War Mr. Kirby turned over to the United States Government his yacht, "Suzanne," a steel-hulled craft of one hundred and ten feet with a beam of seventeen and a half feet. This vessel Mr. Kirby turned over to the Government without cost for the duration of the war and it was used





*Wesley C. Woodruff*

in the coast patrol service as the "S. P. 510." His part in the five Liberty Loan drives was a most responsible one, while in the drives for the Red Cross and the organizations whose sphere was personal work among the soldiers and sailors, he gave most liberally of his time and his money.

On May 27, 1886, Mr. Kirby married Jessie Amelia Owen, born in Ogdenburg, New York, January 5, 1861, the daughter of James Congress and Huldah (Main) Owen. Mrs. Kirby is active in charitable and philanthropic work in Wilkes-Barre. Mr. and Mrs. Kirby were the parents of three children, as follows: 1. Harold, born July 6, 1888, died August 25, 1888. 2. Allan Price, born July 31, 1892; educated in the Harry Hillman Academy, Wyoming Seminary, Lawrenceville School, at Lawrenceville, New Jersey, Black Hall School, of Lyme, Connecticut, and Lafayette College; served in the United States Navy during the World War; vice-president and a director of the Second National Bank; married, February 14, 1918, Marion Grace Sutherland; has three children: Grace Jessie, born November 18, 1918; Fred Morgan, 2d, born November 23, 1919, and Anna Sutherland, born August 16, 1928. 3. Sumner Moore, born September 5, 1895; educated in the public schools, the Harry Hillman Academy and Cornell University; served in the United States Navy in the World War.

**ALLAN PRICE KIRBY**—Though a young man, Allan P. Kirby has been prepared for his present responsible position as president of The Kirby-Davis Company, Inc., by thorough academic training and by a diversified business experience. He is a graduate of Lafayette College, is known as an able and resourceful business man, and is one of the active and progressive citizens of Wilkes-Barre. The Kirby-Davis Company, Inc., are distributors of the Chrysler motor cars, with sales rooms and office at the corner of Market and Gates streets, in Kingston. Mr. Kirby, who lives in Wilkes-Barre, is also vice-president of the Second National Bank, of Wilkes-Barre, and is active in promoting the best interests of the city, serving as a trustee of the Wilkes-Barre Institute.

Allan P. Kirby was born in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, July 31, 1892, son of Fred Morgan and Jessie A. (Owen) Kirby, of Wilkes-Barre (q. v.). Mr. Kirby received his early education in the Harry Hillman Academy, at Kingston, and at Wyoming Seminary, at Kingston, and then prepared for college at Lawrenceville, New Jersey, and at Black Hall School. He then entered Lafayette College, at Easton, Pennsylvania, where he completed his course with graduation in 1915, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Science. After graduation from college Mr. Kirby entered the employ of the Bathurst Lumber Company, of Bathurst, New Brunswick, Canada. In 1915 he returned to Wilkes-Barre, where he engaged in the food packing business. In 1920 he was one of the organizers of The Kirby-Davis Company, Inc., of which he is president. The company distributes the Chrysler cars, his territory covering Luzerne, Columbia and Schuylkill counties, and is now (1929) one of the successful and well established business concerns of the city. Mr. Kirby enlisted May 18, 1917, in the United States Naval Reserve Force, serving until December, 1918, when he received his honorable discharge as boatswain. Along with his business interests Mr. Kirby has found time for civic and philanthropic work and for identification with various helpful organiza-

tions, as well as with fraternal organizations. He is a Republican in his political sympathies, and is interested in all that pertains to the welfare of Wilkes-Barre. As a trustee and treasurer of the Wilkes-Barre Institute and trustee and treasurer of the Angeline Elizabeth Kirby Health Center, he is rendering most efficient and valuable service. He is a director of the Wyoming Seminary, and member of Tau Chapter of Zeta Psi Fraternity. He is a member of Landmark Lodge, No. 442, Free and Accepted Masons; of Shekinah Chapter, No. 182, Royal Arch Masons; Dieu le Veut Commandery, No. 45, Knights Templar; Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Wilkes-Barre; and of Irem Temple Country Club. He is also a member of the Fox Hill Country Club, Hazleton Country Club, the Everglades Club, and Bath and Tennis Club, both of Palm Beach, Florida; the Union League, of Philadelphia; the Westmoreland Club, at Wilkes-Barre; Wyoming Valley Country Club, North Mountain Club, and of other organizations. His religious membership is with St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, of Wilkes-Barre, and vestryman of the Bethesda by the Sea Episcopal Church of Palm Beach, Florida.

Allan P. Kirby married, February 14, 1918, Marion G. Sutherland, of West Pittston, Pennsylvania, daughter of W. C. and Grace (Klotz) Sutherland. Mr. and Mrs. Kirby are the parents of three children: Grace Jessie, Fred Morgan, and Ann Sutherland. The family home is at Glen Summit Springs, Pennsylvania.

**WESLEY ELLSWORTH WOODRUFF**, of Wilkes-Barre, was born at Salem, Pennsylvania, son of Rev. Dr. James Oscar and Eliza (Townley) Woodruff. Matthew Woodruff came from Surrey, England, to the Massachusetts Bay Colony soon after 1639, with the company headed by Elder Thomas Hooker. Most of them went to Connecticut and were among the early settlers of Hartford and Saybrook. The family was identified through succeeding generations in Connecticut, notably at Litchfield where the name has been known continually from the earliest days to the present. Others of the same descent ventured to Long Island and North Jersey. Thomas Woodruff of Connecticut Farms, New Jersey, was a minute-man during the Revolution and saw service in that area. His native village was devastated in Knyphausen's raid following the Battle of Springfield, which latter struggle has been immortalized by Bret Harte. Thomas Woodruff's son David Woodruff, married Mary C. Davis, of Westfield, and they had several children. Among these, Wesley V., who served five years with Sherman's army during the Civil War and became lieutenant of infantry. Another, Jacob Woodruff, was first a clergyman, and afterward physician.

Rev. Dr. James O. Woodruff, father of the present subject, and another son of David and Mary C. (Davis) Woodruff, was for nearly forty years a member of the Wyoming Conference of the Methodist Church, and held some of its most important posts. He was several years secretary of the Board of Trustees of Wyoming Seminary and during his pastorate in Wilkes-Barre, the present First Methodist Episcopal Church on North Franklin Street was built. He was given the degree of Doctor of Divinity by Wesleyan University in 1886, and was recognized as among the gifted preachers of his generation, a student, and a man of unusual executive ability, and of strong personality. At the

time of his death he was presiding elder of the Binghamton District Wyoming Conference.

On the maternal side, Mr. Woodruff's mother, Eliza Townley, was descended from an English ancestor who came to New Jersey around 1725. The Townley descendants of Union and Essex counties had a prominent part in the Revolution, and there were several officers of the line among them, as noted in a published Townley genealogy. Their liberal representation in military affairs continued through the Civil War days. Two of the collateral kindred were killed at the Bloody Angle, Gettysburg, near the spot where Lieutenant Woodruff, a West Pointer and commander of a battery, was killed in the artillery duel preceding Pickett's charge.

Wesley Ellsworth Woodruff prepared for college at Wyoming Seminary and was graduated from Wesleyan University with special honors in history. Later the same institution gave him the degree of Master of Arts. After college he was city editor of the Wilkes-Barre "Record," then city editor of the "Leader," and then editor of the "News." He was admitted to the Bar of Luzerne County in 1905; became editor of the "Luzerne Legal Register," and in 1920, secretary of the Wilkes-Barre Law and Library Association. His legal activity has been almost altogether the editing of law reports. Through the years Mr. Woodruff has kept up his newspaper work, editorial, free lance, and musical criticism, and has been for a number of years associate editor of the "Times-Leader" of Wilkes-Barre. His music writings have found place in many of the musical journals of the country and his critiques have been quoted widely. As avocation, he has been known as a public speaker and lecturer on historical and literary topics. His affiliations have been with the Delta Kappa Epsilon college fraternity; Sons of the Revolution; for many years member of the Westmoreland Club; charter member of the Wyoming Valley Country Club, sometime member of the Elks and Masons; of the Board of the United Charities, and historiographer of the Wyoming Historical and Geological Society. In 1926 he was given the degree of Doctor of Literature by Susquehanna University, and in 1928 was made a member of the Alumni Council of Wesleyan University. As chairman of the music committee, Sesqui-Centennial of the Battle of Wyoming, 1928, he selected a large part of the music program, organized and directed the chorus of 1,000 at the preliminary massing of the choirs, and directed the Echo Chorus of the pageant.

Mr. Woodruff married, in 1905, Mary Caroline Davis of Youkers, New York, a graduate of Vassar College. Mr. Woodruff has two sisters, both in the far West, and a brother, Oscar Abbott Woodruff, of the Controllers' Division, Metropolitan Life Insurance Company.

**CAMILLUS A. ROGAN**—Following the example of many other members of his profession, Camillus A. Rogan, attorney at law of Hazleton, used teaching as a stepping-stone to eventual success in legal practice, having taught school at various periods in order to obtain money to complete his law studies. Despite the fact that his period of training was interrupted at a most vital period, Mr. Rogan has become one of the conspicuous members of his profession in this town, although still a very young man, yet in his thirties. Mr. Rogan was born July 6, 1894,

at Freeland, Pennsylvania, son of John and Hannah Rogan, who reside at Freeland. John Rogan has followed the arduous life of a miner throughout his life. He was born in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, which has since been the scene of his endeavors.

Camillus A. Rogan received his elementary education in the parochial schools of Freeland. A young man possessed of ambition, he then entered East Stroudsburg State Normal School, which graduated him in 1912. Seeking higher education, he matriculated at Duquesne University, and was given his degree of Bachelor of Arts by this institution in 1926, and later, in 1927, this university honored him with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. In the meantime, however, Mr. Rogan had taught in the Freeland schools for two years, from 1912-14, and from 1914-17 was a teacher at Carrolltown, Pennsylvania. A few months after the entrance of the United States into the World War, Mr. Rogan entered the service, being attached to Battery D, 314th Field Artillery. Going overseas, he participated in the several major engagements, among them being Saint Mihiel and the Argonne Offensive. Having acquitted himself most valorously on behalf of his country, he received his honorable discharge June 7, 1919, holding a corporal's warrant at that time. He immediately returned to Carrolltown and resumed teaching, which was to occupy him until 1923, the year he entered Duquesne University, combining his study of law with teaching, however, and was a teacher in the preparatory department. It was on September 12, 1917, that Mr. Rogan was admitted to the bar of Luzerne County, and he established his office at Hazleton, where he has since conducted a general practice, rapidly attaining prominence among his conferees and participating in various civic projects with enthusiasm.

Mr. Rogan recalls his soldier days through his membership in Hazleton Post No. 76, American Legion, and has been one of the most vital factors in the many achievements of this post's Americanization work. A devoted Catholic, he attends St. Gabriel's Roman Catholic Church, and expedites the work of the local Knights of Columbus organization. Mr. Rogan married, August 16, 1922, Othella Thomas, daughter of C. J. and Sylvania (Dishardt) Thomas, of Carrolltown, and the children of this marriage are: Camilla Marie, Thomas Patrick, and Paul Joseph. The Rogan family resides at No. 620 West Twelfth Street, Hazleton, while Mr. Rogan has his office in the Markle Building, Hazleton.

**GEORGE R. DRAKE, M. D.**—With the interests of his community ever in mind, Dr. George R. Drake, of Plymouth, is active in all public affairs, a leader in various civic endeavors and in addition, one of this section's foremost physicians, having conducted a large and steadily expanding medical practice since coming to this town in 1907. Dr. Drake is a true follower of this most merciful profession, devoting himself unselfishly to the aid of his fellowmen, working untiringly for the alleviation of the suffering and the restoration to health of his patients. In matters concerning public health, he is frequently consulted, while in the realm of medical science he is prominently identified among the leaders of his profession, being a constant and careful student and keeping abreast of every new discovery brought to light, making use of the most modern and progressive methods which have been demonstrated as valuable acquisitions towards medical advancement. In local activities, Dr. Drake is an active factor in





Portrait of Richard Pethawing

*Richard Pethawing*



financial affairs besides taking a deep interest in educational and athletic endeavors.

Dr. Drake was born in Bristol, Vermont, February 24, 1879, son of Warner T. Drake, born in 1834, and died in 1915, and Eleanor (Roberts) Drake, born in 1842, died in 1906, both of whom were natives of Bristol, Vermont. Warner T. Drake was engaged in agriculture all his life.

George R. Drake was educated in the public schools of his native town and after high school, from which he was graduated in 1898, he entered Middlebury College at Middlebury, Vermont, receiving his degree of Bachelor of Arts with the class of 1902. He then decided to study medicine and entered the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, and applied himself to the arduous studies necessary for this profession, graduating with the class of 1906 and receiving his degree of Doctor of Medicine. He served his internship at the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital for a year, and in 1907 came to Plymouth and opened an office for general medical practice. He immediately made many friends by his courteous manner, considerate treatment and expert medical and surgical skill and his practice grew and extended to embrace a large area in and about this town. Dr. Drake's estimable qualities and remarkable ability soon brought him deserved recognition with the result that he was elected to the staff of the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital, in which capacity he still continues. Maintaining a deep interest in the rising generation, he has served as coach of the football team of the local high school since 1910, and has been a splendid guiding influence to the boys under his direction. He is a director of the Plymouth National Bank and his fraternal connections are with the Chi Psi Fraternity at Middlebury College, Vermont, the Knights of Pythias, the Kiwanis Club, and the Wyoming Valley Country Club. In his religious adherence, he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In the organizations connected with his profession he is prominently identified with the Luzerne County, Pennsylvania State and American Medical associations, and in 1927 had the honor to serve as president of the Luzerne County Medical Society. He is one of the trustees of Middlebury College at Middlebury, Vermont. His political principles are those of the Republican party of which he is a staunch supporter. While studying at the University of Pennsylvania, Dr. Drake achieved a distinguished place in athletic circles by his glorious achievements as a member of the varsity football team on which he played end.

Dr. George R. Drake married, in 1907, Frances Gertrude Crane, of Philadelphia, daughter of John and Margaret Crane, and to this union has been born one son, George R., Jr., born April 3, 1917. His professional offices are located at No. 135 West Main Street, Plymouth.

**RICHARD TRETAWAY**—For many years Richard Trethaway has occupied an important place in the industrial life of Wilkes-Barre, his native city. Before 1918, he achieved distinction for his careful handling of the affairs of Trethaway Brothers, manufacturers of all kinds of tin and metal ware, of which he was president and part owner; and as a director of the Union Savings Bank and Trust Company and the Industrial Loan Company, both of Wilkes-Barre, he is maintaining the reputation for splendid accomplishment and fair dealing which so long has been his.

His father, James Trethaway, a native of

England, is now deceased; while his mother, Martha (Pascoe) Trethaway, also of England, is likewise deceased. They were the parents of nine children: 1. Ella, the wife of George R. Sallor, of Scranton, Pennsylvania. 2. James, deceased. 3. Richard, of further mention. 4. Thomas, deceased. 5. William H., of Kingston, Pennsylvania. 6. Joseph, of Wilkes-Barre. 7. John, of Wilkes-Barre. 8. Charles, deceased. 9. Bertha M., of Wilkes-Barre.

Richard Trethaway was born on January 21, 1868, in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. He attended the public schools of this city, and when seventeen years old began to learn the machinist's trade, having become an apprentice in this sort of work with the Dickson Manufacturing Company, of Wilkes-Barre, on May 1, 1883, and having remained with this firm until 1888, when he was employed for one year in Cincinnati, Ohio. Then he was in the employ of the Vulcan Iron Works for about four years. And, in 1894, he formed a partnership with his brothers, William H., Joseph, John, and Charles Trethaway, for which the name Trethaway Brothers was adopted. This firm immediately began the manufacture of metal ware; and from the very start, it made rapid progress, until it came at length to employ about five hundred persons. But when fire destroyed the building, machinery, and stock on April 25, 1918, it was considered inadvisable to rebuild. Richard Trethaway decided, instead, to enter the business of printing, binding, and lithographing; and he was president of the Raeder Company, which was later sold and he is now retired from active business.

At all times Mr. Trethaway has taken an active part in the public life of his community, and has shown himself ready and willing to support any movement which he has believed would bring certain and lasting benefits to Wilkes-Barre and vicinity. He was vice-president of the Luzerne County branch of the Pennsylvania Manufacturers' Association; he is a director and vice-president of the Wilkes-Barre City School Board, to which position he was elected in November, 1925, for a six-year term; and a director of the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital. In his political alignments, he is a member of the Republican party. He is a member of the Knights of Malta, the Franklin Club, and the Wilkes-Barre Rotary Club, and the Wilkes-Barre-Wyoming Valley Chamber of Commerce. He is a member and a trustee of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, of Wilkes-Barre.

On May 13, 1891, Mr. Trethaway married Annie Wallace, a daughter of George and Ellen Wallace, of Wilkes-Barre. Mr. and Mrs. Trethaway are the parents of two children: 1. Mabel, who is the wife of E. P. Dietrick, of Scranton, Pennsylvania, by which marriage there are three children, Marion, Dorris and Frank E. 2. Robert C., publisher of the Printing Equipment Coöperative Catalogue, and one of the coming men of importance in this community. He married Eleanor Kirkendall, of Wilkes-Barre, and they have two children, Richard and Cordella. Mr. Trethaway resides at No. 12 Riverside Drive, Wilkes-Barre.

**JAMES SHAW CRAWFORD**—Postmaster of Freeland since 1922, originally appointed by President Warren G. Harding, James Shaw Crawford, although a native of Pennsylvania, spent many years of his life in the southwest. He assisted in constructing one of the best known transcontinental railroads in the United States, and at another time was a locomotive engineer. His public serv-

ice has included many offices of trust in this community and he is well and favorably known in various walks of life throughout Luzerne County.

Mr. Crawford was born September 30, 1866, son of David and Isabel (Shaw) Crawford, at Eckley, Pennsylvania, both parents natives of Belfast, Ireland. David Crawford, during the early portion of his mature life, was a sea captain, and later became a pattern-maker. He entered the Civil War, being attached to Company K, 81st Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers. He was transferred to the Signal Corps, and received severe wounds in battle. At the close of the Civil War, like many other veterans of this conflict, he migrated to the southwest with the intention of engaging in agriculture. However, he became interested in railroad building after having taken up a soldier's claim, and was made foreman of track layers working on the Santa Fé Railroad. His homestead was located in Southeastern Kansas. He died March 8, 1882, in Arizona, and was buried near the Old Mexico boundary, by his son, an Indian, and a Mexican. David Crawford now (1928) is survived by his widow.

James Shaw Crawford went west with his parents in 1871. He had studied in the public schools of his native district and had attended a mechanical training institute at Freeland, also had studied at night schools. As a young boy he drove a scraper team for the Santa Fé Railroad, having assisted in laying the tracks for this transportation line from Benson, Arizona, to the Old Mexico boundary. Later he was similarly occupied on the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railroad, working with this corporation from Wichita, Kansas, through the Indian Territory (now a part of Oklahoma). He later returned to Larned, Kansas, the family homestead. In 1883, at the age of seventeen, James S. Crawford came back to Luzerne County and located at Drifton, where he was employed by Cox, Miller & Company, working in the machine shops as a blacksmith. Eventually he became a fireman on the Delaware, Susquehanna & Schuylkill Railroad, and for nine years was a locomotive engineer, his "run" being from Hazleton, Pennsylvania, to Perth Amboy, New Jersey. In 1904, he returned to Drifton and was employed as a blacksmith in the shops of the Lehigh Railroad, being so occupied until August 30, 1922, when he was appointed postmaster at Freeland, this appointment coming through the influence of Congressman Clarence D. Coughlan. On January 1, 1927, Mr. Crawford was reappointed by President Coolidge, this appointment being effected through the influence of Congressman Carpenter. Freeland has had few postmasters as efficient as Mr. Crawford, and in his conduct and supervision of the local post office he has gained and held the respect and admiration of his constituents.

A staunch supporter of the Republican party, its principles and its candidates, Mr. Crawford has exercised great influence in the affairs of this political division, as has been illustrated by his close friendships with prominent public officials of Pennsylvania. He also has taken interest in local political affairs, having been treasurer of Freeland Borough Council, in 1905; in 1906 was elected to the Freeland Borough Council, Second Ward; 1916, again elected councilman from the Third Ward, and in 1920 chosen from this same ward as councilman. He was also a director of the Freeland Building and Loan in 1923. Every movement designed for the benefit of his community has received his generous support, and fraternal, social, and

religious institutions value him highly on their rolls. He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Freeland Fishing Club, the James G. Brookmire Camp, No. 188, Sons of Veterans of the Civil War, and the Presbyterian Church.

James Shaw Crawford married, October 3, 1894, Sophie Hart, of Highland, daughter of James and Sophia (Buck) Hart. Their children: 1. Charles William, resides in the South; is a machinist; served in the Ordnance Department during the World War. 2. James, deceased. 3. Edward Cunningham, born in 1898, died in 1920 at the age of twenty-two years. The armistice was signed shortly after he took the oath in the military service during the World War. 4. Ethel, now deceased; married Adair Renshaw, and they had a child: Ruth, now being reared by her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Crawford. The Crawfords reside at No. 1021 Center Street, Freeland.

**HENRY LEES**—When he first located in Plymouth, sixty-six years ago, it was as an unknown youth from a foreign land. Today, Henry Lees is one of its oldest citizens—both in point of years and of residence—and a highly respected leader in the borough. At the age of eighty-seven, still vigorous mentally and physically, and at the head of an important financial institution, he stands as an inspiring example of how success—using the term not merely in a financial sense, but in its broadest signification—may be achieved. And because of the helpful light that this narrative of Mr. Lees' career may shed upon the path of young readers of this volume, the biographer is taking the liberty of pointing out some of the factors that have contributed toward placing Mr. Lees in the enviable position he occupies. Of course, the qualities and attributes to be mentioned have been observed and known to two generations in Plymouth, and it is the just recognition of these personal characteristics by his contemporaries that has won for him the high esteem in which he is so generally held. When young Lees went to work in the mines away back in 1862, he was, to all outward appearances, just one of a lot of unimportant laborers; and he owes his rise from that humble station in life to no influence of friend or freak of fortune, but to his own intelligently directed industry, thrift, correct habits, straightforward dealings in every relation of life and genuine interest in the welfare of his fellowmen. He has proven that in thinking first of service to others the individual finds he also best serves himself.

Henry Lees was born in Somercotes, England, February 14, 1841, son of George and Anna (Ashley) Lees. His lineage, both paternal and maternal, is of that old substantial, industrious and right-living English stock from which came such a large proportion of the founders of this Nation and which have been such welcome additions to our population from Colonial days to the present time. When Henry Lees came to America, in 1862, he went to work in the mines in Plymouth. But he was young, and had not been here long before he began to hear wonderful tales of the vast West. Adventurous in spirit, confident of his ability to take care of himself in any circumstances, he yielded to the lure and went to Helena, Montana. In those days the West was, indeed, "wild and woolly." What he saw and experienced during the five years he worked in the mines out there would make interesting reading; for they belong to a period in





*Harry O. Adams*

American history that even now is legendary. But he did not lose his head, though the temptations were great for a bold vigorous youth. Keeping in mind his goal, he worked hard, saved his earnings when others were scattering theirs to the four winds, their characters going with their money, and when Mr. Lees returned to Plymouth at the end of the period mentioned, he brought with him sufficient capital to establish himself in business as a merchant. From a modest beginning he developed a large and prosperous business by studying the needs of the community, through careful buying so as to be able to give his customers the greatest value possible for their money and by unflinching courtesy. He handled men's clothing and furnishings and did merchant tailoring and by the methods mentioned built up a reputation that extended far beyond the confines of the borough of Plymouth. In the spring of 1903, having reached the age of sixty-two and acquired a competence that made the comfort of his remaining years secure, he retired from active business to the enjoyment of a well-earned leisure. But idleness could find no place in his life. The previous spring he had been elected a director of the First National Bank of Plymouth, and he had not been long out of business until he was drafted to serve as vice-president of the bank. He remained in that office until 1915, when he was elected president and has held that position ever since. His wide acquaintance, his sound judgment, his broad experience in business and with men and the universal confidence of the community in him as a financier and as a man all contribute to make him the ideal as chief executive of such a financial institution. Mr. Lees is a Republican, but has never sought political preferment. However, in a quiet way, he has always taken his share of the burden as a Christian patriot in promoting the welfare of the borough in every way in his power. He is a member of Plymouth Lodge, No. 332, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons and of Shawnee Chapter, Royal Arch Masons. He is a member of the Men's Club and an elder in the Presbyterian Church.

Henry Lees married Lorinda Davenport, born in Plymouth, October 12, 1838, daughter of Oliver and Lydia (Ransom) Davenport. Mrs. Lees died in 1915. Both the Ransom and the Davenport families trace back to an early date in New England history. Samuel Ransom, who established this family in America, was born in or near Ipswich, England, about 1737. His marriage to Esther Lawrence on May 5, 1756, is recorded in Canaan, Litchfield County, Connecticut. She was born in Windham County, that State, about 1739. She survived her husband and married Captain James Bidlack, senior, and returned with him to Norfolk, Connecticut, where she died in August, 1794. Samuel Ransom was a soldier in one of the Connecticut battalions during the French and Indian War. His name first appears in Wyoming records under date of October 2, 1773, when he purchased of John Ransom "Lower tier lot No. 10" in Plymouth Township, Wyoming Valley. He removed there from Canaan about this time with his family and was admitted an inhabitant. On March 2, 1774, he was selectman of Westmoreland (Wyoming), and surveyor of highways and the next year was constable of the town. In August, 1776, he hauled the first log for the erection of Fort Shawnee. At this time he was captain of the 3d Company, 24th Regular Connecticut Militia, having received his commission in the previous October. He gave up his command of the militia when he

was commissioned captain in the Continental service on August 26, 1776, and with Captain Durkee began to raise the two Wyoming independent companies.

Captain Ransom and his men were with Washington in the campaign of 1777 at Bound Brook, Mud Creek, Brandywine, Germantown and other points and went into winter quarters at Valley Forge. He hastened back to Wyoming the following May and participated in all the events preceding and during the battle. Early in the fight he was wounded in the thigh. He was left on the field and fell into the hands of the enemy. Later, when the bodies of slain Americans were gathered for burial, Captain Ransom's body, covered with gashes and with the head severed from it, was found near the ruins of Fort Wintermoot. After the battle his widow fled with her children to Delaware but returned with her family to Plymouth early in 1780.

George Palmer Ransom, third child and second son of Captain Samuel and Esther (Lawrence) Ransom, was born in Canaan, January 3, 1762 and died in Plymouth, Pennsylvania, September 5, 1850. He was twice married, his second wife, (through whom this line descends) whom he married January 9, 1794, was Elizabeth Lamoreux, born October 18, (or 25), 1776, and died August 27, 1859.

Their sixth child was Lydia Ransom, born in Plymouth, January 9, 1804 and died there July 20, 1872. In that town she married, July 4, 1840, Oliver Davenport. Their daughter Lorinda married Henry Lees, as already stated.

Henry and Lorinda (Davenport) Lees had one child, Rush Oliver Lees, born in Plymouth, December 15, 1873. He was educated in the public schools of his native town and Wyoming Seminary at Kingston. After graduation from Harvard Medical School he served as interne in the Massachusetts General Hospital and was connected with the hospital at Fittston for a year and a half. This was followed by a period in the great institutions of Vienna where he was a student under the world-famous Dr. Lorenz. Upon his return to this country, Dr. Lees settled in Utica, New York, and established himself as a specialist in diseases of the nose and throat. He married Margarita Van Ness, and they have a daughter, Norma Lees, who is a graduate of Bennett's College, near Schenectady, New York.

**HARRY D. ADAMY**—Starting as a messenger boy in the Wyoming National Bank, of Wilkes-Barre, when he was twenty years of age, leaving that occupation to accept a clerkship in the offices of the Lazarus Brothers, at a very small wage a week, in fourteen years Harry D. Adamy has risen to be vice-president and general manager of that commercial organization. He is also president and treasurer of the Merchants' Gold Stamp Company, of Wilkes-Barre. Sheer merit alone advanced this young man to the business eminence he occupies, a position in which he has made a great circle of friends, by reason of his high character, business ability, and pleasing personality.

Harry D. Adamy was born in Sayre, Pennsylvania, October 31, 1892, a son of Walter A. and Ruby E. (Smith) Adamy, both of whom now reside in Johnson City, New York. The father is a successful contractor. There were six sons of this marriage, Harry D. being the second. His brother Owen died at the age of twenty-one years, while in the service of the New York State National Guard during the World War. Another brother,

Basil Earl, is associated with the firm of which Harry D. is vice-president.

Harry D. Adamy was brought by his parents to Wilkes-Barre in 1908, and here was educated in the public schools, graduating from the high school, and afterward taking a post-graduate course in the same institution. He followed this with a business course at Wyoming Seminary, Kingston, Pennsylvania. In 1912 he accepted a position with the Wyoming National Bank, later coming to the company with which he since has been associated. The Wilkes-Barre Dry Goods Company has made great strides in the field, and now holds a commanding position in the trade of the region. It was originally Lazarus Brothers, now incorporated under the name of the Wilkes-Barre Dry Goods Company, located in South Main Street, Wilkes-Barre. Increasing business has compelled enlargement of store space, this being accomplished by the erection of its own building at Nos. 57 and 59 South Main Street, and at Nos. 14 and 17 West Northampton Street, where there are three floors and basement, with a total area of 60,000 square feet. The building is one of the most modern in Wilkes-Barre, with extensive windows for display and every facility for the efficient transaction of its ever growing business.

Harry D. Adamy is a Republican in politics, and a member of the Grace Protestant Episcopal Church, of Kingston, Pennsylvania. He is a member of the Board of Directors of Georgetown Settlement and a director and member of the Executive Board of the American Red Cross. He belongs to the Rotary Club of Wilkes-Barre, of which has been a director and vice-president; is vice-president and director of the Wilkes-Barre-Wyoming Valley Chamber of Commerce, also member of the Executive Board; a member of the Franklin Club, Wyoming Valley Country Club, and the Craftsmen's Club. His fraternal affiliations are with Kingston Lodge, No. 395, Free and Accepted Masons; Shekinah Chapter, No. 182, Royal Arch Masons; Dieu le Veut Commandery, No. 45, Knights Templar; and Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, also holding membership in the Shrine Country Club.

Mr. Adamy married, August 10, 1912, Elsie May Haslam, daughter of Arthur Willis and Emma (Knowles) Haslam, of Wilkes-Barre, both deceased.

**SECOND NATIONAL BANK OF WILKES-BARRE**—During the year 1862 it became apparent that, if this Government were to emerge victorious from the Civil War, all the available resources of the Nation must be used. The Government was hampered in all its financial operations by the lack of a stable currency and a satisfactory basis of credit. President Lincoln in his message of January 17, 1863, urged Congress to adopt the National Banking Act which provided for a currency based upon the pledge and credit of the Government. On February 25, 1863, this act became a law and by the prompt organization of National Banks throughout the North, the people were able to come to the aid of the Government by buying its bonds and sustaining its credit. As a result the Government was enabled to prosecute the war with renewed vigor and the Union was preserved.

On September 19, 1863, a group of men met in the office of Messrs. Hoyt and Loveland, lawyers in the city of Wilkes-Barre, and signed the Articles of Association and subscribed for the stock of the Second National

Bank of Wilkes-Barre, Pa. These signers and subscribers were: Thomas F. Atherton, Abram Nesbitt, Charles Parrish, Samuel Hoyt, Lazarus D. Shoemaker, Benjamin F. Pfouts, M. L. Everitt, George Coray, William C. Reynolds, John Sharpe, Jr., Abram H. Reynolds, Isaac Everitt and William S. Ross. The bank was chartered and on December 3, 1863, was opened for business, being the one hundred and fourth organized under the act of Congress. Thomas F. Atherton and M. L. Everitt were elected president and cashier respectively. The first board of directors consisted of the following: Thomas F. Atherton, George Coray, M. L. Everitt, Samuel Hoyt, Abram Nesbitt, A. H. Reynolds and John Sharpe, Jr. These men were favorably known throughout the valley for their integrity and responsibility, and the institution immediately won the confidence of the public and started auspiciously on its successful career.

The bank began business in what was then known as the Chahoon Building, on West Market Street, in the room now occupied by Jordan & Son. In 1864 larger quarters were secured in the Anthracite Building of J. W. Hollenback on West Market Street near River. These quarters were occupied until May, 1870. From that time until February 29, 1908, the bank occupied the building on the northwest corner of Franklin and Market streets, now occupied by the Dime Deposit Bank. On February 29, 1908, the bank moved into its present home on the northeast corner of Franklin and Market streets.

The Second National Bank was capitalized at \$100,000 at the time of its organization. This was increased to \$200,000 in December, 1863. On June 30, 1864, the capital was increased to \$400,000. On July 2, 1868, a further increase of \$50,000 on an October 16, 1906, another increase of \$50,000 was made. In 1922 the capital was increased to \$1,000,000 and the surplus to \$2,000,000.

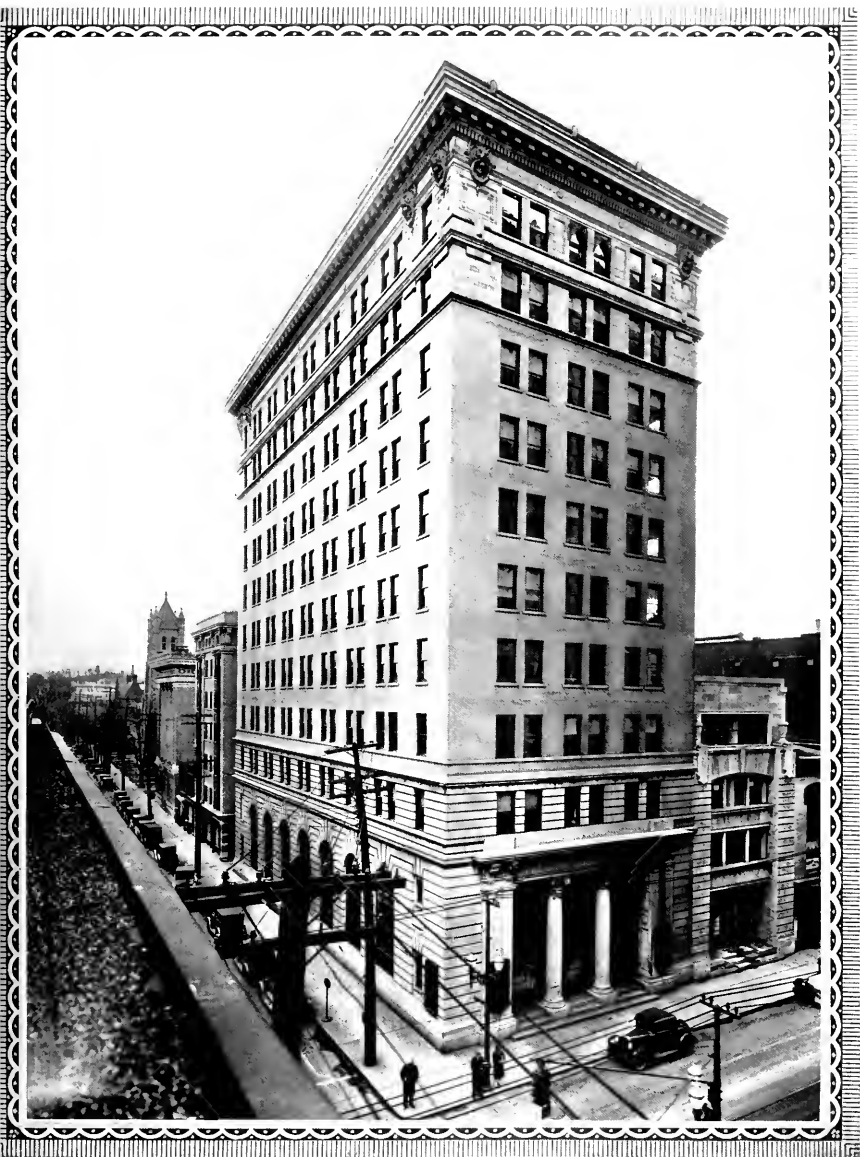
On January 1, 1865, Walter G. Sterling, who had been conducting the business of a private banker on West Market Street was elected vice-president of the bank and his business was taken over.

On February 1, 1917, under authority granted by the Federal Reserve Act, the Second National Bank organized and established a trust department. On October 1, 1922, the bank opened to the public a thoroughly modern and spacious safe deposit department with every facility for the safe-keeping of valuables. Early in 1929 the bank occupied its new and enlarged banking room thus providing its patrons with every modern convenience in its various departments.

The Second National Bank came into existence during the dark days of the Civil War. It has made progress during the periods of prosperity which have come since the war; it has aided every legitimate business enterprise that has called for its help in times of prosperity and depression; and it has come through every period of financial disaster unscathed.

Officers and their respective terms of service:

Thomas F. Atherton, President, 1863-1870.  
L. D. Shoemaker, President, 1870-1878.  
Abram Nesbitt, President, 1878-1920.  
Abram G. Nesbitt, President, 1920-1926.  
W. E. Lewis, President, 1926-  
M. L. Everitt, Cashier, 1863-1872.  
E. A. Spalding, Cashier, 1872-1882.  
E. W. Mulligan, Cashier, 1882-1919.  
W. E. Lewis, Cashier, 1919-1926.  
W. G. Sterling, Vice-President, 1865-1870.  
Hendrick B. Wright, Vice-President, 1870-1871.  
Richard F. Walsh, Vice-President, 1878-1903.



SECOND NATIONAL BANK, WILKES BARRE, PA.









*W. B. Mulligan*

Thomas H. Atherton, Vice-President, 1900-1923.  
 Edwin H. Jones, Vice-President, 1908-1908.  
 F. M. Kirby, Vice-President, 1908-1908.

Present list of officers and directors:

H. E. Schooley, Chairman of the Board.  
 W. E. Lewis, President.  
 W. T. Payne, Vice-President.  
 E. B. Mulligan, Vice-President and Cashier.  
 Allan P. Kirby, Vice-President.  
 Sheldon Evans, Assistant Cashier.  
 James Mulligan, Trust Officer.  
 Directors: Anthony C. Campbell, S. H. Huber, James L. Morris, P. F. O'Neill, Abram Nesbitt, 2d, S. T. Nicholson, A. D. Shonk, Ernest G. Smith, John E. Vaughn, Geo. M. Wall, F. J. Weckesser.

Growth of the bank:

	Capital, Surplus, Undivided Profits.	Deposits.
Dec. 3, 1863	\$100,000 00	\$11,783 64
January, 1874	510,000 00	298,724 81
January, 1884	575,000 00	564,931 32
January, 1894	625,000 00	1,349,033 47
January, 1904	1,040,000 00	3,375,991 34
January, 1914	1,500,000 00	5,173,066 80
January, 1924	3,000,000 00	10,194,364 66
October, 1928	4,000,000 00	11,340,900 54

**WALTER E. LEWIS** was born in Homer, Ohio, December 21, 1874. After the death of the father, the family, mother and three sons, moved to the Wyoming Valley and settled in Kingston. Here the boys were educated, the subject of this sketch first attending the public schools and later completing the business course in Wyoming Seminary in 1893. January 1, 1894, he entered the employ of the Second National Bank of Wilkes-Barre as clerk. In 1910 he was made assistant cashier, and nine years later, namely in 1919, he became cashier. The death of Abram G. Nesbitt in 1927 brought about changes and promotions in the bank management. Harry B. Schooley filled the position of president until January 1, 1928, when he became chairman of the board, and Mr. Lewis at that time became president. Mainly his interests have been centered in his career at the bank though he has been at times identified with certain other business institutions of the valley, and among them he has held a directorship in the Vulcan Iron Works.

He is a member of the Wyoming Valley Country Club and of the Westmoreland Club and has also been identified with various Masonic bodies, Kingston Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and later the Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and Dieu le Veut Commandery, Knights Templar.

Mr. Lewis married Ruth E. Piatt of Tunkhannock. He has been a consistent supporter of the church and of various institutions devoted to welfare, and has been a director of the Young Men's Christian Association.

This story of a centralized attention to a particular career, and the rise from a clerkship to presidency of one of the strongest financial institutions of the valley, is sufficient to indicate how and why the subject has gained success, and the esteem of his generation both in the business world and in social and eleemosynary concerns.

**EDWARD BOWMAN MULLIGAN**—Through all his business career Edward Bowman Mulligan has been associated with the Second National Bank of Wilkes-Barre. From positions of minor responsibility he has risen to those of the greatest confidence and trust, and now as vice-president, cashier and a member of the board of directors, he exer-

cises an important influence in the bank's affairs, his services in official capacity having proved repeatedly of the greatest value. He has not neglected other phases of community affairs, however, and has been particularly active in charitable and welfare work.

Mr. Mulligan was born in Wilkes-Barre on May 4, 1880, the only child of Edwin L. and Julia (Bowman) Mulligan, of this city. His father was long associated with the Second National Bank, and it was natural that the son should desire to follow in his footsteps.

Edward Bowman Mulligan received his education in the Wilkes-Barre public schools, and later attended Harry Hillman Academy, and Phillips Academy, at Andover, Massachusetts. He was eager to begin the business of life, and with the completion of his academic training, returned to Wilkes-Barre and entered the employ of the bank as a runner. Although anxious to forge ahead, he was determined that any advancement which came to him should be thoroughly well merited, and so, while discharging the duties of the minor positions which he first filled, he took the opportunity to become familiar with all details of sound banking operation. His industry and loyal services were soon rewarded, and he rose gradually to the higher positions in the bank. Thus in the thirty years of his connection with this institution, his record has been one of constant advance and progress. With his broad background of experience in all departments of the bank, and a wide knowledge of local problems, his direction of affairs in executive capacity has resulted most happily both for the bank and for the community which it serves. He was appointed cashier and vice-president in 1923, continuing in this office until the present time.

In politics Mr. Mulligan supports Republican principles and candidates, and although he has never cared to seek public office, he has maintained a warm interest in the civic progress and the successful solution of governmental problems. He is affiliated fraternally with the local lodge, No. 109, of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, while he is also a member of the Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce, and of several other clubs and associations, including the Westmoreland Club of which he was president in 1929, and the Wyoming Valley Country Club. Mr. Mulligan is a trustee of the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital, and the Nesbitt West Side Hospital, of Kingston, Pennsylvania, while he is also treasurer of the Welfare Federation of Wilkes-Barre. With his family he worships in the Episcopal faith, and has been active for many years in the affairs of St. Stephen's Church of this denomination at Wilkes-Barre, serving now as treasurer and vestryman here.

On October 18, 1905, Edward Bowman Mulligan married Louise Stark, of Wilkes-Barre, a daughter of Colonel Benjamin F. and Mary Frances (Warner) Stark. Two children were born of this marriage: 1. Edward Bowman, Jr., born September 25, 1906. 2. Ellen Stark, born April 20, 1908. The family home is situated at No. 84 James Street, Kingston, while Mr. Mulligan maintains his offices in the Second National Bank Building in Wilkes-Barre.

**SHELDON REYNOLDS EVANS**—Twenty years ago Sheldon R. Evans came to the Second National Bank of Wilkes-Barre, as a messenger boy. He had just come from Wyoming Seminary, where he had completed his course with graduation, and he was conscious of the fact that after graduation

comes the true commencement of a business career. He was able and industrious, holding a modest estimate of himself, but withal, ambitious to win the success which hard work and close application alone can bring. Through the years he has held steadily to his plans, and since 1923 he has been assistant cashier of the bank, which is one of the largest National Banks in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

The Evans family is of Welsh origin and Mr. Evans represents the third generation of his particular branch of the family in this country. William H. and Ann (Richards) Evans, grandparents of Mr. Evans, were born in Wales and came to this country about 1861. They were the parents of three children: Richard L., John D., and James, of whom further.

James Evans, son of William H. and Ann (Richards) Evans, was born in Kingston, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, and during the greater part of his active life was employed as a salesman, but is now living retired in Forty Fort, Pennsylvania. He married Margaret Waters, and they became the parents of five children: Sheldon R., of further mention; Mabel, who married W. H. Pethick, of Forty Fort, Pennsylvania; Nellie, who married G. W. Turner, of Forty Fort; Chester W., who is a salesman in the employ of Deemer and Company, of Wilkes-Barre; and Margaret W., who is living at home.

Sheldon R. Evans, son of James and Margaret (Waters) Evans, was born in Kingston, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, August 15, 1888. He received his early education in the public schools of Kingston and of Forty Fort, graduating from Forty Fort High School with the class of 1905. He then became a student in Wyoming Seminary, at Kingston, where he completed his course with graduation in 1907. After graduation he became associated with the Second National Bank of Wilkes-Barre as a messenger boy, and his connection with this financial institution has been continuous to the present time (1929). He was promoted from messenger boy to clerk, then was made book-keeper, then teller, and in 1923 was promoted to his present responsible position as assistant cashier. Mr. Evans is well known in banking circles in the Wyoming Valley and has won in a high degree the esteem of his business associates. Fraternally he is identified with William B. Warren Lodge, No. 209, Free and Accepted Masons, of Chicago, Illinois and is a member of all the bodies of the Scottish Rite; also of Keystone Consistory, in which he holds the thirty-second degree; and with Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Wilkes-Barre. He is a member of Irem Country Club, Westmoreland Club, Craftsmen's Club and of Black Diamond Post, No. 355, American Legion, of Kingston, and is a member and assistant treasurer of Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce.

Upon the entrance of the United States into the World War Mr. Evans joined the Quartermaster Department of the United States Army and was commissioned a Captain. He was assigned to the central department and stationed at Chicago, Illinois, where he served on the staff of General Leonard Wood, and was mustered out of service in 1919 with the rank of major.

Sheldon R. Evans was married, in 1914, to Minnie Yeager, of Forty Fort, Pennsylvania, daughter of Harvey and Margaret (Smith) Yeager. Mr. and Mrs. Evans are the parents of two children: Winifred L., and Sheldon R., Jr.

**JAMES MULLIGAN**—For the administration and care of the affairs of the trust department, the Second National Bank has placed the responsibility of the department upon James Mulligan, who is the son of E. W. Mulligan.

The Mulligan family has been connected with this bank in various capacities for generations. James Mulligan's father, the late E. W. Mulligan, was cashier of the Second National Bank for forty years. He was born in Reading and devoted most of his life to the welfare and financial development of his adopted city. He and his wife, the former Alice Morris, were the parents of seven children: James, of whom further; Eugene W., Michael M., Eleanor, Alice, Margaret and Edward.

James Mulligan was born November 12, 1891, in Wilkes-Barre, and was educated in the public schools there. He was graduated in 1908 from the Harry Hillman Academy. He was enrolled as a student at Georgetown University, Washington, District of Columbia, from which he was graduated in 1912.

After graduation he returned to Wilkes-Barre and became a clerk in the Second National Bank. He was appointed trust officer in November, 1921. He has always been independent in politics and is a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church. He also holds membership in the Westmoreland Club and the Wyoming Valley Country Club. He is unmarried.

**JOHN HERBERT REYNOLDS**—The Reynolds are one of the oldest families in the Wyoming Valley, their ancestors having settled here in the colonial period under the Susquehanna Company, after a previous residence in Connecticut. They participated in the battle and massacre of Wyoming, July 3, 1778, and otherwise have been conspicuous in the history of the Commonwealth. John Herbert Reynolds, a descendant of this pioneer family has been engaged in the coal business for years with offices at No. 806 Coal Exchange, Wilkes-Barre, and home at No. 226 Maple Avenue, Kingston.

His paternal grandfather was William C. Reynolds. His father, Abram H. Reynolds, died December 4, 1890, at seventy-one years of age, was for many years in the coal and mercantile business in Kingston; he was a lifelong Democrat and for many years a leading member of the Kingston Presbyterian Church; and a foremost citizen of his community. He married Elizabeth Shepard Hoyt, who died September 22, 1901, at seventy years of age, a sister of Henry M. Hoyt, a former Governor of the State and native of this county. They were the parents of Charles H. and Emily Fuller, both deceased, and John Herbert, of whom further.

John H. (J. Herbert) Reynolds was born at Kingston, May 10, 1876, and grew to maturity in his birthplace, attended the public school and Wyoming Seminary there; and on reaching his majority he launched into a business career at Plymouth in the coal trade. After a long period of success he sold his interests and located in Wilkes-Barre, where he has continued since. Politically he is a Democrat; serves as an elder in the Kingston Presbyterian Church; and is a member of the Westmoreland Club and the Wyoming Valley Country Club.

**CHARLES J. KUSCHKE**—One of the best known men of Northeastern Pennsylvania, Charles J. Kuschke, of Plymouth, is prominent



Herbert Reynolds



in the legal, financial and civil affairs of this vicinity having been engaged in the practice of law since 1899, besides which he is president of the Plymouth National Bank, and active in matters of public interest. Mr. Kuschke is a man of many attainments and capable of giving to each of his diversified interests the same measure of his keen and penetrative ability, possessing as he does a remarkably intuitive sense in affairs of law and commerce. His reputation as an attorney of unusual talents has been long established in this county and he maintains legal offices in both Plymouth and Wilkes-Barre where he conducts general professional practice and attends the needs of his clients. In 1921, Mr. Kuschke was elected to his present executive position as head of Plymouth's leading banking institution, and under his régime the affairs of this establishment have flourished and prospered with unusual success.

Mr. Kuschke was born in Plymouth, October 24, 1874, son of Christian E. Kuschke, born in Germany, and Margaret (Llewellyn) Kuschke, born in Wales, who died in August, 1927. Christian E. Kuschke was prominent for many years as a merchant in this town and is now retired from active business.

Charles J. Kuschke was educated in the public schools of Plymouth, and after high school, entered Wyoming Seminary and completing his studies there, proceeded to the Law School of the University of Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Laws with the class of 1899. Admitted to the bar of the State of Pennsylvania that same year, he opened his office and practiced law in the Luzerne County courts, later establishing an additional office in Wilkes-Barre and ever since continuing to conduct the affairs of both these branches of his legal business. At the organization, in 1902, of the Plymouth National Bank, Mr. Kuschke became one of the directors, and upon the death of John J. Moore in 1921, he was elected president of the organization and has continued in this capacity ever since. Always active in matters of jurisprudence and civic government, Mr. Kuschke was appointed assistant district attorney of Luzerne County, and served from 1912 to 1916, while he is at present director of the poor, representing this district. In politics, he is a staunch supporter of the principles of the Democratic party and by his influence and support aids every worthy campaign, having the interests of the community ever in mind. His social and fraternal activities are confined to the Shawnee Club and the Kiwanis Club, in the latter being vice-president. In his religious affiliation, he is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Charles J. Kuschke married, in September, 1906, Ida M. McCaa, of Plains, daughter of Robert D. and Millie M. McCaa, and they are the parents of one son: Robert D., now a student at Lafayette College at Easton.

The Plymouth National Bank of which Mr. Kuschke is president is one of the strongest and best-known financial institutions in Pennsylvania, having been organized in 1902 with the following officers: John R. Powell, president; John J. Moore, vice-president; R. J. Faust, cashier. The present officers of this progressive bank are Charles J. Kuschke, president; Dr. C. L. Ashley, vice-president; Abiel Phillips, cashier. The present modern banking building, an architectural addition to the town, was erected at No. 25 East Main Street in 1907, and here it continues to serve the populace of Plymouth and the vicinity within a large radius.

**WILLIAM H. D. MOYER**—Having learned the cigar-maker's trade early in his youth, William H. D. Moyer followed that occupation for more than a quarter of a century, during which period he became head of a firm of cigar manufacturers, which he conducted until 1923. In that year he was appointed Sealer of Weights and Measures of Luzerne County, a post he held until 1928, when he was appointed postmaster of White Haven by President Calvin Coolidge. In this office he is performing his duties most satisfactorily and giving to the people of White Haven service that compares favorably with any other office of like size in the United States. Active for many years in political circles, he also has assumed interests not directly connected with his manufacturing business, and has been a prominent factor in the affairs of fraternal and social organizations. Born at Auburn, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, in 1876, son of Samuel E. and Susan (Diefenderfer) Moyer, William H. D. Moyer removed early in life to Orwigsburg, Pennsylvania. Samuel E. Moyer, also a native of Schuylkill County, was a stone mason by trade, and followed this calling until his death in 1883. Susan (Diefenderfer) Moyer was born near Reading, Pennsylvania, and passed away in 1894.

William H. D. Moyer, after finishing his studies in school, became an apprentice of the cigar-maker's trade, and for the ensuing sixteen years devoted himself to this industry. It was in 1905 that he came to White Haven and became a member of the cigar manufacturing firm of W. H. D. Moyer & Company. This firm experienced steady growth and prestige under his supervision, which lasted until 1923. Retiring from active participation in the manufacture of cigars in this year, he became Sealer of Weights and Measures of Luzerne County, functioning most thoroughly in this office until 1928, when he became postmaster at White Haven. Since his assumption of the duties of postmaster here, Mr. Moyer has devoted himself assiduously to bettering the service, and that his efforts have been successful is attested by the fact that the White Haven post office has attained high rating among postal authorities. A Republican in political allegiance, Mr. Moyer has proved himself almost invaluable in the conduct of affairs of this party locally, and has evidenced his public spirit by his conscientious service as a member and secretary of the local school board, for a period of four years. He also, for five years, has been associated with the Guarantee Mutual Building and Loan Association, acting as local collector for that organization. A popular member of Lodge No. 157, Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Past Noble Grand; he also holds membership in Schuylkill Lodge, No. 138, Free and Accepted Masons. He and his family are followers of the Lutheran faith, and attend the church of that denomination here.

Mr. Moyer married, October 21, 1905, Anna M. Heist, of Orwigsburg, Pennsylvania, daughter of Daniel H. and Emma Heist. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Moyer are: 1. Catherine R., born September 8, 1906; graduate of White Haven High School and of Temple University on the teacher staff at Hillcrest, the city Orphanage of Washington, District of Columbia. 2. Horace B., born August 19, 1917.

**RALPH DAVENPORT WORTHINGTON**—Conspicuous success has attended the efforts of Ralph Davenport Worthington, of Plymouth, mining engineer, now division engineer of the Ashley & Sugar Notch division of the

Lehigh & Wilkes-Barre Coal Company. Descendant on both sides of pioneer families of Pennsylvania, Mr. Worthington upholds the traditions of progress handed down through the generations by his forebears having been conspicuous for his industry and unflinching devotion to those who call upon his professional skill. Reared in a mining atmosphere, it was but natural that he should choose a career in accordance with the most prominent industry of the district, while such selection has been a matter of equal profit to himself and the community dependent upon the mines as an important part of the general prosperity. His fitness for the tasks he has been called upon to perform is established by the office he holds, for the engineers of this exacting profession must be of the highest class. He is a member of this class, also an able and upright citizen and a man of the highest integrity, a credit to the body politic wherein he lives.

He was born in Plymouth, Pennsylvania, December 11, 1881, a son of Joseph L. Worthington, a native of Plymouth, now retired, and Emily (Davenport) Worthington, also of Plymouth and living here. Both parents are members of families that settled in the Wyoming Valley in the early days and were materially assistful in the work that resulted in the present commercial prosperity. Some of them fought in the War of the Revolution, and through this ancestry Mr. Worthington holds membership with the Sons of the American Revolution, while all were active in many fields of development.

Ralph Davenport Worthington acquired his education in the local public schools, graduating from high school in 1899 and then attending the Harry Hillman Academy for one year, after some years he became a student at the extension school of the Pennsylvania State College. In 1901 he entered the service of the Lehigh & Wilkes-Barre Coal Company, rising step by step until he was appointed to the position he now occupies, with his headquarters in Wilkes-Barre. He is a Republican in politics and a member of the Plymouth Fire Company No. 1, also of the Kiwanis Club. His church is the Presbyterian.

Ralph Davenport Worthington married, in 1919, Flossie Phillips Bragg.

**WILLIAM JOSEPH FAHEY**—An important figure in Wilkes-Barre legal circles, William Joseph Fahey has come rapidly to the front in his profession since he began practice in this city in 1924. Possessing a wide knowledge of legal principles, together with their application in modern court procedure, he has scored many notable victories for the causes which he has espoused, and in addition has been very active in civic affairs and the general life of the community.

Mr. Fahey was born in Kingston, Pennsylvania, on September 14, 1896, a son of John Fahey, who was born in Pringle, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, and has been a conductor on the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad for some years, and of Mary (Joyce) Fahey, who was born at Ashley, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, and who died on May 26, 1915.

William Joseph Fahey attended the public schools of his birthplace, and was graduated from the Kingston High School in 1915, being president of his class. Thereafter he spent one year at Valparaiso University, in Indiana, where he began the study of law. With the entry of the United States into the World War, Mr. Fahey volunteered in his country's cause, and was commissioned lieutenant of infantry, commanding Company C, 407th

Labor Battalion, stationed in the South. He served in this capacity for eighteen months, receiving his final discharge on January 31, 1919. Mr. Fahey was also captain in the American Red Cross at Newport News, Virginia, representing several southern States for five months on the States Welcome Home Project.

With his return to civil life, Mr. Fahey entered Holy Cross College where he pursued his studies from 1919 until 1922, and then transferred to Georgetown University from which he was graduated in 1923 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, cum laude. He had already determined upon a legal career some years earlier, and so with a further year of study at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, he was awarded the degree of Bachelor of Laws. On September 29, 1924, he was admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, Western District, and then coming to Wilkes-Barre, was admitted to the bar here in October of that year. He began the general practice of his profession immediately afterwards, opening offices in the Bennet Building in this city where he is still to be found. In the few years which have elapsed since he came to Wilkes-Barre, Mr. Fahey has come to be regarded as one of the leaders of the local bar, a clever attorney, and a sound advisor in all legal questions.

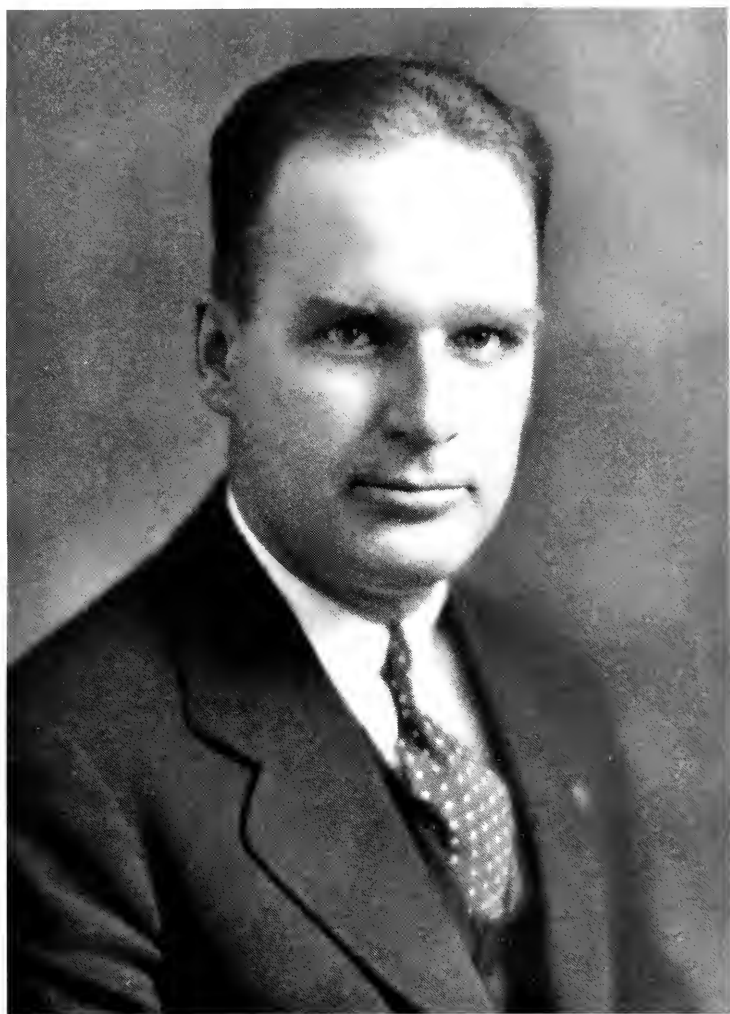
In spite of the demands made upon him by his profession, Mr. Fahey has found time to maintain an interest in the civic and social life of the community. In politics he is a supporter of Democratic principles and candidates, standing high in party councils in this part of the State. In 1926 he was a member of the Democratic Executive Committee of Wilkes-Barre, while in the recent Presidential campaign, he served as a member of the Speakers' Bureau of the Smith-Robinson Club. He has also been for some time a member of the Zoning and Planning Commission of the Borough of Kingston. Mr. Fahey is affiliated fraternally with the Black Diamond Post of the American Legion, and with the local council of the Knights of Columbus, of which he is Advocate. He is also a member of the Holy Cross Alumni Club of Eastern Pennsylvania, while with his family he worships in the Roman Catholic faith, attending St. Ignatius Church of this denomination at Wilkes-Barre. He has contributed liberally to the support of church work, and to many worthy movements, whether civic or benevolent in nature.

On September 10, 1923, William Joseph Fahey married Beatrice Fagan of Hopedale, Massachusetts, a daughter of William F. and Anna (Dean) Fagan of that place. Mr. and Mrs. Fahey are the parents of two children: Eleanor Ann, who was born at Hopedale, Massachusetts, on August 13, 1925, and Patricia Marie, born at Wilkes-Barre, May 18, 1929. The family residence is situated at No. 428 Schnyler Avenue, Kingston, Pennsylvania.

**JAMES ROBESON BRYANT**—In 1919, James R. Bryant, a druggist of thorough training and long experience, established the store in Hudson, which he has operated since that time. Mr. Bryant's obvious skill as a pharmacist, together with the progressive policies which he initiated and his executive ability, have brought him a prosperous trade and much success. Among his fellow-townsmen he is highly esteemed as a public-spirited citizen, active in civic and social life.

Mr. Bryant was born in Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania, May 24, 1883, a son of Charles M. Bryant, a druggist of that place, who was

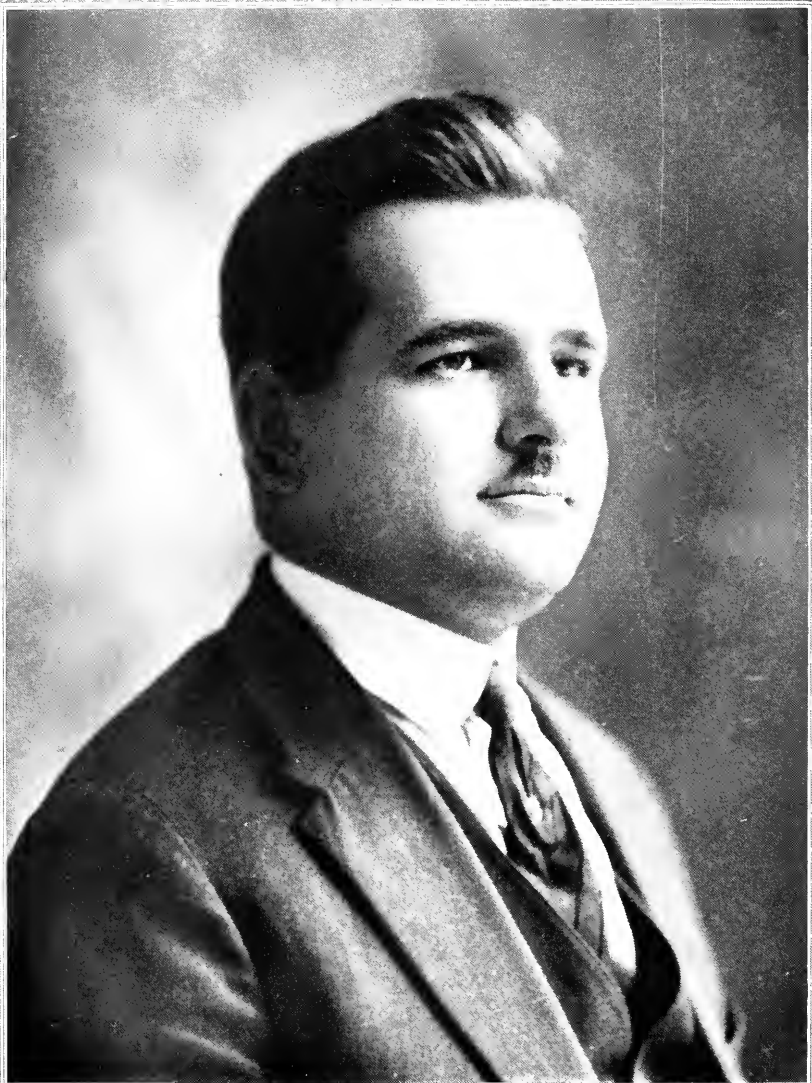




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born in Brooklyn, New York, in 1859, and died in 1907, and of Emma (Robeson) Bryant, who was born in Stroudsburg, in 1862, and died in 1903. The son attended the public schools and the high school of his birthplace, from which latter institution he was graduated in 1898, and later entered the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, from which he was graduated in 1902, with the degree in pharmacy. Returning to Stroudsburg, he became associated with his father in the drug business there, this arrangement continuing until the year 1905. Thereafter, for several years, he was employed in the Swainbank drug store in Wilkes-Barre, and later in the Merritt Drug Store at Plains. In 1916, however, he became connected with the Internal Revenue Service, continuing their work until 1920. In August, 1919, he opened the drug store at Nos. 1-3 Miner Street, in Hudson, which he has operated under his own name, devoting all his time and attention to this enterprise since 1920. Politically Mr. Bryant supports the principles and candidates of the Democratic party. He is affiliated fraternally with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, in which organization he is a member of Lodge No. 109. He is a member and a liberal supporter of the local Lutheran Church.

In 1905, James Robeson Bryant married Amy C. Engle, of East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania, daughter of Christopher and Christina Engle of that place. Mrs. Bryant has been of great assistance to her husband in his various business ventures.

**LOUIS N. JACOBS**—Few residents of Exeter have a record that has comprised the experiences encompassed in the life of Louis N. Jacobs of Exeter, one of the organizers of the First National Bank of Exeter, of which he is now director and president. Starting his career as a breaker-boy in the coal mines of Luzerne County, Mr. Jacobs since has engaged in diverse callings, including experience as a barber, hotel-keeper, real estate dealer, and public official, in addition to his present occupation of banking. To this varied life may be credited, in part, the success attained by this man in finance, for thus he became familiar with the details of commerce and trade that are so necessary to one in his position.

Mr. Jacobs was born February 23, 1872, at Wilkes-Barre, both his parents having been natives of Germany. The father, Conrad Jacobs, was born in 1856, migrated to America, and for many years was a hotel-owner in Wilkes-Barre. He died in 1918, and his wife, Magdellne (Conrad) Jacobs, born in 1858, passed away two years later, in 1920.

Louis N. Jacobs attended the public schools of Wilkes-Barre for a time, but early in life entered the mines as a breaker-boy, which was to occupy him for a five-year period. Dissatisfied with his lot in the mining industry, Mr. Jacobs purchased a barber shop in Wilkes-Barre, and subsequently operated similar establishments in Exeter and other towns of the section, following this occupation for about twenty-five years. Thereafter he was owner and operator of a hotel in Exeter bearing his name, his tenure therein continuing for ten years, or until 1920, when he became interested in real estate. Since that time he has operated a real estate firm under his own name in Exeter, although he has assumed numerous other interests.

When the First National Bank of Exeter was being organized, Mr. Jacobs assumed the lead in the organization work, and upon the

completion of this task, became president of the institution, also serving as a director. The other officials of the First National Bank of Exeter are: W. A. Clark, vice-president, Edward A. Bedner, cashier, and George Busha, secretary, while the directorate is composed of many prominent citizens of the community. They are: E. Berkovitz, retired; G. Busha, real estate and contracting; W. A. Clark, captain of the Pennsylvania State Police; Rev. Father Jurica, priest; Frank Pinola, attorney and president of the Liberty Bank of Pittsburgh; A. Petrillo, Pitts Sporting Goods Company; J. Schwartz, meat dealer; S. Schrinock, miner and school director, and Y. Yuchins, merchant. This bank is a member of the Federal Reserve System, and the best materials, equipment and furnishings were used in its home. The directors' room was finished in red oak, and the bank room and officers' space in birch. All modern improvements are provided in this structure, and the scheme of decoration is in extremely good taste. This, the only bank in Exeter, opened its doors on February 11, 1928, and is located at No. 1137 Wyoming Avenue.

Mr. Jacobs also has other financial holdings, including the Kingston Bank & Trust Company, of which he is a director. Recognition by his fellowmen, of this public-spirited citizen, has caused him to be called upon to serve in various offices of public trust. His political connections are with the Republican party, and he has been councilman here for about fifteen years, and Burgess of Exeter since 1925. In both these offices he has given generously of those talents and of the experience gained in business to forward the interests of his community. Further demonstrating Mr. Jacobs' inexhaustible energy are the many fraternal organizations which have his name on their rolls, and in which he takes active part, including the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Loyal Order of Moose, and Lodge No. 381, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, all of Pittston. Following the religious faith of his parents, Mr. Jacobs attends the German Lutheran Church.

Louis N. Jacobs was married, in 1889, to Catharine McAllister of Swoyersville, Pennsylvania, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel McAllister, and they have one child: Marguerite R. The family residence is located at No. 963 Exeter Street, Exeter.

**CHARLES JAMES HIGGS, M. D.**—In the ranks of the physicians and surgeons of Luzerne County, Dr. Charles J. Higgs, of Wilkes-Barre, holds a prominent place by reason of his learning and ability. A member of the younger group of the medical fraternity, he has exemplified during the period of his practice the highest traditions of the profession. He enjoys good standing in the learned bodies of the associated physicians and surgeons of county, State and the Nation, and is a veteran of the Mexican Border campaign, holding also the confidence of the people of Wilkes-Barre, to a large number of whom he has rendered professional service.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, August 4, 1889, Dr. Charles James Higgs is the son of William L. and Susie (Larish) Higgs, and has two sisters, the Misses Hazel and Margaret Higgs. His father, born in Wilkes-Barre, December 5, 1867, was city assessor of that city for fifteen years, and is now a well-known and successful real estate operator there. The mother was born in New Columbus, Luzerne County, June 9, 1872. Dr. Higgs attended the grade schools of Wilkes-Barre and was graduated from the high school of that city in 1908, taking his preparatory course of one

year at Bellefonte Academy, Bellefonte, which he left in 1909 to enter Pennsylvania State College, from which he was graduated in the class of 1913 with the degree of Bachelor of Science. He took his professional course at the University of Pennsylvania, from which he received his degree of Doctor of Medicine in the class of 1915. His internship of one year was served at Mercy Hospital in Wilkes-Barre, and this was followed by the service of an enlistment of one year on the Mexican Border as a member of the Pennsylvania Field Artillery.

Dr. Higgs entered practice at Wilkes-Barre and has been successfully engaged in his profession there for the entire period since. His ministrations to his clientele are of that quality which have won him a large and desirable following in the city and its environs. Further attest of his professional ability is had in the fact of his election to fellowship in the American Medical Association, and membership in the Pennsylvania State Medical Society and the Luzerne County Medical Society.

In the various activities of the people of Wilkes-Barre, Dr. Higgs enters with an enthusiasm and a coöperative spirit which give impetus to the movements for betterment of the different community departments. In politics he is a Republican, and in fraternal life he is affiliated with Wilkes-Barre Lodge, No. 128, Loyal Order of Moose; the Mooseheart Legion, Phi Chi (medical) fraternity, and the Patriotic Orders Sons of America, the Sons of Veterans, and is a Past Dictator of the Wilkes-Barre Moose Lodge. He is also a member of the American Legion. His religious connection is with the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he is a consistently liberal supporter.

Dr. Charles J. Higgs was married, in 1913, to Eva Brown, of Wilkes-Barre, daughter of Charles and Callie Brown, and they have a son, Robert Donald, born November 15, 1916.

**MATTHEW FRANCIS KELLY**—Handicapped by a meagre education, having been forced to enter the coal mines as a breaker-boy at the tender age of nine years, Matthew Francis Kelly, through his untiring efforts and unquenchable determination, has, nevertheless, overcome those and many other obstacles to attain his present position in life, and in his native town of Plains he is both honored and respected. His undertaking establishment, under his tactful and sympathetic guidance, has been serving the needs of this neighborhood for more than thirty years, having been established in 1889. While Mr. Kelly has devoted himself most assiduously to his duties as mortician, he has proved a valuable member of his town in other respects, being especially devoted to the good works of his church. While he has at times assumed public office, he has preferred the quiet life of his home to outside social affiliations. Born October 30, 1869, Mr. Kelly is the son of James and Sarah (Cavanaugh) Kelly. His father was a native of Ireland, and until the time of his death, in 1887, was a coal miner. His mother, also a native of Ireland, passed away in 1917.

Matthew Francis Kelly attended the public schools in Plains for only two years, at the end of that time, when only nine years of age, going to work as a breaker-boy in the coal mines. Here he remained for six years, and realizing that there was little promise for the future in such employment, he entered a grocery store as a clerk. This occupation he followed for sixteen years, but once more decided that he had not made the proper choice for his life's work. He then

came to New York City, and there matriculated at Renouard Training School of Embalming. After completing his studies in this institution, he then entered Eckles School in Philadelphia, and also was graduated therefrom. At this time he believed himself thoroughly qualified to enter the undertaking business, and returning to Plains in 1899, established the firm he has since conducted. When this concern was first founded, Mr. Kelly operated it under his own name, but since 1906, at which time his son assumed a partnership therein, it has borne the title of M. F. Kelly & Son. In this, the most trying of occupations, one which requires the utmost understanding of human nature and a sympathetic spirit, Mr. Kelly has made many friends, not alone through his business operations, but in other circles. Democratic in political beliefs, for six years he served as tax collector of Plains Township, and in the conduct of this office proved himself a highly qualified public official. A communicant of the Catholic faith, Mr. Kelly has for many years devoted himself to assisting in the deeds and work of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, of Plains. His only other affiliation is membership in the Knights of Columbus, with fourth degree.

Matthew Francis Kelly married, October 26, 1897, Julia Ruddy of Miners Mills, Pennsylvania, daughter of Michael and Bridget Ruddy. Twelve children have been born to this marriage, eight of them are now (1928) living: 1. Mary, educated at St. Mary's High School, Wilkes-Barre, and State Normal School, Stroudsburg; taught school in Plains for seven years; she married John Carragher, and they reside in Newark, New Jersey. 2. Thomas A., graduate of St. Mary's High School, Wilkes-Barre, and Eckles' School of Embalming, Philadelphia; now associated with his father in business. 3. Francis M., educated at St. Mary's High School, Wilkes-Barre, St. Mary's School, Emmitsburg, Maryland, for two years, and finished at St. Thomas. 4. Joseph P., graduated from St. Mary's High School, and Rutgers School of Pharmacy. 5. James, graduated, 1923, from Sacred Heart, Plains. 6. Margaret M., now a student at Sacred Heart, Plains. 7. Rita. 8. Matthew, Jr. Thomas A. Kelly is associated in business with his father. Mr. Kelly has one grandchild, John Matthew Carragher.

**ALEXANDER ARMSTRONG, M. D.**—One of White Haven's foremost physicians, Dr. Alexander Armstrong has followed this profession for more than three decades, and during that time has become one of the best informed authorities on the ravages of the great white plague in the State of Pennsylvania. To this disease and its cure, Dr. Armstrong has devoted himself most earnestly, and to such an extent that he, perhaps, has sacrificed much of the material things of this life. Although he devotes much time to this one department of his profession, he does not neglect other associations and problems confronting health officials in this country. He is enrolled with many of the local, State, and national groups organized for the advancement of their calling and for the welfare of their fellow-citizens, some of which he was instrumental in organizing. Non-professional affairs, too, are helped substantially by his participation therein, and he is a foremost worker in the circles of the Masonic Order. Born November 20, 1873, at Trenton, New Jersey, Dr. Armstrong is the son of Hugh and Ann (Robinson) Armstrong, both natives of Ireland, and both now deceased. Hugh Armstrong, who was born in 1830, attained to considerable prominence as a manufact-





*D. M. Hobbes.*



urer of packing boxes and for many years operated a planing mill, previous to his death in 1899. Ann (Robinson) Armstrong, who was born in 1839, lived to the rare old age of eighty-three years, having passed away in 1922.

Dr. Alexander Armstrong received from the public schools of Trenton, New Jersey, a sound, preliminary education, having graduated from the high school there in 1889. He was next found at the University of Pennsylvania, and during his studies at this institution, devoted himself to obtaining all possible knowledge of the medical profession. At the time of his graduation from this university in 1895, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine, he spent two years as an interne in the Philadelphia General Hospital. This proved most valuable experience to Dr. Armstrong and, when, at the expiration of this period he came to Trenton and began practice, he was most thoroughly qualified therefor. After practicing in Trenton for eleven years, or until 1908, Dr. Armstrong came to White Haven, when he began his work in White Haven Sanitarium, and here he has remained since, specializing in the treatment of tuberculosis. He has not gone into this department half-heartedly, but has given every possible moment of his time toward eradicating this plague. For four years he was superintendent of the White Haven Sanitarium, and now (1929) is visiting physician and member of the board of directors of that institution. He also is visiting physician to Sunny Rest and Clair Mont, private sanitarium.

Dr. Armstrong's qualifications can be understood easily through looking over his affiliations with the various organizations concerning his profession. He is a member of the Luzerne County Medical Association, Pennsylvania State Medical Association, American Medical Association, the National Tuberculosis Association, the International Tuberculosis Association, and the Lehigh Valley Medical Association. Of this last-named organization Dr. Armstrong is secretary. It has been in existence for almost half a century. Attesting to the distinction in which he is held in White Haven among his colleagues and fellow-citizens, is his membership on the Board of Health, of which he is president. A Republican in political beliefs, he has never participated in politics to a great extent, although he does take part in the local organization of this party. Many years ago Dr. Armstrong became a Mason and has obtained high rank in that fraternity. Among his affiliations with this order may be mentioned his membership in Lodge No. 466, Free and Accepted Masons; Lehigh Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, of Allentown, and Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of the Pennsylvania Forestry Association. Dr. Armstrong is a good citizen to the full extent in which that designation may be given, and is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and an elder in that denomination. Among his numerous writings are the following: "Present Status of Therapeutic Pneumothorax in Pulmonary Tuberculosis," "Heliotherapy in the Treatment of Tuberculosis," "Pulmonary Tuberculosis and Tonsillectomy," "Therapeutic Pneumothorax," "Value of Roentgen Rays and other Rays in Tuberculosis," "Thoracic Surgery," and many others.

Dr. Alexander Armstrong married, in 1901, Louise Carhart Weir, of Trenton, daughter of Elbridge Gerry and Matilda (Carhart) Weir. The doctor and his wife have one son: Alexander E., born July 12, 1902. In

1925 he graduated from Syracuse University with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Dr. Armstrong and his wife reside at No. 330 Towanda Street, White Haven.

The Free Hospital for Poor Consumptives and White Haven Sanatorium Association, in which Dr. Armstrong has taken so deep an interest, was organized in 1895, but it was not until the beginning of the twentieth century that the association constructed its own sanatorium at White Haven, the buildings being located at a height of 1,650 feet above sea level. White Haven is on both the Lehigh Valley and the Central Railroad of New Jersey, and is, therefore, very convenient of access. The sanatorium has a capacity for two hundred and sixty patients, and the board of directors of the association is composed of: Lawrence W. Flick, M. D., of Philadelphia, president; Joseph Walsh, M. D., Philadelphia, vice-president; M. S. Kemmerer, Mauch Chunk, Pennsylvania, vice-president; Edward A. Millar, Philadelphia, treasurer; Miss Mary G. Marren, Philadelphia, secretary; in addition to a number of other prominent doctors and laymen of Pennsylvania. Dr. Armstrong is one of the nine visiting physicians to the institution, and is also one of the directors. As its title indicates, the White Haven Sanatorium treats many victims of tuberculosis, at a minimum charge, the institution being maintained through the generosity of contributors, and the magnitude of its operations is attested by the financial report showing expenditures of over \$200,000 for the year 1928.

**D. M. HOBBS**—His relationships with the legal life and activity of Luzerne County have constituted a considerable proportion of the interesting career of D. M. Hobbes, general law practitioner and very able pleader at the bar; yet it may very aptly be stated that the earlier educational chapter of his life, that of teacher and principal of public schools, was to a considerable degree a preparation for the profession of which he has made the latter choice. In both vocations, Mr. Hobbes has performed a useful and memorable part; and as an attorney-at-law he holds a place of decided prominence, his activities therein bearing witness to a mind of training and cultivation.

D. M. Hobbes was born January 1, 1858, in Union Township, son of Peter and Jane (McDaniels) Hobbes, both parents now deceased. Peter Hobbes was a farmer and a blacksmith in Union Township, a son of John and Elizabeth (Baer) Hobbes, and she was a cousin of George F. Baer, of Reading Railroad fame. The Hobbes family are recorded as among the early settled families of Union Township, and Grandfather John Hobbes and his wife were the parents of ten children: 1. Samuel Hobbes, who went West and settled in Mason City, Illinois, and one of his sons is Douglas Hobbes, a lawyer of St. Louis, Missouri. 2. Hannah, who married Joseph G. Dodson, and whose son is Dr. Boyd Dodson, of Wilkes-Barre. 3. Lucinda, who married John Tomlin, of Mason City, Illinois. 4. Elizabeth, who married George W. Miller, deceased, for forty years a leading merchant of Shickshinny, Luzerne County. 5. Susan, who married John T. Rath, of Shickshinny. 6. Peter, of whom further. 7. Jacob, a farmer in Union Township, among whose children is Mary Hobbes, a well-known teacher in Wilkes-Barre public schools. 8. Catherine, deceased, for thirty-five years a teacher in Luzerne County public schools. 9. Adelaide, married B. B. Place, of St. Joseph, Missouri. 10. Sarah, also a teacher, deceased at Mason City, Illinois.

Peter Hobbes and Jane (McDaniels) Hobbes were the parents of six children: D. M. Hobbes, of whom further; Frank P., died unmarried, at Shickshinny, in August, 1928; Charles E., also of Shickshinny, a retired farmer; Dr. C. E. Hobbes, a dentist of Wilkes-Barre; Fred L., a farmer at Muhlenburg; Oscar D., a contractor at Shickshinny.

Reared on the old farm in Union Township, D. M. Hobbes meantime attended the public schools, and was graduated at the Bloomsburg State Normal School in the class of 1883. He was afterwards, and successively, principal of public schools of Luzerne Borough; Dallas High School; Pleasant Hill Academy; Dorranceton; Ashley Borough; and at Kingston, covering a period of twenty-five years.

Mr. Hobbes entered upon the study of law in the office of Isaac P. Hand, of Wilkes-Barre, and was admitted to the Luzerne County bar in 1901, and since that date he has actively engaged in the general practice of law. While a teacher, he was a member of the State Examining Board for teachers' permanent or life certificates; and he also introduced into the public schools the present method of reading by the sound method, now in general use in Luzerne County. He is a member of the Luzerne County Bar Association; and his religious faith is that of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

D. M. Hobbes married, June 29, 1887, Ida J. Suttiff, of Union Township, daughter of D. C. and Maria (Whitesell) Suttiff. Their children: 1. Gertrude Hobbes, married Professor Joseph E. Pooley, the present headmaster of Madison Academy, Madison, New Jersey. 2. Ina I., deceased, married Howard Remaly, of the George F. Lee Coal Company, of Nanticoke, and they had one son, Howard Hobbes Remaly. 3. Ethel E., deceased. She was a trained nurse, who died while on duty during the influenza epidemic, nursing soldiers at Tobyhanna. 4. William H., assistant State superintendent of State roads in Luzerne County; graduate of the Pennsylvania State College, with the degree Mechanical Engineer; he married Velma Eastman, who was assistant superintendent of public schools at Marshall, North Carolina. 5. Marie S. Hobbes, a student at Drexel Institute, Philadelphia.

**WILLIAM H. VEALE**—Time was, within the memory of those not yet old, when progressive men engaged in dealing in horse-drawn vehicles began to recognize the possible passing of the old order of things by adding to their stock an occasional automobile or by taking over the agency of some current make of that innovation as a means of travel. Today, the once jeered-at automobile is so thick upon our rapidly increasing mileage of paved roads that the regulation of traffic is a serious problem. Today, here and there, a progressive dealer in automobiles is adding to his stock of motor cars designed for travel upon the highways a motor vehicle designed for the higher ways of the air above, where traffic is, as yet, uncongested. Here and there a dealer in automobiles is taking over the agency for the product of some manufacturer of air crafts—and he is selling the aeroplanes, too.

In Hazleton, Pennsylvania, the progressive man who is combining the air craft business with a flourishing automobile business is William H. Veale, a practical flyer who has held his pilot's license for more than five years, and who, since December, 1927, has, in addition to the management of his prosperous automobile business, served as distributor, covering Eastern Pennsylvania, for the Kreider-Reisner Aircraft Company, which

manufactures the Challenger plane. Mr. Veale holds the agency for Dodge cars, covering Hazleton and vicinity, and his business is housed in his own steel framed structure at Nos. 13-23 East Green Street, in Hazleton. His aviation field and hangar are located at St. Johns, about six miles north of the center of Hazleton.

William H. Veale was born in Hazleton, Pennsylvania, May 13, 1888, son of Samuel W., a member of the firm of Veale Brothers, contractors, who is still living (1928), and of Celia (Bolitho) Veale. He received his education in the public schools of Hazleton and then spent some time with his father in the contracting business. Being of a mechanical turn of mind and interested in automobiles he made a change in 1920, establishing, April 1, of that year an auto business of his own. Beginning in a modest way, he first took over the agency for the Hahne trucks and for the Hupmobile. Being a young man of energy and ability and of sound business judgment, he soon built up a prosperous enterprise, and in 1923 he took over the agency for the Dodge car, covering Hazleton and vicinity. In 1925 he erected the fine steel-framed absolutely fire-proof building at Nos. 13-23 East Green Street, in which his steadily growing business is now housed, a two-story structure of brick and cement, ninety by one hundred feet in dimension, providing housing for garage and service station and a public garage with accommodations for forty cars.

Mr. Veale has for some years been interested in aeronautics, and some five years ago received his pilot's license. He is known as a good practical flyer, and on December 1, 1927, he was appointed the first distributor of the Challenger plane, manufactured by the Kreider-Reisner Aircraft Company. His district for this plane covers all of Eastern Pennsylvania and at St. John, located on the outskirts of the city, about six miles north of the center, he has established his aviation field. There he has built his hangar and storage space, sixty by one hundred feet, and there he gives instruction in the art of flying and also gives demonstrations of the Challenger car to prospective purchasers. As the pioneer in this particular field of aeronautics as a business, in this section, he is doing a very satisfactory amount of selling, and there is every indication that the aircraft department of his enterprise will grow in importance with the passing of each year. As instructor Mr. Veale has been very successful, and well-to-do young men of this section who can afford to own a plane are deeply interested in Mr. Veale's aviation field.

Along with his successful business activities Mr. Veale also finds time for attending to his full share in civic affairs. He is a member of the Hazleton Chamber of Commerce, is active in local politics, and is generally interested in the betterment of the city of Hazleton. Fraternally, he is identified with Lodge No. 200, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and is prominent in the Masonic Order, being a member of Azalla Lodge, No. 207, Free and Accepted Masons; of Caldwell Consistory; and of Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a member of the Kiwanis Club and of the Valley Country Club, and his religious affiliation is with the English Lutheran Church.

William H. Veale was married, September 12, 1907, to Mary Dietrich, of Hazleton, and they are the parents of two children: Jean Evelyn and Stewart Samuel. The family home is located at No. 303 East Chapel Street, in Hazleton.





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**JOHN T. KIELTY, M. D.**—Rising in the medical profession of Wyoming Valley, where he has been established but a short time, John T. Kielty, of Kingston, gives promise of rapid advancement in his chosen calling. He is a young man of excellent reputation, industrious, ambitious and with a finished education, to which he is constantly adding through association with older practitioners and the reading of such literature as is of value in his work. His personality is engaging and he is an affable man who makes friends readily and holds them firmly. It will be a source of surprise to those who have watched his work here if he does not early attain to a position of great importance in the medical field of Pennsylvania.

He was born in Hazleton, Pennsylvania, July 6, 1901, a son of Patrick F. Kielty, a native of Archbold, now in the insurance business in Wilkes-Barre, and Bridget (McAndrew) Kielty, of the same place. His education began in the public schools of Wilkes-Barre and was continued in St. Mary's Parochial School, from which institution he took the preparatory medical course at Villanova College and then went to Jefferson Medical College, in Philadelphia, from which he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in the class of 1925. He then served one year as interne in St. Mary's Hospital in Philadelphia and at the conclusion of this work came to Kingston, where he established himself in independent practice. He is a member of the staff of Mercy Hospital and belongs to the American Medical Association and to the State and County medical societies. He is a Republican in politics and attends St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church.

**JOHN LEONARD LAVIN, M. D.**—One of the foremost practitioners of medicine in Luzerne County is John Leonard Lavin, who, being a native of this part of Pennsylvania, is thoroughly acquainted with the local people and conditions, and is able the better to meet their needs in practicing his profession. He has shown, in the course of his medical career in Swoyersville, that he is ever willing to devote his time and energies unstintingly to the welfare of his patients and the cause of health advancement in his community; and this trait, coupled with his excellent skill as a physician and surgeon, makes him one of the most useful members of his profession.

Dr. Lavin was born in Swoyersville, the place in which he now practices medicine, February 29, 1892, a son of Thomas and Ellen (Quinn) Lavin. His father, a native of Ireland, came to the United States early in life and settled in this region of Pennsylvania, where he was at first engaged in the mining industry, and later entered politics in Luzerne County, having held several important public positions, such as supervisor and tax collector of Kingston Township; while the mother, Ellen (Quinn) Lavin, was also born in Ireland.

Dr. John Leonard Lavin received his education in the Sacred Heart School, Luzerne, and attended Saint Mary's High School in Wilkes-Barre, from which he was graduated in the class of 1909, and St. Thomas's College, Scranton. Later he became a student at Jefferson Medical College, in Philadelphia, from which he was graduated in 1915 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. After he completed the academic part of his professional work, he became an interne at Saint Joseph's Hospital in Philadelphia. Then, when he finished this work, he began his own general practice of medicine in Swoyersville,

where he has been engaged in his professional work ever since that time and has won a host of dear friends and loyal supporters.

In addition to his own practice, Dr. Lavin is a member of the staff of Mercy Hospital, in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, and is associate surgeon there. He also holds memberships in the American Medical Association, the Pennsylvania State Medical Association and the Luzerne County Medical Association, through which organizations he keeps constantly in touch with the newest developments in his profession. While the United States was a participant in the World War, Dr. Lavin served as captain in the Medical Corps in the United States Army overseas. While on the other side of the Atlantic, he was stationed at Base Hospital No. 64. He was abroad at that time for twelve months, during all of which time he was actively engaged in his country's military service. His discharge from the army came in June, 1919.

When he returned to the Luzerne County region to resume his practice, he immediately took part in a number of the public affairs of his community. He is now president of the Board of Health of Swoyersville, and is chief medical inspector of the schools in this place. He is a keen observer of political affairs, and is himself affiliated with the Republican party, whose policies and candidates he regularly supports. He holds memberships in the Knights of Columbus and the American Legion, Post No. 644, and his religious affiliation is with the Holy Name Roman Catholic Church.

On January 3, 1927, Dr. Lavin married Catherine C. Delahunt, of Windber, Pennsylvania, daughter of Thomas and Margaret Delehunt. By this marriage there has been one son, John Leonard, Jr., born October 27, 1927. Dr. and Mrs. Lavin reside at No. 202 Shoemaker Street, and his office is at No. 281 Chapel Street, Swoyersville.

**RUSH TRESMOTT**—The Trescott family of which Rush Trescott, prominent Wilkes-Barre attorney, was a part, proceeds from English ancestry and since the early part of the seventeenth century has made its mark in the affairs of the United States. Its sturdy members have graced the military, the sciences and the educational world. They bore an honorable part in the early struggles of the colonists, participating in the Indian wars, an expedition against Canada and the war of the American Revolution. In the early days they were closely associated with Dorchester, Milton and other towns of Eastern Massachusetts. From these pioneers went forth a settler to Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, who there established the name which has ever since been one of distinction in the Keystone State. The descent to Rush Trescott is through the following line:

(I) William Trescott (1614), of Dorchester, married Elizabeth Dyer.

(II) Their son, Samuel Trescott (1646-1730), served in King Philip's War, was identified with Milton; married Margaret Rogers (1653-1742).

(III) Their son, Ebenezer Trescott (1680), of Milton, later Mansfield; married Bridget Fenton.

(IV) Their son, Samuel Trescott (1715), known as "The Surveyor," was a resident of Mansfield, Connecticut; he married Hannah Purchas, of Springfield, Massachusetts, of whose nine children the seven sons entered the Colonial Army during the Revolution and at least three received pensions from the United States Government. The record of

their service is found more fully in Vol. XVI of "Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War." Samuel Trescott and his sons, Solon and Samuel, Jr., also surveyors, migrated to Huntington, Luzerne County, about 1770, where they laid out the township of Huntington and built a cabin on Huntington Creek near the present site of Harveyville. This work was done at the instance of the Susquehanna Company, of Windham County, Connecticut, which was formed with the purpose of settling Wyoming Valley, Pennsylvania. Mr. Trescott and his two sons returned to Connecticut and served in George Washington's command during 1776 and 1777. They and the younger brothers were active in numerous battles and campaigns, and at the end of the war Solon and Samuel returned to Huntington in 1778. Soon thereafter they enlisted in the Huntington Valley Company under the command of Captain John Franklin. This company defended Wyoming Valley against the Indians and Tories, and the Trescott brothers assisted in the destruction of a large quantity of whiskey poured into the river at Plymouth so the red-skins and Tories could not obtain it. The massacre of settlers at Forty Fort being in progress, they reached Kingston, two miles away, while it was at its height, and after the battle there the brothers went down the river and eventually made their way back to Connecticut.

(V) Their son, Solon Trescott (1750-1826), associated with Huntington, also Harveyville, married Margaret Lewis, daughter of Edward Lewis, a soldier of the Revolution, and Bridget Lewis; they died within two days of each other and were buried in a private cemetery between Harveyville and Huntington Mills.

(VI) Their son, Peter Sylvester Trescott (1789-1884), identified with Huntington Township, married Susan Miller, of Chester County, whose parents were Welsh Quakers.

(VII) Their son, Miller Barton Trescott, was born at Huntington, July 12, 1830, and died December 22, 1897; he married Permelia Stevens Rhone, born at Cambria, April 22, 1836, daughter of George and Mary Bowman (Stevens) Rhone. George Rhone was a son of Matthias and Naomi (LaPorte) Rhone, the former a native of Lehigh County, near Allentown, and a farmer by occupation. He died in 1853 near Benton, Columbia County, aged seventy-five years, and was interred in St. Gabriel's churchyard. Naomi (LaPorte) Rhone was a daughter of a French refugee who fled to America during the French Revolution and settled at Asylum, Bradford County, Pennsylvania; John LaPorte, her relative, was speaker of the Pennsylvania Legislature in 1832, and from 1832 to 1836 was a Member of Congress; he was one of a few Frenchmen who refused expatriation offered by Napoleon Bonaparte. Mary Bowman (Stevens) Rhone was a daughter of Zebulon Hall Stevens, a descendant of Henry Stevens, who came to this country from England April 4, 1669, with his father and two brothers, Nicholas and Thomas, and settled in Taunton, Massachusetts. Permelia (Bowman) Stevens, wife of Zebulon Stevens, was the eldest daughter of John Bowman (1772-1848), of Huntington, who married Mary Britton, and she died in 1852. He was a son of Christopher Bowman, who came to Bucks County in 1754 from Germany. Henry Stevens married Eliza or Elizabeth Gallup, a daughter of Captain John Gallup, son of Captain John Gallup, of Boston, Massachusetts, and both father and son were noted Indian fighters. Captain Gallup married Hannah Lake, a relative of Governor Winthrop.

The children of Miller Barton and Permelia S. (Rhone) Trescott numbered eight: 1. Sylvester Boyd, married Anna Potter and they have a son, Paul Henry Trescott. 2. Mary L., a prominent attorney of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. 3. George Rhone, married Emma Harrison. They have two children, Leroy, married Hazel Nixon, and Liva Permelia, married Fred W. Blencoe, of England. George Rhone removed to Dorrancton, where he was burgess and a member of the Borough Council while he resided there. He died at Waterton, Pennsylvania, in 1922. 4. Minerva Patterson, married Charles W. Snyder, Williamsport journalist, and they have five children, Martha, Barton, Russell, Richard and Harold Snyder, the last named of whom died at the age of ten. 5. Josephine, married Henry H. Davenport, of Huntington Township, and they have five children, Herman, Frances, Robert, Irene and Mary Davenport. 6. Rush, of whom further. 7. Emma, single, engaged in missionary work among the foreign-born miners, founder of the Anthracite Mission at Hazleton, and welfare worker for the Philadelphia & Reading Coal Company at Mahanoy City, Pennsylvania. She died September 9, 1927. 8. Robert, married Eliza Dreisbach, great-great-granddaughter of Luther Trescott, and great-granddaughter of Susan Dodson; they had a son, Barton, born June 8, 1914; Eliza (Dreisbach) Trescott died at the old homestead at Huntington, December 4, 1918.

(VIII) Rush Trescott was born October 5, 1868, on the plantation in Huntington Township, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, and died at Kingston, May 7, 1927. He grew to manhood in this rustic atmosphere, surrounded by the glorious associations of nearly a century. As a boy he alternately worked on the farm and attended school, and later attended the New Columbus and Huntington Mills academies, graduating in due time from the latter. He then entered the Law School of Dickinson College at Carlisle, from which institution he graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Laws in the class of 1895. He was admitted to the Luzerne County bar at Wilkes-Barre June 17, 1895, and for thirty-two years had been one of the most active practitioners at this place, and quite successful in local, State and Federal courts. As an Independent Democrat he had been an active party worker for thirty years, having served for many years as a member of the Democratic County Committee and committee chairman. From 1898 to 1901 he served as assistant district attorney under the administration of T. R. Martin, and made a splendid record, as county official. He acted as burgess of Kingston from January 1, 1913, to January 1, 1921, with entire satisfaction to his fellow-townsmen. He was a valued member of the Luzerne County Bar Association, and for forty years he had been active in the work of the Methodist Episcopal Church, a trustee, superintendent and teacher in the Sabbath school, and first president of the Epworth League in Pennsylvania. Mr. Trescott was essentially a self-made man and he had achieved a notable success and was highly respected throughout the community.

Mr. Trescott married Elizabeth May Wilbur June 9, 1899, a daughter of Henry and Mary (Fell) Wilbur, of Wilkes-Barre, and their union was blessed with a son, Wilbur Trescott, a member of the class of 1927 at Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey. Mrs. Trescott, a woman of great strength of character and many lovable traits, died January 31, 1924, sincerely mourned by all who knew her.

**HERMAN S. VAN CAMPEN**—After working for nine years as despatcher and division superintendent for the Wilkes-Barre Railway Company, Herman S. Van Campen decided to go into business for himself, and he thereupon purchased a general store at Shavertown, Luzerne County, which he has since operated with profit to himself and satisfaction to his customers.

Mr. Van Campen was born at Exeter, in this county, on December 22, 1889, the son of Andrew and Elizabeth (Smith) Van Campen, the former a native of Monroe County, where he was born in 1859, and the latter of Pike County. The Van Campen family has a history in this section which dates back to the early Indian days in Luzerne County, and ancestors of Mr. Van Campen were participants in the Wyoming Valley massacre.

Following his early education in the public and high schools of Exeter, Mr. Van Campen went into the railroad business, eventually becoming the despatcher and division superintendent of the Wilkes-Barre Railroad. In January, 1922, he purchased the general store at Shavertown which was then operated by William Wilson, and which he has since conducted under his own name with much success, carrying a general line of merchandise, meats and provisions, together with sodas and confectioneries. In 1922 Mr. Van Campen was appointed postmaster of Shavertown by President Harding, which post he has since held. In politics he is a staunch Republican. He is affiliated with Dallas Lodge, No. 435, Free and Accepted Masons, and with Lodge No. 1078, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which fraternity he is a Past District Deputy Grand Master of the Fourth District. Mr. Van Campen also belongs to the Shalmer Sanatorium, No. 237, of the Ancient Mystic Order of Samaritans, and is a member of the Dallas Rotary Club. His religious affiliations are with the Methodist Episcopal Church.

On May 26, 1918, Mr. Van Campen married Mae Shaver, daughter of Olin and Ella Shaver, of Shavertown. Mr. and Mrs. Van Campen are the parents of one child, a son, James Olin, born April 20, 1927.

**WALTER S. BROADT**—As station agent for the Delaware, Lackawanna, and Western Railroad, at Shickshinny, Pennsylvania, Walter S. Broadt has discharged all the duties of his position in a highly efficient manner, to the complete satisfaction both of his company, and of the community which appreciates the high standard of the service that he gives to them. In addition to this work, Mr. Broadt is otherwise active in the affairs of Shickshinny, and in its civic and social life.

Mr. Broadt was born on August 14, 1877, at Nanticoke, Pennsylvania, a son of John Frederick Broadt, who was born at Buckhorn, Pennsylvania, and is now deceased, and of Margaret Amanda (Gruver) Broadt, also now deceased, who was born at Hobbie, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Daniel and Sallie Gruver. His father, who was an artist, saw service in the Civil War as a member of Company H, 93d Regiment, of the Pennsylvania Volunteers, throughout a period of three years, nine months, and thirteen days.

Walter S. Broadt attended the public schools and the high school at Nescopeck, Pennsylvania, and when he completed his education, accepted a position as telegraph operator with the Pennsylvania Railroad, with whom he remained for six years. At the end of this time, on April 15, 1903, he became station agent at Shickshinny, for the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Rail-

road, and in this position he has remained since.

Politically, Mr. Broadt supports the principles and candidates of the Republican party. He has always considered public service no less worthy of his best attention than his own affairs, serving for eight terms as school director in Shickshinny, and for twelve years as overseer of the poor. Mr. Broadt is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, in which organization he is a member of Sylvania Lodge, No. 354, a member of all bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, including Caldwell Consistory, at Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania, and a member of Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of the local Rotary Club, and a member of Shickshinny Presbyterian Church, of which he is clerk of the Session, as well as a liberal supporter and active member.

In January, 1903, Walter S. Broadt married Flora Search, of Shickshinny, daughter of Wilbur and Mary E. (Agnew) Search, and a member of a very old family of this section. Mrs. Broadt was educated in the local schools, including high school, and the Musical Department, University of Wooster, at Wooster, Ohio. Wilbur Search, a carpenter, contractor and general merchant in Shickshinny for many years, was born in Union Township, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, on December 5, 1845, and died in Shickshinny in 1914. His wife, who before her marriage was Mary E. Agnew, was born at Lake Winola in Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania, on February 16, 1853, and died on November 5, 1925. Mr. and Mrs. Broadt are the parents of one child, Mary A., who was graduated from the local high school, in 1920; from Wyoming Seminary, first, in 1921, in Literary Scientific Department and, in 1922, in violin; and from Syracuse University, in 1926, with the degree of Bachelor of Science. She is now in charge of the music in the schools of Fonda, New York.

**STANLEY WOODWARD SEARCH**, son of Wilbur and Mary E. (Agnew) Search, and brother-in-law of Walter S. Broadt (q. v.), was born in Ross Township, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, on February 28, 1876. He attended the public schools of Shickshinny, and was also graduated from the University of Wooster, in Wooster, Ohio. He undertook the course of study in the Eckles School of Embalming, from which institution he was graduated in 1904, and then returned to Shickshinny, where he established himself as an undertaker and embalmer, carrying a full line of the most modern equipment obtainable. For many years he carried on this work in a very successful way, under his own name, only relinquishing his labors at the time of his death on May 9, 1928.

Politically Mr. Search was a member of the Democratic party, and he was affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, being a member of Ebenezer Lodge, at Wooster, Ohio, and a member of all bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, including Caldwell Consistory, at Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania. Mr. Search was also a member of Irem Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He was a member and one of the elders of Shickshinny Presbyterian Church.

On March 26, 1904, Stanley Woodward Search married Gertrude Gregory, of Sweet Valley, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Charles Gregory, a farmer, born in Union Township, Luzerne County, in 1854,

died in 1926, and of Frances (Whitesell) Gregory, who was born in Snyder County, Pennsylvania, in 1860, and who is still living. Mr. and Mrs. Search became the parents of one child, Mable Mary, born January 1, 1907, who is now attending business college in Wilkes-Barre.

**LEONARD D. MORGAN**—Among the younger members of the Luzerne County bar is Leonard D. Morgan, who is a veteran of the World War and is the only lawyer in Northeastern Pennsylvania who was educated by the United States Vocational Board. Mr. Morgan was admitted to the Luzerne County bar in September, 1923, and since that time has been engaged in practice at No. 713 Coal Exchange Building, in Wilkes-Barre.

Leonard D. Morgan was born in Edwardsville, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, in March, 1896, only son and child of George E. and Mary (Davis) Morgan, and grandson of John S. Morgan, who came to this country from Wales and settled in Luzerne County. Leonard D. Morgan spent his boyhood in Edwardsville, attending the public schools there, and then continued his studies in the Wyoming Valley Seminary, at Kingston, Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated in 1916. In 1917 Mr. Morgan enlisted in Company E, 4th United States Infantry of the Regular Army, and was sent with the American Expeditionary Forces to France, where he participated in all the major offensives against the German forces. In the battle of the Argonne, October 8, 1918, he received wounds from five machine gun bullets, and as a result was confined to hospitals in France and in this country for a year. When he was sufficiently recovered and was mustered out of service Mr. Morgan became a student in Dickinson Law School, at Carlisle, Pennsylvania, where he finished his course with graduation in 1923. He was admitted to the Luzerne County bar in September of that same year, and since that time has been engaged in general practice in Wilkes-Barre. As has been stated, Mr. Morgan has the distinction of being the only member of the legal profession in Northeastern Pennsylvania who was educated by the United States Vocational Training Board, and there is every prospect that his future professional career will be one of which that board can well be proud. Politically, Mr. Morgan gives his support to the principles and the candidates of the Republican party. He is a member of Nanticoke Lodge, No. 541, Free and Accepted Masons, and of all the Scottish Rite bodies up to and including Keystone Consistory, in which he holds the thirty-second degree. He is also a member of Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Wilkes-Barre; and of the Irem Country Club. He also holds membership in the Craftsmen's Club. His religious affiliation and that of his family is with Bethesda Congregational Church of Edwardsville.

Leonard D. Morgan was married, January 17, 1920, to Hilda Davis, of Glen Lyon, Luzerne County. Mr. and Mrs. Morgan are the parents of two children: Edward M. and Annabelle.

**ANDREW J. LEIB**—There are but few of the residents of Hazleton and its vicinity who do not owe much to the care and skill of Andrew J. Leib, for he holds the responsible position of assistant superintendent of the Luzerne County Gas and Electric Corporation for that locality. He is a very prominent member of the community and is active in all civic and welfare work.

Mr. Leib was born in Hazleton, February 26, 1895, the son of William S. and Isabelle K. (Zeigler) Leib, the former a very prominent figure in the community, who was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, and moved to this State in his youth. He was in the mercantile business and was greatly to the fore in all public matters. He served as deputy sheriff of Luzerne County, and was director of the poor for twelve years. On one occasion he was the Republican candidate for State Senator and was always most active in the affairs of that party as a member of the Republican County Committee and a delegate to all county and State conventions. He was a charter member of Hazleton Lodge, No. 200, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and was affiliated with the Lutheran Church. He was the father of eight children: Frank R., Roy Z., Henry D., Irene, who married Earle Heller; Walter G., Andrew J., of whom this is a record; William S., Jr., a resident of Belleville, New Jersey, and John W.

Andrew J. Leib was educated in the public schools of Hazleton, and graduated from the high school of this city in the class of 1914. For one year he took a situation with the Lehigh Coal Company, at the end of which time he became associated with the Luzerne County Gas and Electric Company, with which corporation he has since remained, steadily rising until he now holds the post of superintendent at Hazleton. The only break in this continuous service was when he served for fourteen months in the United States Navy during the World War as first-class radio operator. His first position with the local gas and electric company was that of meter reader, and from that he advanced steadily until in 1921 he was appointed to his present responsible office. Despite the many calls upon his time and energies, Mr. Leib has found time to devote to community matters and civic affairs generally. He was elected to the School Board in 1923 and is now president of that body, being one of the youngest men to achieve that distinction. He is a member of the local Kiwanis Club and of the Chamber of Commerce and his fraternal affiliations include Azalea Lodge, No. 687, Free and Accepted Masons, and Hazleton Lodge, No. 200, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a leading member of the local Post of the American Legion, and is also a member of the East End Engine and Hose Company. His religious affiliations are with the St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church.

On July 20, 1918, Mr. Leib married Katherine Isabelle Slyker, of Hazleton. Mr. and Mrs. Leib are the parents of two children, as follows: Grace Virginia and Andrew J., Jr. Mrs. Leib is very active in the work of the church and in the organization of its labors. The residence of the family is at 56 South Laurel Street, and Mr. Leib has his office at 16 North Laurel Street, Hazleton.

**FRED WALSER**—Since leaving school Fred Walser, secretary-treasurer of the Hazleton Manufacturing Company, Incorporated, has been identified with his present line of business, and during nearly all of that time he has been associated with the same concern with which he is now (1928) officially connected. At the time he first became associated with the company it was known as the Hazleton Coffin and Casket Company, Incorporated, and it still specializes in burial caskets and in other funeral necessities, but also conducts a general mill business, working from architects' plans. The establishment is located on North Cedar between Maple and Hunlock streets, in Hazleton, and

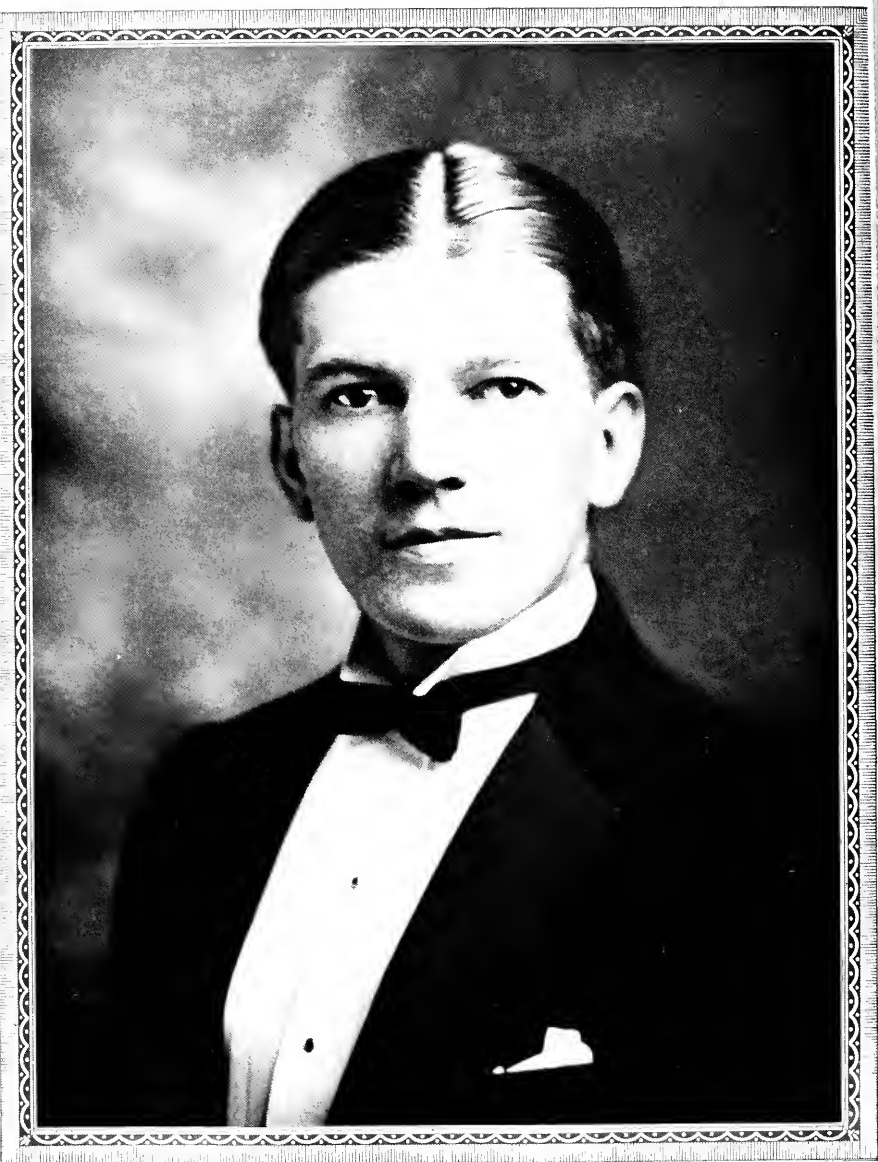




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is one of the oldest concerns in the community, having been founded in 1877.

Fred Walser was born in Hazleton, Pennsylvania, May 28, 1872, son of Frank, who was for many years superintendent of the Hazleton Cemetery (better known as the Vine Street Cemetery), and who died in 1925, at the age of seventy-four years, and of Sophia (Krall) Walser, who is living (1928). After receiving a practical education in the public schools of Hazleton, Mr. Walser became associated with the Hazleton Coffin and Casket Company, Incorporated, and since that time has been continuously identified with this line of business, though he has for short periods associated himself with other concerns than this in order that he might broaden his general knowledge of the special field of business in which he is engaged. Faithful attention to details and natural ability have brought the substantial rewards of promotion to more responsible positions and greater financial returns, and Mr. Walser is now secretary-treasurer of the concern, which is now known as the Hazleton Manufacturing Company, Incorporated.

The business was founded by L. W. Drake in 1877, but six years later it became the property of the Hazleton Coffin and Casket Company, which was incorporated in 1883 with a capital of \$50,000. As the years have passed the business has steadily expanded until at the present time (1928) its capital is \$100,000. About twenty business men, mostly residents of Hazleton, are members of the company, which is now known as the Hazleton Manufacturing Company. The concern manufactures burial caskets and general funeral supplies and also does a general planing mill business. The plant covers two city blocks, 340 by 400 feet, and consists of two main buildings, with a dry kiln power plant and drying sheds. The business has grown to proportions which require the services of about eighty-five people, and its output is distributed throughout the State of Pennsylvania and from New York City and Newport News, Virginia, as distributing centers. Though they do a very large amount of general mill work, they specialize in their original line, burial caskets and general funeral supplies, and in this field they have a reputation of many years standing. The present officials of the company are as follows: President, George B. Markle; vice-president, E. B. Markle; secretary-treasurer, Fred Walser. These, with W. W. Hindunach and R. L. Bigelow, make up the board of directors, which has proved itself to be a strong and able body of business men, well able to hold its own in competition with the most successful concerns of its kind in the country. Mr. Walser gives close attention to the interests of the business and is known as one of the important factors in the marked success which the business has achieved. In civic affairs, as in his business relationships, Mr. Walser is responsible and interested. He is serving his second term as a member of the school board and is one of the citizens who have consistently aided in the progress of the community in civic, economic, social, and political affairs. Fraternally, he is very well known, being identified with Hazleton Lodge, No. 327, Free and Accepted Masons; Hazleton Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Mount Vernon Commandery, No. 73, Knights Templar; Caldwell Consistory; and Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of Mount Horeb Council, Royal and Select Masters, of the Masonic Order; and is identified with Lodge No. 200, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; Lodge No. 1105, Vandevere, Independent

Order of Odd Fellows, of Easton, Pennsylvania; and with Lafayette Council, No. 59, Independent Order of America. His religious affiliation is with the Reformed Church.

Fred Walser was married, in 1913, to Tessie Schwartz, and they have three children: 1. Frederick S. 2. Martha E. 3. Rodney. The family home is at No. 218 West Third Street, in Hazleton.

**JAMES T. BRENNAN**—One of the leading members of the Luzerne County bar is James T. Brennan, whose offices are located at Nos. 307-309 in the Bennett Building in Wilkes-Barre. Mr. Brennan is a graduate of Fordham University and is known as one of the able and resourceful men of his profession in this part of the State.

John Brennan, father of Mr. Brennan, was a native of Kilkenny, Ireland, who came to this country with his wife in 1855. He was one of the pioneer merchants of the West Side, where he established a mercantile business, at Larksville, in 1859, and where he conducted a store for many years. He was educated in Ireland and was a teacher there before coming to America. He married Johanna Brittin, a native of Tipperary, Ireland, who was educated in Dublin and who was a grandniece of Archbishop Ryan, who was a personal friend of Robert Emmett, and who was one of the early advocates of Irish freedom. John Brennan and his wife were the parents of ten children, the mother living (in 1927) aged ninety years. The children are: 1. Thomas J., who was a merchant at his father's old stand at Larksville, Luzerne County, where for twenty-five years he was a director of the schools of Plymouth Township, Luzerne County, later Larksville Borough schools, in which capacity he was largely instrumental in placing the schools among the best in the State. He resides in Wilkes-Barre, engaged in the real estate business, and is the father of eight children, all of whom are college graduates, and engaged in legal and teaching professions. 2. Margaret, who married William Delaney, now deceased, and is the mother of James Delaney, the famous athlete of Fordham University, New York, and four daughters teaching school, and a son, William, now attending Fordham University. 3. William, a well-known plumber, steamfitter, and contractor of Kingston, Pennsylvania. 4. Edward J., of Kingston. 5. Anna Z. 6. James T., of further mention. 7. Bessie C., a graduate of Trinity College, of Washington, D. C., was a teacher for several years and is now the wife of Attorney John C. Conway, of New York City, now deceased. 8. John J., a lawyer who resides in Santiago, California.

James T. Brennan, son of John and Johanna (Brittin) Brennan, was born in Plymouth Township, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, September 12, 1884, and received his early education in the public and parochial schools of his native district. He prepared for college in Wyoming Seminary, from which he was graduated in 1899, and then matriculated in Fordham University, New York, from which he was graduated with the class of 1903. In the fall of 1903 he began the study of law in the office of the late James Lenahan, of Wilkes-Barre, and in 1905 he was admitted to the Luzerne County bar. Since that time he has been one of the active and well-known general legal practitioners of this city and has made for himself an assured place in his profession. He has, in addition to the care of his large clientele, served as attorney for several boroughs in Luzerne County and has been active in social and civic affairs. During the period of the

participation of the United States in the World War he answered the call of his country and was very active in the various drives which carried Wilkes-Barre "over the top" in the home war work, and he has always been a public-spirited citizen, willingly aiding in any project which promised improvement in the general welfare of Wilkes-Barre.

James T. Brennan was married, June 11, 1912, to Clara Hendler, daughter of the late Joseph Hendler, a well-known railroad bridge builder of Wilkes-Barre. Mr. and Mrs. Brennan are the parents of five children: Johanna Helen, James T., Jr., Joseph Thomas, Margaret Mary, and Elizabeth Theresa. The three daughters are students at Mallinckrodt Convent preparing for college, and the two boys are at Wyoming Seminary, also preparing for college.

**ARTHUR W. ALLEN, M. D.**—A native of Hazleton, Arthur W. Allen, M. D., with the exception of a short period of time, has spent his life in the town of his nativity, and here has attained to prominence in his profession, being known as one of the most accomplished practitioners of the younger generation in Luzerne County. During the comparatively brief time that he has practiced in Hazleton, Dr. Allen has aligned himself, not only with those organizations pertaining to his profession, but has become popular and influential in other societies, and has proved most valuable as a citizen. Dr. Allen was born March 14, 1899, son of Harry and Eleanor (Welliver) Allen. Harry Allen, now deceased, for many years was ranked as one of the leading merchants of Hazleton, and was conspicuous in affairs of import to his community. He was a native of Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

Arthur W. Allen received his preliminary education in the public schools of Hazleton, graduating from the high school there with the class of 1915. Soon thereafter he entered Dickinson College, and here devoted himself assiduously to his studies, which resulted in his graduation from that institution, in 1919, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. A further course of training at the University of Pennsylvania eventuated in that institution bestowing upon him the degree of Doctor of Medicine, in 1922. Following the custom of this profession he then entered the Presbyterian Hospital at Philadelphia, serving as an interne therein for eighteen months. At the expiration of this time he felt himself fully equipped for practice, returned to his home town, and here has maintained a growing practice since. In this capacity, perhaps, he is one of the best known specialists in genito-urinary diseases, although he conducts a general practice. Seeking to keep himself informed on all new methods and additions to the works of medicine, Dr. Allen is a member of the Luzerne County Medical Association, the State Medical Association, and the American Medical Association. He is a member of Kappa Sigma Fraternity, Nu Sigma Nu, a medical fraternity, and Alpha Omega Alpha, an honorary fraternity. He is secretary of the Hazleton Society and director of the County Society. Among his non-professional connections may be mentioned Perkins Lodge, No. 402, Free and Accepted Masons; the Exchange Club, Valley Country Club, Young Men's Christian Association; and his religious beliefs are those of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he is a member. Dr. Allen resides at No. 559 Locust Street, Hazleton, while his offices are located in the Hazleton National Bank Building, Rooms 214-15.

**GEORGE M. HUEY**—Engaged in the retail grocery and meat business at Kingston for almost three decades, wherein he has attained success, not only in his retail establishment, but also in real estate, banking and financial institutions, George M. Huey conducts one of the most modern and up-to-date grocery firms in the State of Pennsylvania, and his concern is favorably known throughout the confines of Luzerne County for its high class merchandise and efficient service.

Mr. Huey was born December 13, 1889, at Evans Falls, Wyoming County, Pennsylvania, son of Jacob Huey, born at Evans Falls, in 1868, a farmer, who died in 1910, and of Mary (Moyer) Huey, also born at Evans Falls, in 1870. George M. Huey came to Dorranceton with his parents in 1896, when he was seven years of age. Here he attended the public schools, and was graduated from Dorranceton High School in 1905. Soon thereafter he entered gainful pursuits, and was employed as a clerk in various local grocery stores, so continuing as an employee until 1910. Having gained a thorough understanding of retail merchandising, in this year Mr. Huey felt himself qualified to assume the responsibilities of his own undertaking, and founded a store at the corner of Union Street and Schuyler Avenue. In this location he remained ten years, attracting a steadily increasing patronage and establishing a reputation for honesty and fair-dealing among his customers. In 1920, Mr. Huey purchased a building at the corner of Wyoming Avenue and Union Street, Kingston, and removed his concern to this location, which since has become known as Huey's Corners. This move was a wise one, as has been attested by the steady growth of the business, which now requires the services of seventeen employees, in dispensing groceries, vegetables and fresh meats. With the passing of the years, Mr. Huey's sagacity and business acumen have been recognized by his business associates, and he has been called upon to assume a place upon the board of directors of the West Side Building & Loan Association. The First National Bank of Kingston also benefits through his membership upon its board of directors.

A Republican in political convictions, Mr. Huey exercises his suffrage in supporting the candidates and issues sponsored by that party. He is a shining light in fraternal circles, having been a member of the Junior Order United American Mechanics for more than twenty-two years, and having attained the rank of Noble in the Masonic Order, being affiliated with Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Wilkes-Barre. He also is a member of Lodge No. 395, Free and Accepted Masons; Shekinah Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, and Deus le Veut Commandery, Knights Templar, and of the Kiwanis and International clubs. As a further testimonial of Mr. Huey's worth as a citizen, is his work in the Dorranceton Methodist Episcopal Church, wherein he is a member of the official board and chairman of the finance committee.

George M. Huey married, in 1911, Mae McKechnie, of Luzerne, Pennsylvania, daughter of Charles and Margaret McKechnie, and they have one son: George O., born September 22, 1912. The Huey family residence is at No. 585 Charles Avenue, Kingston.

**REV. DENNIS J. KANE**—During the period of his ministry in the Roman Catholic Church, the Rev. Dennis J. Kane has occupied several Pennsylvania pulpits always with the fine dignity which alone constitutes genuine eloquence. Since 1925, he has been pastor of





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the Sacred Heart Church, in Plains, an able director of the temporal affairs of the parish, and an inspiration and guide in spiritual things.

Dennis J. Kane was born in Sugar Notch, Pennsylvania, a son of James Kane, a miner, born in Ireland in 1852, died in 1908, and of Hannah (Boyle) Kane, also born in Ireland in 1852, died in 1885. When he became of proper age, he attended the public schools of his birthplace, and later entered St. Bonaventure College, from which he was graduated in 1902. Deciding to follow the ministry of Christ, he undertook the course of theology at St. Bonaventure's, which he completed at St. Charles Seminary, in Overbrook, and, on June 17, 1905, was ordained priest in the Roman Catholic Church by Rt. Rev. M. J. Hoban in St. Peter's Cathedral, Scranton. Thereafter for a number of years he acted as assistant in the parishes of Green Ridge, Hawley, and Hazleton, and from 1916 to 1918 was pastor of St. Peter's Church, in Wellsboro. When the United States entered the World War, Father Kane immediately volunteered his services as chaplain of the troops, and in this capacity he served during all the period of the war. From 1919 to 1925 he was pastor of St. Catherine's Church, at Moscow, finally, in 1925, coming to Plains as pastor of the Sacred Heart Church. Almost immediately, he won the confidence and trust of his people, and has since remained their friend as well as their spiritual advisor. Rev. Thomas P. Monahan is curate. In connection with the church there is maintained grade and high schools, with an enrollment of four hundred pupils, and a teaching force of thirteen Sisters of Mercy.

Father Kane is Supreme Chaplain of the Holy Name societies of the Diocese of Scranton, and is also a member of the Knights of Columbus. He is Spiritual Director of the Catholic Nurses Guild of Luzerne County. His influence has extended into the general life of the community, in which he takes an active part.

Throughout all the years of his ministry, Father Kane has been a builder, a constructive worker in both spiritual and temporal affairs. He has never once compromised his high ideals, but he has never forgotten the humanity of man.

**ALLAN COLBY BROOKS, M. D.**—Descended from one of the oldest families in the United States, the founder of the American branch having come to America from England, to Boston, in 1635, and settled in Springfield, Massachusetts, in 1649, Dr. Allan Colby Brooks occupies a distinguished position in the medical profession, both professionally, as a physician and surgeon, and socially, as a gentleman of an honorable line of ancestors, many of whom were professional men. Dr. Allan C. Brooks was born at Knowlton, New Jersey, in Warren County, on August 12, 1869, a son of the Rev. Peter H. Brooks, D. D., and Catherine S. (Colby) Brooks, Rev. Dr. Brooks having moved to Wilkes-Barre with his family in July, 1890.

The record of the Brooks family is included in Pierson's "Genealogies of the First Settlers of the Ancient County of Albany," in this wise, that: "Brooks (Brocks) Pieter, and Francynjtje Wendell, married, November 7, 1711, Frances, widow of Pieter B., April 25, 1718; aged sixty-five years, six months, five days. Children: Jonathan, born August 13, 1722; Rebecca, baptized October 15, 1725; Johannes, born November 11, 1727; Susanna, born August 11, 1729; Pieter, born May 3, 1780." This Pieter Brooks undoubtedly was the son of Jonathan Brooks (Brocks,

Broecks) who married, April 13, 1727, Rebecca Tattem (Tatton, Totten), as Pieter's eldest son was named Jonathan, after his grandfather, and his eldest daughter was named Rebecca, after her grandmother. This would appear to indicate beyond doubt that Peter Brooks, ancestor of the Rev. Dr. Peter H. Brooks and his son, Dr. Allan C. Brooks, of Wilkes-Barre, was of New England birth (1733) and that he removed when young to the Hudson Valley and settled there among the Dutch colonists, married a Dutch wife, and raised a family. And it is more than probable that Peter (or Pieter) was the son of Jonathan Brooks and his wife Rebecca (Tattem) Brooks. Family tradition has it that his father, Jonathan, was of New England birth, and that Peter was recorded as one of the inhabitants of Albany, after the custom of that ancient town. However, this may have been in fact, so far as obtainable data is concerned, the full record of the family must begin with Peter Brooks of Albany, who married Francina Wendell on November 7, 1771, though the date 1635 is fixed as the founding date of the Brooks family in New England.

Peter Brooks, then, son of Jonathan and Rebecca Brooks, was born in 1733, and died March 8, 1825. He lived in Albany, New York, and was a private soldier during the Revolution, as was his son, Jonathan Phillips Brooks, in the 1st Regiment of the Albany County Militia, serving more than two years. The names of both are found in the military rolls under land and bounty rights awarded for service. Jonathan Phillips Brooks married at Normanskill, New York, February 28, 1791, Maria Haverly, who, after the death of her husband removed to Glenville and later to Schenectady, New York, where she died on July 9, 1861, an exemplary Christian character; and at the time of her death one of her granddaughters was a grandmother. Aaron Swart Brooks was born in Glenville, near Schenectady, September 1, 1817, and about 1843 he exchanged his farm near West Milton, in Saratoga County, for a residence in Schenectady, where he spent the remainder of his life in various business enterprises, during the last of his years having become a professor of religion. His wife, Fanny Duncan, was born in Schenectady in 1811, daughter of Major John Duncan and granddaughter of John Duncan who, with his wife, Martha March, settled in Schenectady in 1755, where John Duncan was one of the new class of merchants engaging in trade across the lakes, dealing largely with Montreal and the merchants and forwarders of that part of Canada. Peter Haverly Brooks, son of Aaron Swart and Fanny (Duncan) Brooks, was born in Glenville on December 16, 1837.

Rev. Peter Haverly Brooks, D. D. was educated in the Schenectady Union School, and Union College, graduating in the class of 1862, then graduated from the Princeton Theological Seminary in 1864, and received from Union University the degree of Doctor of Divinity in 1897. As Licentiate he supplied about one year (1864-1865) the pulpit of the Presbyterian Church at Tom's River, New Jersey. He was ordained and installed by the presbytery of Albany, New York, served three years as pastor of the Presbyterian Church of West Milton, New York, and for three years as pastor of the Knowlton and Hope Presbyterian churches in New Jersey; in 1871 he became pastor of the First Presbyterian Church at Susquehanna, Pennsylvania, serving in that capacity eighteen years, until 1889; was temporary supply pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Wilkes-Barre in 1890 and at the same time

was Presbyterian missionary under appointment of the Lackawanna Presbytery, and during the many years (twenty) as stated clerk of the Presbytery he completed five different records of the proceedings, each containing some five hundred pages, said to be, for chirography and content, the most wonderful records of the kind ever seen in any part of the globe. He was a master in penmanship; in 1864 he wrote the Lord's Prayer three times upon the space covered by a silver three-cent piece, without using a glass for the work, which can be read clearly by ordinary eyes with the use of a magnifying glass. In July, 1890, the Rev. Dr. Brooks removed to Wilkes-Barre, where he continued in the religious capacities noted and was for a number of years correspondent for several religious papers. He published several books, among which were: "History of the Lackawanna Presbytery," 1888; "Fifty Golden Years"; "Eden's Sunny Slopes," 1897, illustrating the first and second chapters of Genesis with twenty original designs. The Rev. Dr. Brooks married in Kingston, New Jersey, on September 1, 1864, Kate S. Colby, daughter of Aaron and Lydia (Van Dyke Van de Veer) Colby, her father having been a teacher and a volunteer in 1861 in the Civil War. The founder of the American branch of the Colby family sailed from England and settled in Boston in 1630. (Antonia Colby, died in 1661.) The Rt. Rev. Dr. Peter H. Brooks, who died February 27, 1922, and his wife, Kate S. Brooks, were the parents of five children: 1. Lilly, born and died at West Milton, New York, June 7, 1865. 2. John Duncan, born at West Milton, May 9, 1866, died at Glenolden, Pennsylvania, December 27, 1893. 3. Allan Colby, of whom later. 4. Phillip Haverly, born at Susquehanna, Pennsylvania, November 11, 1874, died May 25, 1876. 5. Katherine May, born at Susquehanna.

Dr. Allan C. Brooks graduated from the Susquehanna Collegiate Institute at Towanda, Pennsylvania, in June, 1889, and from the Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, May 15, 1895, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. After one year as an interne he began practice in Wilkes-Barre, and during succeeding years has maintained an excellent practice. His professional, social and fraternal associations are wide. Dr. Brooks was secretary of Riverside Hospital for eleven years, 1910-21, at which time the hospital was sold. He is the authorized medical examiner for the aeronautics branch of the Department of Commerce. He is a member of the Luzerne County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania Medical Society, and the American Medical Association; he is a member and deacon of the First Presbyterian Church of Wilkes-Barre; a member and Past Master of Landmark Lodge, No. 442, of the Free and Accepted Masons; a Past High Priest and member and secretary of Shekinah Chapter, No. 182, of the Royal Arch Masons; member and Past Commander of Dieu le Veut Commandery, No. 45, Knights Templar; member and Thrice Illustrious Master of Mount Horeb Council, No. 34, of the Royal and Select Master Masons; Keystone Consistory of Scranton, Pennsylvania, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Masons of the thirty-second degree; a member of Irem Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of Wilkes-Barre; the Irem Country Club, and the Craftsmen's Club.

Dr. Allan C. Brooks married, on October 6, 1897, at Wilkes-Barre, Margaret Hamilton Carrick, daughter of Archibald Carrick, of Wilkes-Barre. Dr. and Mrs. Brooks are the parents of two children: 1. Frances Edna, born on December 7, 1899, graduate of

Wellesley College, class of 1921, and is now librarian at the G. A. R. High School of Wilkes-Barre. 2. Margaret Allan, born February 22, 1905, attended Barnard College two years, Columbia University, New York City, and graduated from Wooster College, Ohio.

**SAMUEL JOSEPH BANNAN**—Since 1910, Samuel Joseph Bannan has been a resident of Shickshinny, Pennsylvania. In that year he established the drug store here, which he has since conducted, very successfully, under his own name, providing the community with an excellent service in pharmaceutical and allied products. Mr. Bannan is regarded in Shickshinny as a public-spirited citizen, active in all phases of the life of the city, and always willing to support liberally any movement which he considers designed to promote the growth and welfare of the community.

Mr. Bannan was born in Delano, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, on March 5, 1886, a son of Charles D. Bannan, a foreman for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, who was born in Tomaque, Pennsylvania, and of Emma Louisa (Depew) Bannan, who was also born in Tomaque. When he became of suitable age, Samuel J. Bannan attended the public schools and the high school at Altoona, Pennsylvania, from which latter institution he was graduated in 1902. Subsequently he entered the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, from which he was graduated in 1908, with the pharmacy degree. After working for one year in the drug business, Mr. Bannan came to Shickshinny in 1910, and established his retail drug store, his thorough training in his profession, together with marked business ability, bringing him real success.

Politically, Mr. Bannan is a member of the Republican party, and for one year he served as a member of the Shickshinny School Board, and for ten years as a member of the Board of Health, in which position he still remains. He is a member of the local Chamber of Commerce, and at one time was vice-president of this organization. Mr. Bannan is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, and in this body he is a member of Sylvania Lodge, No. 354, a member of all bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, including Caldwell Consistory at Bloomsburg, and a member of Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of the Patriotic Order Sons of America. He and his family worship in the faith of the Presbyterian Church.

In 1911, Samuel J. Bannan married Maude Margaret Miller, of Shickshinny, a daughter of Irving Alonzo Miller, a prominent and well-known business man of Shickshinny and vicinity, and a veteran of the Civil War, and Mable (Wolfe) Miller, both now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Bannan are the parents of two children: 1. Samuel J., Jr., born January 26, 1916. 2. Alonzo Miller, born July 5, 1918. The Bannan family home is situated at No. 7 West Union Street, Shickshinny.

**SAMUEL BYRON ADKINS**—Prominent for many years in the life and affairs of Shickshinny, Pennsylvania, Samuel Byron Adkins, in association with his brother, Mason Hix Adkins, is now editor and publisher of the "Mountain Echo," a weekly newspaper published in Shickshinny every Friday. By his liberal and progressive policies Mr. Adkins has not only furthered the cause of community progress, but has also increased the circulation of his paper, which is soundly established and financially secure.

The Adkins family, an old one in Pennsylvania, traces descent from Thomas Adkins, who was born in Vermont in the year 1730.





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During the Revolutionary War he served in Captain William Shepard's company, and Colonel Cornelius Douty's regiment, of the Vermont Militia. There is no date of his death known, but he is probably buried in Montpelier, Vermont. His son, Isaiah (or Josiah) Adkins, was born in Vermont on September 24, 1760, and died at Mehoopany, Pennsylvania, May 14, 1842. He also served in the Revolutionary War, as a member of the 23d Regiment, Continental Troops of Massachusetts, and in later life was the first member of his family to come to Pennsylvania. He married Rhoda Carey, born in Massachusetts in 1755, died at Mehoopany, Pennsylvania, December 26, 1827, and they were the parents of three children: 1. Samuel, of whom further. 2. Laura, who married Israel Furman. 3. Mary, who married William Vaughn. All died near Mehoopany, Pennsylvania.

Samuel Adkins, son of Isaiah and Rhoda (Carey) Adkins, was born in Vermont, May 10, 1793, and married Hannah Hix on October 24, 1816. For a short period, during the War of 1812, he served in the United States Army and was stationed at Lake Erie. Somewhat earlier he emigrated with his father's family, the Hix and Carey families, to the Mohawk Valley, settling at Oriskany Falls for a time, then proceeding down the Susquehanna River on boats to Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, in 1810. Some members of these families, and Samuel Adkins' own parents settled at Mehoopany, then in Luzerne County, where they cleared farms near Forkston, on the Mehoopany Creek. Samuel Adkins died by drowning near Mehoopany, on October 9, 1847. His wife, Hannah (Hix) Adkins, born in Massachusetts on June 17, 1796, died near Forkston, Pennsylvania, on July 1, 1841. The children of Samuel and Hannah (Hix) Adkins were: 1. Ezra, born June 29, 1817, died August 25, 1841. 2. Martha, born September 15, 1818, died at Russell Hill, Wyoming County, Pennsylvania, in 1895. She married Aaron Barton on October 19, 1842. 3. Mary, born September 19, 1820, died at Wyalusing, Pennsylvania, in November, 1882. She married Warren Griffiths. 4. Harriet, born August 9, 1822, died at Wyalusing, Bradford County, June 18, 1880. She married Searle Peck Lathrop, on January 1, 1843. 5. Luther C., born June 6, 1824, died at Mason City, Michigan. He saw service in the war with Mexico. 6. Elizabeth, born May 4, 1826, died July 5, 1893, the wife of George Steele. 7. Andrew Jackson, of whom further. 8. Samuel Benjamin, born February 11, 1831. He served in the Union Army during the Civil War, and died at Scranton. 9. Rhoda, born February 20, 1833, died at Emporium, Pennsylvania, November 30, 1903. She married Wilbur Russell.

Andrew Jackson Adkins, son of Samuel and Hannah (Hix) Adkins, was born May 4, 1828, died at Shickshinny, Pennsylvania, October 17, 1905. He married, on November 19, 1855, Martha Jane Kocher, born September 25, 1835, in New Port Township, died in Shickshinny, June 25, 1916, daughter of Thomas Kocher and granddaughter of Thomas Kocher, who was one of three brothers to come from Holland and settle at Whitemarsh, near Philadelphia. Andrew Jackson and Martha Jane (Kocher) Adkins were the parents of seven children: 1. Samuel Byron, of whom further. 2. Ellen Josephine, born February 28, 1861, died July 11, 1874. 3. Harriet Adel, born March 9, 1864, died August 14, 1895. She married Levi Deubler. 4. Martha Jane, born October 15, 1866, married William H. Thomas, and now lives at Sweet Valley, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania.

5. Blanche B., born September 26, 1869, died November 4, 1877. 6. Mason Hix, who was born on August 16, 1872. 7. Wilbur Russell, born July 20, 1875; married Harriet Hill, of Scranton.

Samuel Byron Adkins was born on October 13, 1858, at Town Hill, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania. He attended the public schools of Shickshinny, and when he completed his education taught for one term in the schools of Huntington Township. At the end of this time he learned the drug trade and for fourteen years engaged in this business. For three years thereafter he acted as outside foreman for a local coal company, after which he became connected with the People's Telephone Company, of Wilkes-Barre. In these various positions Mr. Adkins' fine energy and ability were of the greatest value to the companies with which he was associated. Finally, however, in January, 1916, he and his brother, Mason Hix Adkins, purchased the Shickshinny "Mountain Echo," and have since given their time and attention to the affairs of this paper of which they are sole owners. Pursuing a non-partisan policy in strictly political matters, they have built up the circulation until it numbers 1,500 readers, while the paper's influence is widely extended.

Politically, Mr. Adkins is a member of the Democratic party, and for ten years he served as justice of the peace of Shickshinny Borough. He was also a school director here for a period of six years, and for seven years served on the local Borough Council. For one year he was burgess. Mr. Adkins is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, in which organization he is a member of Sylvania Lodge, No. 354. He is also a member of the Shickshinny Methodist Episcopal Church.

On January 12, 1893, Samuel Byron Adkins married Elsie Allegar, of Glen Lyon, Pennsylvania, daughter of Norman B. and Emma (Lanning) Allegar, of that place. Of this marriage there are no children.

Mason Hix Adkins, associated with his brother, Samuel Byron Adkins, in the management of the "Mountain Echo," was also educated in the Shickshinny public schools, and when he finished his high school work, learned the printing trade in the office of the "Mountain Echo," which was then owned by Mr. R. M. Tubbs, under whom he worked. Later Mr. Adkins was employed as a printer in New York City, after which, for twelve years, he was connected with the Raider Printing Company, in Wilkes-Barre. At the end of this time, in 1916, he went into partnership with his brother in the ownership of the "Mountain Echo." In the civic and fraternal life of the town, he has taken an active part, holding now the office of overseer of the poor, and having previously served as school director. He is a member of Sylvania Lodge, No. 354, of the Free and Accepted Masons, and of Lodge No. 180, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is also a member of the local Rotary Club. Mr. Adkins has achieved considerable fame as a musician and vocalist. He was a member of the Wilkes-Barre Concordia at the time of the winning of the Kaiser Prize, and he is also a member of the Shickshinny Band, and is also now its president. Mason Hix Adkins married Maude Kelly, daughter of F. P. and Mary Kelly, in 1916, and of this marriage a son, William, was born on August 31, 1920.

**JUDGE EUGENE FOSTER HELLER**—Sitting in review upon human actions is a duty that calls for fine powers of discrimination, requiring of the judge on the bench that he

be able to read human nature, to stand in the other man's shoes, and only with such adaptability may a judge be said to possess the qualities necessary to success. These attributes in abundance are part of the equipment of Judge Eugene Foster Heller, since 1921 in charge of the Orphans' Court of Wilkes-Barre and Luzerne County, whose broad sympathies and dependable judgment have made his name widely known in the district. Judge Heller is fortunate not only in his knowledge of law and the proper application of it, but in the possession of a background of family tradition and accomplishment.

Eugene F. (E. Foster) Heller was born March 9, 1880, at Hazleton, Pennsylvania, son of Christopher C. and Enna (Dodson) Heller. Christopher C. Heller was born at Hetterville, Columbia County, October 2, 1852, and died September 29, 1921, having been a merchant and well-known citizen of Hazleton many years. Mrs. Heller, a native of Luzerne County, also survives, and is the mother of three children: 1. Eugene Foster, of whom further. 2. Gertrude, married F. P. Barnhart. 3. Ruth, married Lewis Bacon, Jr. The father of Christopher C. Heller and grandfather of Judge Heller, Michael Heller, was a native of Columbia County and connected with a family noted for its constructive achievements. The Hellers came to Pennsylvania in 1732 from the Palatinate, while the Dodsons were of early Connecticut ancestry and came to the Wyoming Valley among the pioneers.

Judge Heller received his preliminary education in the local public schools, after which he matriculated at Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania, from which institution he graduated in 1905 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. In the same year, he passed the examinations of the Pennsylvania State Supreme Court and was admitted to practice, with offices at Wilkes-Barre. A glimpse into his chambers and his study reveals the pondering mind, before which the world is passing in review, and particularly that world in which are quartered the poor and the unfortunate. In his earlier days at the law he made the kind of success the layman understands when that term is used—he prospered financially; but of later years he has turned to considerations of humanity and in a big-hearted, understanding way is ministering to the hundreds who came into his court with tales of woe, and who in many cases are ready to go the right way as his words guide them. His administration of the law is just and at the same time merciful, making the ideal that the people expect to find in a judge.

Judge Heller is a member of the Republican party by political persuasion, but he does not always vote a straight party ticket when he sees an opportunity to vote independently for a man he considers superior to the nominee. In religion he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is quite prominent in fraternal order work, being a member of Landmark Lodge, No. 442, Free and Accepted Masons; Shekinah Chapter No. 182, Royal Arch Masons; Dieu le Veut Commandery, No. 45, Knights Templar; Keystone Consistory of Scranton; Scottish Rite Mason of the thirty-second degree; Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Wilkes-Barre. Judge Heller is an active and valued member of the Luzerne County Bar Association, the Pennsylvania State Board Association, and the American Bar Association. Judge Heller is a member of the Sons of American Revolution, his ancestors—maternal and paternal, having fought in the Revolutionary War. On his

mother's side, her ancestors took part in the Battle of Wyoming, July 3, 1778. He is unmarried. In civic affairs he takes a leading part, and in every way lives up to the name of a popular and useful citizen.

**J. D. MORGAN**—Born in Carbondale, Lackawanna County, on March 28, 1888, J. D. Morgan is a son of Rev. T. P. and Mary (Davis) Morgan. Rev. Mr. Morgan was born in Wales, was for many years minister in the Baptist Church of Carbondale, and is now (1928) in retirement from the profession, resident of Scranton, Pennsylvania. Mary (Davis) Morgan was born in Pottsville, Pennsylvania.

J. D. Morgan received his academic training in the elementary and high schools, and matriculated in Temple University, where he studied pharmacy, and whence he was graduated in 1914, with the degree of Graduate of Pharmacy. He passed the State Board's examinations and went to work with W. D. White & Company, of Wilkes-Barre; later, for three years, he was connected with the Nanticoke Drug Company, of Nanticoke. In 1923 he purchased the Nanticoke Drug Company and reorganized it, under the style of J. D. Morgan's Pharmacy. It is located at No. 75 East Main Street, and in it Mr. Morgan carries complete stocks of drugs and sundries. He is skilled in the filling of prescriptions and has as clients several of the leading physicians of Nanticoke, who know from experience the minute care with which he is prone to execute formulae. His rating is sound commercially, and his standing in the Pennsylvania Pharmaceutical Association high indeed. Aside from the drug business Mr. Morgan devotes a large share of his time to the general affairs of Nanticoke. In all movements calculated for the enhancement of the public welfare he is interested, serving whenever possible in this direction. He is a member of Nanticoke Lodge, No. 541, Free and Accepted Masons; the Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Caldwell Consistory, Bloomsburg, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; and Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Also, he is a member of the Kiwanis Club of Nanticoke, the Nanticoke Fire Department, and the Baptist Church.

On June 3, 1915, Mr. Morgan was united in marriage with Emily Williams, of Mahanoy City, Pennsylvania; and they are the parents of a daughter, Helen. Mrs. Morgan is active in the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Craftsmen's Club, and in the Methodist Episcopal Church. The family reside at No. 101 East Green Street, Nanticoke.

**FRANK RAYMOND TUBBS**—Associated with the third generation of the same family engaged in funeral directing and mortuary work in Nanticoke, where their establishment is held to be the most elaborate and up-to-date in the city, Frank Raymond Tubbs has ably assisted in the work that has brought about this preeminence in business. The firm is now Tubbs and Harter, the second partner being a direct descendant of the first Harter to engage in the business here.

Mr. Tubbs was born in Lehman Township, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, February 21, 1881. His father was Simon Tubbs, and his mother, Emma (Crispwell) Tubbs. The family is one of the oldest and most respected in the county. His grandfather was a farmer of Fairmount Township and his father a farmer and sawmill owner.

Frank Raymond Tubbs was educated in the public schools, afterward being employed in various capacities, finally studying under-





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taking under the tutelage of Aman L. Harter, who had established the business. He eventually bought the interest of his employer and, taking into partnership Drew R. Harter, the first firm became known as F. R. Tubbs & Company. This title was changed, January 1, 1924, to Tubbs and Harter, as it stands today. The plant contains a mortuary chapel, where funeral services are held, and has a complete line of motorized equipment of the most modern design. Jacob Harter, great-grandfather of the partner of Frank Raymond Tubbs, was born in Nescopeck, Luzerne County, November 25, 1809. He married Anna Marguerite Detrich, March 4, 1832, and was the father of Aman Luther, born in Nescopeck, December 20, 1858, and dying February 15, 1903. Aman Luther Harter was a cabinet maker, having learned the trade under Thomas Harter, at Catawissa, Pennsylvania, and in 1883 coming to Nanticoke, where he established the undertaking business in his own name by purchasing that of Frank Moe Harter. This he carried on until his death, when the present Tubbs bought it out. Drew Raugh Harter, his son, named for his mother, who was Mattie E. Raugh, was born September 9, 1897, and educated in Nanticoke public schools and the Wyoming Seminary. He took the course of embalming at Eckels School and is a member of the National, State and County Funeral Directors' Associations. He also holds membership in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Junior Order United American Mechanics; Patriotic Sons of America; Nanticoke Lodge, No. 541, Free and Accepted Masons; Keystone Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and he attends the Methodist Episcopal Church. He married, May 22, 1919, LaBerta Smith, daughter of A. D. and Minnie (Barral) Smith, of Nanticoke. Their children are: Lois, and Drew Raugh, Jr.

Frank Raymond Tubbs is very active in civic, social and fraternal affairs of Nanticoke and Luzerne County. He is a director in the People's Savings and Trust Company, and administers the business affairs of the local agency of the Willys-Knight and Overland automobile companies. He is a member of the National, State and county funeral directors' associations, and of Nanticoke Lodge, No. 541, Free and Accepted Masons; Royal Arch Chapter, No. 287, Royal Arch Masons; Keystone Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Scranton; Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; Knights of Pythias, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Junior Order United American Mechanics and Woodmen of the World. He attends the Baptist Church.

Mr. Tubbs married, December 6, 1906, Mrs. Mattie Rowe Harter. They reside at No. 2 Shea Street, Nanticoke.

**ULYSSES GRANT BICKELL, M.D.**—A native of Pennsylvania, reared and educated in this State, Dr. Ulysses Grant Bickell, of White Haven, undoubtedly possesses a wider experience, and one that covers the various walks of life more thoroughly, than any other physician of this town. His practice has covered many sections of his native State and encompasses a period in the service of his government over-seas, which has proved extremely valuable to him during the later years of his practice. He now has a large and steadily increasing clientage in White Haven and the surrounding communities, which speaks eloquently of the confidence reposed in him by his patients. Dr. Bickell was born August 25, 1865, at Jersey Shore, Pennsylvania, son of Mathias and Elizabeth (Cow-

nick) Bickell. Mathias Bickell, who was a native of Germany, born in 1824, was brought to the United States in 1826, when he was two years of age. He attained prominence in construction work, having been a prominent contractor and builder in Jersey Shore until the time of his death in 1897. The mother of Dr. Bickell, born in 1828, at Lycoming County, Pennsylvania, passed away in 1907.

Ulysses Grant Bickell, after receiving the full benefits of training afforded by the public schools of Jersey Shore, attended Munsey Normal School. While in this last-named institution, he decided upon the calling that was his future work, and having decided upon the medical profession, matriculated at Jefferson Medical College, there devoted himself assiduously to study, and at the time of his graduation therefrom, in 1893, held the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He chose Williamsport, Pennsylvania, as the place to launch his independent practice and remained there for a number of years, going thence to Philadelphia. He spent some years in this metropolis, engaged in the pursuit of his profession during all of this time, but in 1922 came to White Haven and established an office. His activities in White Haven have been continuous since 1922, with the exception of that period during which he served in the World War. Shortly after he came to White Haven, the United States was drawn into the war, and Dr. Bickell enlisted, being commissioned a first lieutenant. He was sent over-seas, and in France was attached to base hospital No. 91, Commissary Department. He remained in the army until July, 1919, at which time he was honorably discharged. Dr. Bickell, however, has retained his military connections and now holds a captain's commission in the Medical Reserve Corps. He returned to White Haven immediately after his discharge and now resides with his family at No. 207 Wilkes-Barre Street.

Dr. Bickell married, in 1894, Elizabeth Balch, of Virginia. Her father, too, was a physician, a member of the Balch family so well known in the Old South. Dr. and Mrs. Bickell have three children: 1. Ernest M. W. 2. Elizabeth C. 3. Harold G., who now is in the aviation service of the United States Army.

**FRANK P. KELLY**—Devoting the better part of his life to important work for the city of Wilkes-Barre, Frank P. Kelly, now city treasurer, was awarded this position by a grateful constituency after twenty-seven years of faithful service as deputy treasurer under five city treasurers. He is one of the leading citizens of the city, and has the high regard of the population, regardless of political affiliation. Courteous in his associations with the public, genial in manner, sound in political principles, devoted to the best interests of the community, his is a position among his fellows that betokens the deepest respect, the most sincere admiration.

He was born in Wilkes-Barre, March 18, 1866. His father was Michael Kelly, who came to this country from his native Ireland some twenty years previous to the birth of Frank and settled in this city, which was then but a small village, where he became a miner. In this occupation he was killed when Frank was two years of age. His widow was Bridget (Hilbert) Kelly, also of Irish birth, now deceased. They were the parents of five children, of whom Frank P. was the youngest. James H., the first born, died in 1925; Nora H. is the widow of Charles Dermody, of Philadelphia; William J. is a grocery merchant of Wilkes-Barre, and Elizabeth is single.

Frank P. Kelly was educated in the public schools here and at St. Vincent's College, at Latrobe, Pennsylvania. Upon completing these courses of instruction he obtained a clerical position in the offices of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company here, holding that post until 1899, when he was appointed deputy treasurer of the city under Bernard McManus. This position he held for three years, when he became bookkeeper for the old People's Bank, remaining there until 1905, when he returned to the city government in his original position there, this time under the late George Stegmaier. At the city election of November, 1927, he was chosen city treasurer by the largest majority ever given a candidate for that office. He is a member of Wilkes-Barre Lodge, No. 109, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and of the Knights of Columbus, of Wilkes-Barre. He is a member of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church and has his residence, with his family, at No. 438 South River Street, Wilkes-Barre.

Mr. Kelly married, in October, 1908, Margaret C. Buckley, daughter of Dennis Buckley, well-known contractor and builder, of this city, and Margaret (Farrell) Buckley. They became the parents of five children: Frank, Jr., Mary E., Margaret, William, and Robert, who died at the age of six years.

**THE RT. REV. JAMES S. FAGAN, V. F.**—Rector of St. Gabriel's parish, in Hazleton, Pennsylvania, for more than two decades, the Very Rev. James S. Fagan, V. F., has accomplished a noble work in the up-building of the parish during his long pastorate. The beautiful new church only recently completed, the new and modern school, and the remodeled convent building are tributes to his energy and executive ability, while the spiritual vitality so apparent in his charge to even the most casual onlooker, is evidence enough of his fidelity to his sacred mission. Father Fagan has occupied the pulpit of St. Gabriel's with the fine dignity which alone constitutes genuine eloquence, and his place in the deep affection of his parishioners is notably secure.

Father Fagan was born in New York, a son of Patrick C. Fagan, superintendent of masonry for the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company, and of Rose (Simons) Fagan. He came to Wilkes-Barre as a small child, and here attended the local public schools. Later he entered Wyoming Seminary, and also attended the private school of Professor Henry A. Reid. He began his preparation for the priesthood at St. Vincent's College, in Westmoreland County, about 1880, and upon the completion of his classical course, he entered St. Mary's Seminary, in Baltimore, for training in theology and philosophy. In August, 1888, he was ordained to the holy priesthood by the Rt. Rev. Bishop O'Hara.

Father Fagan was first assigned to Susquehanna, where he remained as an assistant for seven years. At the end of this time he was named by Bishop O'Hara to be pastor at Great Bend, continuing his duties there for thirteen years, until his promotion to the pastorate of St. Gabriel's, in Hazleton, on July 1, 1908. Father Fagan's work at St. Gabriel's has been one of great accomplishment. As early as 1912, he replaced the old school building with the present splendid and modern structure, which accommodates more than one thousand children, and he later sponsored the remodeling of the convent building, the living quarters of which had become inadequate because of the greatly increased number of the Sisters. In 1924 he embarked upon the crowning achievement of

his pastorate, the erection of the beautiful and magnificent church, which was completed about three years later. The church itself, designed by Peter B. Sheridan and Philip G. Knobloch, registered architects of Hazleton, is in the thirteenth century Gothic style and is considered by competent judges to be one of the finest structures of its kind in the country. It was built by James C. Hoe's Sons, Inc., of New York City. Father Fagan's constant effort toward the improvement and beautification of the church property has been a subject of admiration throughout the whole community. During his pastorate at St. Gabriel's, the following priests have served as assistants: Fathers Martin Cawley, D. J. Kane, James Gilpatrick, J. J. Featherstone, Joseph Reilly, Joseph Gagan, John Walsh, James Mulholland, James Walsh, James A. Boland, James P. Flynn, Thomas F. Kelley, Leo Gilroy and John Carroll.

At the time of the late Rt. Rev. Bishop Hoban's death, in November, 1926, Father Fagan was named administrator of the Scranton diocese by His Eminence, Dennis Cardinal Dougherty, Archbishop of Philadelphia. During this administratorship, the qualities which characterized him in his own parish have endeared him to all the priests of the diocese, who have come to look upon him as one filled with a deep sense of justice, and an understanding, sympathetic way. Thus during Father Fagan's pastorate, the finest traditions of the Church and of St. Gabriel's parish have been loyally upheld. At the celebration attending the dedication of the new church, this fervent prayer was offered, on behalf of the entire congregation:

It is our earnest prayer that God's choicest blessings be showered upon him, upon his worthy and earnest efforts to better his parish both spiritually and materially, and that he be spared to us for many years to come.

On August 19, 1928, Father Fagan was elevated to the dignity of Rt. Rev. Monsignor, Bishop Reilly officiating.

**ROBERT E. JONES**—Although one of the comparatively younger members of the banking profession in Luzerne County, Robert E. Jones has already acquired a well deserved reputation for leadership in the financial world in and about Kingston, Pennsylvania, where he is cashier of the First National Bank. A native of this city and a man who has spent a great deal of his life in this part of Pennsylvania, Mr. Jones is thoroughly acquainted with local men and conditions, and it is predicted for him that he will, before many years, be one of the outstanding figures in the State's banking business. The institution in which he holds this important position was organized on April 26, 1926, and occupied its present modern bank building on February 4, 1927. Its president is Olin R. Mullison, who has been associated with a number of men prominent in banking and finance, among them being R. H. Scureman, formerly second vice-president and a director, now deceased, and Harry R. Hay, the first cashier of the present bank. Mr. Jones has held the cashier's post since December 27, 1927.

Born July 21, 1903, in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, Robert E. Jones was a son of Robert E. and Emma (Miller) Jones. Both of his parents were born in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, where his father was throughout his active career a lace weaver. His mother died on February 12, 1928. The son, Robert E. Jones, attended the public schools in his early boyhood, and later went to the Wilkes-





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Barre High School, which graduated him in the class of 1921. He then studied at the Wharton Night School, in Wilkes-Barre, where he acquired a thorough mastery of business and banking principles and fitted himself for work as a banker. His first work was as a clerk with the South Side Bank and Trust Company, of Wilkes-Barre. After he had been for a short time with that organization, however, he came with the First National Bank of Kingston in the capacity of assistant cashier. That was in April, 1926. It was on December 27, 1927, that, recognizing his innate abilities and his special talents for the work which he had undertaken, his superior officers in the bank made him cashier. In this position, for which he is well fitted by personality and inclination, Mr. Jones attracts to the bank a large number of depositors and people desiring to utilize this financial institution for their banking needs; and has established for himself among his fellow townsmen a wide circle of friends.

In addition to his work as bank cashier, Mr. Jones participates extensively in the social and fraternal life of his community. Keenly interested in political developments, he is identified with the Republican party, whose policies and candidates he supports; is a member of the Pi Delta Epsilon Fraternity; and belongs to the Lutheran Church.

**WILLIAM J. KEAR**—One of the foremost contractors and builders of Wilkes-Barre, William J. Kear, has won the esteem of a large number of his fellow-townsmen with whom he has worked or had business dealings; he is respected by his many friends and acquaintances, not only because of his splendid business acumen, but for the spirit of fairness that he displays in all his transactions. Since 1894 he has been a citizen of Wilkes-Barre, and except for about ten years of that period he has been engaged in the building and contracting business for himself.

A son of Thomas C. Kear, a shoemaker, and Harriett (Pickford) Kear, he belongs to an old Pennsylvania family. He was one of a family of nine children: Florence, Edward, Thomas, Eva, Sarah, William J., of further mention; Mary, George, and Frank.

William J. Kear, who was born on August 30, 1870, in Danville, Pennsylvania, attended as a boy the public schools of his native town until he was sixteen years of age. Then he went to work, learning the carpenter's trade while still a very young man. In 1894, when he came to Wilkes-Barre, he continued his trade for about a decade; then he engaged in the contracting and building business, which since has occupied the greater part of his attention. With the passing years, he has established himself more and more firmly in the business life of the community in and near Wilkes-Barre, so that to-day he is recognized throughout the Wyoming Valley as one of the leaders in this branch of industry.

Mr. Kear is a busy man. For not only is he interested in the business affairs of Wilkes-Barre, but also takes time to be active in the political and civic life of the people. In his political views, he is a Republican, having long supported the principles of that party. He is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which order he is affiliated with Lodge No. 61, of Wilkes-Barre; the Shekinah Chapter, No. 182, of Royal Arch Masons; the Dieu le Veut Commandery, No. 45, Knights Templar; the Caldwell Consistory of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Masons, in which he holds the thirty-second degree,

and Irem Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, being a trustee of Irem Temple. Mr. Kear, along with his other activities, is an active Rotarian, belonging to the local club of Wilkes-Barre, and is a life member of Wyoming Valley Historical Society, and a member of Wilkes-Barre-Wyoming Valley Chamber of Commerce.

On April 27, 1897, he married Viola Lloyd, a daughter of Bartlett and Jane (Morgan) Lloyd, of Danville, Pennsylvania. This marriage has been blessed with three children: 1. Bartlett Lloyd, who is associated with his father in the contracting and building business. 2. Ruth M., the wife of Lieutenant John Morrell, of the United States Navy. 3. William T.

**DR. CHARLES C. LAW**—For some four years Dr. Charles C. Law has been engaged in practice in Hazleton, Pennsylvania, as an optometrist. He is a graduate of the Pennsylvania State College of Optometry, and has his offices at No. 116 West Broad Street, where he has proved that he is skilled in his profession, and where he is taking care of a large clientele. Dr. Law is a native of this State, and has been located here in Hazleton since 1924.

Dr. Charles C. Law was born in Edwardsville, Pennsylvania, February 28, 1902, son of Thomas J. Law, who during the greater part of his mature years was in the employ of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad Company, and of Mary (McKeown) Law, both of whom are now (1928) deceased. Dr. Law attended the public schools of Edwardsville, and then entered the Pennsylvania State College of Optometry, where he completed his course and was graduated with the class of 1923. For one year after his graduation he was engaged in practice in Wilkes-Barre, but in 1924 he came to Hazleton and opened his offices at No. 116 West Broad Street, where he has since devoted his attention to the building up of what has grown to be a very substantial business. He has for the last four years been well known as one who is skilled in his calling, and each of the four years of his practice here has witnessed a very decided increase in the number of those who seek his services. Dr. Law is a member of the Pennsylvania Optometric Association and of the American Optometric Association, and has always taken an active interest in the affairs of both organizations. Fraternally, he holds membership in the Knights of Columbus, the Omega Delta Fraternity Optometrists Epsilon Chapter, Alhambra Caravan, No. 4; and he is also a member of the Valley Country Club. His religious membership is with St. Gabriel's Roman Catholic Church.

**DR. GLENN OTIS ROSSMAN, D. D.**—A native of Clarion County, Pennsylvania, Dr. Glenn Otis Rossman left the Clarion State Normal School, in May, 1917, to enlist for service in the World War. He was sent overseas with the First Division of the American Expeditionary Forces, as a member of the Medical Department, and with that division was in active service in the most important of the major engagements, including Cantigny and St. Mihiel, as well as in numerous minor engagements. After the armistice he went into Germany with the Army of Occupation, returning to this country in the summer of 1919. He then completed his course in the Normal School and entered the Philadelphia College of Osteopathy. Since his graduation in 1924 he has, with the exception of a few months spent in an osteopathic hospital, been

engaged in general practice here in Hazleton. He is a member of the State and National osteopathic associations, and gives special attention to psycho-therapy and gynecology.

Dr. Glenn Otis Rossman was born in Clarion County, Pennsylvania, January 19, 1896, son of William Otis and Sarah Pearl (Roshline) Rossman. After attending the public schools of Clarion County he entered Salem High School, from which he was graduated with the class of 1915. The following fall he began study in the Clarion Normal School, planning to take the four-year course. There was then little thought that before he had finished this country would be at war as one of the Allies, fighting in Europe, but the grim fact broke into his life as a student, as it did into the lives of so many students all over the country, and on May 30, 1917, he enlisted in the Medical Department of the United States Army for service in the World War. He was stationed at San Antonio, Texas, until August 7, 1917, and then was sent overseas with the 1st Division of the American Expeditionary Forces. Upon his arrival in France he was sent with his division to the Toul Sector, and saw active service in several of the most important major engagements, including Cantigny, Soisson, two engagements at St. Mihiel, and two in the Argonne. He also took part in several minor engagements, and after the signing of the Armistice went into Germany with the Army of Occupation, being stationed at Coblenz. Returning to America, August 28, 1919, he was mustered out of service as a non-commissioned officer, and upon his return to civil life returned to the Clarion Normal School, from which he was graduated with the class of 1920. He had already determined that he would enter the osteopathic profession, and with that end in view he began study in the Philadelphia School of Osteopathy, where he completed his course with the class of 1924. After graduation he more fully prepared for independent practice by going to Grove City, Pennsylvania, where he was connected with an osteopathic hospital until December, 1925. He then came to Hazleton, where he has since been successfully engaged in practice. Along with his general practice he gives special attention to psycho-therapy and to gynecology, and during the three years in which he has been engaged in practice here he has built up a very substantial practice. He is a member of the Pennsylvania Osteopathic Association and of the American Osteopathic Association, and has established a reputation for skill and for discretion in handling difficult cases. Fraternally, he is identified with Clarion Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; and with Caldwell Consistory; and he is also a member of the American Legion. His religious membership is with the Presbyterian Church.

Dr. Glenn Otis Rossman was married, December 29, 1921, to Jeanne Estella Keeler, of St. Petersburg, Pennsylvania, and they have one daughter, Yvonne Jeanne. The family home is located at No. 83 North Church Street, in Hazleton, and Dr. Rossman has his offices at No. 908 in the Markle Building.

**HUGH L. CAMPBELL**—As director, vice-president and general manager of the Hazleton Brick Company, Inc., Hugh L. Campbell has demonstrated to the stockholders of that concern and interested observers his capacity for the reinvigoration of a business that had fallen on evil days and bringing it to the point where it is returning dividends to the investors and permitting of the broadening of its field and the enlargement and improvement of its great plant. Mr. Campbell is a leading factor in the commercial life

of Hazleton and a leader in all that makes for civic advance and community prosperity.

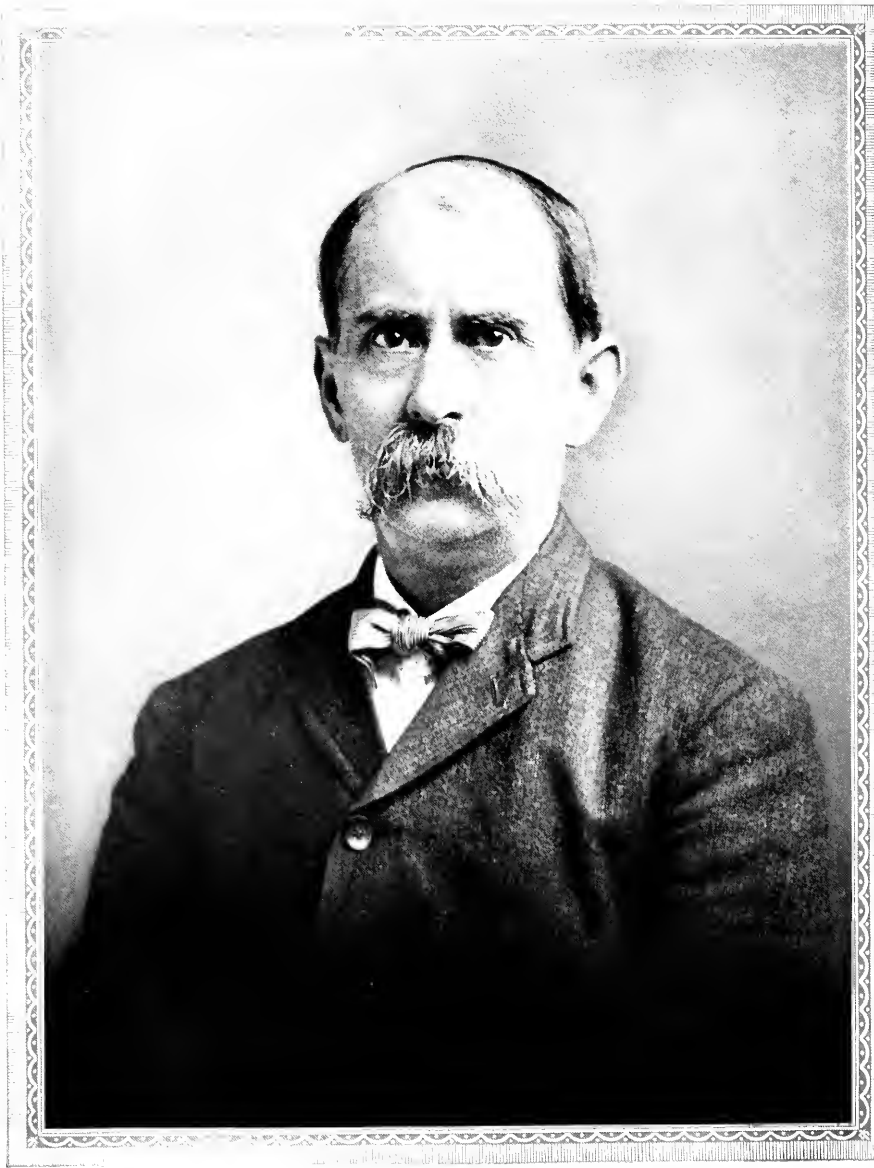
Born in Hazleton, August 28, 1870, Hugh L. Campbell is the son of John and Mary (Callahan) Campbell, both parents natives of Ireland. He worked as a breaker-boy from the age of eight years until he was eighteen, and obtained a good working knowledge of that department of coal mining. Then he took up carpentry and learned the trade thoroughly, becoming a contractor and builder. At the age of twenty-one he entered the Stroudsburg State Normal School and was a student there for two years. That incident in his career furnishes an insight into his character, wherein is to be seen a laudable ambition to acquire an education and to equip himself for going out into the world of business. Afterwards he pursued his trade and erected many buildings in Hazleton and the vicinity—the City Hall, churches, business blocks and other structures for utilitarian and domestic purposes. Since he reorganized the Hazleton Brick Company he has devoted practically all his attention to the affairs of that concern, his energy and ability as executive and manager having had the most to do with its remarkable rejuvenation and progress. Mr. Campbell has been called to serve the city in a number of important offices, notably tax collector and councilman, in each of which he was an incumbent for several years. He is a member of the Izaak Walton Club, the United Sports Club and St. Gabriel's Roman Catholic Church.

Hugh L. Campbell married, in 1906, Mary Sweeney of Drifton. Their children: 1. Hugh L., Jr., director and manager of the Hazleton Brick Company; graduated from Notre Dame University, class of 1927. 2. Anna, a student at Trinity College. 3. Marie, a student at Villa Marie College. 4. Helen, a student at Trinity College. 5. Elizabeth, a student at St. Gabriel's High School. 6. John. The family residence is 141 South Wyoming Street, Hazleton.

The Hazleton Brick Company, Inc., was founded in 1914 by Peter Kehoe, Nick Schmidt, Jacob Schmidt, Arthur Root, John Schneider, Frank Hemingway, Louis Carl, Edmund Gibbs, Hugh L. Campbell and a number of other men, Mr. Campbell being the only member resident in Hazleton. He had discovered rich shale beds and obtained options on the land in which they were located, and on that basis he promoted the company. The business was incorporated with a capital stock of \$150,000. All the incorporators, with the exception of Mr. Campbell, were stockholders of the Diamond City Brick Company. During its earlier years the concern passed through serious difficulties. In the World War period its operations were held up because of the lack of coal, that commodity having been diverted largely for war and other purposes incident to its prosecution. The slowing down of building operations throughout the country because of war conditions was another cause contributory to the failure. Finally the company was petitioned into the hands of a receiver and the plant closed. After the war, Mr. Campbell and his fellow stockholders got together and made several attempts at reorganization, but these were not fruitful of results because of a lack of confidence in the plans for rehabilitation of the business.

Mr. Campbell eventually took matters in his own hands, bought the business outright, inclusive of the plant, and effected a reorganization. The first two years of the revived business saw little profit, this due to a variety of causes; but Mr. Campbell stuck to the ship and plodded on with characteristic persistency. Finally the business began to





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pay dividends and the output was increased. With reorganization effected, Hazleton people had become stockholders, and from among their number the officers were elected as follows: President, Max Friedlander; vice-president, and general manager, Hugh L. Campbell; vice-president, T. E. Snyder; secretary-treasurer, Ben Morris; directors, the aforementioned officers and Carl Jacobs, Jonathan Liebensperger, N. H. Massan, and Hugh L. Campbell, Jr.

The annual output of the company is fifteen million brick. The products comprise all varieties of red brick, concrete blocks and crushed stone; these are distributed to all parts of the country. The company owns one hundred and sixty-five acres of land, on which are its shale deposits, and its equipment includes six rectangular kilns and one beehive kiln. It gives employment to one hundred persons in all the departments. Under the direction of General Manager Campbell the plant is constantly being beautified; the buildings are of attractive design and ornamentation as far as it is possible for a plant of this kind to be. In the foreground is a lake stocked with trout. At one side is a large dovecot, where the concern raises and maintains homing pigeons, which are used in a unique form of advertising devised by Mr. Campbell, whose keen mind is almost constantly producing ideas for attracting business to the plant and for the increase of its output. H. L. Campbell, Jr., invented a shaker bar for use in the crushed rock department that separates the disintegrated matter from the rock. By-products, including cinders and brick bats are all ground up and used in concrete blocks. The white rock is separated by shaker bars and crushed into crushed stone, used for building purposes, roads, etc. The by-products are rapidly becoming a most important factor in the business. The enterprise is today rated as one of the largest and most prosperous of its class in the United States.

**WILLIAM F. CHURCH**—More than sixty years in the drug business in Kingston, almost all of which have been at the same location, No. 220 Wyoming Avenue, have brought to William F. Church the satisfaction of duty well performed and a most dignified standing in the community where he was born and where he has spent his entire life. His origin is of one of the earliest settlers in the Wyoming Valley, all respected for their solid citizenship, for their industry and for their devotion to every cause looking toward the improvement of commercial, industrial, religious, fraternal and civic activities. The head of this old drug concern has attained the highest pinnacle of success, in that he has won and held the admiration and devoted respect of the entire community, by his admirable qualities of citizenship through every avenue of labor which that elastic term follows.

He was born in Kingston, in 1845, a son of Addison Carver and Mary (Johnston) Church, both members of historic Wyoming Valley families. William F. Church was postmaster of Kingston for two terms preceding 1885, and was assistant postmaster under Abram Goodwin for three terms, serving in all from 1865 to 1885. Mr. Church was one of the first class of five to be made a Mason in Kingston Lodge, No. 395. He is the oldest living member of that lodge and was Past Master of the lodge in 1873. He has been a lifelong Republican and for more than sixty years a member of the Kingston Presbyterian

Church, serving for many years as a ruling elder.

William F. Church married Ann Hoyt Corss, daughter of the Rev. Charles Chapin and Ann (Hoyt) Corss, the first named having been a distinguished Presbyterian minister in Northeastern Pennsylvania. The mother, Ann (Hoyt) Corss, is still living (1929), aged seventy-eight years. Mr. and Mrs. Church were the parents of five children: 1. H. Kenneth, of whom further. 2. Mary, who is unmarried. 3. Elizabeth Hoyt, wife of Oswald D. Ingall, of Nantucket, Massachusetts, and the mother of two children. 4. Charles C., of whom further. 5. Frederick Corss, who is head professor of history at the University of Idaho.

H. Kenneth Church, son of William F. and Ann Hoyt (Corss) Church, has been associated with his father in the drug business for many years. He was born in Kingston and was educated in the public schools here, at Wyoming Seminary and at Lafayette College, Easton, Pennsylvania. He afterwards became associated as a chemist with Worth Brothers' Steel Company, of Coatsville, coming back to Kingston in 1902. He was employed in the post offices in Kingston and Wilkes-Barre for thirteen years, then entered into association with his father in the drug and stationery business. He is a Republican and a member of the Kingston Presbyterian Church. His fraternal associations include Kingston Lodge, No. 709, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is Past Grand Master; Kingston Lodge, No. 395, Free and Accepted Masons. He also belongs to the Luzerne County Veteran Firemen's Association and to the Kingston Business Men's Association. He has never married.

Charles C. Church, the other brother associated with his father in business, was also born in Kingston. He was educated in the public schools here and at Wyoming Seminary, afterward taking a course at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy. Since graduation from the last named institution he has been engaged with his father in business. He is a Republican in political affiliation and a member of the Kingston Presbyterian Church. He belongs to Kingston Lodge, No. 709, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is Past Grand Master; to Kingston Lodge, No. 395, Free and Accepted Masons; Shekinah Chapter, No. 182, Royal Arch Masons; Dieu le Veut Commandery, Knights Templar; Keystone Consistory, Scottish Rite Masons; Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Wilkes-Barre. He has membership also in Irem Temple Country Club and the Kingston Business Men's Association.

**E. B. WESLEY**—Springing from an ancestry of Pennsylvania pioneers, some of whom founded and carried on enterprises of a highly useful character to the region and whose energies left them only through death, E. B. Wesley has embodied in him the most virile germs making for success in life. His foresight pictured to him the miraculous development of the automobile industry, especially in the inexpensive car, a vision of which he took advantage. He was fortunate in getting the agency for the Ford Company, since when he has built up a business of great magnitude and one that grows with the days rather than the years. His business, centering in Nanticoke, includes all of lower Luzerne County, but his sales cover a far greater territory. He is looked upon as a

valuable citizen of the community and a great addition to its business activities.

E. B. Wesley was born at Benton, Columbia County, Pennsylvania, July 23, 1891. His father was Charles Wesley and his mother, Hattie (Dodson) Wesley, the father being now deceased. Charles Wesley was born in Sweet Valley, Luzerne County, where he lived until he was twenty-five years of age. The family is one of the oldest in this section, coming here from Connecticut with the original William Wesley, great-great-grandfather of E. B. Wesley. Benjamin, son of William, was a farmer of Ross Township, Luzerne County, and served his country during the Civil War. Charles Wesley was a cabinet maker and wheelwright and built the first steam sawmill in his part of the county. He later removed to Columbia County, establishing the first roller-process flour mill at Benton. He also built and operated a paper mill at Stillwater for thirteen years, retiring because of ill health. For years he was the only Republican in that place, yet, because of his progressive character, he was elected to membership on the school board and other offices in the county. He was a member of the Christian Church and the last active work of his life was to build a church edifice at Stillwater. He was one of the men who organized Benton Borough. His wife also came of a pioneer family of Connecticut, her father being Elias Bigsby Dodson, a farmer and manufacturer of lumbering materials. He served for three years in the Civil War, was a strong Republican and filled some of the local offices of his county. He was born in 1833, a son of George, and Hannah (Seeley) Dodson. Of this ancestry, E. B. Wesley is directly descended.

He received his education in the Stillwater schools and at the Eastman Business College, Poughkeepsie, New York. For the four years following this period of schooling he worked as a clerk and bookkeeper in the Farmers' National Bank of Bloomsburg, then coming to Nanticoke, where he established himself in business with the Ford agency. He has remained here, and has control of a Ford agency in Scranton. He is a director in the Nanticoke National Bank; a charter member of the Nanticoke Kiwanis Club; Wilkes-Barre Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and of the United Christian Church. During the World War he was assistant food inspector.

Mr. Wesley married, September 28, 1912, Lorena Hagenbush, of Stillwater, daughter of O. D. and Ella (McHenry) Hagenbush. They have one child, Charles.

**ALBERT REES**—A native and life-long resident of Nanticoke, Mr. Rees has been established there for more than ten years in the automobile and garage business. As the local representative for Dodge motors he has built up a large and lucrative trade and he is considered one of the most successful and substantial business men of the town, where he enjoys the respect and confidence of all who know him.

His father, M. J. Rees, was a native of Wales, British Isles, but spent the greater part of his life in Nanticoke. There he was successfully engaged for many years as a merchant. He was one of the organizers of the Nanticoke Hospital and a director of the Nanticoke Construction Company and of the Susquehanna Lumber Company. He also was the owner of much valuable real estate and in every respect was one of the most useful citizens of Nanticoke. He married Almira Meek. Mr. and Mrs. Rees, both now deceased, were the parents of six children: John;

Anna, now deceased; Morgan; Albert, of whom further; Roy; and May.

Albert Rees, fourth child and third son of the late M. J. and Almira (Meek) Rees, was born at Nanticoke, March 21, 1888. He was educated in the public schools and, after the death of his father in 1913, entered the grocery business, which he continued to carry on successfully until 1922. In the meanwhile he had become, in 1916, the sole agent for the various automobiles made by Dodge Brothers, establishing this agency at that time at No. 183 Market Street, Nanticoke. Until 1922 he carried on this business in connection with his grocery business, but, when he retired from the latter in that year, he located in a new building, in which he has up-to-date showrooms and where he also maintains a service station and garage. To this business he now devotes his entire attention and under his able management it has been brought to a very high degree of efficiency and prosperity. He also owns several valuable pieces of real estate and takes a deep interest in the development of his native city.

Mr. Rees married, in 1914, Bertha Wesley, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wesley. Mr. and Mrs. Rees are the parents of three children: Albert, Carl, and Dorothy Rees. The family home is located on Market Street, Nanticoke.

**H. S. TWAROWSKI**—Having entered the banking business in Wilkes-Barre at the age of sixteen years, almost forty years ago, Mr. Twarowski has been engaged in this business ever since and as the result of his untiring energy and industry and his close attention to his duties has worked himself up from modest beginnings to a position of prominence and responsibility as treasurer of the Miners' Trust Company of Nanticoke, one of the leading financial institutions of that section of Pennsylvania. To this bank he came in 1923, after having held similar executive positions in several other banks in and near Wilkes-Barre, and much of the rapid and constant growth of the Miners' Trust Company is attributable to his thorough knowledge of the business, his energy and his executive ability.

Mr. Twarowski was born at Hazleton, Pennsylvania, August 13, 1875, a son of Zygmunt and Julia Twarowski, both natives of Poland and now deceased. He was educated in the public schools, which he left at the early age of eleven years. For the next few years he found employment in different stores of his native town. At the age of sixteen he went to Wilkes-Barre and there entered the employment of the Wilkes-Barre Deposit & Savings Bank as a messenger boy. His industry and his many other good qualities won him rapid recognition and promotion and, when he was only twenty-three years old, in 1898, he was appointed teller. In this position he continued until 1912, when he resigned and accepted the position of cashier with the Slovanic Bank, now the Pennsylvania Bank & Trust Company, of Wilkes-Barre. From there he went, in 1923, to the West Side Trust Company at Kingston as treasurer. In October of the same year he accepted the offer of the trusteeship of the Miners' Trust Company of Nanticoke, a position which he has continued to fill since with great credit to himself and to the benefit of this bank and its many customers. In March, 1922, Mr. Twarowski was elected a director of the Miners' Trust Company.

The Miners' Trust Company of Nanticoke was founded in 1920 under the name of the Polish Deposit Bank, with a capital of \$50,-





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000 and a surplus of \$25,000. In 1923 the Miners' Trust Company was chartered and took over the business of the Polish Deposit Bank. The capital at that time was increased to \$125,000 and the surplus to \$150,000. The business of the new bank was very active from the first and expanded so rapidly that the existing facilities soon were found to be inadequate. In 1923 ground at the corner of Market and Broad streets was purchased and the erection of a new and up-to-date banking house was started. Completed in 1924, it is one of the finest buildings in Nanticoke and one of the most modern banking houses in that section of Pennsylvania, representing an investment of \$225,000. By 1927 the assets had increased to more than \$3,000,000, the surplus and profits to \$225,000 and the deposits to \$2,600,000. A general banking business is carried on, with departments for savings, foreign exchange, steamship tickets, and other services. In 1926 the bank took over the educational thrift service of the public schools of Nanticoke. The Miners' Trust Company is a member of the Federal Reserve Bank System and of the American Bankers' Association. Besides Mr. Twarowski the officers of the bank are: Emil Malinowski, its founder and president; John Malinowski, vice-president and trust officer; and M. J. Cannon, secretary. The board of directors consists of the following prominent and substantial citizens of Nanticoke: R. A. Quinn, Stanley Budziwski, Joseph J. Janowski, Michael Lupcho, Dr. J. A. Hugo, Robert E. Job, Harry Cimmet, John L. Turner, B. Gorski, Julius Hecht, Sr., John Korbaski, M. J. Cannon, Emil Malinowski and John Malinowski.

Though naturally the responsibilities of his important position as treasurer of the Miners' Trust Company have always received the major share of Mr. Twarowski's time and attention, he has found it possible to interest himself to considerable extent in the general life of the community. For some time in 1926 he served as a member of the Nanticoke Board of Education. He is also a member of the Polish National Alliance and of the Polish Union, as well as of the Wyoming Valley Country Club. His religious affiliations are with the Roman Catholic Church and he is a devout communicant of both St. Stanislaus' Polish Roman Catholic Church and of St. Francis' Roman Catholic Church.

Mr. Twarowski married, in 1901, Nellie Stafford of Kingston, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Patrick and Catharine (Coyle) Stafford. Mr. and Mrs. Twarowski are the parents of three children: 1. Alice, employed in the Second National Bank of Wilkes-Barre. 2. Mary, a teacher in the public schools of Nanticoke. 3. Robert, a student in the Nanticoke High School. The family residence is located at No. 104 West Main Street, Nanticoke.

**JOHN T. HOWELL, M. D.**—The late Dr. John T. Howell was a leading member of the medical profession and one of the foremost citizens of Wilkes-Barre, to which he devoted more than forty-five years of his professional life. He was a member of the staff of the General Hospital for over thirty-three years; was chief surgeon for twenty-five years and chief of staff from 1915 until the date of his death, June 16, 1926. In other departments of community progress Dr. Howell took a part as prominent and constructive.

John T. Howell was born in Siegfried, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, October 17, 1850, son of Theodore Hart and Mary (Le Van) Howell, both natives of that county and parents of eleven children. Dr. Howell was educated at Weaversville Academy, at Cooperstown Academy, in New York State,

and at Jefferson Medical College, in Philadelphia, where he received his professional training, graduating in 1881 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He was an interne at the General Hospital in Wilkes-Barre in 1882. After practicing for the brief period of six weeks in Scranton, Dr. Howell moved to Wilkes-Barre, where he spent the rest of his life. He cared for a large private practice, practicing at the same location at the corner of North Main and Union streets throughout the forty-five years of his professional career. During a large part of that time also, he was associated with the General Hospital, and for a long time he was chief surgeon for the old Ninth Pennsylvania Regiment. He belonged to the Luzerne County Medical Society, the Lehigh Valley Medical Society, and the American Medical Association. He was past president of the county organization and the Lehigh Valley Society.

The fraternal affiliations of Dr. Howell were with Lodge No. 61, Free and Accepted Masons; Shekinah Chapter, No. 182, Royal Arch Masons; Dieu le Veut Commandery, No. 45, Knights Templar; and Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. His clubs were the Shrine and the Westmoreland. He was a communicant of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church.

John T. Howell married, June 4, 1890, Minnie B. Brandow, of Wilkes-Barre, a daughter of Oscar Miner and Margaret (Blair) Brandow, and they were the parents of two children: 1. Margaret Blair, wife of Effingham P. Humphrey, of Upper Lehigh, and mother of three children: Effingham P., Jr.; Blair, and Molly Humphrey. 2. John T. Howell, Jr., whose record accompanies this.

Dr. Howell died at the advanced age of seventy-six, a practicing physician to the time of his last and fatal illness. The local papers expressed the general grief at the loss of a man at the same time an eminent physician and surgeon and a distinguished gentleman. That in the Wilkes-Barre "Record" of June 17, 1926, reads as follows:

In the death of Dr. John T. Howell the community loses one of its most prominent and one of its most highly esteemed citizens. He was a resident of the community for many years. As it grew in population and in the number of citizens who became distinguished in various ways, Dr. Howell remained in the very front rank of those whose names are household words and whose reputations remain unclouded. To be able to say this of any person and to be able to say it in all sincerity is indeed a tribute of the highest order.

In his professional work, in his family relations, in his close friendships, in all of the various phases of his life Dr. Howell stood out in uniform excellence of character. He was not of the type of men who appear to be admirable in one way and faulty in another. To know him intimately in one phase of his career was to know him in all phases. There was nothing hypocritical in his make-up. He was one and the same to all men at all times and in all manner of personal contact. To him the Golden Rule was a principle of conduct easily attained because goodness and justness and kindly consideration for others were natural characteristics and he had no other thought or purpose in life.

We hear much about the gradual disappearance of the family physician in favor of the specialist, but we cannot believe that the tendency is in that direction when we see family physicians of the type of Dr. Howell—practitioners who endear themselves to the families to whom they minister professionally, who win their way into the hearts of families, who are so well trusted for their professional skill and who establish them-

selves firmly in the confidence of their patients. The practitioner who has the happy faculty of brightening the sickroom, whose presence alone is an important auxiliary of curative value—the practitioner of that type will never lose favor. There will always be a place for him. Dr. Howell measured up to that standard in an eminent degree.

It is a commonplace expression to say that he will be missed. It is more fitting to say that in his passing away the community is bereaved, for the going of a person so well beloved, so distinguished in the traits that people most admire, is a real community loss and it brings upon us more than the monetary pang of sorrow.

**JOHN T. HOWELL, JR.**, was born June 14, 1899, in Wilkes-Barre, son of Dr. John T. Howell (see accompanying biography), and his wife, Minnie B. (Brandow) Howell.

He attended the local public schools, graduated from Wyoming Seminary at Kingston, Pennsylvania, in 1918, after which he matriculated in the University of Pennsylvania, graduating in the class of 1922, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. At the last named institution, he was a member of the Delta Phi Fraternity.

In September, 1922, Mr. Howell entered the employ of the F. W. Woolworth Company at Philadelphia, after which he was transferred as assistant manager to Washington, District of Columbia, and later to Shenandoah, Pennsylvania. In June, 1923, he resigned from this company and with Henry L. Jones, 2d, who had just completed his college course, formed the co-partnership of Howell and Jones, to engage in the real estate and insurance business. Careful study and five years of application brought merited success and in July, 1928, it was found necessary to reorganize and enlarge this growing business by means of incorporating it, which was done under the name of Howell & Jones, Incorporated. This move brought actively into the firm Mr. Alfred Darte, brother of Colonel Franck G. Darte (an account of whom is found elsewhere), who is secretary of the company, with Mr. Howell as president and Henry L. Jones, 2d, vice-president and treasurer.

Mr. Howell is a Republican and vitally interested in public affairs. He is an energetic member of the Republican city organization, although not interested in seeking office for himself. He is interested in Welfare Federation work and is a member of the Board of Directors of Wilkes-Barre Blind Association. His fraternal affiliations are with the Free and Accepted Masons, Lodge No. 61, at Wilkes-Barre; Bloomsburg Consistory; Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. His clubs are the Irem Country Club, Wyoming Valley Country Club of Wilkes-Barre, and the St. Elmo Club of Philadelphia. He is a communicant of St. Stephen's Protestant Episcopal Church.

**GEORGE H. LAWRENCE**—Substantial reward for labor well performed has come to George H. Lawrence, of Plymouth, who, since 1917, has been supervising agent here for the Lackawanna Railroad. He has established himself in the regard of the citizenry to the extent of having been called to public office of honor and responsibility by handsome majorities and has found popularity among the fraternal, religious and social organizations of the district.

Mr. Lawrence was born in the Rhondda Valley, South Wales, British Isles, a son of George Lawrence, a native of England, born in 1828 and who was a coal miner until his death in 1923. The mother was Emily (Pope)

Lawrence, also born in England, in 1832 and who died in 1918. The son came to America when a boy and went to work as a breaker boy in the mines of Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania. He worked at mining until he was twenty-three years of age, then settling in Plymouth and becoming associated with the Lackawanna Railroad, first as a clerk and warehouseman, then telegraph operator and agent and eventually being appointed agent and supervisor here. In 1921 he was elected by the vote of both political parties to the office of school director. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and is secretary of the board of that organization. He is a thirty-second degree member of the Masonic Fraternity, affiliated with Lodge No. 332, Free and Accepted Masons; Valley Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, and Past High Priest; Dieu le Veut Commandery, Knights Templar, and Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He also is a member of the Knights of Pythias, Past Chancellor for seventeen years, Captain of Uniform Rank of the Knights of Pythias; and of the Kiwanis Club of Plymouth.

George H. Lawrence married in 1899, Eliza E. Evans, of Wiconisco, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, daughter of Thomas and Ann Evans.

**MITCHELL PLESSETT**—For thirty-five years the citizens of Plymouth, Pennsylvania, have been familiar with the retail clothing business carried on by Alex Plessett and his son. Mitchell Plessett, the younger member of the firm of Alex Plessett and Son, is one of the aggressive young business men in this community and is well known in many social and business organizations of the city. He is the son of Alex and Hilda Plessett, both of whom are natives of Russia but many years ago came to this country, and, adopting it as their own, became naturalized citizens and have found their interests in the best welfare of this land.

Mitchell Plessett was born at Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, May 2, 1898. He was educated in the public schools of Plymouth, Pennsylvania, finishing here by completing the course of the high school. After this school work was completed and he was ready to enter the business world, he engaged in business with his father, and, in 1914, became a partner in the firm of Alex Plessett and Son. He is now considered one of the leading young merchants of Plymouth where he is on the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Kiwanis Club and a Knight of Pythias. He is an active member of the Congregation B'nai Israel, of which he was president for eight years. He is now the chairman of the Board of Education of B'nai Israel. In his varied activities, he exemplifies the reliable all-round citizen who takes part in building up the community in which he lives and so becomes one of the dependable ones on whom the community can rely to put through measures of progress.

In 1920, Mitchell Plessett married Rose Sicherman, of Scranton, Pennsylvania. They have two children: David, and Ruth.

**JOSEPH G. SCHULER**—One of the most prominent and influential men of Wilkes-Barre is Joseph G. Schuler. He is president of the South Side Bank and Trust Company, and for many years has been the owner of the firm which is now known as Joseph G. Schuler and Son, general plumbers and dealers in heating supplies. Since 1923 he has been commissioner of accounts and finance, and a member of the Wilkes-Barre City Coun-



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oil, and for fifteen years he served as chief of the local Fire Department. Mr. Schuler has always taken an active part in the social and fraternal life of his community.

His father, Valentine Schuler, was a mine carpenter and engaged in this work until his death. He married Elizabeth Smoulter, who is also now deceased, and they were the parents of six children: John, Frank, Joseph G., William, Elizabeth, who married Frank Ankner, of Wilkes-Barre; and Margaret, who is the wife of Fred Kraft, of Wilkes-Barre.

Joseph G. Schuler was born July 9, 1870, at Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. He attended the local public and St. Nicholas Parochial schools and at the age of fourteen years began work as a water boy for John Tracy, a sewer contractor of Wilkes-Barre. Later he took a position under W. D. Ingham, city engineer of Wilkes-Barre, remaining for over two years. At the age of eighteen he began to learn the plumbing business under J. W. Patten with whom he remained for five years. At the end of this time, in association with his brother, John Schuler, he established the plumbing firm of Schuler Brothers, with which he has been connected since that time. A few years after the founding of this firm, Mr. Schuler bought out his brother's interest, and for the next twenty-five years conducted the business alone and with considerable success under the firm name of Joseph G. Schuler, Incorporated. Finally, in 1923, his son Carl F. Schuler joined him as an associate and the firm name took its present form, Joseph G. Schuler and Son, Nos. 79-81 Hazle Street, Wilkes-Barre. Mr. Schuler is president of the South Side Bank and Trust Company, and is financially interested in the Fern Brook Park Amusement Company.

At the age of sixteen he joined the city fire department, and for a time he served as fireman of Cinderella Street hand drawn company and Steamer Company, No. 1. Later he became assistant chief, and still later was appointed chief of the department in 1899, by Mayor F. M. Nichols, which position he held for fifteen years. By political inclination Mr. Schuler is a member of the Republican party, and in 1923 he was elected a member of the Wilkes-Barre City Council, since which time he has also served as commissioner of accounts and finance. Mr. Schuler was a candidate at the Republican primary in 1928 for Mayor of Wilkes-Barre, but was defeated by a small majority, by the present mayor, Daniel Hart. In 1929 he was nominated by both parties to the office of city commissioner. He is affiliated fraternally with Wilkes-Barre Lodge, No. 109, of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is also a member of the Knights of Columbus and St. Conrad Society, the Franklin Club, the Wyoming Valley Country Club, the Press Club and the Pen and Pencil Club. He is a member of the St. Nicholas Roman Catholic Church of Wilkes-Barre.

On June 24, 1900, Joseph G. Schuler married Louise Hartmann, who was born at Wilkes-Barre. They became the parents of four children: 1. Carl F., who is now associated with his father in the plumbing business. 2. Gertrude. 3. Louise. 4. Joseph, who died at the age of sixteen years. Mrs. Schuler died July 30, 1918.

**HARRY T. ROBERTS**—Well known as a master plumber since a young man in this community and since 1907, as a contracting plumber, Harry T. Roberts, of Plymouth, Pennsylvania, is the son of John E. and Mariah Louise Roberts. His father was born in Wales and since coming to this country

has been engaged in mining for some years, at present, he is with his son. His mother, Mariah Louise Roberts, is a native of Nanticoke, Pennsylvania.

Harry T. Roberts was born at that section of Plymouth, Pennsylvania, known as "Jersey Hill," in 1884. He was educated here in the public schools and after finishing his school education, he learned the plumber's trade. Being energetic and ambitious, Mr. Roberts soon realized his own executive ability and initiating his own promotion, started a contracting business which he has carried on since 1907, a period of twenty-one years. He employs, on the average, eight men, and his business has been eminently successful. He is a member of the Kiwanis Club; the Junior Order United American Mechanics; the Shawnee Club; two fire companies, No. 1 and No. 2. In the first, Fire Company No. 1, he is an active member, and in Fire Company No. 2, he is an honorary member. He is also a member of the Knights of Pythias and of the Baptist Church. In politics, Mr. Roberts is a Republican.

On August 12, 1913, Harry S. Roberts married Stella M. Daniels, daughter of John and Mary Daniels of Plymouth, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Roberts have no children.

**THOMAS VINCENT BRENNAN**—When Thomas Vincent Brennan was twenty-two years of age, he had been working, and working hard, for fourteen years. He was not afraid of hard work and was able to do his full share, but he was discerning enough to see that unskilled labor oftentimes brings prosperity to somebody else. He had had plenty of time to observe that fact while working as a coal breaker and also while working as a peddler in the employ of his father. He resolved to procure the training which would enable him to operate a business of his own, and after looking about a bit chose the undertaking business. With this end in view he secured his training in one of the best embalming schools in Philadelphia, and in 1909 he engaged in business for himself in Plymouth, Pennsylvania, operating under his own name. For nineteen years he has been serving the people of this vicinity, and during that time he has taken his place as one of the leading morticians of Plymouth. His modern, fully equipped establishment is located at No. 133 West Main Street, in Plymouth.

Thomas Vincent Brennan was born at Welsh Hill, Plymouth, Pennsylvania, December 4, 1880. His father, Andrew J. Brennan, born in Heckscherville, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, in 1846, was a successful merchant in Plymouth for some forty years, and died here, September 10, 1926. His mother, Ellen (Roan) Brennan, was born in Heckscherville, Pennsylvania, in 1851, and died here in Plymouth, Pennsylvania, December 29, 1927. Both were highly respected among their friends and associates, and are sadly missed in the community. Thomas Vincent Brennan attended the parochial and the public schools of Plymouth until he was eight years of age, and then began work as a coal breaker here. At that laborious work he continued until he was eighteen years old, a period of ten years, doing several different kinds of work in and about the mines, but when he was eighteen he left the mines and entered the employ of his father, first selling goods from door to door, and later assisting in the general store which the father had established. After four years of association with his father's business, Mr. Brennan decided to fit himself for the undertaking business, and began study in the Eckles School of Embalming, in Philadelphia.

He was twenty-two years of age at this time, and after graduation he worked for a year in the Oliver H. Baer funeral parlors, in Philadelphia, thus supplementing his regular training with the best of urban experience in his chosen profession. After a year and one month spent in this connection, he went to Buffalo, New York, for a year, and then, fortified with a little more than two years of practical experience, he returned to Plymouth and established his own business, in 1909. Since that time he has operated under his own name and has been steadily developing one of the finest establishments in this locality. He has a full line of modern equipment, including well planned funeral parlors and show room for his stock, and he has long been known as one of the skilled and dependable men of his profession. Tact, consideration, unobtrusive sympathy and expert service have made easier for many the difficult seasons of bereavement, and the well-known integrity of Mr. Brennan in business matters has won him many friends and patrons. Politically, he is a Democrat, and at the present time (1928) he is serving as deputy coroner for this district. He is a charter member of the local chapter of the Knights of Columbus and of the local lodge, Fraternal Order of Eagles, and holds membership in the Shawnee Club. His religious affiliation is with the Roman Catholic Church.

Thomas Vincent Brennan was married, in 1908, to Elizabeth Morgan, of Danville, Pennsylvania, daughter of James and Mary Morgan, and they are the parents of three children: 1. Helen E., born November 2, 1908, is now attending the Conservatory of Music, at Ithaca, New York. 2. Andrew J., born April 1, 1909, is now (1928) attending Georgetown University, at Washington, District of Columbia. 3. James V., born February 2, 1911.

Mr. Brennan is one of the public-spirited and progressive citizens of Plymouth, and both he and his family are popular among a large circle of acquaintances. As the years have passed, events have amply justified his early decision that thorough preparation for some useful line of business activity would be a paying investment, and all of his family are sharing with him the benefits of his wisdom and discretion.

**HARRY G. DAVIS**—One who is prominent in the affairs of Plymouth, Harry G. Davis is a native of this community. He was born February 13, 1883, son of William and Jane (Reese) Davis, both of whom were born in Wales, British Isles. William Davis was born in 1856 and died in 1910, having been a mine employe for many years. Jane (Reese) Davis was born November 30, 1859, and died May 12, 1928.

Harry G. Davis secured his earliest education in the public schools of Plymouth and went to work in boyhood as breaker boy in the mines. This work he continued for five years, and in 1899 entered Wyoming Seminary, where he studied for three years. For three years also he worked as a coal inspector for the Lehigh & Wilkes-Barre Coal Company. Then, for four years, he was with the Delaware & Hudson Coal Company, in the company's electrical department, and subsequently secured a good connection with the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Coal Company, with which organization he was engaged in construction work for eight years. In 1911 Mr. Davis studied in the Eckles School of Embalming, Philadelphia, and on February 7, 1912, opened his present business as mortician and funeral director. By invitation he is a member of the National

Selected Morticians. He carries a complete line of modern equipment, maintains in his funeral home a private chapel and show room, and is accounted one of the foremost directors of the region around Plymouth. He is a Republican, member of the Plymouth Park Commission, past president of the Chamber of Commerce, past president of the Pennsylvania State Funeral Directors' Association (president in 1925), and is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, in which order he is a member of Lodge No. 291, of Scranton; the Knights of Pythias, Knights of Malta, Patriotic Order Sons of America, and the Junior Order United American Mechanics. He is a charter member of the Kiwanis Club and a communicant of the Baptist Church.

Harry G. Davis married, in 1912, Clara Martin, of Wilkes-Barre, daughter of F. Howard and Elizabeth (Hawkins) Martin. F. Howard Martin was born in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, July 23, 1855, and is now living, a machinist by trade. Elizabeth (Hawkins) Martin is a native of Boston, Massachusetts, born October 6, 1859.

**ANTHONY LAWRENCE WILLIAMS**—The late Anthony Lawrence Williams, for more than four decades engaged in general and corporation practice of law, was born in Ebervale, Hazle Township, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, October 10, 1862, son of Richard and Mary (Thomas) Williams, natives of Wales, who came to Luzerne County in 1856 or 1857. His father was engaged in mining for many years and served two years in the House of Representatives of Pennsylvania, during which time, in 1871, the bill was presented to incorporate the city of Wilkes-Barre.

Mr. Williams attended the public schools of his native district and continued his education at the State Normal School of Millersville, Pennsylvania, from which he graduated in 1881, following which he taught in the public schools of Luzerne County for a period of two years. He then entered the law office of the late Alexander Farnham, Esquire, of Wilkes-Barre; he was admitted to the bar of Luzerne County in 1885 and subsequently admitted to practice in the Appellate Courts of the State of Pennsylvania, Federal Courts, and to the Supreme Court of the United States in 1920. Mr. Williams specialized principally in corporation law, and at the time of his death was general counsel of the Susquehanna Collieries Company.

For thirteen years Mr. Williams was president of the Luzerne County National Bank, and when that bank merged with the Miners Bank of Wilkes-Barre he became a member of the board of directors. He was a trustee of Wyoming Seminary; trustee, director and a former president of the Young Men's Christian Association of Wilkes-Barre; and for a number of years he was a member of the board of directors of the Children's Home.

The religious affiliation of Mr. Williams was with the First Methodist Episcopal Church. At the time of his death he was president of the board of trustees and for many years served as superintendent of the Sunday school. Fraternally, he was identified with Landmark Lodge, No. 442, Free and Accepted Masons; Shekinah Royal Arch Chapter, No. 182, Dieu le Veut Commandery, No. 45, Knights Templar; and Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Mr. Williams was a staunch supporter of the principles of the Republican party. He was a member of the county, State and American bar associations; Wilkes-



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Barre Law and Library Association; Wyoming Historical and Geological Society; Wilkes-Barre-Wyoming Valley Chamber of Commerce; Wyoming Valley Motor Club; Cambro-American Society; Pennsylvania Society of New York; and the General Assembly of Mooseheart. His clubs were: Westmoreland, Wyoming Valley Country, Irem Temple Country and Skytop.

On July 24, 1929, Mr. Williams, accompanied by his sister, Miss Mary Williams, left Wilkes-Barre for a land cruise to Alaska. While on this trip, on August 4, 1929, at Portland, Oregon, Mr. Williams suddenly passed away. An unusually sad incident was that his sister, Miss Mary Williams, preceded him in death by a few hours. By their deaths the family group, which had originally consisted of six brothers and sisters, was reduced to one, the surviving member being Mr. Morris Williams of Philadelphia.

Evidence of the great loss to the community in the death of Mr. Williams is found in the following excerpts from an editorial in the Wilkes-Barre "Times-Leader":

Known as a leading lawyer, of learning and and of probity, he had achieved a large measure of success in his profession and he had never released his interest in the concerns that should have proportionate interest of every right-minded citizen.

There was in him that fine vein of loyalty that kept him keenly interested in affairs of Welshmen. He was ever to be found at great occasions sponsored by them, particularly when music was a feature. And by them he was frequently honored, as was his due.

His ability, his faithfulness, his wide interests, his large heart of human sympathy, his ready comprehension of the problems that beset individuals and organized bodies, ranked him among our most representative citizens, whose cooperation is essential to the best community achievements, and whose loss is always correspondingly heavy and depressing.

Mr. Williams was the type of man whose identification with any enterprise meant active and prominent and valuable work therein. He adorned whatever he undertook and not a single organization with which he was an officer failed to profit by his counsel and his effort. Because of a great deal of unrecorded kindness and consideration toward people and things, grief for his death is very largely spread through the city and valley.

**ROBERT NESBITT CLARK, M. D.**—In the personage of Dr. Robert Nesbitt Clark, Kingston possesses one of the most promising younger members of the medical profession. Medicine, perhaps, or rather the practice thereof, exerts great influence upon the welfare of any city, due to the fact that practically every business or endeavor needs healthy men and women for its conduct. Thus, in administering to the ailments of the citizens of Kingston, aiding materially in promoting, not only the health of his patients, and curing their ills, but also assisting substantially in maintaining healthful living conditions, Dr. Clark is an important member of his community and is doing his full share to the best of his ability. Within the comparatively few years during which he has been engaged in general practice in Kingston, Dr. Clark has evidenced exceptional talents for his profession in various ways, and has maintained his search for the modern methods and practices therein. In addition to this, he is a member of the staff of a hospital, affiliated with the various associations peculiar to his profession, and active in the circles of the political party of his choice, the Republican.

Robert Nesbitt Clark was born July 27, 1893, in the city of Wilkes-Barre, son of Dr.

George A. Clark, also a physician and surgeon, born in Greenvillage, Franklin County, Pennsylvania, in 1861. He was a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, class of 1885, receiving his degree of Doctor of Medicine in that year. He is still practicing medicine and with his wife, Mary Elizabeth (Teasdale) Clark, resides in Wilkes-Barre. Mrs. George A. Clark was born June 14, 1858, and is a native of Wilkes-Barre.

Dr. Robert Nesbitt Clark received a splendid education in the public schools of Wilkes-Barre, graduating from high school there in 1911. As has been noted, his father was a physician, and this influenced the son in the choice of his profession, resulting in his matriculation at Lafayette College, from which he was graduated in 1916, with his degree of Bachelor of Arts, and where he had laid the ground-work for his medical training. To obtain this he entered the University of Pennsylvania, was graduated therefrom with the class of 1920, standing high among his classmates, and holder of the degree of Doctor of Medicine. Thence, following the usual procedure, he served as an interne in the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital. Feeling confident that his studies and experience gained as an interne had qualified him for his profession, he thereupon began practice in Kingston, which has since been the scene of his labors. In addition to caring for his constantly increasing clientele in Kingston, Dr. Clark is on the staff of Wilkes-Barre General Hospital. Realizing that each day brings many newer and better methods and discoveries in medicine, Dr. Clark keeps himself thoroughly informed in this respect through his membership in several professional groups, among them the Wilkes-Barre Medical Association, the Luzerne County Medical Association, the State Medical Association, and the American Medical Association. While he has not found it advisable to enter into politics as an office-holder, he does take an interest in the principles and candidates of the Republican party. With his family he attends the Presbyterian Church.

Dr. Robert N. Clark married, August 22, 1922, Etna Frey, of Wilkes-Barre, daughter of Martin and Geraldine Frey, and of this marriage there are two children: 1. Mary Elizabeth, born September 25, 1924. 2. Robert Nesbitt, Jr., born November 19, 1926. Dr. Clark and his family reside at No. 408 Wyoming Avenue, Kingston.

**WILSON JACOB HAUSER**—Starting life as a telegrapher, Wilson Jacob Hauser, now retired, is best known in Luzerne County through his construction and many years of operation of the electric light and power plant at White Haven, where he now resides. This plant, now owned by the Lehigh Power Securities Company, at one time was owned in its entirety by Mr. Hauser. A dominant factor in the Democratic party, locally, Mr. Hauser has never taken what might be called an interest in public office holding, although at one time he was a member of the school board. Mr. Hauser was born, April 16, 1867, at Slatington, Pennsylvania, son of William Henry and Priscilla (Bilheimer) Hauser. William Henry Hauser, native of Moore Township, Northampton County, was born in 1834. He attained prominence in commercial circles of Slatington through his dealings as a retail coal merchant, until his death in 1903. Priscilla (Bilheimer) Hauser, also a native of Northampton County, was born in 1837, and has been deceased since 1919.

Wilson Jacob Hauser received his elementary education in the public schools of Slat-

ington, being graduated from the high school there. After completion of his studies he took up telegraphy, becoming quite proficient in this calling, and followed it for several years. He was first employed by the Lehigh Valley Railroad for one year and then, for eight years, was a telegrapher for the Central Railroad of New Jersey. In 1891, Mr. Hauser built the electric light and power plant at White Haven, then known as the White Haven Electric Illuminating Plant. After several years of untiring labor, Mr. Hauser brought this public utility up to a high standard of efficiency, and in 1923, the concern was incorporated. Mr. Hauser, who owned the entire stock of this industry, held the office of president, so continuing until 1926. In this year he received a generous offer from the Lehigh Power Securities Company for his plant, sold it to this corporation, and retired from active business. Since that time he has lived in White Haven, enjoying the well-earned rest that is his due. As previously noted, Mr. Hauser is Democratic in political beliefs, but his public office holding has been confined to twelve years during which he served on the White Haven School Board. He and his family are Presbyterian in religious convictions and attend the church of that denomination.

Wilson Jacob Hauser married in 1890, Gertrude Flock of White Haven, daughter of John and Alice Flock, and this marriage has been blessed by three children: 1. John Flock, born June 1, 1891; enlisted for service during the World War, and died of influenza, October 24, 1918, while a member of the military forces. 2. Lenore G., married I. R. Schumaker, of Kingston. 3. Muriel, married Peter Mogagna, Jr., of White Haven. There are four grandchildren in the family: 1. R. Schumaker, Jr., Lenore Gertrude Schumaker, John Flock Schumaker, and Muriel Wilson Mogagna.

Mrs. Gertrude (Flock) Hauser, a graduate of White Haven High School, has been a dominant factor in social circles of that town. In 1908 she organized the White Haven High School Alumni, in which she remains active, and also was the organizer of the first Red Cross Society here. A member of the American Legion Auxiliary, she was one of the foremost promoters of this social body, and for three years served as its president. Many other civic and social movements of White Haven have benefited through the participation of Mrs. Hauser in their ranks. The Hausers reside at No. 412 Northumberland Street, White Haven.

**FRANK ELLSWORTH PARKHURST**—The Parkhurst family, of which a leading member is Frank Ellsworth Parkhurst, president of the fire insurance agency of Thompson Derr & Brother, Inc., of Wilkes-Barre, appears in English records as early as the year 1000 A. D. About two centuries ago a family of Parkhursts left Parkhurst Colony, on the Isle of Wight, and proceeded to Surrey, England, and it is from that branch that the American Parkhursts sprang. The original seat of the family was "Parkhurst Manor," between Guilford and Epsom; its proprietors were supporters of the exiled Stuarts, and it was confiscated in 1745 by the rising young dynasty. The Lord Mayor of London was a Parkhurst in 1635. Bishop Parkhurst, of Norwich, England, born in 1574, is believed to have been an ancestor of George Parkhurst, American founder of the family. Queen Elizabeth granted the Parkhurst arms in the second year of her reign, and they are as follows:

Arms—A shield silver, cross ermine, in each quarter a buck trippant.

Crest—A demi-griffin with wings addorsed in black, holding in the dexter paw a cutlass in silver, with hilt and pommel of gold.

Motto—The Cross Our Stay.

Frank Ellsworth Parkhurst is in the tenth American generation from George Parkhurst, whose name appears on the records of Watertown, Massachusetts, in 1643, and from George Parkhurst the descent is through the following line:

George Parkhurst's son, George, born in 1618, also of Watertown, who took a prominent part in town affairs during his day. His son, John, born in 1644, likewise of Watertown. His son, Deacon John, born in 1671, a resident of Weston, Massachusetts. His son, Josiah, also of Weston, born in 1706. His son, Josiah, born in 1736, lived in Weston but in 1762 removed to Framingham. His son, Ephraim, born in 1765 in Framingham. His son, John Look. His son, Leonard Woods, born March 31, 1836, in Standish, Maine, ninth child of John Look Parkhurst and fourth by his second wife, Marcia C. (Harriman) Parkhurst. He engaged in farming, but later in the manufacture of clothing. He married, June 7, 1860, Mary P. Knapp, of Chelsea, Massachusetts, and they had the following children: John J., born March 31, 1861, married Gertrude Nason; Frank Ellsworth, of whom additional; Shirley Lincoln, died in childhood; Ella Florence, married Frank E. Sargent; Albert Grant, died in infancy; May Louise, married Frank E. Bridgman; Marcia, married Fred Chamberlain.

Frank Ellsworth Parkhurst, second son of Leonard Woods and Mary P. (Knapp) Parkhurst, was born October 26, 1862, at Gorham, Maine. He attended the grammar and high schools of Gorham, and completed his education at the Phillips Andover Academy at Andover, Massachusetts. In 1883, on becoming of the age twenty-one, he removed to Allentown, Pennsylvania, and there established a new store as manager of the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company. He remained here a year, until the store had become firmly established, then proceeded to Wilkes-Barre, where he opened another as the company's only local establishment. His energetic administration of his duties made him popular in a wide circle of friends, and he made a notable success of the business until 1891. By this time he had attracted such attention in older business circles that a brilliant future was predicted for him, and he was persuaded to give up the store and accepted a responsible position with the fire insurance firm of Thompson Derr and Brother, which at that time was doing a general insurance business. A decade later, in 1901, he was made a member of the firm, and this proved to be a fortunate turning point in his career, for he made such strides that in 1915, when Andrew F. Derr died, he was made the head of the concern. This concern had been founded in 1858 and has continued successfully in business ever since, until it is probably the most important fire insurance agency in Northeastern Pennsylvania. Mr. Parkhurst's progress has been commensurate with that of the firm; for twenty years he was a member of the Underwriters' Association of the Middle Department of Pennsylvania. On January 15, 1914, he was elected president of the Franklin Fire Insurance Company of Philadelphia, and creditably discharged the duties of that office for two years, at the end of which time he was retained on the Board of Directors. He is also a director of the Miners' Bank of Wilkes-Barre, and a



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director of City of New York Insurance Company.

There is decidedly another side to Frank E. Parkhurst than the business side. It concerns his activities in lines of educational, religious and civic endeavor, especially Sunday school affairs. He is not only an influence in the local religious life but is connected prominently with an organization whose activities extend to every habitable part of the globe. He is a member of the Executive Committee of the World Sunday School Association, and takes great pride in the work which thus devolves upon him. Locally, he is president of the board of trustees of the Memorial Presbyterian Church, superintendent of the Sunday school of this institution and vice-president of the Pennsylvania State Sunday School Association. He is a director of the Young Men's Christian Association of Wilkes-Barre and trustee of the Young Women's Christian Association. He holds membership in the Corporation of the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital, and recreates himself in the pleasing atmosphere of the Westmoreland and Wilkes-Barre Country clubs. He is also a member of the New England Society and the Pennsylvania Society, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Rotary Club.

Mr. Parkhurst is a valued and popular member of the Wilkes-Barre Lodge, No. 442, of the Free and Accepted Masons, and in the Caldwell Consistory of Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Masons at Bloomsburg he has taken the thirty-second degree.

Mr. Parkhurst married, June 3, 1886, at Philadelphia, Mary Platt, daughter of Thomas D. and Mary Hunt (Carson) Platt, of that city, and they have had four children: 1. Mildred Hunt, born July 17, 1887, married Arthur W. Kuschke, of Wilkes-Barre, and they have a son, Arthur W., Jr., and a daughter, Mary Carson. 2. Cornelia Carson, born July 14, 1889, married Joseph W. Coughlin, now deceased, of Wilkes-Barre, and they had two children, Joseph W., Jr., and Barbara L. 3. Frank Ellsworth, Jr., born November 27, 1895, married Elsie Palmer, and they have three children, Cornelia, Frank Ellsworth, 3d, and John J. 4. Leonard Woods, 2d, born September 27, 1902, married Martha B. Schaller. Mr. Parkhurst's offices are in the Miners' Bank Building and he and his family reside at No. 179 North Franklin Street.

**E. D. SNYDER** was born in Friedensburgh, Pennsylvania, in 1873, son of Mahlon and Margaret (Dnibervise) Snyder. He attended school for a few years, but when he was a boy of twelve years he left the school room behind him and began to prepare himself for the task of earning a living by apprenticing himself to a butcher. He learned the meat business in all its branches, and for twenty busy years continued in that line of business activity. In 1905, when he was thirty-two years of age, he decided to establish a milk business of his own, and the fact that he must start in a small way did not discourage him. He began by delivering twenty-four quart bottles a day, but he was alive to the fact that the time had come when the public health was to be the first consideration of the man who would serve the people with this staple food. Health departments of many States were looking into the milk business as never before and special attention was devoted to it by the agricultural bureaus of both State and Nation. The need of knowing more about the article in which he dealt became apparent to Mr. Snyder, and with his usual promptness and directness he set about the task of learning all there was to be known about milk as a food. He had built

up his retail business to satisfactory proportions, but still he was not satisfied to stop with less than the best possible equipment, and after an exhaustive study of the problems of human health which may be affected by milk, he decided to give Hazleton its first pasteurizing plant. So it was that he became the founder of the Home Pasteurizing Dairy, of Hazleton.

The plant of the Home Pasteurizing Dairy, located at Nos. 404-416 West Hemlock Street, in Hazleton, is a model in scientific perfection, modern in every detail, scientific in all its appointments and processes of sterilizing and handling, and carefully plotted building arrangements, refrigeration, storage, housing of equipment, and accommodation for employees. The plant is a space of one hundred and forty-two by forty-two feet, with ample room for teams and trucks whether arriving with supplies or loading the finished product on the other side of the plot, to remain under roof storm proof in winter and dust proof in summer. Every precaution is taken, in architectural arrangement, to meet the needs of advanced dairy operation, and the plans include all that is best in designs prepared by the experts of agricultural and hygienic schools.

Mr. Snyder's son has been his assistant in developing this splendid modern dairy, and who, himself an electrochemist, has charge of the Bloomsburg plant. About six thousand bottles of milk go out to the people of this locality each day, and Mr. Snyder's patrons have long ago learned that the products of the Home Pasteurizing Dairy can be relied upon implicitly.

In addition to the management of his dairy business, Mr. Snyder is interested in the real estate business and in the City Bank and Trust Company. He is treasurer and a director of the Anthracite Chain and Engineering Company, and along with all his business responsibilities takes an active interest in civic affairs. He is acting president of the Hazleton Motor Club, a member of the Men's League, also of the Chamber of Commerce, the Valley Country Club, and the Kiwanis Club. Fraternally, he is identified with Lodge No. 200, Benevolent and Protective Order of Eagles; and the Fraternal Order of Eagles; and his religious membership is with the Presbyterian Church.

E. D. Snyder married Anna Dietrich, of Hazleton, and they have one child, Roy, who has charge of the Bloomsburg plant. He has three children: Richard, James and Roy. The family home is located at No. 573 West Diamond Street, in Hazleton.

**WILLIAM E. JOYCE**—During the greater part of his active life William E. Joyce has been connected with newspaper work, and the range of his experience has been such as to give him more than the average preparation for his present business interest as owner and publisher of the Freeland "Press." Beginning with News Press Association work, he has steadily widened his experience. He has been connected with the Wilkes-Barre "Record," has been editorial writer for the Hazleton "Sentinel," and has done a large amount of Press Association work for the metropolitan papers. Since October, 1927, he has been owner and publisher of the Freeland "Press," a Republican weekly, which he is continuing along the lines developed by its founder and former owner, William K. Flad. Mr. Joyce is both publisher and author, for he has to his credit two well written and interesting books, one a biography, and the other an industrial history of the Lehigh coal fields.

William E. Joyce was born in Ashland, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, August 6, 1866, son of Peter and Margaret (Harrity) Joyce. He received his education in the local public and private schools, and then, having from his earliest years been interested in newspaper work, took work with the News Press Association, in the telegraph department. Later, he was associated with the Wilkes-Barre "Record," and in 1895 he was editorial writer for the Hazleton "Sentinel." After five years in this connection he devoted his time to general correspondence work and to Press Association work for the larger metropolitan newspapers, and in these lines of activity he continued until October, 1927, when he purchased from Mr. Flad the Freeland "Press," which he has since operated. The publication retains its original character as a Republican news sheet, following the policies established by its founder, and giving to its reading public the fine service which it has tendered for so many years. Mr. Flad changed both the size of the sheet and the number of issues from time to time, developing it from a paper of six pages, seven columns each, to a ten-page weekly, and at times issuing semi-weekly. It was founded in 1895, and for thirty-two years had been catering to the news demands of the people of Freeland and vicinity before it became the property of Mr. Joyce. The general character, therefore, is well established and will remain practically unchanged under the new régime. Mr. Joyce is a member of the local Business Men's Association, and has long been active in the affairs of the Republican party, but he is not, and never has been, an office seeker. He is rather the seeker after news, the editorial thinker and writer, the literary man, whose interests are versatile. Along with his general and varied newspaper work, Mr. Joyce has found time to write and publish an interesting biography of Rev. Father Phillips, and also to write an industrial history of the Lehigh coal fields, both of which have been of interest and use to special sections of the reading public.

William E. Joyce is married to Hannah Boyle, of Ashland, Pennsylvania, and they have three children: 1. Stanley, who has followed his father's calling, and is a newspaper man in New York City. 2. Mary, who is a trained nurse in Philadelphia. 3. Helena, a student, who is living at home. The family residence is located at No. 354 East Muir Avenue, in Hazleton.

**LEO C. MUNDY, M. D.**—For the past twenty years, Dr. Leo C. Mundy has guarded the health of the people of Wilkes-Barre in his private practice as a physician, and now that he holds the post of city health officer, his supervision covers the entire city. Dr. Mundy has an excellent military record for overseas service during the late war and has always been a man of great patriotic feeling and practices.

He is the son of the late John and Susan (Moore) Mundy. His father, who was a native of Ireland, for many years carried on a mercantile business and he and his wife were the parents of fourteen children. Of this remarkable family, ten lived to maturity: 1. Mary, the wife of Charles Mackin. 2. J. F., a member of the Wilkes-Barre City Commission. 3. Thomas A., a real estate dealer. 4. Dr. C. A., a dentist in Wilkes-Barre. 5. John, in the insurance business. 6. Sallie, unmarried. 7. Susan, unmarried. 8. Edward, with the Wilkes-Barre fire department. 9. Catherine, the wife of John Turnbach, superintendent of the Vulcan Iron Works at Pitts-

ton, Pennsylvania. 10. Leo C., of whom further, is the youngest.

Leo C. Mundy was born at Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, on June 2, 1887. He was educated in the Wilkes-Barre public schools and graduated from the Wilkes-Barre High School in the class of 1904. He then entered the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, graduating in the class of 1908 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. Since his graduation, he has continued to carry on a private practice of medicine and with the exception of his time overseas during the World War, has been in Wilkes-Barre.

In 1917, Dr. Leo C. Mundy volunteered his services for the Medical Corps of the United States Army. He entered the service in April and was stationed at Camp Oglethorpe, Georgia, for a period of three months and then transferred to Camp Meade, Maryland, for a period of three months. Then after spending two months on duty at Laurel, Maryland, he was sent to France. He sailed in March, 1918, and served at the front, at the Base Hospital, and was commanding officer of Camp 85, and surgeon of the Montoir district in France until the close of the war. He was mustered out of the service in 1919. For his gallantry he has received several marks of honor and distinction. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Citation for evacuation of the wounded by General John J. Pershing, and recognized as one fearless in dangers and unselfish in his services to those who needed aid. Dr. Mundy was brevetted lieutenant-colonel of the Reserve Corps.

He is the surgeon for the Hudson Coal Company; the Delaware and Hudson Railroad and Conlan Coal Company. He is also surgeon of the Mercy Hospital staff at Wilkes-Barre. He is a member of the Luzerne County Medical Society; the State Medical Society; the American Medical Association; the Lehigh Valley Medical Association; and the New England Railroad Surgeons Association. He is a member of Lodge No. 109, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church. In politics, Dr. Mundy is a Republican.

In June, 1922, Dr. Leo C. Mundy married May Conlan, daughter of John and Mary (Clarke) Conlan, the former a coal operator at Hudson, Pennsylvania. Dr. and Mrs. Mundy have one son, John Conlan. They make their home at No. 391 Scott Street, Wilkes-Barre.

**WALTER E. KAHLER**—Since 1913, Walter E. Kahler has been cashier of the Citizens' Bank, of Freeland, Pennsylvania, filling this position in a most successful way. Widely experienced in banking and financial affairs, he brought to his work at Freeland a fine ability and energy which have made him most valuable to his institution and to the community which he serves.

The Citizens' Bank was organized on January 31, 1890, with a capital stock of \$50,000 and the following officers: Joseph Birkbeck, president; Edward Snyder, secretary; and Thomas Wilson, cashier. The directors were: Joseph Birkbeck, Thomas Birkbeck, Charles Dusheck, John Smith, T. E. Snyder, H. C. Koons, William Kemp, Joseph Rudiwick, John Wagner, Alfred Shive, and Anthony Rudiwick. B. R. Davis, who took office in June, 1890, was its second cashier, and in 1901 H. C. Koons became the second president, filling this position until 1915, when William Birkbeck succeeded him. Finally, in 1926, the present incumbent, Condy O. Boyle, was



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elected president, the other officers, besides Mr. Kahler as cashier, being: E. J. Edwards, vice-president; C. O. Stroh, solicitor, and S. J. Neuberger, secretary of the board of directors. The members of this board are: Condy O. Boyle, E. J. Edwards, C. O. Stroh, S. J. Neuberger, Condy J. Boyle, William M. Daugherty, M. S. DePiero, Jonah Evans, J. M. Gallagher, George J. Gabuzda, E. P. Humphrey, C. B. Kunkle, W. E. Oberrender, and Asa A. Rute. The first bank building was situated on Front Street, later the institution occupied the building now used by the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and finally, in 1912, the present modern structure was erected on Center Street, at a cost of \$60,000. The record of the Citizens' Bank has been one of constant expansion and growth. In 1910 its capital stock was increased to \$100,000, in June, 1923, to \$150,000, and in November, of that year, to \$200,000.

Walter E. Kahler, its efficient cashier, was born in Millersburg, Pennsylvania, July 22, 1875, a son of William and Frances (Musser) Kahler, of that place. He received his education in the public schools of his birthplace, after which he began his banking career in the employ of the First National Bank of Millersburg. During a period of years he rose through various positions in this bank, gaining a thorough knowledge of the operation of all departments, and winning his way, solely through his own ability, to positions of confidence and trust. In 1896 Mr. Kahler helped to organize the Tower City National Bank, and of this institution he became the first cashier, continuing in the position until September, 1913, when he was chosen cashier of the Citizens' Bank, of Freeland. Mr. Kahler's sound business judgment and executive ability are well known in Freeland, and he is frequently called into consultation in large matters of policy. He is a member of the Pennsylvania, American and Lower Anthracite Bankers' associations, and active in affairs among the men of his profession.

Mr. Kahler has always been vitally interested in the problems of government and in the welfare and progress of the community in which he has made his home for more than fifteen years. He has been prominent in various civic and social enterprises, and has contributed liberally to worthy charitable movements, although never at pains to reveal the extent of his generosity in this regard. He and his family worship in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and are members of the local church of this denomination.

In 1900 Walter E. Kahler married Etta McCarty, of Millersburg, and they became the parents of one child, Clyde, who was graduated from the public schools of Freeland, the University of Pennsylvania, and is now teaching in the Wharton School of Finance and Commerce at Philadelphia. The family residence at Freeland is situated at No. 816 Center Street.

**PATRICK ALOYSIUS ROAN**—Among the leading druggists in this community is Patrick Aloysius Roan who has been in the drug business here for many years. He is the son of Patrick J. Roan, a blacksmith by trade, who was born in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, in 1860, died in October, 1926; and of Mary (Doyle) Roan, who was born in Schuylkill County in 1861 and is still living.

Patrick Aloysius Roan was born at Plymouth, Pennsylvania, October 17, 1881, and began his education here in the public schools. After finishing his public school work he went to Philadelphia where he

entered the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, graduating in the class of 1905, with the degree of Doctor of Pharmacy. He immediately entered the drug business and continued in that line until 1908, when he opened a drug store of his own and has since then been engaged in the retail drug business at Plymouth. At first, Mr. Roan's drug store was located at No. 175 East Main Street, where he carried on his business for a period of six years with constantly increasing trade. His success was such that in 1914, he purchased the present building in which his store is located, No. 159 East Main Street and there has been established for the last fourteen years. In politics, Mr. Roan is a Republican. He is a member of the Kiwanis Club and the Knights of Columbus and of Saint Vincent's Roman Catholic Church.

On October 3, 1916, Patrick Aloysius Roan married Josephine Brown, daughter of Thomas J. and Mary Brown of Plymouth, Pennsylvania. They have three children: Mary Rita, and Frank and Elizabeth (twins).

**WILLIAM J. BURNETT**—No man in Nanticoke, perhaps, better merited the respect of his fellow-townpeople, or received it in fuller measure, than did the late William J. Burnett, alderman from the Sixth Ward, dealer extensively in insurance with offices at No. 229 Prospect Street, and accorded the distinction of having been one of the community's outstanding citizens. His record is an inspiration, of what can be done through inborn talent, intelligent application to problems at hand, and industry. Mr. Burnett died January 26, 1928.

William J. Burnett was born in England, August 9, 1870, son of Henry and Elizabeth (Thorn) Burnett. Henry Burnett was for many years of his life, and, indeed, until the time of his death, engaged in business as building contractor. At this he was successful, but, as happens frequently, following his demise the estate was found to have dwindled considerably. His widow was a woman of courage, however, and looking boldly to the future took those funds remaining and her family of six young children aboard ship for America. With them she established a home in Nanticoke.

This was in 1879, when William J. Burnett was nine years old. Two years later he was at work as breaker boy in the mines, with the Susquehanna Coal Company. By the time he had attained his majority he had likewise attained to a position of authority in the company, through regular promotions on the evidence of his never failing ability. Meanwhile he had saved his money, at the same time contributing to the support of the family, and felt encouraged to quit the mines for a course in business, at a commercial school in Wilkes-Barre. Upon completion of courses he found himself possessed of a good theoretical groundwork for a career at business, but lacking other opening accepted employment as time-keeper with the Simpson & Walkins Company, coal operators, of Carbondale. There he remained one year only, then returned to Nanticoke and engaged in the grocery business, at which he continued for two years. A Republican, loyal to the principles of the party, he had participated for several years past in the activities of the party locally, and had attained to a strong influence in political matters. Toward the close of his second year in the grocery business he was elected Burgess of the borough of Nanticoke, and that responsible office he filled most creditably to himself and party for a term of three years. Then, once more

he engaged in business as grocer, again for two years, and was elected justice of the peace, which office he held until his death, his decisions having been upheld in all cases under question. In 1921 he opened an office to deal in insurance, as a parallel to his official duties, and carried all kinds of policies, representing seven companies of the highest and safest reputations. In 1926 he was appointed alderman from the Sixth Ward, and in this office as in that of justice of the peace, he functioned admirably. He had been a delegate to the Republican state convention. Aside from his business in insurance he maintained other interests, among which was membership on the board of directors of the Susquehanna Lumber Company. Fraternally active, he was a member of the Loyal Order of Moose, and of the Owls. When the United States entered the World War he began at once to be of service to his country, and acted tirelessly on the boards and committees in charge of war work, as well as in the campaigns of the several Liberty Loans. Mr. Burnett was a communicant of the English Baptist Church, a deacon and trustee thereof. Toward charity he was ever sympathetically disposed, and gave generously of time and money to all worthy appeals. Of him it is said by those who know him personally that Mr. Burnett achieved a goodly position in life, through honorable means, the application of his talent, and industry; that his principles always were of the highest; that, when in a position to do so, he accomplished well for the benefit of the community at large, and of its component parts separately; and that he was therefore, a most valuable citizen of his community, State and Nation.

In November, 1907, Mr. Burnett was united in marriage with Annie Bryden, of Pittston, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Burnett is a woman of refinement and charm, in every sense of the word a lady, and is active in a number of organizations. She is treasurer of the Wyoming Missionary Association, treasurer of the Ladies' Aid Society, and president of the Missions Society of the English Baptist Church. Mr. Burnett also was active in church work, and was treasurer and trustee of the Baptist Missionary Society, and president of the Lake Sillsworth Association. Mrs. Burnett resides at No. 138 East Green Street, Nanticoke.

**MEBL BROWN BREESE**—Engineer for Luzerne County and a public-spirited citizen occupying a place of esteem in the estimations of the people of Wilkes-Barre, Merl B. Breese was born at Hoadleys, Wayne County, Pennsylvania, September 11, 1886, son of Vint L. and Hattie A. (Brown) Breese, who live at Wyoming, Luzerne County, the father being a business man now retired, and a son of Lyman and Elizabeth (Woodhouse) Breese, deceased, both of whom were members of families old in the history of Pennsylvania. Vint L. Breese is a Republican of considerable influence, and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. and Mrs. Breese are the parents of two children: Merl B., of whom further mention; and Rena C., wife of Harry Rhoads, of Wyoming.

Merl B. Breese was six years of age when the family moved from Wayne County to Luzerne County. He received his early education in the public schools, graduating from the Wyoming High School in 1904; and spent three years in the Wyoming Seminary, at Kingston, Pennsylvania. In 1907 he matriculated in Pennsylvania State College, where his interest in science and engineering was apparent in courses selected, and in four

years graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science. He then proceeded to Three Rivers, in Quebec, Canada, to work with an engineering corps, and was there employed for nine months. After this experience he returned to his native State, secured a position in Pittsburgh, and at the termination of a brief period there returned to Luzerne County, where he held a position with the Lackawanna Railroad. This, too, failed to hold him for long; he went into business on his own account, as an engineer, at Wyoming; then, in 1917, decided that his place was in the service of his country, and joined the Corps of Engineers at Madison Barracks, New York, where he was commissioned a first lieutenant and assigned to active duty in the 78th Division of the United States Army. He was ordered overseas during the early spring of 1918, and served in France with his division until the summer of 1919. In the spring of the following year he was appointed assistant county engineer, of Luzerne County; and, after having filled this office with ability, was in 1924 appointed by the County Commission to the office of county engineer, for a term of four years, and was reappointed in 1928 for four years. He is a director of County Officials Division American Road Builders Association.

In political decision a staunch Republican, Mr. Breese is also affiliated with a number of fraternal organizations. He is a member of the Wyoming Lodge, No. 468, of the Free and Accepted Masons, Caldwell Consistory at Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Masons of the thirty-second degree, Irem Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at Wilkes-Barre, and the Irem Country Club; member of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, and of Delta Upsilon, college social fraternity.

Merl B. Breese married, in 1926, Mary Cheeseman Rohn, of Philadelphia, member of an old Philadelphia family, daughter of Edward and Emma (Pollock) Cheeseman. Mr. and Mrs. Breese have no children.

**THOMAS JOSEPH DAILEY, M. D.**—As a leading specialist in the diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, Dr. Thomas Joseph Dailey, of Plymouth, Pennsylvania, enjoys a large clientele and is highly respected in the medical profession for his good work. He is the son of William and Nora (Connole) Dailey. His mother who was born in Plymouth Township, Luzerne County, in 1855, died in 1910. His father, who is a retired business man, was born in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, in 1851.

Thomas Joseph Dailey was born in Plymouth, Pennsylvania, March 5, 1884. He was educated in Saint Vincent's Parochial School of this place and later attended the Bloomsburg State Normal School where he finished with the class of 1905. He then entered the University of Pennsylvania where he studied medicine and graduated in the class of 1909 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. After finishing his college work in medicine, he was an interne at the Mercy Hospital at Wilkes-Barre for one year and then entered the general practice of medicine in Plymouth which he carried on until 1917 when he studied eye, ear, nose and throat diseases by taking a special course at the New York Post-Graduate Hospital in New York City. After this work was completed, Dr. Dailey gave up the general practice of medicine and has since then specialized in the treatment of eye, ear, nose and throat afflictions, carrying on a private practice in these branches.



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He is a member of the Luzerne County Medical Society; the Pennsylvania State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He is also a member of the Shawnee Club, the Knights of Columbus, Saint Vincent's Roman Catholic Church, and in politics, he is a Democrat.

In 1918, Dr. Thomas Joseph Dalley married Agnes Law of Kingston, Pennsylvania, daughter of Frank and Jane Law. Dr. Dalley is a member of the staff of the Mercy Hospital at Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

**DANIEL SYLVESTER PENSYL**—As an educator and an attorney, D. Sylvester Pensyl of Nanticoke, Pennsylvania, has been influential in this community for many years. His early ancestry in this State dates back to 1776 when Jacob Pensyl came from either Germany or Holland and settled in Pennsylvania. This Jacob Pensyl was the owner of fifty acres of land which is now the site of the city of Shamokin, his homestead being on the exact lot where now stands the Eagle Hotel. He is described as being a man who was honest, sober, industrious and economical, possessing considerable educational and intellectual vigor. He was unaware of the fact that his land was rich in coal; in fact, he owned fifty acres of the richest anthracite coal land in Pennsylvania and bought and sold this treasure at the price of ordinary farming land. After he sold his Shamokin land, he purchased two hundred acres of farming land in Ralpho Township, in Northumberland County, for which he obtained a warrant, lived upon it until his death, when it passed to his only son, John (1) Pensyl.

John (1) Pensyl was nine years of age when his father moved to the farm in Ralpho Township, Northumberland County, and there he spent the rest of his life. He received a religious training from his parents and like his father was a deep student of the Bible. He donated an acre of land for church purposes and upon it stood the German Reformed Blue Church of Ralpho Township, of which he was one of the organizers and original members. He died in 1849 at the age of eighty-two years, a highly respected and honored citizen. John (1) Pensyl, married Barbara Hinkle. Their children were: Kate; Leah; Leonard; George; and John (2) Pensyl.

John (2) Pensyl was born at the Ralpho Township homestead in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, 1797, and died there in 1873. He married (first) Lydia Kaseaman. Their children were: George; Daniel; Barbara; Hannah; Catherine; and John (3) Pensyl. He married (second) Mary Arter. Their children were: Jacob; William; Samuel; Adam; Margaret; Henry; Daniel; Adam; and Francis, all of whom are deceased except Francis, who lives at Avis, Pennsylvania.

John (3) Pensyl, son of John (2) and Lydia (Kaseaman) Pensyl was born on the Rush Township homestead in 1819. He was known as a substantial farmer and resided in Northumberland County all of his life, living to the age of eighty-seven years. His death occurred in 1906. He married Lovina Reed. Their children were: Oliver; Silas R.; Hester; Sarah; Miles; Theodore; Emerson; Valentine; Eli; Elizabeth; and Lovina. All are now deceased.

Silas R. Pensyl, son of John (3) and Lovina (Reed) Pensyl was born on the homestead farm in Rush Township, Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, in 1848. He later lived in Wilkes-Barre, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, where he died September 21, 1921. He lived for a while in Mayberry Township, Montour County, Pennsylvania, where he resided at the time his son, D. Sylvester Pen-

syl, was born. He afterward removed to Rush Township in Northumberland County, where he had a farm near Union Corners five miles south of Danville. He spent most of his active years in Northumberland County but the last years of his life he spent in Luzerne County. Silas R. Pensyl married Priscilla Slagle, who was born in 1850, and died at Nanticoke, Pennsylvania, in 1911. She was the daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth (Kline) Slagle, of Snyderstown, Pennsylvania. They had three children: 1. Daniel Sylvester, of whom further. 2. John Valerius, born in 1875, now living in Wilkes-Barre. 3. Daisy, born in 1877, wife of M. M. Knoebel, residing in Shamokin, Pennsylvania.

Daniel Sylvester Pensyl, eldest son of Silas R. and Priscilla (Slagle) Pensyl was born on the home farm in Mayberry Township, Montour County, Pennsylvania, October 18, 1870. Shortly after his birth, his parents moved to Rush Township, in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania. There, the home farm was located near Union Corners, Pennsylvania, and at the country schoolhouse at the Cross Roads, he obtained his early education. He remained at the home farm and in attendance at public school until he was sixteen years of age. He then spent a year in the preparatory department of Central Pennsylvania College. At the age of seventeen, he began teaching school. His first work as a school teacher was at Reeds Station in Ralpho Township not far from the farm first settled by Jacob Pensyl. He was not satisfied to amble along as an ordinary country school teacher, so at the age of eighteen, he took a course at the Bloomsburg State Normal School, where he qualified as a teacher and, when nineteen years of age, he was elected principal of Elysburg Academy, at Elysburg, Pennsylvania. He continued to advance in his profession of school teaching and at the age of twenty-one, he graduated with honors, from the Central State Normal School at Lock Haven, Pennsylvania, and from 1892 until 1898, he was engaged in various positions as an educator. In 1892, the year of his graduation, he was made principal of the grammar school at Catawissa. He remained here for two years and was then made principal of the high school at Snyderstown, Pennsylvania, where he spent two years. In 1896 he began the study of law in the offices of Brown and Small, a law firm at Catawissa. In 1898, he was admitted to the Bar of Montour, Columbia, and Luzerne counties, and in March, 1898, he definitely settled in Nanticoke and began the practice of law. He had been in the practice for only six months when the disastrous coal strike took place. This caused him to temporarily give up his law practice and to study the prospective advantages of Nanticoke, which was then being exploited as a trade center of the anthracite coal district. He had come to Nanticoke a total stranger, but this did not deter him from taking the initiative in his own behalf and he applied for the position of principal of the West Main Street Public School, and upon his previous high record as an educator, he was chosen for that position. He held a place in Nanticoke's public school system for six years, and in the meantime kept faithfully to his law studies. In 1903, he was admitted to practice at the Bar of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. During the six years that Mr. Pensyl was principal of the school in Nanticoke, he made many friends, was well liked and had thoroughly mastered the conditions as they then existed. When he felt the time had come for him to take up again the practice of law, he opened an

office in the Enke-Bennett Building. This was in 1904, and he has been in the practice of law ever since. He has won a high place of distinction at the Luzerne County Bar, and his clientele includes some of the most influential citizens. His determination to advance and to more thoroughly understand his profession was the same in his law as in his teaching and being a diligent student in all that he undertakes; he enrolled for an extension course with the Hamilton College of Law at Chicago, and at the end of three years' had completed this University Extension Course and was awarded the degree of Bachelor of Laws. In his study of conditions at Nanticoke, he saw the need for another national bank and, in 1904, took the preliminary steps toward the organization of the Nanticoke National Bank, which was opened for business on October 12, 1904. He was made a member of the board of directors and in 1916 was elected president of the institution, a position which he has filled with credit to himself and satisfaction to the bank and its customers. He was also one of the organizers of the Susquehanna Lumber Company, of which he is a director and secretary. He is a director and secretary of the Nanticoke Construction Company. He is also interested in other Nanticoke business enterprises and is an active member of the Kiwanis Club. He is a man of remarkable energy and versatility and during the last fourteen years, in addition to his other affairs he has carried on a very prosperous real estate and insurance business. His public service has been varied and valuable. His most conspicuous work in this line was in connection with the war activities. During the great drive for funds for the Young Men's Christian Association work among the soldiers at home and abroad, he was a director of the forces at Nanticoke, and his work resulted in raising a large sum of money. In 1918, he was appointed Federal Food Investigator for Nanticoke and Newport Township. His duties in this work had to do with the conservation and equitable distribution of food under the Hon. Herbert C. Hoover, of the National Food Administration during the World War. He is a member of the Nanticoke Lodge, No. 541, Free and Accepted Masons; a thirty-second degree Mason, of Keystone Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Scranton; Nanticoke Royal Arch Chapter, No. 287; and is a Noble of Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Wilkes-Barre. He is a member of Snodartown Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Nanticoke. He has always been a man of great activity, with an ambition to accomplish, whom no obstacle can deter nor any difficulty daunt. He has won his way to distinctive positions by proven ability along certain lines that have fitted him to fill these positions. He has not dissipated his efforts although he is one of the most versatile men in the community. His ability has at all times been well directed. He has the faculty of making many friends and keeping them and is held in the highest respect by his business associates.

On June 15, 1899, Daniel Sylvester Pensyl married Mary Small, born October 17, 1878, daughter of Christian and Louise (Bonard) Small. Mr. and Mrs. Pensyl have had four children: 1. Alta (deceased), 2. Lester (deceased), 3. Viola (deceased), 4. Daniel Small, Jr.

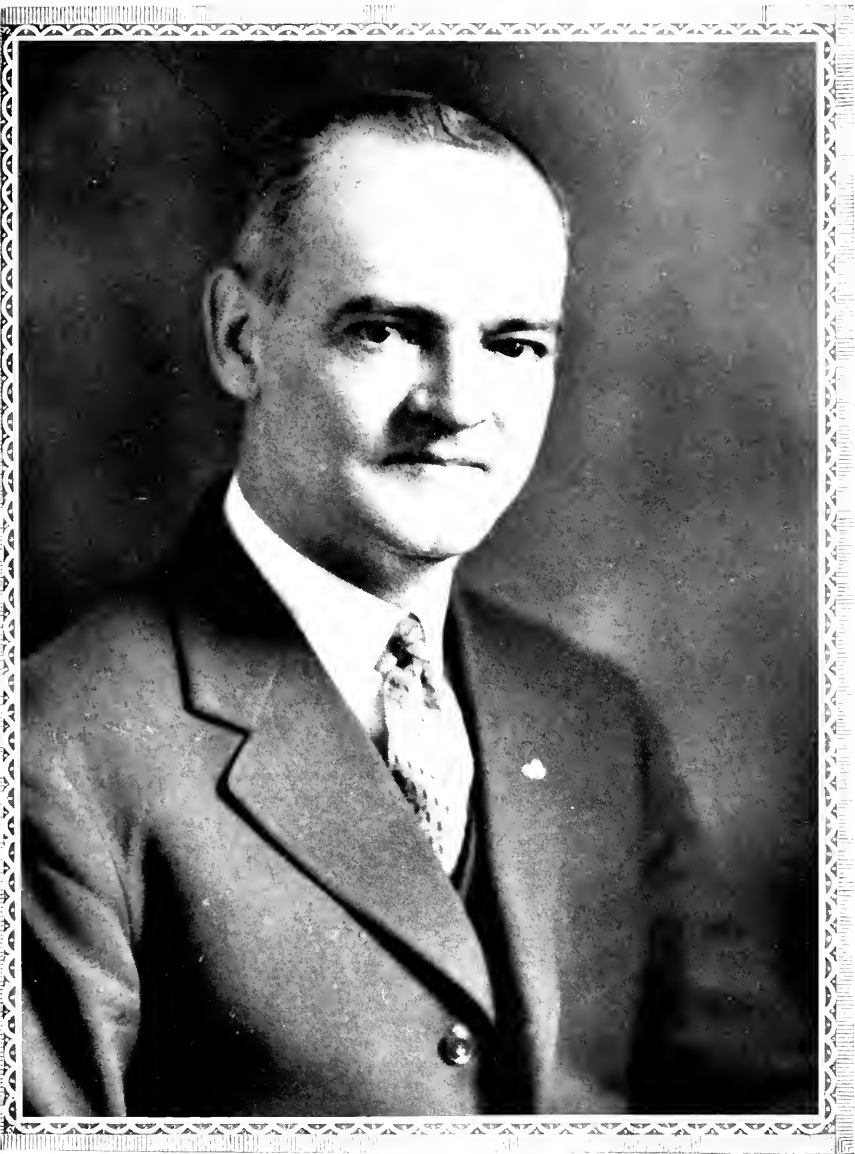
**CHARLES E. CHAPMAN**—Filling the position of division passenger agent for the Lehigh Valley Railroad, Charles E. Chapman

has had ample opportunity over a period of many years to prove his business ability and to demonstrate those fine qualities of character which make for success and accomplishment. He goes about his duties in a quiet and unassuming way, but efficiently and in a manner that is certain to win the esteem of everyone who has much to do with him. The result is that today Mr. Chapman is highly regarded by his fellow-citizens, and especially by those who have occasion to come into daily contact with him in the Wilkes-Barre station of the Lehigh Valley Railroad, where his offices are situated.

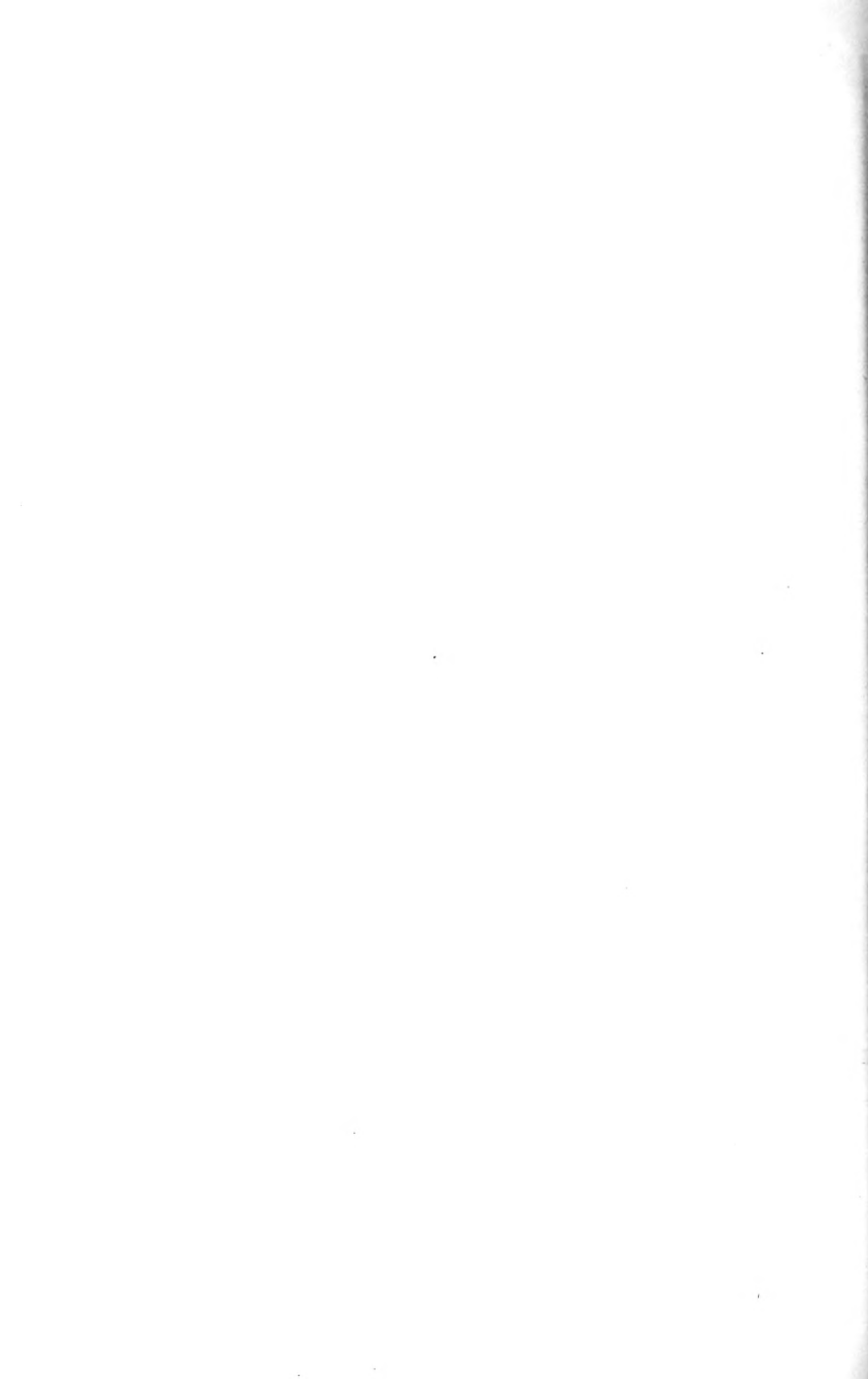
Mr. Chapman is a son of George O. and Margaret (Harley) Chapman, who were both born in Wayne County, Pennsylvania. His father's father was Oliver W. Chapman, a native of Connecticut and a member of an old New England family. George O. Chapman, a staunch Republican and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church throughout his life, was a cabinet maker for more than fifty years, and died, January 1, 1927, at the age of seventy-three. His widow, Margaret (Harley) Chapman, who was born in 1857, lives still in Carbondale. They were the parents of three children: Charles E., of further mention; Eugene L., who is engaged in business in Hamlin, Wayne County, Pennsylvania; and Laura B., who is the wife of Charles Hoffman, of Carbondale, Pennsylvania.

Of these children, Charles E. Chapman was the eldest, having been born on April 25, 1878, in Wayne County. While a boy, he attended the public schools. At the age of thirteen, he went with his parents to Carbondale, Pennsylvania. Although he left the public schools early, he later took a business course at Wood's Business School, in Scranton, Pennsylvania; and, after that, learned telegraphy with his brother by studying at night. At the age of eighteen years, he took a position as operator for the Delaware and Hudson Railroad, in Carbondale, where he continued in this capacity for two years. Then, when he was twenty, he took a position tendered him by the United States Government at the time of the Spanish-American War, being stationed first in Washington, D. C., and subsequently at Puerto Principe, Cuba, where he remained for two years. Returning to the United States, he took a position again with the Delaware and Hudson Railroad as ticket agent in Honesdale, Pennsylvania, where he stayed for eight years. In 1907, he accepted a position with the Lehigh Valley Railroad as ticket agent in Wilkes-Barre. This position he filled creditably for twelve years; then, on March 1, 1920, he was made division passenger agent, with offices in Wilkes-Barre, where he has remained up to the present time.

Mr. Chapman at all times takes a keen interest in public affairs, and is especially active in political matters, having been long identified with the Republican party, whose principles and candidates he supports. He is a member of the Firwood Methodist Episcopal Church, of Wilkes-Barre. Active in fraternal affairs, he is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which order he is affiliated with the Honesdale Lodge, No. 218; the Keystone Consistory, of Scranton, Pennsylvania, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Masons, in which he holds the thirty-second degree; and Irem Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He belongs also to the Irem Temple Country Club and the Rotary Club, and holds membership in the New York Passenger Ticket Agents Association.



*E. E. Chapman*







W.F. Davison.

On August 16, 1900, Mr. Chapman was married to Estella M. Short, a daughter of John and May (Webley) Short, of Prompton, Wayne County, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Chapman are the parents of two sons: 1. Russell J., who is in charge of the car recording department of the Lehigh Valley Railroad, in Wilkes-Barre. 2. George C., a graduate of the Wilkes-Barre High School, and Wilkes-Barre Business College, now connected with Walter C. Williams. Mr. Chapman and his family reside at No. 17 Oak Street, Wilkes-Barre.

**FRANK D. HESS**—A native of Luzerne County, Mr. Hess has been a resident of Nanticoke since 1886 and since 1891 has been passenger agent of the Pennsylvania Railroad in that town. His long and continuous residence naturally has made him one of the most widely known members of the community, while his active and effective participation in the various phases of its life has made him one of the most useful citizens. At all times he can be counted upon to give his liberal and enthusiastic support to any movement tending to advance the development of the community and to further the welfare and prosperity of its people and its institutions.

His father, Milton E. Hess, was born in Columbia County, Pennsylvania, a son of Elijah and Margaret (Coleman) Hess and a grandson of George Hess, all of them residents of Columbia County, where the latter was successfully engaged for many years in farming. Elijah Hess was a miller, a trade which was also followed by his son, Milton E. Hess, who came from Columbia County to Luzerne County about 1857 and who died in Michigan in 1898. The latter was the head of a family of ten children, all of them born in Luzerne County: Asinath, now deceased; Feas, now deceased; Rosie, now deceased; Frank D., of whom further; Edward, now deceased; Lee, a resident of Massillon, Ohio; Laura, now deceased; Cora, a resident of Michigan; Doile, a resident of Detroit, Michigan; and Harry Hess, a resident of Philadelphia.

Frank D. Hess was born at what is now Register, Luzerne County, November 9, 1863, a son of Milton E. and Harriett (Gelder) Hess. He was educated in the public schools and at New Columbus Academy. He then took up the study of telegraphy and after he had acquired a very thorough knowledge of it, entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad, with which he has been connected ever since, a period of almost half a century. After having been a telegrapher for this railroad for some years, he came to Nanticoke, in 1886, as telegraph operator and ticket clerk. Five years later, in 1891, he was promoted to the office of passenger agent, which position he has held since. Throughout his long residence at Nanticoke he has given freely of his time and efforts to a great variety of civic work. For seventeen years he was a member of the Nanticoke School Board. In 1923 he was one of the organizers of the People's Savings & Trust Company of Nanticoke, of which financial institution he is still a director. He has also been very prominently active in fraternal affairs, being a member of Nanticoke Lodge, No. 541, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is a Past Master, and in 1927 served as treasurer; Nanticoke Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of which he is a Past High Priest; Plymouth Chapter, No. 214, Royal Arch Masons, of which he is also a Past High Priest; the Commandery, Knights Templar; Keystone Consistory, of Scranton, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; Irem Temple,

Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; the Craftsmen Club; and the Kiwanis Club, of which latter he is a director. He is one of the most loyal members of the local Presbyterian Church, of the board of directors of which he was a member for twenty-five years, having served this church also as treasurer and having taken a very active part in its work in many other ways.

Mr. Hess married, in 1889, Lillian Risewick of Nanticoke, a daughter of Wellington and Rachael (Long) Risewick. Mr. and Mrs. Hess are the parents of two daughters: 1. Helen, wife of Eugene Y. Randall of Nanticoke, district superintendent of the Susquehanna Colliery Company, and mother of two children: Katharine and Jean Randall. 2. Katherine, a teacher in the public schools at Nanticoke and makes her home with her parents. The family residence is located at No. 139 Arch Street, Nanticoke.

**DR. WILLARD ANDREW RIBBLE**—With an extensive dental practice about Kingston and Wilkes-Barre, Dr. Willard Andrew Ribble has, during the quarter of a century that he has rendered professional services to the community, interested himself in public affairs and coöperated in civic betterment efforts through his extensive organization activities. Dr. Ribble is a native of Wilkes-Barre. Born January 11, 1882, he is the son of James Irvin Ribble, born at Columbia, New Jersey, 1851, died October 21, 1921, and Anna (Read) Ribble, born in 1854 at Dallas, Luzerne County, died in 1924. The father was proprietor of a shop where harness and collars were made for mules in the mines.

Dr. Ribble attended the Wilkes-Barre public schools and, after completing the high school course, went to the Wilkes-Barre and Woods business colleges, then to the Baltimore School of Dental Surgery. Here he received his degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery with the class of 1903. He established an office in Wilkes-Barre and practiced there until 1924 when he built his present home and office at 245 Reynolds Street in Kingston where he has conducted a general dental practice ever since. With membership in the Luzerne Dental Society, the esteem of his fellow members is attested to by the fact that he was elected to the presidency of the body in 1923. He had been treasurer of the organization for a number of years prior to that. In politics, Dr. Ribble affiliated himself with the Republican party; he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Rotary Club of Wilkes-Barre. He has advanced far in Masonry, being a member of Lodge No. 61, Free and Accepted Masons; Shekinah Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Dieu le Veut Commandery, No. 45, Knights Templar, and Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

Dr. Ribble married, October 3, 1905, Edythe M. Morgan, daughter of Morgan R. and Margaret J. (Williams) Morgan of Wilkes-Barre. Their two sons are: Morgan Irvin, born April 6, 1910, now a student at Lafayette College. Willard Andrew, Jr., born July 24, 1913, now attending Wyoming Seminary.

**WILLIAM FORESTER DAVISON, M. D.**—Prominent in the life of Kingston for many years, Dr. William Forester Davison has achieved a unique position in the affection and esteem of his community. A member of an old Luzerne County family, he has chosen to make his own home there, and his constant and faithful attendance upon the sick, his very great professional skill, and fine spirit of public service have endeared him to all those with whom he has come in contact.

Dr. Davison, besides holding various civic offices, is prominent in the social and fraternal life of Kingston.

His grandfather, James Davison, came from New Jersey to Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, among the early settlers. He was a butcher by trade, a veteran of the Civil War, and became the father of five children: 1. Charles A. 2. Alfred Gwynne, who was a physician for many years at Cambria in Luzerne County, and a veteran of the Civil War. 3. Lucy, who survives her husband, William Shaw. 4. Elizabeth, deceased. 5. Jennie, now also deceased. Charles A. Davison, who died at the age of eighty-three, married Harriet Augusta Fitzgerald, the daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Barney) Fitzgerald. Mrs. Davison is still living although she has also passed her eighty-fourth birthday.

William Forester Davison, the only child of this marriage, was born on December 28, 1867, at Town Hill, Huntington Township, in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania. He spent most of his childhood at Cambria, attending the public schools there, and later he entered New Columbus Academy at Huntington Mills in Luzerne County. He also attended Wyoming Seminary at Kingston. Having already decided upon the career which he intended to follow, Dr. Davison then entered Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia, and after pursuing the course of study there, was graduated in 1896 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He came immediately to Kingston to begin the practice of his profession, which he has carried on so successfully there since that time for thirty-three years. In point of service he is easily the senior physician of Kingston.

Politically, Dr. Davison supports the principles and candidates of the Republican party. He is a member of the Luzerne County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania Medical Society, and of the American Medical Association; also a member of Central Atlantic States Association of the American Dairy Food Druggs. He is also chairman of the Luzerne County Public Health Association, chairman of the Pennsylvania Association of Dairy and Milk Inspectors Association, and a member of the Kingston Board of Health. In 1923 he was appointed State Medical Supervisor, and appointed in 1929 Luzerne County Medical Director. He is a Protestant, and affiliated fraternally with the Kingston Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons, and is now a director of the First National Bank of Kingston. During the World War Mr. Davison was appointed by the President as member of the local Examining Board for Division No. 4, Luzerne County. In June, 1917, he was commissioned first lieutenant in the Medical Corps and transferred to Camp Lee as head of the Intelligence Department at the Base Hospital.

Dr. Davison was twice married (first) to Viola Boultinghouse, of New Jersey, who died in 1910. He married (second) Jessie M. Mulford of Bridgeton, New Jersey, daughter of Clarence J. and Anna R. (Boultinghouse) Mulford, and they became the parents of a son, William Forester Davison, Jr., born January 16, 1916, and three who died in infancy. Mrs. Davison is a member of West Side Women's Club, the Nesbitt Memorial Hospital Association, West Side Visiting Nurses Association, West Side Settlement, Wyoming Seminary Association, and is very active in Kingston Presbyterian Church work.

**ROBERT C. TEEL**—A follower of the "Art Preservative" since his graduation from high school, in 1894, Robert C. Teel, of White Haven, has continued in this line of endeavor until the present time, and after many

years as an employee has built up a business of his own here that ranks high among commercial enterprises of the town. During his years of experience in printing and publishing, Mr. Teel founded, and for some time published a weekly newspaper. Political, civic, and fraternal organizations are well acquainted with the capacity for unremitting labor possessed by Mr. Teel, he being prominent among such societies and organizations here.

Mr. Teel was born November 11, 1878, at White Haven, son of Philip and Louisa (Vollmer) Teel. Philip Teel, a native of Ross Common, Monroe County, Pennsylvania, born December 2, 1845, was connected with various sawmills as planer operator until his death in 1908. Louisa (Vollmer) Teel, born June 8, 1857, at Lehigh Tannery, Carbon County, Pennsylvania, survives her husband (1928).

Completing his education by graduation from high school, with the class of 1894, Robert C. Teel apprenticed himself in the fall of that year to the printing trade, and throughout his life since that time has been attached, in one capacity or another, with printing. In 1902, he started a concern of his own, on a very modest scale. His first plant was located in his mother-in-law's home and here he specialized in the printing of cards and other commercial work. For six years, while still maintaining his status as an employee, Mr. Teel remained in this location, at the end of which time he resigned his position and moved his business downtown, enlarging the scope of his product and adding a line of stationery for the retail trade. With this modest beginning he gradually developed his concern until it attained its present high standing in White Haven. His establishment now carries a complete line of stationery, gift articles, electrical and sporting goods, soda, cigars, books, toys, novelties, and radios. Following the trend of business development, in 1917 Mr. Teel purchased his present store building at No. 408 Main Street, but after three years here, he again became cramped for space, was forced to expand, and constructed additions to his building, increasing the floor space thereof about forty per cent. A résumé of the foregoing review will remove all doubts as to who should have credit for the present development of Mr. Teel's concern, for it has been entirely through his unceasing and unremitting devotion to business that success has thus favored him. It was in 1922 that the "White Haven Record," a weekly newspaper, was founded by Mr. Teel. He, with others, conducted this publication for two years before disposing of his interests therein.

A Republican in politics, Mr. Teel is a devoted worker for the progress of his community. Among his civic activities may be included the Patriotic Order Sons of America, Junior Order United American Mechanics, the Knights of the Maccabees, White Haven Fire Company and Business Men's Association. Believing in the community in which he was reared and made his success, he has invested the proceeds of his endeavor in the business life of his town, being financially interested in many of the town's industries and activities.

In 1902 Mr. Teel married Mabel Schutzbach, of White Haven, daughter of Joseph and Emma Schutzbach, and they have two sons: 1. Harold, born March 4, 1904. 2. Robert C., Jr., born November 6, 1909. Early in 1927 the two sons were taken into partnership with their father, under the firm name of Robert Teel & Sons; Harold, active in the business at all times, and Robert, Jr., still a student at Temple College, Philadelphia.







Chas. M. Laugh

**WILLIAM DEXTER JENKINS**—Rising, through his own efforts, from a breaker boy at a coal mine to become a leading merchant of his city while still in early middle life, is the achievement of William Dexter Jenkins, of Nanticoke. It may have been the vigor of the Welsh blood in his veins that partly accounted for this success, but certainly a tremendous amount of perseverance must have been added to enable him to accomplish the results that have rewarded his efforts. Yet he has had time, withal, to take a most active interest in the civic, social, political and fraternal affairs of his community and today is not only one of the leading business men of Nanticoke, but one of the most popular of its citizens.

William Dexter Jenkins was born in Missouri, June 19, 1882, but was reared in Plymouth, Pennsylvania, where his parents had removed shortly after emigrating to this country from Wales, their native land, prior to the outbreak of the Civil War. His father was Thomas, and his mother, Catherine (Dexter) Jenkins, the first named having been born in 1840 and coming to America when a young man. When the Civil War began and volunteers were called, he enlisted in the artillery for a period of six months, at the close of which service he re-enlisted for three years. He took part in many of the great battles of the war, and returning to civil life he engaged in mining, an occupation he followed to the day of his death at the age of seventy years. William Dexter's mother was a native American, having been born in Connecticut. She was the mother of nine children.

William Dexter Jenkins was educated in the public schools of Plymouth and at twelve years of age went to work as a breaker boy, following this hard task for more than two years. He then obtained a position in a mercantile house, a business which he has since followed. It was not until 1917 that he was able to seriously entertain his desire to establish himself independently, when he set up his own store, which today is one of the outstanding successes of Wyoming Valley, dealing principally in ready-to-wear garments for women. He is a member and past vice-president of the Kiwanis Club, a member of the Craftsmen's Club; of St. John's Lodge, No. 233, Free and Accepted Masons; the Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, and Caldwell Consistory, Knights Templar, of Bloomsburg.

Mr. Jenkins married, September 1, 1915, Elizabeth Thompson, of Pittston. Their children are: David Fowler, and Anne Watson.

**CHARLES J. MCGOUGH**—One of the most modern and well equipped automobile salesrooms in the city of Wilkes-Barre is that of the Wilkes-Barre Buick Company, located at No. 174 South Washington Street. The proprietor of this concern is Charles J. McGough, and the company are general distributors for the Wyoming Valley, with associate distributors at various other points in the valley. Mr. McGough is a skilled machinist himself, having learned the trade between the years of fourteen and twenty, and he has been identified with the automobile industry and business since he was twenty years of age. He is president of the Wilkes-Barre Automobile and Merchants' Association, and 1928-29 president of the Wilkes-Barre-Wyoming Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Charles J. McGough was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, February 27, 1883, son of J. F. and Anna (Tracey) McGough, both deceased. He attended the public schools of Philadelphia until he was fourteen years of

age, and then learned the trade of the machinist, which he followed until he was a young man of twenty. He then identified himself with the rapidly growing automobile industry, using the skill which he had already acquired as a mechanic and adding to his equipment a thorough knowledge of automobile mechanics. In 1918, he became an agent and distributor for the Dodge Brothers motor cars, and continued to sell the products of that concern until 1926. In that year he removed from Philadelphia to Wilkes-Barre and became the distributor for the Buick motor cars for Luzerne County. As proprietor of the Wilkes-Barre Buick Company, he is handling a business which is rapidly growing and which now distributes throughout the Wyoming Valley, having associate distributing centers at Nanticoke, Plymouth, Pittston, Dallas, and Kingston. As has already been stated, the showrooms at Wilkes-Barre are beautiful, modern, and well equipped, ranking among the very best in the city of Wilkes-Barre. Mr. McGough has established a reputation as a good business man, and his experience and his general ability cause him to be much in demand for official service in the various organizations with which he is identified. He is chief executive of the Wilkes-Barre Automobile and Merchants' Association, and as president of the Wilkes-Barre-Wyoming Valley Chamber of Commerce, he has done splendid work for the years 1928-29. He is known as a "live wire," and his associates are ever ready to follow where he leads, having learned from experience that he is able to "get things done." He is a member of the Wyoming Valley Country Club, Irem Temple Country Club, Westmoreland Club, and the Franklin Club; director of the Wyoming Valley Automobile Club and director of the Wyoming Valley Playground Association, and member of the Rotary Club. He is well known in Masonic circles, being a member of Jerusalem Lodge, No. 506, Free and Accepted Masons, of Philadelphia; Siloam Chapter, No. 226, Royal Arch Masons; Frankford Commandery, Knights Templar, of Philadelphia; Keystone Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, of Scranton, Pennsylvania, in which he holds the thirty-second degree; and Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Wilkes-Barre. He is a Republican in politics, and his religious membership is with the Presbyterian Church.

Charles J. McGough was married, October 27, 1909, to Laura L. Thompson, of Tower City, Pennsylvania, daughter of Oliver and Lydia (Goodman) Thompson. Mr. and Mrs. McGough have five adopted children: L. Ruth, Anna E., Blanche E., Mildred C., and I. Arlien.

**JOHN HOWORTH, M. D.**—One of the well-known men of the medical profession in Wilkes-Barre is Dr. John Howorth, whose offices are located at his home, No. 115 South Franklin Street, Wilkes-Barre. Dr. Howorth is a graduate of the Medical School of the University of Pennsylvania, has had an extended hospital experience, and has given special attention to surgery. He has been one of the surgeons of Wilkes-Barre General Hospital since 1913 and has long been known as one of the skilled surgeons of this city.

James Howorth, father of Dr. Howorth, was born in England, and was brought to this country by his parents when he was a small boy. The family settled in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, where James Howorth

received his education and where for thirty-five years he was employed as a stationary engineer. He was a Republican in his political convictions, and a member of the Presbyterian Church. He married Catherine Williams, in Olyphant, and they were the parents of seven children. He died at the age of fifty-six years, and his widow survives him (1929) at the age of seventy-eight. The children are: Frank, deceased; James, Jr., of Wilkes-Barre; Morgan, deceased; Alice; Dr. John, of further mention; Catherine, and George.

Dr. John Howorth, son of James and Catherine (Williams) Howorth, was born in Scranton, Pennsylvania, December 11, 1879, and was an infant when his parents located in Wilkes-Barre. He attended the public schools, graduating from Wilkes-Barre High School in 1897, and then became a student in the Bloomsburg State Normal School, from which he was graduated in 1898. After the completion of his Normal course he taught in Wilkes-Barre for five years, until 1905, when he matriculated in the Medical School of the University of Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated with the class of 1909, receiving at that time the degree of Doctor of Medicine. Immediately after graduation he returned to Wilkes-Barre, and from 1909 to 1911 he was the resident physician for the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital. Since that time he has given special attention to surgery and has been one of the members of the surgical staff of the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital. He has built up a very large and important general practice, in addition to his special surgical work, and is well known as one of the specially skilled members of his profession. Dr. Howorth is a member of the Luzerne County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania Medical Society, and the American Medical Association, and in addition to the professional responsibilities already mentioned he is surgeon for the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company and was surgeon for the Sheldon Axle Works of Wilkes-Barre up to the time of its closing out. Fraternally, he is identified with Wilkes-Barre Lodge, No. 61, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is a Past Master; Shekinah Chapter, No. 182, Royal Arch Masons; Dieu le Veut Commandery, No. 45, Knights Templar; and Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He was also a member of the Patriotic Order Sons of America, and is a member of the Exchange Club, and is deeply interested in the civic welfare of the city. He has won in a high degree the respect and esteem of his associates, both in the profession and among those with whom he is otherwise associated, and he is known as one of the representative citizens of Wilkes-Barre.

Dr. John Howorth was married, September 23, 1914, to Florence Loretta MacDaniels, daughter of Seymour and Ida (Morgan) MacDaniels, of Wilkes-Barre. Dr. and Mrs. Howorth have two children: Katherine Miriam, and Loretta Alice.

**FREDERICK C. A. JOB**—Descendant of a family of watchmakers, his father and grandfather having followed that profession in England, the home land, Frederick C. A. Job, of Wilkes-Barre, is a natural inheritor of the craft. For thirty-six years he has successfully conducted such a business here, established on a firm basis and continued on the highest plane of commercial tradition. Although of foreign birth, he has long since become so immersed in Americanism that he is as much a part of the body politic native born as the oldest of American stock. Inter-

ested in every activity that lends itself to the approval of the best citizenry, he is one of the very substantial members of the commercial, social and fraternal organization that makes up the community, respected and admired by all with whom he is thrown in contact.

Frederick C. A. Job was born in London, England, in 1864, a son of Frederick and Ann (Baseley) Job. The father is deceased, the mother still living, in Birmingham, England, at the age of eighty-five years. Frederick, the younger, is a self-educated, self-made man. He came to America in 1891 and located in Wilkes-Barre, soon establishing himself in the jewelry business here. The business has continued to grow during the thirty-seven years of its life and is now one of the leading houses of its character in Luzerne County, doing a wholesale business. In fraternal circles he is affiliated with the order of Free and Accepted Masons, holding membership in Wilkes-Barre Lodge, No. 61. He is a director of the Dime Bank Title and Trust Company, of Wilkes-Barre.

Mr. Job married Emily Elizabeth Lutman, of Birmingham, England, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Hutton) Lutman. They are the parents of two children: Florence Lillian, who married Ernest Watkinson, of Philadelphia; and Emily Lutman Job, unmarried and living with her parents.

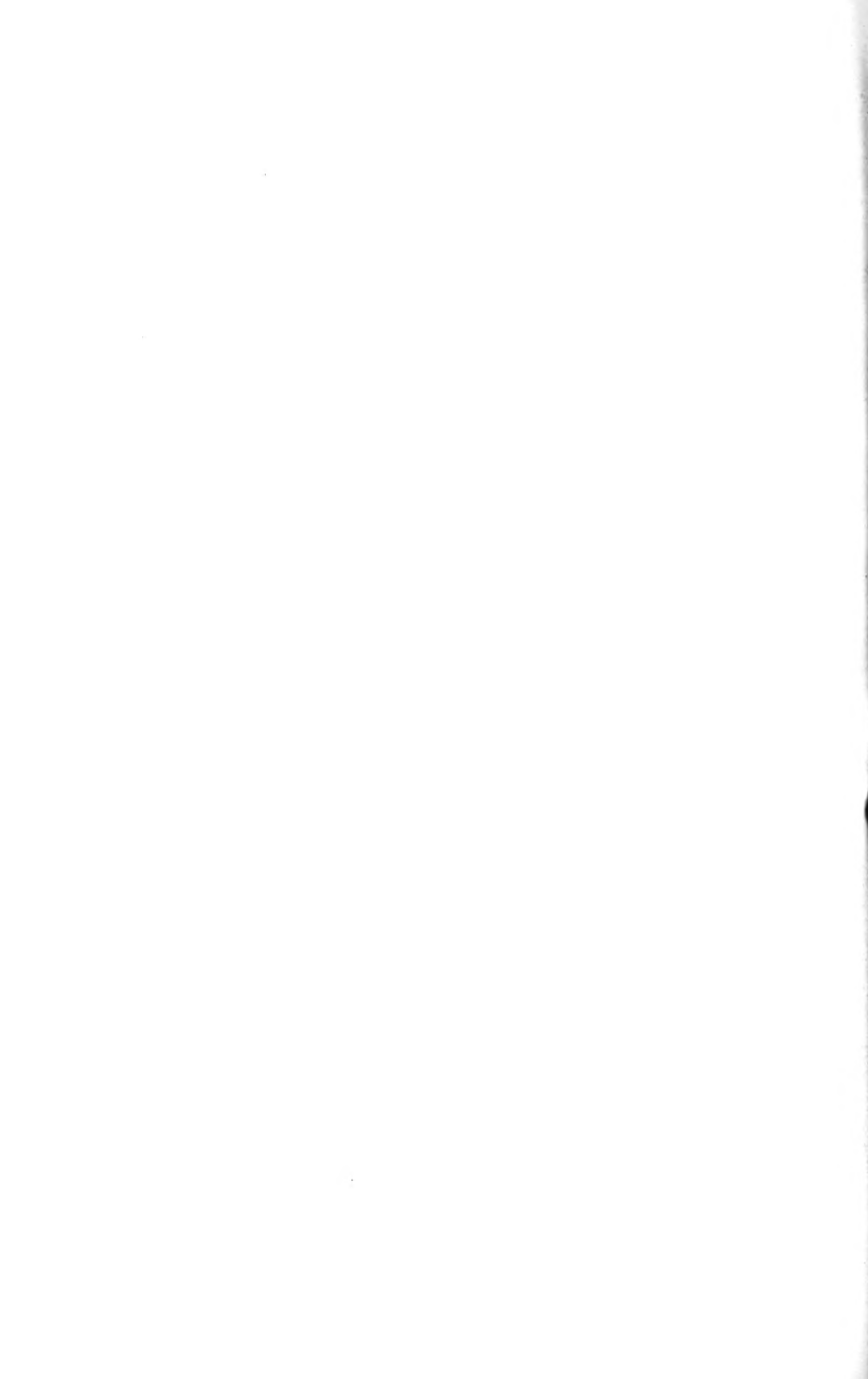
**DR. EDWARD RHYS RODERICK**, oculist, with offices at No. 92 South Franklin Street, one of the best known eye-specialists of Wilkes-Barre, hails from sturdy Welsh ancestors, representatives of whom have done their part toward the upbuild of sections where they have settled in this country, and particularly in the coal mining industry.

James E. Roderick, his father, for years chief of the Pennsylvania Department of Mines and a pioneer in the anthracite coal mines of this State, was born January 14, 1842, at Goginan, Cardiganshire, South Wales, a son of Edward and Eleanor (Edwards) Roderick, and grandson on his paternal side of Edward and Jane Roderick, of Penygaru, Cardiganshire; and on the maternal side grandson of Edward and Elizabeth (Blackwell) Edwards, of Goginan, near Aberystwyth. Edward Roderick, his father, a native of Wales, died in Cardiganshire in 1855, aged sixty-four; his mother, also a native of Wales, died in Wilkes-Barre at the age of eighty-four years, and was buried in Hollenback Cemetery. The children of Edward and Eleanor (Edwards) Roderick were eight: 1. Evan, died in January, 1881, at the home in Wilkes-Barre, and was interred in Hollenback Cemetery. 2. John, died in Wales at the age of thirty-one. 3. Edward, died in Wales at about sixty-five years. 4. Richard, died at Wilkes-Barre at about seventy years of age, and was buried in Hollenback. 5. Mary, died in Wales at the age of two. 6. Mary (second), died at the age of seven in Wales. 7. Mary (third), married Thomas R. Jones, of Wilkes-Barre, where she died and was buried in the city cemetery. 8. James E., of whom further.

James Edward Roderick spent his early days in Cardiganshire, where he received his preliminary tutoring in the public schools. His father passing away when he was thirteen, he was thrown upon his own responsibilities, and took up the mining of silver, copper and lead in South Wales, and he was working alternately day and night shifts at the age of eighteen, attending school days and half days as best he could arrange it. He did not waste his time but applied himself with vigor, and secured a diploma in book-



*Frederick C. A. Job*







*W. Schmidt*



keeping. In March, 1864, he left his native land for the United States, and had an interesting passage over during the later days of the Civil War between the North and the South. Following a short stay at New York he located in Scranton, this State, then removed to Pittston, and for three months thereafter was engaged as a miner's laborer in the mines of the Pennsylvania Coal Company. Taking up his residence in Wilkes-Barre, he engaged with the Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre Coal Company to mine coal for them until January 1, 1866, when he was promoted to the position of mine foreman of the Empire Shaft. A. J. Davis & Company employed him June 1, 1870, as general superintendent at Warrior Run, and he remained with this concern to the end of June, 1881. Following a competitive examination at this time, he was appointed by Governor Hoyt to the position of mine inspector for what was then known as the Fourth Anthracite District of Pennsylvania, with headquarters at Hazleton, this district having become recognized in later days as the eleventh. After serving five years he took another competitive examination and was reappointed by Governor Pattison. He proved that he was the best man to be had for this place, and his services were in demand in numerous quarters. At the end of his third year of the second term he resigned to accept a more lucrative position as general superintendent for Linderman and Skeer, which position he held from May, 1889, to June, 1896. In this work he had charge of six collieries employing some fourteen hundred men and mining some 2,000 tons of coal a day. Mr. Roderick resigned June 1, 1896, to become general manager of A. S. Vanwickle's extensive coal business and other interests. Mr. Vanwickle having died meantime, he resigned this place June 1, 1899, to accept the position of chief of the Bureau of Mines under appointment from Governor Stone. The bureau was changed to a Department of Mines, and to this place he was reappointed by Governor Pennypacker. Mr. Roderick was one of the organizers of the Hazleton National Bank, and was made a director; he was one of the organizers and a director of the Hazleton State Hospital, served as president of the Board of Commissioners that built it, and as president of the board of trustees after the death of Hon. Eckley B. Cox. He was always a staunch Republican in politics. From 1872 to 1880 he served as school director in Warrior Run Borough, and served one term as a select councilman of the city of Hazleton, having been one of the first members. Since 1872 he was active as a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, becoming a Master Mason; and he belonged to Hazleton Lodge of Elks. He and his wife were long active workers in the Hazleton First Presbyterian Church; for eighteen years he served as secretary of the churches and superintendent of the Sunday Schools at Warrior Run and Wilkes-Barre. He was one of the first members of the First Welsh Presbyterian Church, at Northampton and Meade streets, and was active in its erection; as its first secretary he served from 1864 to 1870. He was likewise secretary of the Warrior Run Church from 1870 to 1881. He removed to Warrior Run in 1870 and the present church edifice was built in 1873, largely due to his indefatigable labors.

Mr. Roderick married (first), in December, 1868, Sarah Davis, of New York, who bore him four children: 1. Eleanor, born September 26, 1869, and married David C. Jones, of D. C. Jones & Company, of Wilkes-Barre. 2. Edward R., of whom further. 3. James, born January 25, 1874, who served in the Depart-

ment of Mines at Harrisburg. 4. John, born February 27, 1877, died at the age of ten years and was buried in Hollenback Cemetery. The mother died in February, 1881, and she was buried at the same place. Mr. Roderick married (second) Mrs. Mary Lloyd, who died in September, 1883, without issue, and was buried in Hollenback. Mr. Roderick married (third), October 27, 1885, Mrs. Maria (Lawall) Ulmer, of Hazleton, one of the ten children of Thomas and Katherine (Geiger) Lawall, of Northampton County. The father of Mr. Lawall, Peter Lawall, conducted a hotel at Butztown, Northampton County, and here he and his wife died; his wife was a daughter of John and Mary (Stecker) Geiger, of Butztown, where John Geiger taught school many years. Thomas Lawall was proprietor of the Hazleton House, and died at the age of forty-nine in 1866; his wife died in 1889 at the age of seventy-two, and they were buried in the Vine Street Cemetery at Hazleton.

Dr. Edward R. Roderick, second child and first son of James E. and Sarah (Davis) Roderick, was born at Warrior Run, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, April 20, 1872, and at the age of eight removed with his parents to Hazleton, where he attended the public schools, then the Nazareth Moravian School at Nazareth, where he finished in 1888; and then he matriculated at Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey, from which he was graduated in 1892 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, after which he entered the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania, graduating in 1895 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. Removing to Wilkes-Barre, he served as house surgeon of the Wilkes-Barre City Hospital in 1895-96. Specializing on the eye, he became house surgeon of the Wills Eye Hospital in 1896, and remained until 1897, when he performed similar duty at the Manhattan Hospital, New York City, in 1898. From 1898 forward he has been attending oculist at Mercy Hospital, Wilkes-Barre, and since 1903 at Pittston Hospital. In 1902 he became division oculist of the Lehigh Valley Railroad. He is a member of the Luzerne County Medical Society, the State Medical Society and the American Medical Association, and has taken high rank among his associates. In politics he is a member of the Republican party, and in religion, of the Presbyterian Church. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of the Westmoreland Club.

Dr. Roderick married, June 1, 1898, Kathleen Leonard Reichard, daughter of Henry C. and Jennie (Griffin) Reichard, and granddaughter of Colonel John Reichard, who served as an officer of the "Bucktails" during the Civil War; was prominent in secret order affairs of Wilkes-Barre and died in 1884 at the age of seventy-five years, having been buried in Hollenback Cemetery. Mrs. Roderick was educated in the public schools of Wilkes-Barre and the Moravian Seminary at Lititz, Pennsylvania. The union of Dr. and Mrs. Roderick has been blessed with four children: 1. James Edward, born at Wilkes-Barre December 22, 1899. 2. George Reichard, born October 19, 1901. 3. Edward Griffin, born June 11, 1903. 4. Louise Roderick, born in Wilkes-Barre, February 21, 1910. Mrs. Roderick died March 2, 1922. She was an active worker in the work of the Presbyterian Church and was sincerely beloved and mourned by all who knew her.

**PAUL JOSEPH SCHMIDT**—Few of his friends who are aware of the attainments of Paul J. Schmidt in his profession of attorney-at-law, know that he has won place

and preferment not by easy gradations but rather by means of the ladder of practical effort, and through his own unaided endeavors. He thereby secured a footing, and without the usual resources of most students, proved himself a worthwhile claimant for honors in his struggle through workshop and school, until he found the merited college degree, success in his profession, and the sought-for recognition from his friends, the public, and his patrons.

Paul J. Schmidt was born January 14, 1874, in Germany, a son of Albert and Agnes Schmidt, both parents now deceased. Coming to the United States when he was only eleven years old, Mr. Schmidt first located at Shenandoah, where he was employed as a slate picker for about six months, afterwards removing to Nuremberg. Here he became a clerk in the grocery of John Markettie; and after three years he came to Wilkes-Barre, and secured a position in a general store at Miners Mills, in the employ of Thomas Quigley, remaining here for two years and a half, after which he removed to Pittsburgh.

In Pittsburgh, Mr. Schmidt was given a position in the employ of the firm of Townsend and Brown, electric railway contractors and builders, at first as time-keeper, and later on a general manager; and during the three years of his association with this concern he built electric railways at Beaver Falls, New Castle, Punxsutawney, Clayville, Sharpsburg, and South Pittsburgh.

Mr. Schmidt now considered himself enabled to return to Luzerne County, where he matriculated at Wyoming Seminary, in Kingston. Graduating there in the class of 1896, he then prepared himself for his profession in Dickinson Law School, at Carlisle, where he was graduated in 1899, received his degree Bachelor of Laws, and was admitted to the Luzerne County Bar on January 9, 1899, and admitted to practice in the United States Federal Court and Superior and Supreme courts of Pennsylvania. He is a member of the Luzerne County Bar Association. A Republican in his political views, Mr. Schmidt has been active in the interests of his party for a quarter of a century.

In May, 1917, Mr. Schmidt joined the Officers' Training Camp at Madison Barracks, New York, and soon received his commission as a second lieutenant. Later, transferred to Camp Dix, he served there as assistant quartermaster, until his further transfer to the 187th Division as adjutant of his battalion. He was mustered out of the service at the close of the war, with the rank of captain, subsequently promoted to the rank of major. In 1921, Major Schmidt was elected county comptroller of Luzerne County, and he served in the duties of that office from January 1, 1922, to January 1, 1926. He is an excellent linguist, and speaks German, Polish and Italian, as well as English; and for four years he was proprietor of the Polish weekly newspaper, "The Gornik," at Wilkes-Barre.

Fraternally, Mr. Schmidt is affiliated with Lodge No. 61, Free and Accepted Masons; Shekinah Chapter, No. 182, Royal Arch Masons; Dieu le Veut Commandery, No. 45, Knights Templar, of Wilkes-Barre; Keystone Consistory, of Scranton, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of the thirty-second degree; and Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; as well as Lodge No. 109, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and the Loyal Order of Moose. He is a member of the American Legion, Disabled Veterans of World War, Reserve Officers' Association, also member of several Polish and German societies. He resided for

twenty-two years on his farm of about two hundred and seventy-five acres in Wright Township. His present residence is at No. 552 North Franklin Street, Wilkes-Barre.

Paul J. Schmidt married, September 18, 1897, Maude Halwig, of Blackwood, Schuylkill County. Their children: John H., a student at Carlisle, class of 1931; Paul A., student at Bucknell University, class of 1931; George P., graduated from Pennsylvania University, class of 1928, now studying law at the same university; Joseph, a student at the Stroudsburg State Normal School, class of 1932; James, high school student, class of 1931; Edward, and Anna, students in Wilkes-Barre public schools.

**E. A. COSTELLO, M. D.**—One of the greatest boons to mankind in the last century has been the stupendous advancement of medical science which has reached heights undreamed of in bygone years. A leading exponent of modern medical progress is Dr. E. A. Costello, of Wilkes-Barre, who has been engaged in the active practice of his profession in this city since 1914, where he has gained an enviable reputation for his accomplishments not only in general work but in surgical cases as well. Dr. Costello has always had a deep and loyal interest in this city and its activities, and he has ever worked hand in hand with the municipal authorities in all endeavors which tend to promote the better health of the community at large.

Dr. Costello was born in Bear Creek, Luzerne County, June 12, 1889, son of Patrick J. and Winifred (Lynch) Costello. Patrick J. Costello was born in Dublin, Ireland, in 1846 and died in February, 1922. Winifred (Lynch) Costello was born in White Haven, Luzerne County, in 1849, and died in August, 1922. Both were prominent, respected residents of this vicinity all their lives and held the esteem of their fellow-citizens.

E. A. Costello was educated in the public schools of Luzerne County and after graduating from the Harry Hillman Academy in 1904, entered Villanova College, from which institution of learning he received his degree of Bachelor of Arts with the class of 1908. He then entered the Medico Chi College in Philadelphia and proceeded to apply himself to the study of medicine, completing his course with honors, and receiving his degree of Doctor of Medicine when he graduated in 1912. Dr. Costello then took his interne work at the Mercy Hospital in this city and later served as assistant superintendent of Nanticoke State Hospital for one year. In 1914, he came to Wilkes-Barre and opened his office here for general medical practice, building up a large clientele in a short time. He has ever since continued to be one of this city's most reputable, dependable physicians and has won the confidence and commendation of all by his expert ability, his thoughtfulness and his cheerful personality. As a member of the surgical staff of the Mercy Hospital, Dr. Costello has received the plaudits of his fellow-physicians and surgeons for his skill and accomplishments in this field of medical science. He is a prominent member of the county and State Medical Associations and is also a member of the American Medical Association. In politics, he is a member of the Republican party and his fraternal affiliations are with the Knights of Columbus, and Wilkes-Barre Lodge, No. 109, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church of this city.

Dr. E. A. Costello married, September 22, 1927, Regina O'Donnell of Parsons, daughter of Timothy and Catherine O'Donnell, both of whom reside in Parsons.

**SAMUEL S. HERRING**—A lawyer by choice and training, Mr. Herring early identified himself with those members of his profession who fought the battles of the weak and unfortunate; and, especially when he was convinced of the innocence of an accused one, he put forth, in the courts, his every effort to see that such a one went free and was totally exonerated of the charge made against him. In the last thirty-six years of his life Mr. Herring defended forty-three persons charged with murder, forty of them men and three of them women, and, of these, he cleared forty-one, only two of the entire number having been convicted. So it was that his faith in his clients was justified by the actions of juries and courts on all hands, and his ability as a lawyer attested to by all with whom he was associated. In the life of the Wilkes-Barre community he took a prominent part, and was beloved of all who knew him. Great was the sorrow of his fellowmen upon the sad occasion of his passing, which dealt a blow to the civic and professional life of this region of Pennsylvania.

The Herring family, of which he was a leading member, is of English and Welsh ancestry, and among Mr. Herring's early progenitors were men who settled in the Colony of Delaware, in which region of the United States some of the family still live. Samuel S. Herring himself was born on a farm at Felton, Kent County, Delaware, on March 4, 1870, son of Samuel S. and Sarah (Harrington) Herring, both now deceased. His father was a lifelong farmer and a son of Abner and Mary Herring, who were natives of the Kent County neighborhood, as well as members of old families which distinguished themselves in this vicinity before the War of the American Revolution. Abner Herring and his wife became the parents of a large family. Samuel S. Herring, father of the man whose name heads this review, was born in 1834, and died in 1913. His wife, Sarah (Harrington) Herring, was born in 1829, and died in 1911. They had four children: 1. George C., farmer, of Felton, Kent County, Delaware, who has served his county as county commissioner and member of the lower and upper branches of the State Legislature. 2. Mary E., who became the wife of John M. Evans, a merchant of Felton. 3. Samuel S., of whom further. 4. Sarah, wife of John W. Graham, of Germantown, Pennsylvania, leading member of the Philadelphia bar. The maternal grandparents of Mr. Herring were John and Sarah Harrington, both natives of Kent County, Delaware; and they became the parents of four children: 1. Nathaniel, deceased, a well-to-do farmer. 2. John W., also a farmer, who has served his county as county commissioner, and a member of the upper and lower branches of the Legislature. 3. Ruth, who became the wife of Thomas B. Coursey, who was a miller of Kent County, Delaware. 4. Sarah, who became the mother of Mr. Herring.

Samuel S. Herring was reared on the old farm in Kent County, Delaware, where he attended the public schools. As a boy, he worked on his father's farm, and acquired many of the sturdy characteristics that stayed with him throughout life, rendering him a most able lawyer and useful citizen. He subsequently went to Delaware College for two years, and in the fall of 1890, having determined to follow the law for a profession, entered the law school of Dickinson College, at Carlisle, Pennsylvania, where he applied himself vigorously and was graduated in 1892 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. He then settled in Wilkes-Barre, and was admitted to the Luzerne County bar on Sep-

tember 6, 1892. For the thirty-seven years from then until his death he was one of the most active trial lawyers in this region of Pennsylvania, and as such gained much notice and attention among the members of his own profession and the citizens of his community and State, becoming especially noteworthy in his labors in behalf of the downtrodden and the accused.

He was also active in political matters. A member of the Republican party, he ever supported its political policies and its economic principles. He was a member of the Luzerne County Bar Association and the Pennsylvania Bar Association. He also belonged to several fraternal groups, having been leading figure in the Fraternal Order of Eagles, in which he was affiliated with Aerie No. 363, as well as in the ranks of the Order of Owls, in which he was a member of Nest No. 102.

He never married, and gave up most of his time and attention to the important matters of his profession. His death occurred on September 28, 1928, and was a cause of general regret throughout the community in which he had so long lived and labored with advantage to his fellowmen. A self-made man, with a notable record, he deserved the praises and tributes that were accorded him; and his memory is likewise fully deserving of the place that it holds today in the minds and hearts of the people of Wilkes-Barre.

**STANLEY J. TYBURSKI**—Secretary of the Pennsylvania Bank and Trust Company, vice-president of the Wilkes-Barre Mortgage Company, and chief clerk for the Central Poor District of Luzerne County, Stanley J. Tyburski is unquestionably among the foremost of citizens of the Wilkes-Barre area. Like many of the leading figures within the city's region, he has been the principal in a career of unusual interest. Beginning life in a foreign country, coming to America without funds or influence, his innate abilities and character, together with an unbounded courage, served him to high purpose; and after innumerable hardships—though he did not consider them as such, perhaps—a career of fullest substance was built up. What he has done may well inspire others.

Stanley J. Tyburski was born in Galicia, Poland, August 24, 1873, son of Joseph and Pauline Tyburski, and their only child. The father died at the age of fifty-three years, and is survived to the present time (1929) by Mrs. Tyburski, aged eighty-one years, who makes her home with her son, in Wilkes-Barre.

In his native Poland Mr. Tyburski secured a fairly comprehensive education, to which he has added constantly through wide and judicious reading and reflection, and through further study in this country. He came to the United States in 1891, at the age of eighteen years, and found work. This first position was as clerk in a drug store, paying ten dollars a month. In 1894, being of a literary turn of mind and seeing an opportunity, he became editor of the "Gornik," a Polish weekly newspaper, of Wilkes-Barre. Later he removed to Scranton, and there conducted a weekly of the same type with a Polish circulation, still later removing to Shamokin, where he ran a third weekly publication. His next move was to Buffalo, New York, and in Buffalo he served two years as a teacher, returning to Scranton thereafter, and to further teaching. In Scranton he taught five years, at the end of that period returning to Wilkes-Barre and succeeding to ownership of the "Praca," Polish weekly, which he

founded in 1905 and conducted with success and considerable circulation until 1923. In 1923 he sold his holding, and since then has been apart from the publishing and editorial field, though frequently urged to re-assume editorial responsibilities. As owner of the "Praca" he was enabled over a long stretch of years to perform to the benefit of Wilkes-Barre, and the people hereof have just cause to be appreciative of his efforts in that direction. It was in association with Michael Bosak that Mr. Tyburski organized the Pennsylvania Bank and Trust Company, of which he has been director and secretary, as noted, since foundation. He is also vice-president of the Wilkes-Barre Mortgage Company.

Mr. Tyburski is among the most public-spirited of citizens of the community, as well as a foremost man of business affairs. He has devoted his years to productive effort, and to study, and is in all matters pertinent abreast of the times. His political adherence is with the Democratic party; his religious faith with the Polish Catholic Church. He is and has been for many years a member of the Polish National Alliance, serving as delegate to various Polish conventions, and is a member of the Polish Union of United States of America. He is a member of Wilkes-Barre Lodge, No. 109, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and has been active in the Order of Polish Falcons.

On May 6, 1902, Mr. Tyburski was united in marriage with Theresa Fojutoski; and their children are three 1. Casimere Estella, graduate of Delaware University, now teacher of high school. 2. Wanda C., personnel director of the Dorrance Mills, at Kingston. 3. Leo Thaddeus, student of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, New York.

**HARRY FREDERICK GOERINGER**—Be it ever so often repeated, the story of an individual who attains to that elusive thing known as success is never devoid of interest, for in each individuality achieving to that attainment is a new set of interlocking causes making his progress possible. Harry F. Goeringer's career has inspired numbers of men through the living. What he has done has been of himself, largely. Given good blood, a good home and the encouragement given to sons by their parents, he has builded a high commercial structure, being today a member of the firm of Goeringer and Hoffman, operators in real estate, insurance and allied lines, with offices in the Liberty State Bank and Trust Company Building, North Main Street, Wilkes-Barre.

Mr. Goeringer is a native of Wilkes-Barre. He was born July 6, 1894, and is a son of Frederick and Catherine (Banks) Goeringer. His father is a contract painter, long a resident of this city. In the family are four children: 1. Frederick, Jr., who is engaged in the real estate business, in Wilkes-Barre. 2. Harry F., of whom follows. 3. Wilbur, who is in the gasoline and oil business, Wilkes-Barre. 4. Howard, a student in Wilkes-Barre High School.

In the public schools of Wilkes-Barre Mr. Goeringer secured a sound elementary and secondary course of instruction, graduating from high school in 1912, at the age of seventeen years. Thereafter, while working in the real estate business, he improved his education through study in the local branch of the Wharton Extension School, University of Pennsylvania, whence he was graduated in 1917, in only one year's less time than if he had not been engaged in business simultaneously and parallel. In April of the

year in which he received his degree the United States entered the World War, and as quickly as he could arrange for it, Mr. Goeringer joined the colors, as a private in the 118th Field Ordnance Depot, stationed at Camp Wadsworth, South Carolina. He was mustered out of the service, in February, 1919. Resuming the thread of his career at real estate where it had been dropped for the greater cause, Mr. Goeringer has since applied himself diligently to commercial affairs. The firm of which he is a member is one of the largest dealing in real estate and insurance in Luzerne County; and this is due in no small part to Mr. Goeringer's own individual responsibility.

Honors accorded to Mr. Goeringer have been many and of varied kinds and degrees, but one outstanding, perhaps, was the chairmanship of Division C of the Community Welfare Drive to raise more than half a million dollars. This important post was tendered him in full realization of his proven executive and financial ability. His division, it may be noted here, collected one hundred and fifty-eight per cent. of the quota ascribed to it, the largest percentage collected by any competing team. The award, made to the division, was a silver cup. But it was not only in March, 1928, when the division functioned under his direction, that Mr. Goeringer has assisted the people of the community to greater welfare; that is his constant direction of public-spirited purpose, and he effects that end in all ways open to good citizens, through support of all worthy movements for the common weal.

His interests are diversified. He is a director of the Liberty State Bank and Trust Company of Wilkes-Barre and the Wilkes-Barre Thrift and Loan Company, and maintains besides several business connections not here cited. A Republican, he owns no small influence in matters political. He is a communicant of the First Reformed Church, of Wilkes-Barre; and fraternally is identified as follows: with the Knights of Pythias, as member of Wilkes-Barre Lodge; and with the Free and Accepted Masons, as member of Landmark Lodge, No. 442; Shekinah Chapter, No. 182, Royal Arch Masons; Dieu le Veut Commandery, No. 45, Knights Templar; and Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He belongs to Irem Country Club, Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce, and is a past president of the Wilkes-Barre Real Estate Board, and past president of the Wilkes-Barre Exchange Club. During the Chamber of Commerce Drive of 1929, he was major of one of the divisions. There were four honorary rewards, the division headed by Mr. Goeringer having the signal honor of winning all four of the rewards. He is a member of the board of trustees of the Community Welfare Federation of Wyoming Valley.

Mr. Goeringer married, October 17, 1919, Mary C. Malkemes, of Wilkes-Barre, daughter of Conrad and Christina (Smith) Malkemes; and their children are: Christina Catherine; Eleanor Mary; Harry F., Jr.; Lois Jane; and Carl Frederick.

**J. STANLEY RINEHIMER**—The success which has come to J. Stanley Rinehimer, of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, through his high ability and untiring effort places him among the leaders of his community. He is general agent for the Metropolitan Casualty Insurance Company of New York, with an office at No. 54 West Market Street, in the Anthracite Building. His share in all the constructive civic and social activities of his community is large and interested.



Harry J. Gorringer.



J. Stanley Rinehimer was born in Wilkes-Barre, January 3, 1881, son of John and Alma E. (Blotgett) Rinehimer, and grandson of John Rinehimer, of an old Luzerne County family. The parents, themselves natives of Wilkes-Barre, had the following children: Mrs. Fred H. Gates, residing in Wilkes-Barre; C. G. Rinehimer; Ernest D., associated with the Wilmot Engineering Company, of Hazleton; J. Stanley, subject of this record; and Harry C., a salesman, residing in Kingston. In this city J. Stanley Rinehimer grew to manhood, receiving his education in the public schools and graduating from the Wilkes-Barre High School in 1899.

His business career began with the Vulcan Iron Works, where he remained over seven years. He then spent two years in South America as a construction engineer. On his return to the United States in 1909, he began his congenial and profitable connection with the profession of insurance. He was an agent for the Aetna Life Insurance Company, of Hartford, Connecticut, and their representative in Wilkes-Barre for eighteen years. On December 1, 1926, he engaged in the insurance business for himself at the head of the general agency for the Metropolitan Casualty Insurance Company of New York City. Outstanding success has attended this venture. Well-known, heartily liked and trusted by his fellow-townsmen, and broadly experienced, Mr. Rinehimer has been able to build up a large clientele to whom he gives the best of service. He is a member of Landmark Lodge, No. 442, Free and Accepted Masons, of Wilkes-Barre; Shekinah Chapter, No. 182, Royal Arch Masons; Dieu le Veut Commandery, No. 45, Knights Templar; and Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of Wilkes-Barre. Membership also he holds in the Shrine Country Club, the Franklin Club, the Wyoming Valley Motor Club, of which he is treasurer; Executive Council Boy Scouts of America, of which he is also treasurer; the Rotary Club, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Lodge No. 109. He belongs to the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce and the Presbyterian Church of Kingston, where he resides. He was appointed Poor Director of the Central Poor District of Luzerne County. His political sympathies are with the Republican party.

On March 23, 1907, J. Stanley Rinehimer married Leona M. Biehl, daughter of a prominent Luzerne County physician, Dr. Biehl. Children: Robert C., a student at Penn State College; John Stanley, Jr., and Carol Virginia, students at Wyoming Seminary, Kingston, Pennsylvania.

#### ERNEST WOODBURN HOGG, V. M. D.—

One of the best known veterinarians of Wilkes-Barre is Dr. Ernest Woodburn Hogg, whose offices and hospital are located at No. 20 Darling Street, in Wilkes-Barre. Dr. Hogg is a graduate of the Veterinary Department of the University of Pennsylvania, and he has been engaged in practice here since 1914, in association with an uncle. He was captain of the Varsity wrestling team and member of the football squad.

Forrest Woodburn Hogg, father of Dr. Hogg, was a son of William Hogg, of Scotch-Irish ancestry. Forrest W. Hogg died as a result of a fall in October, 1928. He married Emma Fawkes, who is living in Cochransville, Chester County, Pennsylvania, and they became the parents of nine children: Robert, died in childhood; Wilmot; David, died at the age of thirteen years; Dr. Ernest Woodburn, of further mention; Martha R., who died at the age of nineteen; Pauline, married Ralph

Reynolds, of Chester County, Pennsylvania; Helen, married Edward Windle, of Chester County, Pennsylvania; Dr. James, graduate of the Veterinary School, University of Pennsylvania, who is also a veterinary surgeon and associated with his brother, Dr. Ernest Woodburn; and Dr. Harold Kent, who is a graduate of the Medical Department of Temple College, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and is now (1929) a practicing physician in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Dr. Ernest Woodburn Hogg, son of Forrest Woodburn and Emma (Fawkes) Hogg, was born in Chester County, Pennsylvania, March 22, 1890, and was reared on the old homestead farm in Chester County. As a boy he worked on the farm and attended the local public schools, graduating from the high school with the class of 1908. After graduation he went out West and was located for a time in Wyoming and also in Montana, where he worked on a ranch for a period, then as clerk in a drug store, and finally as a railroad mail clerk. After three years of experience in the West he returned to Pennsylvania and entered the Veterinary Department of the University of Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated with the class of 1914, receiving the degree of Doctor of Veterinary Medicine. After his graduation he came to Wilkes-Barre and associated himself with his uncle, Dr. Edwin Hogg, a well-known veterinary surgeon of this city, who passed away October 28, 1925. Since that time he has been continuously engaged in practice, and now has associated with him his brother, Dr. James S., who is also a veterinarian.

Upon the entrance of the United States into the World War, Dr. Hogg was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Veterinary Corps of the Pennsylvania National Guard, June 9, 1917, and was assigned to the 109th Field Artillery. On November 22, 1917, he was promoted to the rank of first lieutenant in the Veterinary Corps of the United States Army, and in March, 1918, was promoted to the rank of captain and was transferred to the 79th Division at Camp Meade, as division veterinarian. On July 4, 1918, he sailed for France with his division and served in all the campaigns in which that division took part. On February 22, 1919, he was promoted to the rank of major in the Veterinary Corps of the United States Army. In May, 1919, he returned with the division to the United States, having received a splendid letter of commendation from the commanding general of the 79th Division, General Joseph E. Kuhn. This letter was published by G. H. Q. (General Headquarters) and was mailed to all veterinary officers in the American Expeditionary Forces, being the only letter of the kind published concerning veterinary officers in France. Upon his return to the United States, Dr. Hogg was detailed to the surgeon-general's office at Washington, District of Columbia, to give information as to the exact functioning of the new Veterinary Corps in actual warfare, and here he was urged to remain in the Regular Army, with promise of promotion in rank in a few months. This offer he declined and on July 25, 1919, received his honorable discharge from the United States Army, then returning to Wilkes-Barre, where, on February 1, 1920, he was commissioned a major of the Veterinary Corps of the Pennsylvania National Guard as Division Veterinarian, where he reorganized the veterinary corps. Politically, Dr. Hogg gives his support to the Democratic party. Fraternally he is identified with Landmark Lodge, No. 442, Free and Accepted Masons; with all the bodies of the Scottish Rite; and

with Caldwell Consistory of Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania, in which he holds the thirty-second degree; also with Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Wilkes-Barre. He is a member of Irem Country Club, a charter member of Wilkes-Barre Post No. 132, American Legion, the Rotary Club, and professionally is identified with the Luzerne Veterinary Society, the Pennsylvania State Veterinary Society, and the American Veterinary Medical Association. His religious affiliation is with the Memorial Presbyterian Church, of Wilkes-Barre. During his college years Dr. Hogg took an active interest in athletics, and he has the distinction of being the second student from the Veterinary Department to be elected captain of a 'Varsity team of the University of Pennsylvania. He was a member of the college football team, 1912-13, and in 1914 came to Wilkes-Barre and associated himself with his uncle, the late Dr. Ernest Hogg.

Dr. Ernst Woodburn Hogg was married, November 22, 1916, to Hilda Gladys Mann, who was born in Nottingham, England, daughter of Samuel and Eliza (Hewitt) Mann, both deceased. Samuel Mann and his wife came from Nottingham, England, to the United States, he being sent over to install the lace machinery in the Wilkes-Barre Lace Manufacturing Company, now one of the largest lace mills in the world. He remained with his company until his death. Dr. and Mrs. Hogg are the parents of one daughter, Hilda Mann Hogg.

**ALLEN M. SHARP**—Educated in three professions, Allen M. Sharp, of Freeland, elected the baking industry as his final choice and has built up a very successful business in this district. Keen of intellect and possessed of unusual business ability, he has brought to bear in his work a native industry and perseverance rarely exceeded in commercial life and has so conducted his enterprise that he has won and merited the respect and esteem of his fellow-citizens. A native of the Lebanon Valley of Pennsylvania, he has made a multitude of friends by the attractions of a pleasing personality, coupled with absolute rectitude and reliability in all his dealings, his operations continuing to grow as the fame of his product extends. He is one of our most progressive business men and a distinctly useful and estimable public-spirited citizen.

He was born in Lebanon County, Pennsylvania, January 3, 1891, a son of Frank and Maggie (Dunoyer) Sharp, and acquired his education there and through correspondence schools, in which last-named institutions he studied baking and also took the course for school teaching. About this time and before he began teaching, Mr. Sharp took a government civil service examination, with a large class, in which he passed first class and receiving nearly the highest rating, a fact of which he may be well proud. For two years he taught in the public schools of Lebanon County. He had also learned the trade of cigar making and, in 1919, came to Freeland and became foreman of the Bressler cigar factory, a position which he held until his purchase of the bakery of Christ Schaller, at No. 719 Front Street, in 1922, when he gave to the new industry his entire attention. His business has now grown to cover an area some fifteen miles in radius from Freeland, wherein he supplies his products by motor trucks, of which he operates four, and employs eight bakers in his plant. Mr. Sharp is a member of

Masons; Lehigh Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Masons; Irem Temple Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; Lodge No. 1145, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; Mt. Horeb Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Patriotic Order Sons of America. His religious faith is the Lutheran.

Allen M. Sharp married, in 1913, Mabel Bressler, of Lebanon County, Pennsylvania. Their children are: Lucetta, Edward and James. Mrs. Sharp is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

**DELL ROY TREDINNICK**—Numbered among the younger and progressive men of Wilkes-Barre community is Dell Roy Tredinnick, who since 1925 has occupied the important position of cashier in the Hanover Bank & Trust Company, and is looked upon with favor by his associates in banking, with admiration by those who are aware of the fine progress he has made in the world of commerce, and with respect by all who know him. Mr. Tredinnick is a native of Wilkes-Barre, born January 23, 1896, a son of Thomas and Emma (Weaver) Tredinnick.

Thomas Tredinnick has for many years been a resident of this community. He is a Republican, a staunch adherent to party principles, and possessed of a considerable influence in matters politic, which he exercises quietly and with effect among those with whom he is associated. He is a communicant of the Parrish Street Methodist Episcopal Church, is devout in its service, and within his means generous toward all charitable and kindred causes of a worthy character, whether or not sponsored by the church of his denomination a man of large heart and temperate nature, esteemed by the majority of persons with whom he comes in contact. By his wife, Emma (Weaver) Tredinnick, he is the father of six children, all of whom have reached maturity and are well established: 1. Thomas, foreman of the Vulcan Iron Works, Wilkes-Barre. 2. Frederick, foreman in the pressrooms of the Philadelphia "Public Ledger," Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. 3. John, foreman in the pressrooms of the "Times-Leader," Wilkes-Barre. 4. James, foreman in the Scranton, Pennsylvania, "Republican." 5. Anna, wife of George Norton, Wilkes-Barre. 6. Dell Roy, of whom follows.

Dell Roy Tredinnick attended the public schools of Wilkes-Barre, and graduated from high school with the class of 1913, in the course of which year he became messenger boy for the Hanover Bank & Trust Company, in whose employ he has been through the years succeeding. Meanwhile, in 1918, he graduated from the American Institute of Banking, and in 1921 from the Wharton Extension School, of Wilkes-Barre. In the latter institution he specialized in accounting and finance, having ever in mind advancement in the banking house. Accordingly he was advanced from the place of messenger boy to stenographer, from stenographer to bookkeeper, from bookkeeper to teller, from teller to assistant cashier, and, in 1925, from assistant cashier to cashier.

Mr. Tredinnick, like his father, is a Republican, and also like him exercises quietly an extensive influence in matters political. He is a member of the Westminster Presbyterian Church and contributor to charity regardless of the race or creed whence comes the appeal. In fraternal affiliations his membership is large, including active participation in affairs of Landmark Lodge, No. 442 of the





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Free and Accepted Masons, Shekinah Chapter No. 182 of Royal Arch Masons, Dieu le Veut Commandery No. 45 of Knights Templar, and Irem Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; Irem Country Club; Wyoming Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Wilkes-Barre Council, No. 161, of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics; John Knox Commandery No. 12, of the Knights of Malta; Lions' Club, and the college fraternity Pi Delta Epsilon.

Dell Roy Tredinnick married Magdaline Smith, in the month of July, 1921. Mrs. Tredinnick is a daughter of George Adam Smith of Wilkes-Barre. This union has resulted in the birth of two children: Dell Roy, Jr., and George Donald.

**FRED J. E. SPERLING, M. D.**—A physician in Wilkes-Barre since 1907, Dr. Fred J. E. Sperling follows the profession of his father before him, Dr. John G. Sperling, who died at the age of eighty-nine years, in 1920, having practiced medicine in Wyoming Valley for fifty-five years, beloved of the greater number of families in Luzerne County, where he was a familiar figure and the last of the "old school" of family doctors.

Fred J. E. Sperling was born October 20, 1883, son of Dr. John G. Sperling and Margaret (Swartz) Sperling. John G. Sperling was a native of Germany, born in 1831, and came to the United States in 1866. While a young man he made a trip around the world in a sailing craft, an adventurous version of the German Wanderjahr still practiced in the more well to do families of Germany. Dr. and Mrs. Sperling, of Pittston, Pennsylvania, were the parents of six children: Annah, wife of W. W. Helfrich, of Wilkes-Barre; Clara, wife of Ira Allen, of Binghamton, New York; Grace, wife of Linn Tiffany, of Kingston, Pennsylvania; Edith, unmarried; Minnie, deceased, unmarried; and Fred J. E. Mrs. Sperling now (1927) is eighty-nine years of age.

Dr. Fred J. E. Sperling received his early education in the public schools of Wilkes-Barre and graduated from the high school at Kingston, Luzerne County, from the Wyoming Seminary at Kingston, and the Lehigh College, whence he graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts with the class of 1903; then entered the Hahnemann Medical College at Philadelphia and graduated with the class of 1907 holding the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He returned to Luzerne County and has followed the practice of medicine during the years that have succeeded. Dr. Sperling is a member of the Luzerne County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania State Medical Society, and the American Institute of Homeopathy; he is a member of the Royal Arch Masons, Knights Templar, Keystone Consistory of thirty-second degree Masons, Irem Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Patriotic Order Sons of America, Junior Order United American Mechanics, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Loyal Order of Moose, the Owls' Club, the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce; he is a member of the national Greek letter college fraternity Alpha Sigma, the Concordia Club, the Wilkes-Barre Automobile Club, the Amphictyon Society of Philadelphia, the Young Men's Christian Association, and the Presbyterian Church. He further belongs to the Craftsmen's Club of Pennsylvania and the Sportsmen's Association. Dr. Sperling has contributed articles to the

medical journals and has written a book on the tapeworm.

Dr. Fred J. E. Sperling married Lillian Robinson, of Wilkes-Barre, and with her has made long journeys in the United States and abroad. They made a trip to the Bahama Islands in 1927, visiting the Panama Canal Zone and South America, and during the year 1929 Dr. Sperling and his wife made a tour of Canada and Europe. They maintain a beautiful home in Kingston, and the doctor has his offices in No. 601, the Meyer Building, Wilkes-Barre.

**FRED J. BANTA**—Born in the town of Stockholm, New Jersey, Fred J. Banta held various positions in that State until 1905, in which year he came to Luzerne County and learned the trade of moulder. After working in that line for several years, Mr. Banta became associated with Haddock Mining Company of Luzerne, with which concern he now fills the offices of shipping clerk and weighmaster. Mr. Banta is a prominent figure in his community, having served two terms as burgess.

Mr. Banta was born in Stockholm, August 24, 1883, the son of Joseph and Kathryn Banta, both natives of Newfoundland, Morris County, New Jersey, where the former was a blacksmith, employed with the Franklin Iron Company for sixteen years. He died on May 15, 1926, his wife, the mother of Fred J. Banta, having predeceased him on October 3, 1921. Mr. Banta obtained his early education in the public schools of Franklin, graduating from the high school there with the class of 1900. For about a year he was employed by the American Express Company at Weehawken, New Jersey, after which he worked in the paper mills at Hamburg, New Jersey, for three years. He was with the New Jersey Zinc Company, at Franklin for the next two years, at the end of which time he came to Wyoming and learned the moulder's trade. He was engaged in that line of work for seven years and in June, 1912, he became connected with the Haddock Mining Company, of Luzerne. He was first employed as a carpenter and later as an inspector of coal and in 1924 he took his present position in the offices of the corporation as shipping clerk and weighmaster.

For two years Mr. Banta was secretary of the borough council, and was later appointed to serve the unexpired term of Daniel Llewellyn as burgess. This was in March, 1922 and in 1926 he was elected burgess, to serve a term of four years. He was connected with the Luzerne Fire Department No. 1, and served as president for two years. He is an active member of Walnut Lodge, No. 953, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and was Past Grand and Past Deputy grand of District No. 1, and was a member of Wyoming Valley Encampment No. 25. His religious affiliations are with the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he was a member of the official board for several years.

On August 20, 1910, Mr. Banta married Margaret Hewitt, of Luzerne, daughter of Newman and Louise Hewitt. Mr. and Mrs. Banta are the parents of one child, a girl, Kathryn, born November 1, 1915.

**JOHN F. CONNOLE, M. D.**—After having practiced successfully for fifteen years in Plymouth, Luzerne County, as a physician and surgeon, Dr. Connole removed to Wilkes-Barre and since then has continued his professional work in that city. He is especially well known as a surgeon, in which branch of

the medical science he has been very successful. He enjoys a large private practice and is also connected with one of the leading hospitals. Though a comparative newcomer in Wilkes-Barre, he is widely known there and is very popular.

Dr. John F. Connole was born in Plymouth, Luzerne County, November 25, 1882, the second son and third child of the late John F. and Mary Elizabeth (Keating) Connole, of Plymouth, both now deceased. His father was a well-known business man of Plymouth and was the head of a family of six children: Mary, wife of John F. McGroarty of Wilkes-Barre; Thomas, who died at the age of twenty-three years; Dr. John F., of whom further; Althea B.; Dr. Joseph Vincent, a well-known eye, ear, nose and throat specialist of Wilkes-Barre; and Anna M. Connole.

Dr. Connole was educated in the public grammar schools of Plymouth and in the Edwardsville High School, from which latter he graduated in 1900. After then spending two years as a student at the Wyoming Seminary, he entered the Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia, graduating with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1906. The next year he served as an interne at the Mercy Hospital in Wilkes-Barre, after which he established himself in the practice of his profession in Plymouth. There he continued for fifteen years, until, in 1923, he moved to Wilkes-Barre, where he has practiced and made his home since then. He specializes in surgery and is a member of the consulting staff of Mercy Hospital. Dr. Connole has always made it a point of keep himself fully informed of the latest discoveries and developments in medicine and especially in surgery. He is a member of the Luzerne County and of the Pennsylvania State Medical societies and of the American Medical Association. In politics he is a supporter of the Democratic party, while his religious affiliations are with the Roman Catholic Church.

Dr. Connole married, in June, 1911, Rene B. Buckley of Wilkes-Barre, a daughter of Daniel and Catherine (Gallagher) Buckley. Dr. and Mrs. Connole are the parents of three children, J. Francis, Mary Clare and Thomas Connole. The family home is located at No. 408 Carey Avenue, Wilkes-Barre.

**JOSEPH P. FLANAGAN**—Resident all his life of Wilkes-Barre, Joseph P. Flanagan's numerous friends and acquaintances began, many of them, to respect his judgment and seek his counsel in his boyhood days before he had made it his profession to give legal advice. He is held in high esteem throughout the town for his ability as a barrister, both by the general public and also his fellow-lawyers who know him through contacts in the day's work and through his membership in the Bar Association of Luzerne County and the American Bar Association.

Mr. Flanagan was born March 12, 1879 in Wilkes-Barre, the son of John Flanagan, brick layer, born in Ireland in 1846, died September 21, 1893, and Mary (Milton) Flanagan, born in Ireland in 1847, died in September, 1884. After preliminary education in the Wilkes-Barre public schools the subject of this sketch attended Wyoming Seminary for one year, then was graduated from the Harry Hillman Academy with the class of 1903. He commenced to read law in the office of Troutman and Llewellyn and passed his examinations for admission to the bar in September, 1906. He commenced his legal practice in association with Thomas H.

Atherton and Judge B. R. Jones and in this office he has since continued. A communicant of St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church, Mr. Flanagan is a member of the Knights of Columbus. He is Democratic in his political affiliations.

Mr. Flanagan married, in 1922, Grace M. Blewitt of Pittston, Pennsylvania, daughter of John and Margaret (Langan) Blewitt. They have one son, Joseph P. Flanagan, Jr., born September 18, 1924.

**AUSTIN L. HAUSLOHNER, M. D.**—A Pennsylvania physician who has won a prominent place in his profession, Dr. Austin L. Hauslohner is one of Wilkes-Barre's best known medical men. Dr. Hauslohner is one of this county's native sons and he has ever held the confidence and esteem of his fellow-citizens, having built up a large, general practice during the years that he has been engaged in medical work here. He is active in all affairs of civic importance and has always lent his full cooperation and support to every project involving the protection of the public health or the betterment of local conditions.

Dr. Hauslohner was born in Hazleton, November 15, 1881, son of Rudolph Hauslohner, who was born in Vienna, Austria, in 1845, and died in 1905, and Mary (von Pieler) Hauslohner, who was born in Leipsic, Germany, in 1864 and is still living. Rudolph Hauslohner was prominent as a chemist for many years.

Austin L. Hauslohner was educated in the public schools of Hazleton and after high school, entered the Medico-Chirurgical College in Philadelphia, from which he was graduated with the class of 1903, receiving his degree of Doctor of Medicine. He served his internship at the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital and in 1904 began the practice of his profession in Wilkes-Barre. Dr. Hauslohner was thus occupied in this city for two years, after which he went to Europe for post-graduate study and spent a total of fourteen months at the universities of Vienna, Paris and Berlin. Returning to Wilkes-Barre in 1908, he again opened his office for medical practice and since that time has been one of the most popular physicians of this city. He is a member of the county and State Medical societies and of the American Medical Association. His fraternal affiliation is with the American Legion and he is an active member of the Wyoming Valley Country Club. He and his family attend the Roman Catholic Church. During the recent World War, Dr. Hauslohner enlisted in the United States Army and was assigned to the Medical Corps, 86th Division, and stationed in this country. He was later detached from this unit and became attached to the American Expeditionary Forces in the field hospital service in France. He worked in the midst of the fighting at the front in connection with Field Hospital, No. 343, and was honored with the rank of captain. He served overseas for fourteen months, and then returned to this country, where he was discharged August 13, 1919, after which he returned to his home and resumed his medical activities.

Dr. Austin L. Hauslohner married, April 20, 1921, Betty Becker, of Wilkes-Barre, daughter of Charles and Rose Becker, and they have one son, Robert Austin, born June 15, 1922.

**DR. B. J. FORD, D. D. S.**—At No. 181 South Market Street, Nanticoke, Dr. B. J. Ford is taking care of a large dental prac-



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tice. He came to Nanticoke a few weeks after his graduation from the Dental College of the University of Pennsylvania, in Philadelphia, and has remained here to the present time (1928). More than eight years of active practice have made him well known in this section of Luzerne County, and he is familiar also to the profession, holding membership in county, State and national dental organizations. He also maintains an office in Wilkes-Barre.

Dr. B. J. Ford was born in Nanticoke, February 4, 1897, son of Lawrence Ford, who is engaged in business as a merchant at No. 169 Market Street, Nanticoke, and of Mary (Friel) Ford, both of whom are living at No. 249 East Greene Street, Nanticoke. As a boy Dr. Ford attended the parochial schools of his birthplace, and later he became a student in Bloomsburg State Normal School, from which he was graduated with the class of 1916. Three years later he was graduated from the Dental College of the University of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia, and on October 6, following his graduation he opened his office in Nanticoke. Since that time he has been engaged in general dental practice here, and has built up a very satisfactory list of patrons. He is a member of Luzerne County Dental Association, Pennsylvania State Dental Association, and the American Dental Society, and has established a reputation for skill and for sound business methods. Able and progressive, Dr. Ford was anxious to "do his bit" in the service of his country during the World War and enlisted in the United States Naval Reserves, May 31, 1918, continuing in service until December 21, 1918, when he was discharged with the rank of first class hospital apprentice. He graduated from the University of Pennsylvania Dental College the following year, and has since been practicing in Nanticoke. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus and of the American Legion, and his religious affiliation is with St. Francis' Roman Catholic Church.

Dr. B. J. Ford was married, October 29, 1924, to Kathryn Beckley, of Nanticoke. Mrs. Ford is a graduate of Nanticoke High School, class of 1915 and of Bloomsburg State Normal School, class of 1917, and before her marriage was engaged in teaching in the public schools of Nanticoke. Dr. and Mrs. Ford have one child, Bernard. The family home is at No. 120 East Greene Street, Nanticoke. Both Dr. Ford and his wife have a very large number of friends and are very highly esteemed in the community.

**ANDRÉ A. BEAUMONT**—The Beaumont family is descended from William Beaumont (1607-98) (or Beamont as he spelled it) of Carlisle, England, who with his younger brother John, sailed from the Port of London in April, 1635, landing presumably in the Massachusetts Colony. At any rate he married, December 9, 1643, Lydia Danforth, daughter of Nicholas Danforth of Cambridge, Massachusetts. He had settled at Saybrook, Connecticut, in 1640. He was made a Freeman of Connecticut in 1652. He died February 4, 1699, and his wife, Lydia, died August 26, 1686. They had seven children, Samuel being the only son. Samuel (1657-1748) married Hester Buckingham (1668-1709), daughter of the Rev. Thomas Buckingham and Hester (Hosmer) Buckingham. Thomas Buckingham was one of the seven men who founded the Collegiate School of Connecticut at Saybrook in 1701, which later was named Yale College. Samuel and Hester (Buckingham) Beaumont had four children of whom Samuel was the only son. He married, June

20, 1716, Abigail Denison of Wethersfield, Connecticut, and they had four children, two sons and two daughters. The second son, William (1725-1812), married, December 29, 1747, Sarah Everett of Windham, Connecticut. They had nine children. William moved from Saybrook to Lebanon about 1746.

Isaiah Beaumont (1757-1837), son of William and Sarah (Everett) Beaumont, together with his four brothers, served in the Revolutionary War, was wounded at the Battle of Princeton and was discharged at Morristown, New Jersey, soon after. About 1780 he married Fear Alden (1755-1836), great-granddaughter of John Alden and Priscilla (Mullins) Alden, whose love affair Longfellow beautifully describes in the poem, "The Courtship of Miles Standish." Isaiah moved his family from Lebanon to the Wyoming Valley about 1798 or 1800, and about 1808 moved on to Ohio.

Andrew Beaumont, the fifth child and elder son (1790-1853), apparently elected to stay and settled in Wilkes-Barre in 1808, thus becoming the immediate head of the Pennsylvania Beaumonts. He was appointed collector of direct taxes and internal duties December 24, 1813, by President Madison, for the section which includes Luzerne County. He was appointed by President Polk Commissioner of Public Buildings and Grounds at Washington, and accepted, but his appointment was held up by Senator Thomas H. Benton of Missouri on personal considerations. He served two terms in the United States House of Representatives (1833 to 1837). Prior to that he had served in the State Legislature and had held various county offices. In 1813 he married Julia Colt, daughter of Arnold Colt (1760-1832) and Lucinda (Yarrington) Colt (1767-1830). Andrew and Julia (Colt) Beaumont had ten children, their ninth being Lieutenant-Colonel Eugene B. Beaumont.

Eugene B. Beaumont was born at Wilkes-Barre August 2, 1837, graduated at the United States Military Academy, West Point, New York, May 6, 1861, and served valiantly through the Civil War, receiving the Congressional Medal of Honor for "gallant and meritorious services" at the Harpeth River, Tennessee, and the Battle of Selma, Alabama. At Macon, Georgia, he received Jefferson Davis as a prisoner of war after his capture. On September 18, 1861, Colonel Beaumont married Margaret Rutter (1837-1879), daughter of Nathaniel Rutter (1806-1899) and Mary Ann (Cist) Rutter, daughter of Jacob and Sarah (Hollenback) Cist. Colonel Eugene B. and Margaret (Rutter) Beaumont had four children, of whom André A. Beaumont is the youngest.

André Alden Beaumont was born August 4, 1870, at San Antonio, Texas, while his father, Colonel Beaumont, was stationed there with his troop (A-4th Cavalry). He received his early scholastic training in public and private schools and in September, 1890, matriculated at Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut, and was graduated in the class of 1894, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. In February, 1896, he was employed by the Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre Coal Company and has remained in its service ever since. Mr. Beaumont is Scout Commissioner of the Wyoming Valley Council of Boy Scouts of America and is also Scoutmaster of Troop 26, sponsored by St. Stephen's Church of Wilkes-Barre. He is a member of the Concordia Society of Wilkes-Barre, of the American Geographical Society of New York City, of the National Geographic Society of Washington, District of Columbia, and honorary member of the Beaumont Medical Club of New Haven, Connect-

icut, founded by members of the medical profession to honor the memory of Dr. William Beaumont (1785-1853), of Lebanon, Connecticut, an army surgeon whose fame in the history of medicine is worldwide. Dr. Beaumont was a first cousin of Andrew Beaumont, the grandfather of André.

Mr. Beaumont was married, April 20, 1899, to Elsie Peironnet Butler, eldest daughter of Edmund G. Butler (1845-1926) and Clara Cox Butler (1849-1916). Mrs. Beaumont was a great-great-granddaughter of Colonel Zebulon Butler and of Judge Jesse Fell, who was the first man in Pennsylvania to use anthracite coal in an open grate. Mrs. Beaumont died March 10, 1920. She had three children: 1. André Alden, Jr., born in 1900; received the degree of Bachelor of Arts from Yale University in 1921; obtained the degree of Master of Arts at Princeton University in 1922; also received the Ph. D. degree from Princeton University in 1925; now assistant professor of History at New York University. He married June 25, 1929, at Santa Barbara, California, Cecily Mary Casserly, daughter of John B. and Cecelia (Cudahy) Casserly, of San Mateo, California. 2. Edmund Butler, born in 1907; received the degree of Bachelor of Arts from Yale University in 1928, now teaching at the Englewood School for Boys, Englewood, New Jersey. 3. Elsie Peironnet, born in 1909; a student at Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, New York.

**JOSEPH HIRSCH—HARRY HIRSCH**—Co-proprietor with his brother Harry in management of the business founded in 1869 by their father, Samuel Hirsch, Joseph Hirsch is one of Wilkes-Barre's leading business men, and Hirsch's, located at No. 44 South Main Street, is recognized as an outstanding establishment of the town. Having grown into the business and the civic life of Wilkes-Barre from boyhood, Mr. Hirsch takes his community obligations seriously and can always be depended upon to further a cause looking toward the benefaction of Wilkes-Barre.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, April 3, 1888, Mr. Hirsch is the son of Samuel and Bertha (Lovenstein) Hirsch, the latter born in Germany in 1845, died in November, 1919. Samuel Hirsch was born in Germany in 1844 and came to the United States in 1869, immediately locating in Wilkes-Barre and establishing his store. First located on Hazle Avenue, then one of the main business thoroughfares, the shop carried a general line of merchandise at the outset. Here it flourished until 1900 when the business was moved to the corner of East Market and Washington streets where it continued until 1915 when the Hirsches erected the present store building at Nos. 44-46 South Main Street. In the new establishment only misses', women's and children's ready-to-wear clothing is carried and the restricted lines have proven so profitable that operations in the store now require the services of thirty employees. When his business commenced to yield him profits Samuel Hirsch invested in real estate and accumulated large holdings in and about Wilkes-Barre. Joseph Hirsch became associated with his father immediately after his graduation from the Wilkes-Barre High School in 1906 and rapidly rose to a position of responsibility in the store. He is a member of Fidelity Chapter, No. 655, Free and Accepted Masons; Keystone Consistory, and Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He belongs to the South Washington Street Jewish Synagogue. The junior member of the Hirsch Brothers'

firm, Harry Hirsch, was born in Wilkes-Barre December 12, 1893, and formally entered business with his father and brother in 1912, following his completion of the grade and high school courses. His fraternal affiliations are with Landmark Lodge, No. 442, Free and Accepted Masons; Keystone Consistory; Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. To his initiative, enthusiasm, and ability as an advertising expert a generous share of credit for the store's accomplishments is due, and to the tireless efforts and never-failing loyalty of the father and two sons their store, which ranks among the best business edifices of Wilkes-Barre, stands as a monument.

**HARRY ANDREW SCOTT**—After several years of experience as telegraph operator and station agent in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company and as telegraph operator for the Western Union, Harry Andrew Scott engaged in the insurance and real estate business in Plymouth. He has been active and successful in that field of activity here for a quarter of a century now (1928) and has for many years been known as one of the able and skillful men of this particular line. He is located at No. 25 Gaylord Avenue, where both his home and his office are housed, and during the twenty-five years of his buying and selling of real estate he has handled a very large number of private homes and public structures. He has always taken a deep interest in the development of the place, and has contributed substantially to its growth.

Harry Andrew Scott was born in Scranton, Pennsylvania, May 9, 1869, son of Jeremiah Shindle Scott, who was born in Locust Township, Columbia County, Pennsylvania, in 1846, and who in addition to his activities as a farmer, was a carpenter and millwright to the time of his death, which occurred in August, 1911, and of Emma L. Quick, a native of Scranton, Pennsylvania, born in 1843, and she died in July, 1909. Emma L. Quick was a granddaughter of the late Henry Sively, born near Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania, in 1789, and died in 1868, his father was a Hessian soldier in the Revolutionary Army, who never returned to his native land, but settled in Monroe County and married a native Indian woman. Henry Sively was the youngest child of seven children born of this marriage. Mr. Scott's early education was received in the country schools of Locust Township, Columbia County, Pennsylvania, and later he was a student in the Bloomsburg State Normal School for one year. After completing his education he was engaged in farming until he was twenty-one years of age, when he entered the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company as telegraph operator and station agent, in which capacity he served for four years. At the end of that time he became telegraph operator for the Western Union Telegraph Company and express agent, in Plymouth, and he continued in this connection until 1903. In that year he decided to engage in business for himself as a real estate and insurance man, and since that time he has been continuously engaged in developing a very satisfactory business in this field. He handles a general line of insurance, and during the quarter of a century in which he has been thus engaged he has built up a very large acquaintance in this section. In both departments of his business he is known for his thorough knowledge and skill and he stands among the first in his line in this part of the county. In his political faith Mr. Scott is a Democrat.



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He is a member of Lodge No. 332, Free and Accepted Masons; Dieu le Veut Commandery, Knights Templar, No. 45; and Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of the Knights of Pythias and of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics. His club is the Craftsmen's Club, and his religious affiliation is with the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Plymouth, which he has served as treasurer for sixteen years and previous to that as chairman of the finance committee for eight years. Mr. Scott is one of the familiar figures upon the streets of Plymouth, and there are few who can equal him in accuracy when it comes to the matter of forecasting the possibilities of increase of values in real estate. He has seen much of the present town of Plymouth come into existence, has watched its growth and development, and has carefully noted the peculiarities of certain districts as they grew. No man can mislead him in the matter of relative values in this section, and his patrons find in him an able and efficient representative when they wish to buy, sell, or exchange real property.

Harry Andrew Scott was married, June 27, 1896, to S. Clara Leighner, of Butler County, Pennsylvania, daughter of Joseph S. and Sarah Jane Leighner.

**LAWRENCE BULLARD JONES**—Yale graduates usually make a success in the business world, and Lawrence Bullard Jones, identified with the Luzerne County Bar and financial interests of Wilkes-Barre, is no exception to the rule. Mr. Jones has done much to advance the ethics of his profession, and as a director and first vice-president of the Union Savings Bank & Trust Company, and a quiet influence in collateral enterprises, he has won high place among his associates.

The ancestors of Mr. Jones were members of the Society of Friends (Quakers) and came from Great Britain to Maine early in the eighteenth century. Lemuel Jones, the earliest paternal American ancestor, who settled at Brunswick, was termed "a highly approved and accepted minister" among the Friends. The descent from him is through the following: his son, Thomas Jones, also a minister at Brunswick, married Esther Hacker; their son, Rev. Lot Jones (1797-1865), who married (first) in Augusta, Georgia, in 1825, Priscilla McMillan, daughter of Alexander McMillan, a native of Scotland, and (second), May 19, 1831, Lucy Ann Bullard, daughter of Dr. Artemus Bullard, of West Sutton, Massachusetts; their son, Rev. Henry Lawrence Jones, son of Rev. Lot Jones and Lucy Ann (Bullard) Jones, born at New York City, New York, May 30, 1839; married October 6, 1869, Sarah Eastman Coffin, daughter of Samuel Coffin, of Concord, New Hampshire, and his wife, Harriet Fox (Ayers) Coffin.

Rev. Henry Lawrence Jones graduated from Columbia University, New York City, in the class of 1858, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and in 1861 with the degree of Master of Arts; in 1892 he received from his alma mater the honorary degree of Doctor of Sacred Theology. After his graduation he entered the Theological Seminary of Virginia and graduated with the degree of Doctor of Divinity. He was ordained to the diaconate May 24, 1861, and to the priesthood by Right Rev. Horatio Potter, D. D., LL. D., in 1862. After serving his diaconate under his father at New York City, he accepted a call to Fitchburg, Massachusetts, where he organized Christ Church Parish in October, 1863,

and served as rector of the church for eleven years, resigning in 1874 to become rector of St. Stephen's Church at Wilkes-Barre, where he continued for many years. He held the highest ecclesiastical offices in the diocese of Central Pennsylvania—examining chaplain, 1876-80; president of the Northwestern Convocation (now the Archdiocese of Scranton), and member of the Board of Missions, 1876-87, when he refused reelection; deputy to the General Convention of the Church, 1886-1905; member of the Standing Committee continuously since 1876. He also served for years as a member of the Executive Committee of the American Church Missionary Society; president of the Board of Trustees of the Osterhout Free Library, and vice-president of the Wyoming Historical and Geological Society. For nearly half a century he was Past Master, Past Patriarch and Past Commander of the Free and Accepted Masons at Fitchburg, Massachusetts. He was a member of the Pennsylvania Branch of the Sons of the Revolution, having qualified through the fact that his ancestor, Asa Bullard, served in the American Army during the struggle to free the Colonies. Mrs. Henry L. Jones was descended from Tristram Coffin, of Butlers, Parish of Brixton, County Devon, England, and his descendants. They had six children: 1. Harriet Louise, well-known teacher. 2. Lawrence Bullard, of whom further. 3. Helen Crocker, who died in infancy. 4. Carleton Coffin, a graduate of Yale University in 1898 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, former adjutant of the 9th Regiment, National Guard of Pennsylvania, and now in the insurance business. 5. Gertrude Fox, a graduate of Johns Hopkins Hospital School for Nurses at Baltimore, Maryland. 6. Paul, a graduate of Yale University with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1902 and later student at the Protestant Episcopal Theological Seminary, Cambridge, Massachusetts, and now a Bishop.

Lawrence Bullard Jones, son of Rev. Henry Lawrence and Sarah Eastman (Coffin) Jones, was born at Fitchburg, Massachusetts, January 8, 1872; when he was two years of age his father removed from Fitchburg to Wilkes-Barre on becoming pastor of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in 1874, and thus began for the father a notable career of forty years in this interesting charge, and in this environment grew up Mr. Jones in the start of his own useful career. Dr. Jones died at Wilkes-Barre June 17, 1914, at the age of seventy-five years, and closing a life of great usefulness to his fellowman. His widow still survives at the age of eighty-five years. Mr. Jones attended the Harry Hillman Academy and graduated from Yale University in the class of 1894 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. On the completion of his academic studies he returned to Wilkes-Barre and followed the instruction of Hon. Henry A. Fuller, in the latter's law office. In these earlier days it was the custom among many young men not to attend a law school, but to take their work under the tutelage of lawyers like Mr. Fuller; and it is no disparagement to the more refined learning that what was acquired in this matter-of-fact way, without frills, stood up quite well with the other, and in some respects even surpassed it. In two years of study here he was enabled to pass the bar examination and was admitted to the Luzerne County Bar in 1896. Thereupon he began the practice of law, and he has ever since been uniformly successful. In addition, he has taken a wholesome interest in community affairs, and his business ability has

been such that he has become a power in financial affairs.

Mr. Jones is a Republican, and as such served as a member of the Wilkes-Barre City Council for seven years, during which time he became the father of important legislation which is still on the statute books as an aid in the campaign to keep the city in the forefront of municipalities of its size throughout the country. A résumé of his varied connections will indicate to some extent the esteem in which he is held by his fellow-citizens: as a member of the Free and Accepted Masons he has taken thirty-two degrees by the Scottish Rite; is a member of Wilkes-Barre Lodge, No. 61, and of Keystone Consistory of Scranton, and Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. At Yale University, he joined the Alpha Delta Phi Fraternity. In addition to being first vice-president and a director of the Union Savings Bank and Trust Company, he is vice-president of the Haddock Mining Company, and Alden Coal Company. He is a trustee of the Young Women's Christian Association, a director of the Young Men's Christian Association, a member of the Budget Committee of the Community Welfare Federation and chairman of the Wyoming Valley Chapter, American Red Cross. He is a valued member of the Luzerne County Bar Association, the Pennsylvania State Bar Association and the American Bar Association. He has followed his father's admonition to the extent of taking an active interest in the work of the St. Stephen's Protestant Episcopal Church, in which denomination he occupies the position of vestryman, and he is also Chancellor of the Diocese of Bethlehem. In social life he belongs to the Westmoreland and Wyoming Valley Country clubs.

Mr. Jones married, June 15, 1899, Martha Phelps Bennett, daughter of George Slocum and Ellen W. (Nelson) Bennett, of Wilkes-Barre, who were the representatives of prominent citizens of many generations, and three children have blessed their union: 1. Henry L., 2d, whose biography accompanies this. 2. George Bennett, employed by the Haddock Mining Company at Hazleton. 3. Nelson Jones, who died at the age of sixteen years.

**HENRY L. JONES, 2d**—Since the completion of his college course Henry L. Jones, 2d, has been a member of the firm of Howell and Jones, Incorporated, real estate and insurance, with offices located in the Bennett Building, in Wilkes-Barre. Mr. Jones is of Quaker ancestry, tracing descent from Lemuel Jones, who settled at Brunswick, upon his arrival from Great Britain, and who was termed "a highly approved and accepted minister" among the Friends, the line descending through four generations to Lawrence Bullard Jones, father of Henry L. Jones, 2d, and including as many ministers of the Gospel. (A full account of the Jones ancestry appears in this work in the sketch of Lawrence Bullard Jones which precedes this).

Lawrence Bullard Jones (q. v.) was born at Fitchburg, Massachusetts, January 8, 1872. He married Martha Phelps Bennett, daughter of George Slocum and Ellen W. (Nelson) Bennett, of Wilkes-Barre, members of families prominent in this section for many generations, and they became the parents of three children: Henry L., 2d, of further mention; George Bennett, who is in the employ of the Haddock Mining Company, at Pottsville; and Nelson Jones, who died in 1923, aged sixteen years.

Henry L. Jones, 2d, son of Lawrence Bul-

lard and Martha Phelps (Bennett) Jones, was born in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, September 1, 1900, and received his early school training in the local public schools, later attending Wyoming Seminary and the Hotchkiss School, at Lakeville, Connecticut, and then becoming a student in Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut. When his college course was completed, he engaged in the real estate business, in association with John T. Howell, Jr., under the firm name of Howell and Jones, and in this line of business he has successfully continued to the present time (1929). Politically, he is a Republican; and he is a member of Lodge No. 61, Free and Accepted Masons, of Wilkes-Barre; and of all the Scottish Rite bodies; also of Bloomsburg Consistory, in which he holds the thirty-second degree; and of Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Wilkes-Barre. He is also a member of Irem Country Club, Chamber of Commerce, Black Diamond Post, No. 395, American Legion; Veterans of Foreign Wars; the Craftsmen's Club, and the Wyoming Valley Country Club. Mr. Jones has an honorable military record to his credit. In 1917 he enlisted in Battery D, 109th Field Artillery, with which unit he served overseas, for fourteen months, taking part in four major drives against the enemy. On April 4, 1919, he was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, by the United States Government, and he returned to this country in July, 1919. He has continued his interest in the 109th Field Artillery and at present is on the staff of the 2d Battalion at Wilkes-Barre. Mr. Jones is a member of Alpha Delta Phi college fraternity, and his religious affiliation is with St. Stephen's Episcopal Church.

Henry L. Jones, 2d, was married, May 22, 1926, to Katharine Church, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Harden Church, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

**DR. FRED E. DAVIS**—Native of Pennsylvania and for many years a resident in Nanticoke, here a citizen prominent in affairs of general concern, and professional man outstanding in the veterinarian fraternity of Luzerne County, Fred E. Davis, V. M. D., was born in Pittston, September 14, 1886, a son of George L. and Fannie (England) Davis. George L. Davis was born in England, 1843, and died in Nanticoke, 1917. He was a contractor, and, coming to the United States while a young man, first settled in Pittston, but removed with his family to Nanticoke in 1887. Here he engaged in business as contractor and took part in general matters of the town. He was a communicant of the Presbyterian Church, temperate in manner, a good husband and father. George L. Davis married in England, and his widow, Fannie (England) Davis, survives him (1928). They were the parents of ten children, all of whom have attained to maturity: 1. George E. 2. Philip. 3. Fred E., of whom further. 4. William. 5. Arthur F. 6. Albert R. 7. Robert. 8. Annie. 9. Bessie. 10. Pearl.

Fred E. Davis received his early education in the public schools of Nanticoke, having been brought here by his parents from Pittston when he was one year of age. When he had reached the age of twelve he began working in the mines, and continued this for the next ten years, working in the coal mines by day and attending school at night. In 1905, when he was nineteen, he entered Wyoming Seminary, in Kingston, arranging his school work to be complementary in its time to the time of his work in the mines; and in the fall of 1907 he matriculated in the Uni-



*Fred E. Davis.*





versity of Pennsylvania, graduating in 1910 with the degree of Doctor of Veterinary Medicine. He returned to Nanticoke to practice his profession, specializing in the treatment of dogs. In 1924 he established an animal hospital, not large, but one of the finest in this part of the country, modern in all of its appointments.

Mr. Davis has been outstanding in affairs of the community for several years, since the beginning of his practice in Nanticoke. He was one of the organizers of the Kiwanis Club, its first vice-president, and its second president. While he was president of the club he launched a movement for the benefit of crippled children, and has never discontinued this humanitarian campaign, being at the present time chairman of the organization in charge. He is a member of Nanticoke Lodge, No. 546, Free and Accepted Masons; Keystone Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; the Craftsmen's Club; and both State and National veterinarians' associations. He is a director of the People's Savings and Trust Company, first vice-president, was one of its organizers and at one time treasurer. During the epidemic of influenza Mr. Davis assisted in the conduct of an emergency hospital, as director and purchasing agent; and in that trying period, as well as after, he was, and is, of assistance to the community whenever possible, ready without fail to do his utmost for the people of Nanticoke in any capacity whatsoever. A Republican, Mr. Davis is staunch in support of the party's principles. He wields a considerable influence in local matters of a political nature, without fanfare, consistently to good purpose. For a number of years he served on the board of health, and as meat and milk inspector for the community. Toward charity he is of large heart and deals generously, giving without thought of race or creed or other non-humanitarian consideration. He is a communicant of the Presbyterian Church.

On April 22, 1908, Mr. Davis was united in marriage with Esther Griffith, of Nanticoke; and they are the parents of four children: 1. E. Donald. 2. Muriel E. 3. Dorris M. 4. Jean E. The family reside at No. 28 North Walnut Street.

**AUGUSTUS C. LANING**—The family of the surname Laning of which Augustus C. (and his brother John) Laning of Wilkes-Barre is a member, is of Welsh origin, and dates back in its American foundation to the latter part of the seventeenth century, with the arrival in this country of three brothers Laning, who settled first on Long Island and later in New Jersey. One of them, Robert, located in what is Lawrenceville, New Jersey, and married a Miss Hart. Among their children was a son, Daniel, baptized in Lawrenceville in 1713, who married a sister of Jonathan Furman; and this Daniel Laning was a surveyor, and lived near Ewingville. One of his sons, Robert, was born in 1779, lived and died in Sussex County, New Jersey, and married Sarah Coryell, daughter of John Coryell, of French-Huguenot extraction, whose lineage is traced to the nobility of France. Among the children of Robert and Sarah (Coryell) Laning was John, who lived in Owego, Tioga County, New York; and he was the progenitor of one of the prominent families of the "Southern Tier" of New York, whose descendants in later years came to be recognized among the foremost families of the Wyoming Valley in Pennsylvania. John Laning of Owego, New York, married, in

1806, Mary Ann Deshong, widow of Welmer Godfrey Deshong and a daughter of Colonel Mathias Hollenback. They had seven children, and of them Augustus C., who was born September 30, 1808, and died May 29, 1875.

It was Augustus C. Laning who removed from Owego, New York, and founded the family in Wilkes-Barre, in 1822. He made his home with his uncle, George M. Hollenback, and obtained a clerkship in the mercantile establishment of his grandfather, Colonel Mathias Hollenback. For a time, too, he worked in his uncle's store, and in 1830, after he had become of age, set up in business for himself, in Kingston, but removed back once more to Wilkes-Barre within a short time, here, for a period, doing business on the east side of the square. In 1833-34 he erected a stone building for an iron foundry, on the west side of the square, on the site where now (1929) stands the Laning Building. Here he carried on business with good success until the building was destroyed by fire, in 1850; then he built again, a foundry and machine shop on the west side of the canal, north of Market Street, and there engaged in iron manufacturing. About 1853 Samuel R. Marshall of Philadelphia acquired an interest in the business, and the partners made it the foremost of its kind in Northeastern Pennsylvania. In 1869 they sold it. From then until his death eight years later Mr. Laning devoted his time to private interests, notably real estate. He was active during his career in all phases of civil life, served in various offices and was a benefactor to Wilkes-Barre on more than one occasion. He married Amanda Elizabeth Christel, daughter of Dr. Charles Francis Joseph Christel, and his wife, Elizabeth (Stookey) Christel.

John Laning, only son of Augustus C. and Amanda E. (Christel) Laning, was born in Wilkes-Barre, in October, 1836, and here spent his whole life. He was educated in the old academy that stood on the public square, entered Lafayette College, and at the end of three years there matriculated in Union College, Schenectady, New York, where he graduated in 1858 at the age of twenty-two years. He was employed by his father, in the firm of Laning and Marshall, mastered thoroughly its every detail, and upon its sale in 1869 and the death of his father in 1875 assisted in and then attained to management entirely of the extensive Laning properties and interests, which became greatly enlarged under his handling. The estate was never divided, but remained intact, as when Augustus C. Laning died. John Laning was a director of the Miners' Savings Bank, of the Wilkes-Barre Bridge Company, and the Wyoming Valley Traction Company. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and was prominent in Masonry and other orders. He married Helen Cobb Brower, daughter of John Gardiner and Sarah (Berger) Brower of New York. Her parents removed to New Orleans in her childhood, and on a steamboat near Vicksburg she was wounded in the leg by a bullet from a Rebel's musket. John and Helen Cobb (Brower) Laning were the parents of children: 1. Augustus C., of whom directly, 2. Emily B., born and died in 1867. 3. Elizabeth V., born in 1868. 4. Horace F., born in 1869, died in infancy. 5. Helen B., born in 1871, died in infancy. 6. John, Jr., born March 16, 1872.

Augustus C. Laning, first child and son of John and Helen Cobb (Brower) Laning, was born in Wilkes-Barre, June 19, 1866. Here he received his preparatory education in the

public schools, and in the Harry Hillman Academy. He matriculated in Lafayette College, pursued a course of study there for some time, and went immediately into a career of business, in his native city. For a number of years he has engaged in operations in real estate, and in the selling of insurance, attaining to a prosperity in his own right and aside from the fortunes of the family. While he has been most intensively occupied in commerce Mr. Laning has not failed to uphold the tradition of his immediate ancestors in participation in civil affairs. A Republican, he is loyal in support of the party and is possessed of a considerable influence which he exercises without fanfare, selectively, and to best results for the community. Fraternally, he is quite active in the Free and Accepted Masons, with membership in Landmark Lodge, No. 442; Shekinah Chapter, No. 182, of the Royal Arch Masons; the Council, Royal and Select Masters; Dieu le Veut Commandery, No. 45, of Knights of Templar; and Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Wilkes-Barre. Furthermore, he is affiliated with the Irem Country Club and the Wyoming Valley Motor Club. Although he was somewhat advanced in years for service in the military during the World War, Mr. Laning did serve, and tirelessly, on the various boards and committees in charge of the prosecution of the conflict from within this country, and his efforts in the securing of subscriptions to the several Liberty Loan campaigns were of great benefit to his country and its cause. He is a communicant of the First Presbyterian Church of Wilkes-Barre, is devoted to its service, and generous in contributions to charity, regardless of the denomination by whom sponsored, or of race, or of creed, giving in a spirit truly humanitarian. Kindly, just in his dealings, well endowed with those qualities of character which cause a man to share warmly in the affections of his fellows, it is said of Mr. Laning by those who know him well, that he is firm in his opinions yet ready to alter them in the face of new evidence, that he is an honorable member of an honorable family, and that to community, State and Nation he is a valuable citizen.

On September 20, 1894, Augustus C. Laning was united in marriage with Eva M. Cole, of Wilkes-Barre, daughter of Samuel B. and Harriette M. (Maxfield) Cole. Mr. and Mrs. Laning are the parents of six children: 1. Helen Cobb, wife of Benjamin F. Musser, of Philadelphia, and is the mother of three children, Benjamin F., Jr., Frederick Augustus, and Nancy Gardner. 2. Emily Harriet, wife of E. A. Wood, Jr., of Birmingham, England, and the mother of two children, Edward Augustus, 3d, and Lois Elizabeth. 3. Augustus C., Jr., veteran of the World War, who saw service overseas; married Ida Van Norman. 4. Elizabeth V., at home, unmarried. 5. Dorothy Rozet, wife of Charles E. Brown of Sutton, Coldfield, England. 6. Robert Holtenback, of Wilkes-Barre.

**CHARLES MURRAY TURPIN, D. D. S.**—For many years recognized as one of the skilled and progressive dentists of Wyoming Valley, Dr. Charles Murray Turpin, of Kingston, is more widely known for his constructive participation in public affairs. His years of loyal and efficient service to the public culminated in June, 1929, with his election as Congressman from his district.

Charles M. (C. Murray) Turpin was born at Kingston, Luzerne County, March 4, 1878, of a

fine old American family dating from early pioneer days in Wyoming Valley. His parents were Charles J. and Sarah Ann (Bryant) Turpin, who had three older children: 1. Emily, wife of Dr. Cecil Stevens, of Stevensville, Montana. 2. Frederick Corss, who was in Dr. Turpin's office in the Wilkes-Barre County courthouse. 3. Anna Ruth, unmarried and engaged as a masseuse in Kingston.

Dr. Turpin is a graduate of the Kingston High School, class of '96; Wyoming Seminary Business College, class of '99, and the University of Pennsylvania, whence he graduated in 1904 with the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery. Prior to entering college Dr. Turpin worked at the carpenter trade, also as grocery clerk, and was a steamboat captain and belonged to the Clerks' Union and the Boatman's Union. He practiced his profession in Kingston from 1904 to 1926.

Keenly interested in education, Dr. Turpin was a member of the Board of Education from 1916 to 1922, the latter year being the beginning of his term of service as Burgess of Kingston, an office to which he was elected for four years (1922 to 1926). He was elected, in 1925, to the office of prothonotary of Luzerne County. Dr. Turpin resigned on June 3, 1929, to become a candidate for Congress and was elected to the important office of Congressman, June 4, 1929 to represent the Twelfth District, the largest district in the United States. Dr. Turpin is a Republican, but does not permit partisanship to bias his execution of the oath of office, and his candidacy in 1925 was indorsed by each of the major parties because of his well-established reputation for integrity and responsibility. He is a member of the Pennsylvania State Society for Crippled Children, of the United Sportsmen of Pennsylvania, and of the Junior Order United American Mechanics; committeeman of the Boy Scouts of America.

**FREDERICK JOSEPH SCHMITT, D. D. S.**, has practiced dentistry in Wilkes-Barre since 1914, in that period winning for himself an enviable professional reputation unusual for so young a man, as well as a place of significance in the civic and social life of the community, Kingston, where he makes his home at No. 34 Pierce Street.

Dr. Schmitt is a native of Wilkes-Barre. Born there April 16, 1889, he is the son of John A. and Victoria (Ruff) Schmitt. The father was born in Germany in 1851 and came to the United States in 1865. He engaged in business as a general contractor in Wilkes-Barre until his death September 6, 1902. The mother was also a native of Germany. After doing his early school work in St. Nicholas Parochial School, Dr. Schmitt attended Fordham Preparatory School in New York City, then for three years attended Fordham University. There followed work at Georgetown University, from which institution he was graduated with a D. D. S. degree with the class of 1914. Immediately after graduation Dr. Schmitt started to establish a practice in Wilkes-Barre, where his office is located at No. 44 East Market Street. Dr. Schmitt takes active part in the affairs of the County and State Units of the National Dental Society. Independent in politics, he is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Eagles. He is a popular member of the Wyoming Valley Country Club.

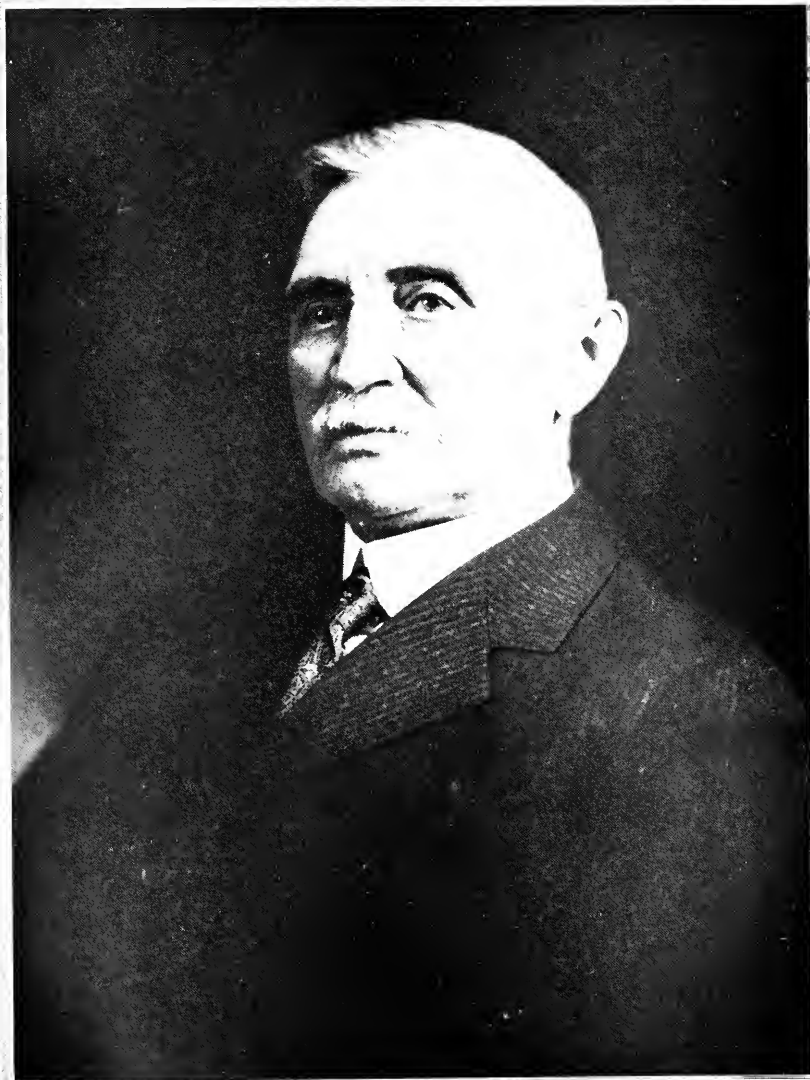
On October 12, 1915, Dr. Schmitt married Louise Becker, daughter of John J. and Lucy



*C. Murray Turpin*







*Perry W. Dersheimer*

(Weaver) Becker, of Wilkes-Barre. To this union were born four children: Marietta Louise, born February 12, 1917; Rita Marie, born December 24, 1918; Frederick, Jr., born May 25, 1921; and Paul J., born July 23, 1923.

**BRUCE WELSTED BENNETT**, head of the Wilkes-Barre office of the American Steel and Wire Company, Pennsylvania subsidiary of the United States Steel Corporation, is one of the best known and most popular men about Wilkes-Barre, for, in addition to extensive fraternal affiliations, he holds membership in a number of clubs and is active in civic affairs and church work of the community.

Native of Wilkes-Barre, Mr. Bennett is the son of William Evert Bennett, well known to the people about Wilkes-Barre as, for many years, he served as auditor of Luzerne County. In later years he was connected with the Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre Coal Company, and his death occurred May 25, 1914. Born in Woodbridge, New Jersey, May 5, 1853, William Evert Bennett married Isadora Urana Conner, born at Wilkes-Barre April 17, 1858; died April 6, 1916.

Their son, Bruce W. Bennett, was born June 21, 1883 and attended the public schools, being graduated from the high school with the class of 1899. He entered the business world in the employ of the Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre Coal Company and remained with that concern, as colliery clerk and in other positions, for twelve years. Mr. Bennett went to New York City and there was in the employ of the United States Steel Corporation of New York for six months, then returned to Pennsylvania to represent the same concern here. Mr. Bennett established the present headquarters and business in Wilkes-Barre. Republican in his political affiliations, Mr. Bennett's fraternal memberships are with Landmark Lodge, No. 442, Free and Accepted Masons; Shekinah Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Dieu le Veut Commandery No. 45, Knights Templar, and Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of Westmoreland Club, Franklin Club, Wyoming Valley Country Club, Pottsville Club, Scranton Club, and the Engineers Club. Mr. Bennett belongs to the First Presbyterian Church of Wilkes-Barre.

On June 16, 1908, Mr. Bennett married Tryphena Doty, daughter of George W. and Emma Doty of Asbury Park, New Jersey. They became the parents of three children: Bruce D., born November 22, 1912; James, born December 4, 1914; Elizabeth, born February 5, 1923.

**NATHANIEL ROSS, M. D.**—As one of the medical inspectors of the public schools of Wilkes-Barre, Dr. Nathaniel Ross has in his charge 15,000 children, of whom he must make periodic examinations. Through this connection in conjunction with his extensive general medical practice, his public-spirit and high character, he is one of the outstanding figures in Luzerne County.

Nathaniel Ross was born in Scotland, October 7, 1867, a son of Nathan and Margaret (McLellan) Ross, both of whom are deceased. Nathan Ross, the father, came with his family to the United States in 1870, and located for a short time at Scranton, Pennsylvania, later removing to Plains, Luzerne County. By occupation he was a stationary engineer; and with his wife Margaret was the parent of five children: Nathan, of Plains; Dr. Nathaniel, of whom further; Mary, married Wil-

liam K. Russell; living in Plains; Catherine, wife of George M. Wall; and Elizabeth, who died in infancy.

Nathaniel was only three years of age when his parents came to Luzerne County, and while he was a boy he attended the public schools, both day and night, at Plains. At the age of eight years he was put to work at the mines, as a slate picker, and continued in this until he graduated from night school, when he got a place as soda dispenser and drug clerk which lasted four years, at Nanticoke, Luzerne County. In 1889 he entered the Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine with the class of 1892, and since that date has continued to practice his profession. Dr. Ross is a member of the Luzerne County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania State Medical Society, and the American Medical Association. He is a member of Fidelity Lodge, No. 655, of the Free and Accepted Masons, at Wilkes-Barre; John Knox Commandery of the Knights of Malta of Wilkes-Barre, of which he is Past Commander; he is a Past Grand Commander of Pennsylvania and Past Supreme Commander of the Continent of America of the Knights of Malta; he is a member of the Central Methodist Episcopal Church of Wilkes-Barre, and a trustee of that church; and a member of the American Legion. Dr. Ross served in the Medical Corps of the United States Army from February, 1918, until February, 1919, stationed at Camp Morrison, Virginia, with rank of captain. After being discharged from the regular army, he was commissioned a captain of the Medical Corps of Pennsylvania, and was assigned to the 2d Infantry of the Pennsylvania Reserves. Active in time of war, Dr. Ross is no less active in time of peace, in the interests of Wilkes-Barre in general and in the health of his fellow-citizens in particular. Always he has sought to perform whatever useful service was possible for the welfare of the thousands of school children to come before him for examination. Through the faithful office of this charge alone he has accomplished widespread benefits in improved health for the families of the children as well as for the children themselves. Highly esteemed by his confreres in the medical profession, he leads a most useful life, and is rightly classed among the eminent men in Luzerne County.

Dr. Nathaniel Ross married, November 29, 1893, Martha Della Ritter of Wilkes-Barre, daughter of William T. and Mathilda (Bowman) Ritter, both deceased. The union has resulted in the birth of three children, two of whom are living: 1. Elizabeth M., who died in her sixteenth year. 2. Lillian M., wife of Raymond H. Kropp of Wilkes-Barre. 3. Donald T., married Pearl Mattern of Allentown, father of a son, Donald T. Ross, Jr.

**PERRY W. DERSHIMER**—In establishing himself in business in Pittston more than forty years ago, Perry W. Dershimmer began a career here that has developed during the term of his labors and which has brought him prominently and favorably into the public eye of the community. Beginning with the carpentry trade, he founded a lumber and building supplies business that has become one of the leading enterprises of Pittston, while he himself has diverted his energies and keen mind into financial and other kindred fields. In his active interest in all civic activities that enlist the attention of the people he has displayed the best of citizenship, while his social and fraternal affiliations

have added to a multitude of friends of loyalty and devotion. He is a descendant of pioneer Pennsylvania ancestry who developed the country when it was young and lived lives of respectability and value to all.

He was born on a farm in Falls Township, Wyoming County, October 3, 1846, a son of Peter and Laura (Woodbridge) Dershimer, and a grandson of John Dershimer, who was a farmer and died at the age of sixty-nine years. He acquired his elementary education in the public schools and at the Binghamton Business College, after which he came to Pittston and here learned the trade of carpentry under his uncle, George Saxe, with whom he worked until 1877, when he organized the lumber firm of Dershimer & Griffen. This firm was dissolved with the death of Mr. Griffen, in 1916, the name then being changed to P. W. Dershimer & Sons, which it retains at present, the junior partners being A. M. and P. R. Dershimer, who conduct the business, their father having actively retired. He has served on the Pittston School Board, West Pittston Council, and is a director in the Peoples Union Savings Bank and a member of the Luzerne Avenue Baptist Church. He is fraternally affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Perry W. Dershimer married Mary Munro, of Pittston, descendant of pioneers of this district. They are the parents of the following children: 1. Archibald M. 2. Peter Roy. 3. Perry W., Jr., deceased. 4. Laura W. 5. Effie M., deceased.

**ARCHIBALD M. DERSHIMER** was born in Pittston, March 31, 1878, and acquired his education in the public schools here and at Cornell University, from which he was graduated with the class of 1904, having specialized in architecture. He entered into association with his father in the lumber business, where he continues. He is president of the Pittston Rotary Club, president of the Franklin Thrift & Loan Corporation, chairman of the board of trustees of the Luzerne Avenue Baptist Church, recording secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association, past president of the Fox Hill Country Club and is a thirty-second degree member of the Masonic fraternity. His affiliations in this organization include Valley Lodge No. 499, Free and Accepted Masons; Pittston Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Wyoming Valley Commandery, No. 57, Knights Templar, and Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He married, in June, 1913, Charlotte Reese, of Pittston. They are the parents of two children: Mary Elizabeth and Anne Laura. The family home is at No. 113 Delaware Avenue, West Pittston.

**PETER ROY DERSHIMER**, second partner in the firm, was born in Pittston, June 20, 1880, and was educated in the public schools of West Pittston and at the Wyoming Valley Seminary. He first entered business as a clerk in the Pittston post office, where he continued for four years, then being invited to accept a partnership in the firm of which his father was the head and his brother a partner. He is a member of the Kiwanis Club, financial secretary of the Baptist Church of West Pittston and is a thirty-second degree member of the Masonic Order. In this last named organization he is affiliated with Valley Lodge, No. 499, Free and Accepted Masons; Pittston Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Wyoming Valley Commandery, Knights Templar, and Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and belongs to the

Fox Hill Country Club. He married, June 17, 1913, Louise Armhurst, of Scranton, Pennsylvania.

**CHARLES HAYDEN PHILLIPS, M. D.—**

With the exception of his term of service in the World War, Dr. Charles Hayden Phillips has been engaged in medical practice in Wilkes-Barre since 1915. He is a graduate of Jefferson Medical College. David Phillips, father of Dr. Phillips, was a native of Wales, who came to this country while still a lad, and at the time of his death, on December 19, 1928, was an official of the Hudson Coal Mining Company, having served for thirty-seven years. He was a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge. He married Margaret Jones, and they made their home in Edwardsville, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania. They were the parents of two children: Dr. Charles H., of further mention, and Laura May, who married Roscoe Williams, of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

Dr. Charles Hayden Phillips was born in Edwardsville, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, April 24, 1892, and attended the public schools of his birthplace, graduating from Edwardsville High School with the class of 1908. In the fall of that year he matriculated in the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, where he took a one year course. In 1910 he became a student in Jefferson Medical College, at Philadelphia, where he completed his course with graduation in 1914, receiving at that time the degree of Doctor of Medicine. During 1914-15 he was resident-physician in the Wilkes-Barre Hospital, now known as the General Hospital, and in the fall of 1915, he accepted a position as pathological chemist in the employ of the City of New York, stationed at the laboratory of the Kings County Hospital, in Brooklyn, New York. With this thorough preparation and extended experience, Dr. Phillips returned to Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, in December, 1915, and engaged in general practice, in association with the late Dr. W. Clive Smith. He enlisted in July, 1917, for service in the medical corps of the United States Army and was commissioned a lieutenant. Soon after his enlistment he was sent to England to join the fighting unit of the British Expeditionary Forces at the Front in France, where he served until December, 1917. Having been gassed, he was then sent back to England, where, after a few weeks of convalescence, he was assigned to duty at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley. In April, 1919, he returned to this country and was mustered out of service. He returned at once to Wilkes-Barre, and resumed the practice of his profession. In 1926 he went to Europe for a special course in pediatrics, attending the University of Vienna, and also attended clinics in Liverpool, and London, England and in Edinburgh, Scotland. He is a member of the Luzerne County Medical Society, of the Pennsylvania State Medical Society, and of the American Medical Association, also of the Lehigh Medical Society. Dr. Phillips is attending pediatrician at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital, Florence Crittenden Home, and Children's Home of Wilkes-Barre. He is a member of Alpha Kappa Kappa Fraternity; a member of Landmark Lodge, No. 442, Free and Accepted Masons; Shekinah Chapter, No. 182, Royal Arch Masons; Dieu le Veut Commandery, No. 45, Knights Templar; and Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Wilkes-Barre. He is a member of the Irem Country Club, and of the Wyoming Valley Country Club, and has many friends in Wilkes-Barre.







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Dr. Charles Hayden Phillips was married in Neston, Cheshire, England, August 3, 1921, to Joyce Marjorie Whineray, daughter of William Edward and Katherine (Whitehead) Whineray. Dr. and Mrs. Phillips are the parents of three children: Anne Dorice, Roger Whineray, and Joan Mary.

**CARL JOSEPH SCHMITT**—From World War service as a ship's draftsman, Carl J. Schmitt returned to civil life in his native Wilkes-Barre and bloomed as a commission architect, and he has ever since practiced his profession in that city. He has demonstrated to an increasingly large clientele, drawn from among the most discriminating people of the Wyoming Valley, that his ideas of design and his supervisory knowledge of construction are sound and developed along approved and progressive lines. Mr. Schmitt is a close and interested student of Wilkes-Barre, municipal and physical, and he maintains a helpful contact with the progressive element of the city, being in harmony with their ideas of a bigger and better municipality.

Carl Joseph Schmitt was born in Wilkes-Barre, January 12, 1891. His father, John A. Schmitt, was born in Germany, in 1848. He came early to America and settled in Wilkes-Barre, where he followed the trade of mason and builder, and was engaged as one of the leading contractors here for many years. He died in September, 1902. He married Victoria Ruf, who was born in Germany, in 1854, and survived her husband at his death. The son Carl made a fine record as he passed through the public schools of Wilkes-Barre, and into the Harry Hillman Academy, where he took his preparatory training, with an advanced scholastic standing, graduating in 1913. He then studied the full course at Syracuse University, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor in Architecture in the class of 1918.

He had hardly left behind the walls of his alma mater when the World War had drawn in the United States as a participating nation. Without delay he signed for service, and was accepted for the Navy, being assigned to the post of ship's draftsman, since it had been discovered that he possessed talent for architectural design. After ten months of meritorious service in the naval arm of the government, he received his honorable discharge, in April, 1919. In that year, allowing no time for respite, he opened an office in Wilkes-Barre for the general practice of architecture. He has since been charged with numerous commissions for designing and supervising of buildings of various character for different uses, and these he has executed with that originality and finesse that are among the elements of his professional success. Examples of his art are to be seen here and there at advantageous points in the city proper and through the Wyoming Valley—in homes, business buildings and structures of importance, adding to the beauty and commercial advance of the city at large.

Mr. Schmitt's interest of a practical sort in the fortunes of the Republican party is highly commended by his fellow-members of the local political organization. He is affiliated with Wilkes-Barre Lodge, No. 109, Leveolent and Protective Order of Elks, and Wilkes-Barre Aerie of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. His social organizations are the Lions Club and the Franklin Club. His religious preference is Roman Catholic, his fellowship being with the Church of St. Nicholas.

Carl J. Schmitt married, in September, 1913, Kathryn Hughes, daughter of John and Elizabeth Hughes, of Wilkes-Barre. They have three children: 1. Betty Victoria, born in December, 1919. 2. Carl J., Jr., born in May, 1925. 3. Richard Frederick, born in July, 1927.

**CONRAD JOSEPH BECKER, M. D., D. O.**—Beginning his professional career as an osteopath, Conrad Joseph Becker, of Wilkes-Barre, elected a different branch of the medical profession and specialized in dermatology, with the result that he has established for himself a position of much importance here and has been long looked upon as one of the shining lights of the medical world. He is a man of erudition, skilled in his practical knowledge, of pleasing personality and a citizen of upright character and intense interest in the activities of the body politic wherein he has practiced for almost thirty years. Possessed of those qualities that attract people and make friends, he is kept busy attending to a large practice, both at his offices, in the same house in which he was born, and abroad. His reputation is of the highest, his place secure in the regard and esteem of his fellow-citizens.

Dr. Becker was born in Wilkes-Barre, at No. 679 Hazle Street, October 24, 1877, a son of Anthony W. Becker, a native of Germany, born in 1838, and who died in Wilkes-Barre, where he had been a successful carpenter for many years, on January 23, 1914, and of Matilda (Reinhart) Becker, born in Wilkes-Barre in 1848 and deceased here, August 9, 1914. Their son was educated in the local public schools and at the Atlantic School of Osteopathy, from which he was graduated in 1901. From February of that year until June, 1902, he practiced osteopathy in Pottsville, then entering the Medico-Chirurgical College in Philadelphia, from which he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1906. He then took the usual term as an interne, serving as such in Mercy Hospital in Wilkes-Barre and then establishing himself in general practice, with dermatology his specialty. He is a member of the American Medical Association, of the Pennsylvania State and Luzerne County medical societies and is a member of the courtesy staff of Nanticoke Hospital. He is a Republican in politics, belongs to the Woodmen of the World and attends St. Nicholas Roman Catholic Church.

**BUTLER O. BOWER**—Fifteen years ago Butler O. Bower was beginning his banking career as a messenger boy in the employ of the Hanover Bank and Trust Company of Wilkes-Barre. He is now (1929) treasurer of the South Side Bank and Trust Company of Wilkes-Barre and one of the well-known men of the city. He is a thirty-second degree Mason, is prominent in several other fraternal organizations, and has a host of friends here in Wilkes-Barre.

Mr. Bower is of Scotch-Irish ancestry. His grandfather, J. Frank Bower, was engaged in farming in Columbia County, Pennsylvania, and his parents, J. Frank Bower and Fannie E. (Gensel) Bower, are residents of Wilkes-Barre. Mr. Bower has a brother, Alfred Bower, who is fire boss in the employ of the Hudson Coal Company; and a sister, Bessie E., who is the wife of Stanley E. Warner, of Allentown, Pennsylvania.

Butler O. Bower was born in Dorrance, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, November 1, 1891, and received his education in the public schools, graduating from the high school with

the class of 1909. After graduation, he continued study in the Wilkes-Barre branch of the Wharton School of Commerce of the University of Pennsylvania, completing a three-year course, and then, in 1913, he secured a position with the Hanover Bank and Trust Company, of Wilkes-Barre, as messenger boy. From this modest place he worked his way up to the responsible office of assistant cashier, and then, in 1922, made a change, going to Plains, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, as cashier of the Plains State Bank. On February 1, 1928, he accepted his present position as treasurer of the South Side Bank and Trust Company, of Wilkes-Barre, and is bringing to this work the experience gained during fifteen years of close application to the banking business. He is one of the able and progressive men of the city and will doubtless contribute materially to the prosperity of the bank as the days and years pass. He is a director of Wyoming Valley Building and Loan Association. Mr. Bower is well known in fraternal circles. He is a member of Fidelity Lodge, No. 655, Free and Accepted Masons; Shekinah Chapter, No. 182, Royal Arch Masons; Dieu le Veut Commandery, No. 45, Knights Templar; Keystone Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, of Scranton, in which he holds the thirty-second degree; and Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a member of Irem Temple Country Club, and is treasurer of the club and Shrine. He is also a member of the Knights of Malta, Junior Order of United American Mechanics, and Lodge No. 109, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He holds membership in the Craftsmen's Club, the Lions Club, of which he is treasurer, and is identified with other organizations. Politically, he gives support to the principles of the Republican party, and his religious affiliation is with the Westminster Presbyterian Church of Wilkes-Barre.

Butler O. Bower was married, September 6, 1917, to Helen Black, daughter of John L. and Clara (Watson) Black, of Ashley, Pennsylvania, and they are the parents of two children: Ruth B., and Butler O., Jr.

**ROGER J. O'DONNELL**—The descent of Roger J. O'Donnell, prominent member of the Luzerne County Bar, of Wilkes-Barre, with offices at No. 502 Bennett Building, is through the late Patrick and Mary O'Donnell, his parents, and their progenitors of Ireland. Patrick O'Donnell was born in Kellybegs, County Donegal, Ireland, April 10, 1837, and died March 7, 1911, aged seventy-four years. His wife was born in Adara, County Donegal, Ireland, in 1835, and died October 31, 1926, at the ripe old age of ninety-one years. Patrick O'Donnell and his wife were married in Luzerne County, having come to America when they were young. They became the parents of eight children: 1. Mary A., deceased, was the wife of W. J. Purcell, of Freeland, Pennsylvania; she died at the age of thirty-five, having become the mother of four children. 2. Roger J., of whom further. 3. Patrick H., general foreman for the Newport News Shipbuilding Company at Newport News, Virginia, who died at the age of thirty-five years. 4. William, died while a student at Villanova College, Villanova, this State. 5. Rev. B. J. O'Donnell, died January 31, 1926; a member of the Order of St. Augustine at New Orleans, Louisiana. 6. Joseph, died in childhood. 7. Peter R., principal of the public schools at Spangler, Pennsylvania. 8. Catherine, single, engaged in business at Allentown, this State.

Patrick O'Donnell was a molder by trade and followed his trade for many years at Foundryville, Foster Township, Luzerne County, and later went with Coxé Brothers' Foundry at Drifton. He was consistently a member of the Democratic party and of the Roman Catholic Church.

Roger J. O'Donnell was born at Foundryville, Foster Township, near Eckley, Pennsylvania. He attended public school until he was ten years of age, at which time he commenced work as a slate picker. He followed slate picking until he was thirteen years of age, when he began to learn the trade of a molder at Drifton, in Coxé Brothers' Foundry, where, as stated, his father had preceded him. He followed the trade of molder about eleven years, four years of which were put in as an apprentice, and seven years as a journeyman; being ambitious to add to his education, he attended night schools at Freeland, while working during the day time. In 1892 he entered Villanova College. He made the most of his opportunities here, and graduated in 1896 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. After finishing his college course he returned to Luzerne County and became a newspaper reporter on the Hazleton "Plain Speaker," a daily paper. Still ambitious to advance himself, he alternated between reporting and the study of law, mostly at night, and advanced so rapidly that he was enabled to pass the bar examinations and obtain admittance to the Bar of Luzerne County June 19, 1899. In the meantime he had been reading law in the office of C. O. Stroh, of Freeland, this county. He entered upon the practice of his profession in Freeland and at that place maintained his law offices until 1906, when he established an office at Wilkes-Barre, which is now his main office; he also maintains a third office at White Haven, and through this combination he has built up a clientele which covers a wide territory and has yielded him considerable prosperity.

Mr. O'Donnell has won high place among his associates and contemporaries. He is a leading member of the Luzerne County Bar Association and the Pennsylvania State Bar Association. In politics he is consistently a member of the Democratic party organization, although he has never offered his name for office. He belongs to the Freeland Council of the Knights of Columbus, and is a member of the Holy Savior Roman Catholic Church of Wilkes-Barre. His position at the bar may be imagined from the statement that he is the solicitor for the First National Bank of Freeland and the North End State Bank of Wilkes-Barre. He is a hard worker for civic movements of all kinds, and his purse is always open for worthy charities. During the World War he performed essential service and received the thanks of a grateful government.

Mr. O'Donnell was married, June 25, 1903, to Mary E. Kane, daughter of Edward and Alice Kane, of White Haven, both members of an old-established connection, and their union has been blessed with thirteen children: 1. Joseph, educated in the public schools, graduated from the Wilkes-Barre High School at the age of sixteen years, from the Law School of Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania, at the age of nineteen, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws, and at twenty years of age was the youngest man ever to have been admitted to the Bar of Luzerne County; he is truly a remarkable student, and has a promise of an exceedingly bright future before him. 2. Mary. 3. Roger J., Jr. 4. Geraldine. 5. Edmund. 6. Justine.





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7. Martha. 8. Clement. 9. Ruth; and four children died in infancy.

Mr. O'Donnell's standing in business, professional and social life is of the highest, and he enjoys the confidence and respect of the leaders in every walk of life in Wilkes-Barre. His career has been marked by struggles at every turn, as witness his exertions to rise above the station of a manual laborer, to get an education in the common schools, and then to obtain admittance to the bar that his splendid native ability might obtain full sway. It might be thought that having accomplished so much by his own efforts he would be satisfied to take life easier, but he has always said he expected to keep in the harness to the last. He is full of dynamic energy, a man of pleasing personality, many friends, and together with Mrs. O'Donnell is the center of a delightful home life. The Democratic party organization values his services highly in Luzerne County, and indeed, his influence extends in a quiet way over the State, for he is known to thousands of people whom he counts as his warm personal friends, and who know that when he speaks to them of men and measures he is actuated by the highest principles of good to the State and Nation. It is this type of citizen, who has dug in the earth with his hands, has combined brain with brawn, and finally has coordinated the works of hand, brain and heart, that democratic America proclaims as her very best.

**ASA ERNEST LEWIS**, a capable and conscientious official, thorough-going in all his duties, holds an important place in the civic life of Pennsylvania as referee, in Workmen's Compensation for the Ninth Compensation District of the State, having been appointed to this position in 1920 by Governor Sprunt. In the capacity of referee he has proved himself an adjudicator of exceptional ability; painstaking in the interests of the employee, the employer and the State, and an able executive in his dealings with the problems of his office.

Mr. Lewis was born May 17, 1873, in a log house on a farm in Ross Township, Luzerne County, among the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains. He is the son of William and Catherine T. (Sandys) Lewis, both of whom are now deceased. His father was born in New Jersey, a son of Thomas and Ada (Hovens) Lewis, also natives of that State. This branch of the Lewis family settled in Connecticut, and were among the first Welsh settlers in New England. Mrs. Catherine T. (Sandys) Lewis, the mother of the man with whom we are chiefly concerned, was the daughter of Jacob and Angeline (Thomas) Sandys, natives of Philadelphia; her father, Jacob Sands, or Sandys, was a direct descendant of Sir Edwin Sandys, the great liberal statesman who became Governor of the Virginia Colony in 1619, and succeeded in procuring the Great Charter of Virginia which established the first Constitutional State with a Representative Government, in America. William and Catherine T. (Sandys) Lewis were the parents of eleven children: Henriette E., Martin S., Mary E., Josephine, Angeline, Charles T., Edward A., Harry, George C., Asa E., of whom further; and Frank H., all of whom attained maturity except Harry, who died in infancy.

The region in which Asa Ernest Lewis was born is in the vicinity of what is now known as Sweet Valley, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, where his brother, Frank H. Lewis, still resides. He attended the public schools of his native township where the only edu-

cational opportunities afforded him at that time were those of the ungraded country school. Because of the moderate circumstances of his family and the limited advantages offered by the schools of the community, he was deprived of an opportunity to attend high school, but he possessed an ambition that would not be denied; and, determined to carry out that ambition, he acquired, by intense application, and private tutelage attained through self-sacrifice, a fund of knowledge which later qualified him to become a leading educator in the public schools of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. When only seventeen years of age, Mr. Lewis started to teach school in his native township. His first teaching experience was in the Little Red Schoolhouse at the cross roads, in the vicinity of his birthplace. For fifteen consecutive years he conducted a Summer Normal School for Teachers, in what was then known as Pleasant Hill Academy, where he himself had attended while receiving his own education. For more than twenty years he was a teacher in the schools of the county, and with the years he gradually rose in the school system until he became assistant county superintendent, in which capacity he served until 1920, when he was appointed to his present position as Referee in Workmen's Compensation, an office which he has filled with enviable tact and usefulness to his community and State, and in which he has won the esteem and respect of his fellowman.

Politically, Mr. Lewis is a staunch supporter of the Republican party, its policies, and candidates. He is a leader in the councils of this political organization in his respective community and in the State. At the same time he is active in social and fraternal affairs. He is a member of all the Masonic bodies, in which his affiliations are with George M. Dallas Lodge, No. 531, Free and Accepted Masons, of Dallas; Dieu le Veut Commandery, No. 45, of Knights Templar of Wilkes-Barre; Caldwell Consistory of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Bloomsburg, and Irem Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of Wilkes-Barre. He is a member and Past Exalted Ruler of Wilkes-Barre Lodge, No. 109, of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; a member of Osage Lodge, No. 712, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Lehman; and a member of Pleasant Hill Council, No. 390, of the Junior Order of United Mechanics of Sweet Valley. He holds membership in the following clubs: The Kiwanis Club of Wilkes-Barre, of which he is the president; the Craftsmen's Club; the Westmoreland Club, and the Shrine Country Club.

The World War record of Mr. Lewis was conspicuous. During the American participation in that conflict he was a member of all the different war boards, and personally directed the indexing of all local service men. He had charge of the Boy's Working Reserve in Luzerne County, and at the conclusion of hostilities disposed of the equipment of the reserves under appointment by the adjutant-general.

Since January 30, 1920, the date of his appointment as Referee in Workmen's Compensation, most of Mr. Lewis' work has been in the Department of Labor and Industry of the State Government; and it has been in this field that he has been eminently successful. The Ninth District, which comes under his jurisdiction, consists of the counties of Luzerne, Columbia, Montour and Northumberland. The number of cases that have come before him for hearing and determina-

tion since his appointment runs into the thousands, and, while several hundred appeals have naturally been taken from his decisions, reversals by the Compensation Board and by the higher courts have been very few in number.

**THOMAS J. MAYOCK, D. D. S.**—For many years Dr. Thomas J. Mayock has been a practicing dentist, for a time turning his attention from professional matters to the development of real estate. He is the son of Michael and Bridget (Ruddy) Mayock, who are both deceased. Michael Mayock and his wife were both natives of Ireland and came to America when quite young. It was here that they met and married and settled in Luzerne County. They were the parents of nine children: 1. Mary, who married Nicholas S. Burns of Parsons, Pennsylvania, now part of Wilkes-Barre. 2. Dr. John F., a well known dentist of Wilkes-Barre. 3. Patrick, who died in infancy. 4. James C., a merchant conducting business at the same stand where his father founded a business over fifty years ago, at Miners Mills. 5. Michael, who is associated in business with his brother, James C. 6. Dr. Peter P., who is a well-known physician of Wilkes-Barre. 7. Dr. Thomas J., of whom further. 8. Sister Mary-Charles of the Order of the Sisters of Mercy at Wilkes-Barre. 9. Frank, who is associated with his two brothers, James C., and Michael, in the general merchandise business. Michael Mayock, Sr., died in 1909 at the age of seventy years, and his wife, Bridget (Ruddy) Mayock, died in 1911, at the age of sixty-eight years. During the fifty years that Michael Mayock conducted a general merchandise business at Miners Mills, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, he was one of the most highly respected citizens and the trade that he established has continued to keep the business going since it has been in the hands of his three sons.

Thomas J. Mayock was born at Miners Mills, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, August 25, 1855. He received his education in the public schools and the Wyoming Seminary, and graduated from the Georgetown University at Washington, District of Columbia, in the class of 1909, with the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery, after which he returned upon the practice of dentistry which he followed until 1921. Owing to ill health, he gave up his profession and entered the real estate business which he conducted successfully until July, 1928, when his health was fully restored and he again began the practice of his profession. In politics, Dr. Mayock is a Democrat; and he is a member of the St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, at Wilkes-Barre. He is also a member of the Wilkes-Barre Lodge, No. 109, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and a member of the Luzerne Dental Society and was its first president. Dr. Mayock has been very prominent in the Community Welfare Confederation since its inception and has acted in the capacity of chairman. In sports he has been one of the directors of the Wilkes-Barre Baseball Club of the New York-Pennsylvania League.

On January 15, 1916, Dr. Thomas J. Mayock married Kathryn C. Ward, a daughter of the late John M. Ward of Wilkes-Barre, who for many years was one of the leading merchants of this city, and Alicia (Neison) Ward, also deceased. Dr. and Mrs. Mayock have three children: Thomas J. Jr., Kathryn, and James.

**EDWARD B. SMITH**—As president of Smith-Bennett Corporation of Wilkes-Barre, Edward B. Smith is the head of the largest manufacturing stationers in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

The concern is a combination of two well established business concerns and includes the old and well-known bookbinding business of the Raeder Company, organized in 1881. At the present time, the corporation now operates a plant in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and Newark, New Jersey.

Mr. Smith is a member of the Wilkes-Barre-Wyoming Valley Chamber of Commerce; Kiwanis Club; Franklin Club; Wyoming Valley Country Club and Westmoreland Club.

**CHARLES HAROLD LAYCOCK** is rapidly becoming one of the foremost figures in financial circles of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, where he conducts a bond and brokerage business, with offices in the Miners' Bank Building. His father, Charles Wilbur Laycock, has been president of the Miners' Bank since 1924, and father and son have both become identified with the financial welfare of this section of the State.

The Laycock family, one of the oldest in the State, dates back to the early history of Pennsylvania. The great-grandfather of Charles Harold Laycock, the Rev. Shadrack B. Laycock, was a Methodist preacher of many years standing. He married Susan Bowman, a niece of Bishop Bowman, who took such a prominent part in the history of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Pennsylvania. Among their children was Adam Clark Laycock, born near Berwick, Pennsylvania, who married Clarissa Millard. They had two children, Mary Amanda, wife of Lewis K. Powst, and now deceased, and Charles Wilbur Laycock, of whom further, and the father of Charles Harold Laycock.

Charles Wilbur Laycock was born in Fairmount Township, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, October 3, 1860 and when he was only six years old his parents moved to Shicklony, Luzerne County. He was educated in the public schools of Luzerne County and at Wyoming Seminary, Kingston, where his parents moved when he was nineteen years old. At the end of his seminary course, he became a clerk in the mercantile house of Pringle and Laycock of Kingston, where he remained until 1882, when he began his life-long association with the banking business by entering the employ of the Second National Bank of Wilkes-Barre, in the same capacity. He became cashier of the Miners' Bank in 1913. He married Jennie Clapp, June 5, 1890 and they have four children: 1. Nesbitt E., who died in childhood. 2. Charles Harold, of whom further. 3. Robert Clark, manager of the Wilkes-Barre store of F. W. Woolworth & Company. 4. Millard Day, also manager of one of the Woolworth stores.

Charles H. (C. Harold) Laycock was born in Kingston, March 15, 1893, went to the public schools of his native town and was graduated later from Wyoming Seminary, Kingston. He spent the next two years as a student at Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut, then returned to Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, to complete a commercial course at Wyoming Seminary. He had determined to enter the business world and only waited to finish this course, before becoming a bookkeeper at the Wyoming National Bank, Wilkes-Barre.

President Wilson's Declaration of War against Germany, in April, 1917, found him,

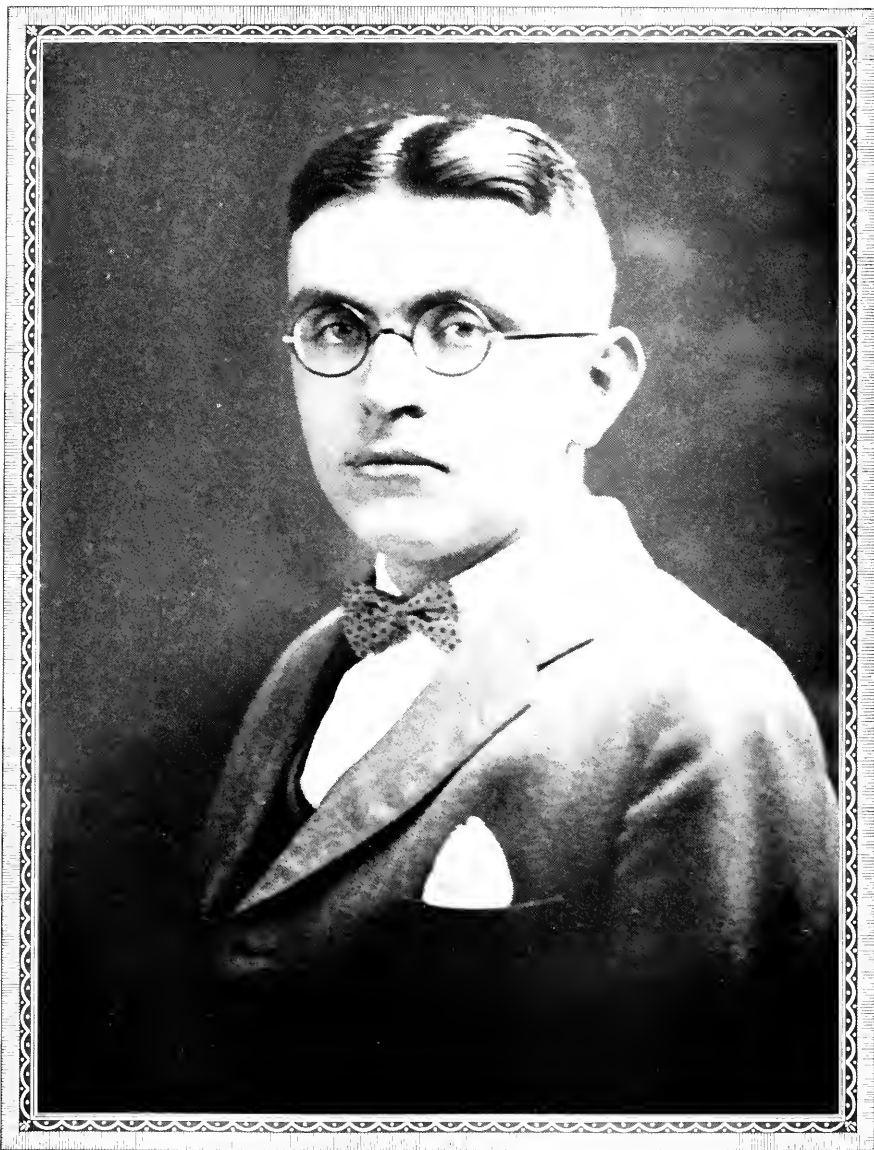




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like so many other young men throughout the country, eager and anxious to join some branch of the country's service. He went to Washington, District of Columbia, and entered the office of the Alien Property Custodian, where he remained until January, 1918, when he joined the aviation section of the Navy and served until the close of the World War, in November, 1918. He returned to Wilkes-Barre and became the local representative of a New York bond firm, Green, Ellis & Anderson. He has since built up a bond and brokerage business of his own and is considered one of the most progressive young business men in the Wyoming Valley.

He is a Republican and a communicant of the First Presbyterian Church in Wilkes-Barre, besides being associated with a number of fraternities. He is a member of Landmark Lodge, No. 442, Free and Accepted Masons; the Royal Arch Masons; Dieu le Veut Commandery, Knights Templar; Caldwell Consistory, Scottish Rite Masons of Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania; Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; the Irem Country Club, the Wyoming Valley Country Club, the Westmoreland Club, the University of Washington Club and the Psi Upsilon Fraternity, which he joined while at Wesleyan University. He is also a trustee of Wilkes-Barre Academy.

Mr. Laycock married, June 10, 1915, Esther F. Weckesser, daughter of F. J. and Anna S. (Hammond) Weckesser. They have two children, Mary Anna and Charles Frederick.

#### **SHERMAN RICHARDS SCHOOLEY, M. D.**

—Born in Truicksville, Kingston Township, Luzerne County, on April 19, 1899, Dr. Sherman Richards Schooley acquired his medical education in Philadelphia, after which he returned to this county and located in Shavertown, where he has established an extensive and lucrative practice.

Dr. Schooley was born in Truicksville, April 19, 1899, the son of Ziba F. and Mary (Richards) Schooley, both natives of Luzerne County, the former born in Kingston Township in 1859, and the latter in Wilkes-Barre in 1868. The father of Dr. Schooley is a retired farmer and president and a director of the Merchants' and Miners' National Bank of Luzerne. Dr. Schooley's mother passed away July 4, 1926. The early education of Dr. Schooley was obtained in the public and high schools of Kingston Township, and he graduated from the latter institution in 1916. He then went to the Wyoming Seminary, graduating in the class of 1919. He received his pre-medical training in Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Union County, in 1923, and in 1925 Jefferson College of Philadelphia, conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Medicine. For a year he worked as interne in the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital, after which he located in Shavertown, where, as stated, he enjoys an excellent practice. He is a member of the county and State medical societies, as well as of the American Medical Association. Politically, he is a Republican, but has taken no very active part in local politics to date. He is a member of the Mt. Greenwood Kiwanis Club, and his religious affiliations are with the Shavertown Methodist Episcopal Church.

On October 23, 1926, Dr. Schooley married Dorothy Farr, a graduate nurse, daughter of Henry C. and Mary Farr, of Wilkes-Barre. Mrs. Schooley graduated from Wilkes-Barre High School in 1921; graduated from Wilkes-Barre General Hospital and night superintendent of nurses, 1924-26. Dr. and Mrs.

Schooley reside in a very charming house in Shavertown, where they are the center of a circle of devoted friends.

**OLIVER ERNEST HAWKINS**—Nearly a quarter of a century has elapsed since Oliver Ernest Hawkins entered into association with the Kingston Coal Company, of Kingston, as assistant secretary, a post he filled with such satisfaction that his promotion was a natural sequence and, as its full secretary, he has still further given evidence of his complete qualification in the exacting office. Endowed with a genial personality and possessed of a sincere regard for the benefits to be derived by all in honest coöperation of effort, he has conducted the affairs of his office in such manner as to win the high regard and esteem of all with whom he has been in any way associated, an estimable citizen and a man of unblemished reputation in every field wherein his activities have functioned. In civic matters he has served his fellow-citizens as ably, while in his fraternal, religious and social work he has made a host of admiring and staunch friends.

He was born in Siegfried's Bridge, Northampton, Pennsylvania, March 31, 1873, a son of Edmund Millard Hawkins, a locomotive engineer, born in 1847, deceased in 1880, and Mary (Oliver) Hawkins, born in Boonton, New Jersey, in 1850, deceased in 1895. His education was acquired in the public schools at Catsaqua, where he was graduated from high school and also studied at night for special instruction. His first work was with the Union Foundry & Machine Company at Catsaqua, Lehigh County, where he remained for two years, then going to the Lehigh Valley Coal Company and remaining with that organization for another eighteen months at Hazleton and at Centralia, Columbia County, for two years, having been made chief clerk. In 1904 he accepted an invitation to become assistant secretary of the Kingston Coal Company and in 1905 became its secretary, a position he still retains. In politics he is a Republican, in religion he is a Methodist, being a trustee of the Kingston Methodist Episcopal Church, while for four years he served as a member of the Kingston School Board. He belongs to the Franklin Club of Kingston and is fraternally affiliated with Kingston Lodge, No. 395, Free and Accepted Masons, as well as with Caldwell Consistory, of Bloomsburg, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Masons; Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Oliver Ernest Hawkins married, in 1900, Ira Thomas, of Catsaqua, Pennsylvania, daughter of William R. and Martha Thomas. Their children are: 1. Richard Arthur, born December 11, 1902, a graduate of Lehigh University in the class of 1924 and a mechanical engineer. 2. Helen Mary, born January 7, 1905, a graduate of Sargent College, Cambridge, Massachusetts. 3. Oliver Ernest, Jr., born July 8, 1907.

**GEORGE W. CARR, M. D.**—With his repute and standing as a physician long established in city and county, Dr. George W. Carr is without a peer in the specialty in which he has had life long study and practice, that of eye, ear, nose and throat, his record as an ophthalmic surgeon in particular having distinguished him throughout the State. Of a family of physicians of attainment, he has worked along his own lines of thought and practice, and has the regard and confidence of his associates and the general public.

Dr. George W. Carr was born October 28, 1872, at St. Clair, a son of Dr. Andrew Philip and Jane (Dungan) Carr, both parents now deceased. Dr. Andrew Philip Carr, for many years one of the leading physicians of St. Clair, was surgeon for the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad; and his children were all practicing physicians: Dr. Charles Dungan Carr, and Dr. William H. Carr, both deceased; Dr. George W. Carr, the third son, after graduation from the Pottsville High School in 1890, was matriculated at Jefferson Medical College, where he was graduated in 1895, with the degree Doctor of Medicine. He then took post-graduate courses at the Polyclinic and at Wills Eye Hospital and St. Agnes Hospital, both in Philadelphia, and in 1897, he established himself in Wilkes-Barre, where he has followed his chosen profession for thirty-two years (1929). His place in the ophthalmic world is established, as well; besides his membership in the Luzerne County Medical Society, and the State Medical Society and American Medical Association, he is a member of the American Academy of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology, and he was for a considerable period the ophthalmologist for Mercy Hospital at Wilkes-Barre. He is a member of the medical staff of the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital, and one of the ophthalmic surgeons for Lehigh Valley Railroad Company. In his political views, Dr. Carr is a Republican; his clubs are Westmoreland and Wyoming Valley Country and he is a communicant of St. Stephen's Protestant Episcopal Church.

Dr. George W. Carr married, August 8, 1902, Louise Clarkson Murphy, of Wilkes-Barre, daughter of Dr. Joseph A. and Frances (Parrish) Murphy. Dr. Murphy, an old-school doctor, was for many years one of the leading physicians of Wilkes-Barre.

**ALBERT WASHINGTON BROBST**, one of the most active members of the Luzerne County bar, with offices at Nos. 31-33 Bennett Building, Wilkes-Barre, was born at Nuremberg, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, September 20, 1888, son of Henry and Lucy (SINGLEY) Brobst. Henry Brobst, for many years a merchant of Nuremberg, was the son of Joseph and Matilda (CROLL) Brobst, members of old Pennsylvania families. Henry Brobst is a member of the Democratic party organization and of the German Lutheran Church, and he and his wife have become the parents of two children: 1. Albert Washington, of whom further. 2. Mabel Pearl, wife of William Smith, of Schuylkill County.

Albert Washington Brobst attended the public schools, where he received his early education; and then entered the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown, Pennsylvania, from which institution he graduated in the class of 1906. He then determined to follow the law for a livelihood, and accordingly matriculated in the Law Department of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, Michigan, and graduated in the class of 1913 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. He was thereupon admitted to practice the profession in the State of Michigan, but seeing a better opportunity to the southeast, he went to Cleveland, and was admitted to the Ohio Bar. He practiced six months at Cleveland, then heard the call of his native State, and returned to Wilkes-Barre in 1914, was admitted to the bar in Pennsylvania, and has been successfully practicing law there ever since. He combines a thorough knowledge of the law with a keen business judgment, and has shown such an active interest in civic affairs that he has won an enviable

place for himself among his neighbors and associates.

Mr. Brobst is a leading and valued member of the Luzerne County Bar Association. In politics he adheres to the faith of the Republican party. His religious affiliation is with the Lutheran Church, following in the footsteps of his honored parents. He is a member of Wilkes-Barre Lodge, No. 655, of the Free and Accepted Masons; Caldwell Consistory at Bloomsburg; Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Masons of the thirty-second degree; and Irem Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of Wilkes-Barre; Prospect Lodge, No. 292, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Order of Encampment of the Odd Fellows. He has built up a nice practice through his own efforts and is one of the most successful of the self-made men of the city.

Mr. Brobst married Clara May Werley, of Virginville, Berks County, Pennsylvania, and their union has been blessed with three children, Henry Thomas, Betty P., and Marjorie A.

**BARNETT HERMAN COOPER, M. D.**—A native of Russia, but a resident of this country since his early childhood, Dr. Cooper has been established in the general practice of medicine at Nanticoke since 1912 and is considered one of the most able and successful physicians and surgeons of that section of Pennsylvania. Ever since coming to Nanticoke he has taken a deep interest in that town's development and welfare, while his patriotism found expression in service with the Medical Corps of the United States Army during the World War.

His father, Max Cooper, was at one time a resident of Odessa, Russia, from where he came with his family to this country in 1895, settling in New York City. He was a furrier by trade and was active in this line until his death in New York City in 1924, at the age of sixty-two years, since when his widow has continued to make her home in New York City. Mr. Cooper was greatly devoted to his family and succeeded in giving his four sons an excellent education. He was the father of four children: 1. Barnett Herman, of whom further. 2. Joseph F., a physician of Boston, Massachusetts. 3. Arthur S., manager for the F. & W. Grand Corporation at Reading, Pennsylvania, and a graduate chiropractor. 4. Lewis M. Cooper, an attorney-at-law in New York City.

Barnett Herman Cooper was born in Odessa, Southern Russia, May 18, 1888, oldest of the four sons of Max and Tillie (Forman) Cooper. He came to this country with his parents in 1895 and for the next sixteen years lived in New York City. He was educated in the public schools of that city and at the College of the City of New York, from which he graduated in 1907. He took up the study of medicine at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Baltimore, Maryland, graduating there with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1911. During his last year at this institution he acted as assistant to Professor Friedenwald, a prominent specialist in gastroenterology. During 1910 he also spent six months as an interne at Bellevue Hospital and two months in the same capacity at the Lying-In Hospital, both of New York City. In 1911, after his graduation from medical school, he came to Nanticoke as an interne at the New Nanticoke Hospital, which he assisted in opening. At the end of one year he established himself as a general practitioner at Glenlyon, near Nanticoke, where he still continues to practice, though he also maintains an office at No. 36 East Broad



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Street, Nanticoke. He is chief surgeon for the Grand Tunnel Coal Company of West Nanticoke. In spite of the heavy demands made upon his time and energy by the exacting duties of his extensive practice Dr. Cooper has always continued his interest in literature and similar subjects and for a number of years he has continued his studies at La Salle College, Philadelphia, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1926 and where he is now working towards his Master of Arts degree. During the World War he entered the Medical Corps of the United States Army in 1918, being stationed at the Army Medical School, Washington, District of Columbia, where he was placed in charge of important laboratory work. He received his honorable discharge in 1919 with the rank of captain. He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Dr. Cooper married, in 1915, Esther Gross of Glenlyon, a daughter of Isadore and Hannah (Itskovitz) Gross. Dr. and Mrs. Cooper are the parents of one son, Leroy Gerald Cooper, and make their home at Glenlyon.

**MILLER S. FREDERICK**—Coming of a family which has been prominent in Luzerne County for more than a hundred years, Miller S. Frederick is one of Wilkes-Barre's leading citizens and is one of the best-known furniture dealers and undertakers in the city, also conducting a branch of his business at Plymouth. He is also a prominent factor in the financial life of the city, in addition to which he takes a great interest in all community affairs, being always desirous of promoting the progress of his city.

Mr. Frederick was born at Sugar Notch, Luzerne County, January 3, 1869, son of Merritt and Margaret (Burg) Frederick, both of whom were descendants of old Pennsylvania families. Merritt Frederick's father, Daniel Frederick, was born in Northampton County and came to Newton, Luzerne County, in 1820. Mr. and Mrs. Frederick had eight children: 1. Miller S., of whom later. 2. Lida, a teacher in domestic science department of Hanover Town schools. 3. Gertrude, a graduate nurse of the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital, at present nurse for the Hanover Township schools. 4. Harry, of Philadelphia, graduate of Pennsylvania State College in electrical engineering. 5. Daniel, deceased. 6, 7, and 8. Edith, Walter, and Charles, died in childhood. Mr. Frederick died at the age of seventy-two, survived by his widow, who is now eighty-six.

Miller S. Frederick received his early education in the public schools of Ashley, later entering the Harry Hillman Academy and the Wyoming Seminary at Kingston. After the completion of his formal education, he learned the trade of machinist in the shops of the Dickson Manufacturing Company, this city. In 1891, he engaged in the furniture and undertaking business in Wilkes-Barre and later moved his organization to Plymouth. In point of service, Mr. Frederick is one of the oldest active furniture dealers and funeral directors in the Wyoming Valley. He is president of the Lincoln Deposit and Savings Bank and Trust Company and takes a prominent part in the business life of the community. In fraternal organizations, he is an active member of the Junior Order United American Mechanics, the Patriotic Order Sons of America, Knights of Pythias, Plymouth Lodge, No. 332, Free and Accepted Masons and Valley Chapter, No. 214, Royal Arch Masons, being a Past Master of his Blue Lodge, and a Past High Priest of the Chapter Lodge. He is a member of Dieu le Veut Commandery, No. 45, Knights Templar of Wilkes-

Barre; of Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and the Shrine Country Club. In politics, he has always followed the principles of the Republican party and in his religious belief, he is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth.

Miller S. Frederick married, in 1891, Emma E. Ferguson of Plymouth, daughter of Alexander and Mary (Wilcox) Ferguson. Mrs. Frederick died in March, 1923, aged forty-six years. To this union were born three sons: 1. Donald, who is associated with his father in business; married Esther Lewis, and they have one son, Donald, Jr. 2. Russell, married Bennetto Wallace and they have three children: Miller S., Mignonette and Margaret E. 3. Kenneth, of New York, married Miss Berger.

**ROBERT J. DORAN**—Among the members of the legal profession in Wilkes-Barre who have recently engaged in practice is Robert J. Doran, a veteran of the World War, who, though he was so severely burned during the war that he was totally blind for eighteen months and was unable to read for three years, nevertheless completed his college course after his return to civilian life and was admitted to the Luzerne County bar in March, 1926. Courage, persistence, and ability have enabled him to attain his goal undaunted by difficulties that for most men would have been insurmountable, and he is now (1929) engaged in general legal practice with offices in the Dime Bank Building.

John Doran, father of Mr. Doran, was a mine contractor for about thirty years, and died at the age of fifty-nine years. He and his wife Margaret were the parents of four sons: Robert J., of further mention; and William E., Henry, and Leo, who are engaged in the dairy business under the firm name of Doran Brothers. They conduct a high grade dairy at Ashley, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania.

Robert J. Doran, son of John and Margaret Doran, was born in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, June 9, 1895, and when he was about one year of age was taken to Lee Park, Luzerne County, by his parents. He attended the public schools of Lee Park, which is in Hanover Township, and graduated from Lee Park High School in the spring of 1914. The next fall he entered the University of Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated with the class of 1922, having finished his course after his return from the World War, although he was obliged to spend some three years in regaining his lost sight. On March 5, 1917, while a student in the University of Pennsylvania, he enlisted in the first contingent of candidates for officers' training camp, and was ordered to Camp Madison, New York, where, on August 15, 1917, he was commissioned a second lieutenant of the United States Cavalry Reserve and was ordered to report at Del Rio, Texas. This order was later rescinded and he was sent to Camp Dix, at Wrightstown, New Jersey, where he was assigned to the staff of General Anderson. Later, he was assigned to the Machine Gun Training School for Officers, located at Camp Hancock, Georgia, and in January, 1918, he was ordered overseas as a member of Company C, 109th Machine Gun Battalion. He took part in the offensive at Ypres, Belgium, and was at La Chappelle, and later took part in the second battle of the Marne, in France. On July 18, 1918, he received a gunshot wound during the battle of Belleaux Wood, and was sent back to the hospital in Paris, where he remained until August 25, when he rejoined his command at Fismes.

On August 31, 1918, while making an attack on the enemy on the Hindenburg line, at a place known as Chalk Cliffs, on the west side of the Valles River, he was very badly burned in the face, eyes, and body, with liquid fire. So bad were the burns that he was compelled to spend the next two years in various hospitals in France and in this country. For eighteen months he was totally blind, and for a period of three years he was unable to read. In spite of these difficulties, however, he persisted in his purpose of completing his college course, and in the fall of 1921 he was able to return to the University of Pennsylvania, and was graduated with the class of 1922. Thus courage and persistence overcame almost insurmountable obstacles, and Mr. Doran is now one of the successful members of the legal profession in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. He has his offices in the Dime Bank Building, where he is building up a very satisfactory practice. Politically he gives his support to the Republican party, and he is interested in the public welfare and in the conduct of public affairs, though he does aspire to official responsibility. He is a member of the American Legion, and his religious affiliation is with the Roman Catholic Church. Mr. Doran is unmarried.

**JOHN R. POWELL**—Though a native of Wales, England, John R. Powell has been a resident of Plymouth, Pennsylvania, for twenty-seven years, and has been associated with the business which he now (1928) owns during all that time; first in the employ of his uncle, the founder of the business, and since 1925 as owner of the concern. He manufactures squibs, which are explosives used in mining, and is located at No. 42 East Shawnee Avenue, Plymouth.

John R. Powell was born in Aberdare, a mining and manufacturing town of Glamorganshire, South Wales, England, May 18, 1877, son of Roger Powell, a miner by occupation, who was born in Wales, in 1850, and died in 1879, and of Mary (Lewis) Powell, who was born in Wales, in 1838, and is still living (1928) at the age of ninety years. After attending the public schools of his native district, Mr. Powell served an apprenticeship of four years in a grocery store in England, and then was employed as a clerk in a grocery store for a period of seven years. The young man was anxious for larger opportunity, however, and he had in this country an uncle, whose name he bore, John R. Powell. That fact proved to be an open door for the youth and in 1901 he left his native land for this country. He came at once to Plymouth, where his uncle was engaged in manufacturing squibs for the mining industry, and entered the employ of his favorite relative, with whom he remained. He was made foreman of the plant some years before the death of John R. Powell who established the business about 1878, and after that event the business became the property of a daughter of the founder, Mrs. Esther Ferguson, wife of John E. Ferguson. Mr. Powell continued as foreman under the new ownership, and in April, 1925, Mrs. Ferguson also died, leaving the business to her cousin, John R. Powell, who was named for her father. Under Mr. Powell's direction the business has continued to grow and at the present time (1928) sixty people are employed in the plant. Mr. Powell is a public-spirited citizen who is always ready to aid in advancing the welfare of the community in which he lives, and he is a contributing member of Fire Company No. 1. Politically, he supports the principles of the Republican party, and fraternally, he holds membership

in Lodge No. 178, Knights of Pythias, being Past Chancellor; and Lodge No. 2, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a member of the Kiwanis Club, and his religious membership is with the Welsh Congregational Church, of which he is a deacon and recording secretary. He is a member of Wyoming Valley Branch of National Eisteddfod and on the social committee thereof; also a member of the Pennsylvania Manufacturers Association and the Wyoming Valley Motor Club.

John R. Powell was married, June 29, 1909, to Jennie Jones, of Plymouth, daughter of John E. Jones, a miner, who was born in Wales, in 1850, and died in 1897, and of Jane Jones, who was born in Wales in 1850, and died in 1918. Mr. and Mrs. Powell have two daughters: 1. Dorothy Loraine, born February 18, 1911; graduated from the Plymouth High School, 1928. 2. Esther M., born June 22, 1913.

**WILLIAM BUCKALEN ROBINSON**, formerly general agent of the Aetna Life Insurance Company at Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, and for years an important figure in the life of this city, was born in Fairmount Township, Pennsylvania. His parents were Captain John and Sarah (Buckalen) Robinson. The father was a farmer by occupation and was also in the service of the State at Harrisburg. During the period of the Civil War he enlisted in the Union cause, and served with distinction as captain of Company I, Pennsylvania Infantry, until the conclusion of hostilities.

William Buckalen Robinson received his education in the country schools of his birthplace, and as a young man became a clerk in the Courthouse of Luzerne County. He remained in this position for two years, from 1890 to 1892, and at the end of this time became associated with the Aetna Life Insurance Company as general agent at Wilkes-Barre. This was the beginning of a connection which was to last for a quarter of a century. Mr. Robinson continued as general agent for this company until the time of his retirement in 1927, and his record in this office was one of constant success.

Mr. Robinson was also for some years a director of the Luzerne County National Bank. A Republican in politics, he was elected to the Wilkes-Barre City Council, serving in that body for a period of years. He gave his hearty support to civic and benevolent movements with whose aims he was in sympathy. Mr. Robinson was a member of the Westmoreland Club and the Franklin Club. He worshipped in the Presbyterian faith, holding membership in the Memorial Church of this denomination at Wilkes-Barre.

On June 17, 1896, at Wilkes-Barre, William B. Robinson married Mary Edith Montange, daughter of J. Henry and Anna (MacFall) Montange. Mr. and Mrs. Robinson became the parents of four children: 1. John M., born on January 7, 1898, a record of whose life appears elsewhere in these pages. 2. James B., born on April 16, 1901, also included in these pages. 3. William B., Jr., born on May 5, 1906. 4. Thomas E., born on September 9, 1909. The residence of the family is continued at Wilkes-Barre.

**JOHN M. ROBINSON**, general agent for the Aetna Life Insurance Company, at Wilkes-Barre, with offices at No. 204 Coal Exchange Building, was born January 7, 1898, in Wilkes-Barre, son of William B. and Mary Edith (Montange) Robinson, and grandson of Captain John and Sarah (Buckalen) Robinson, who were respected natives of Fairmont



John R. Powell







Chas. L. Steyer



Township, Luzerne County. John Robinson was captain of a company in the Union Army during the Civil War, and proved a gallant soldier. A more detailed account of William B. Robinson's life precedes this sketch.

John M. Robinson grew to manhood here and received his education in the public schools and the Harry Hillman Academy, after which he matriculated at the University of Pennsylvania. During the World War, in 1918, he enlisted in the United States Navy, and upon his discharge entered the insurance business with his father, where he has successfully applied himself ever since. He is a member of the Republican party, the Memorial Presbyterian Church, and is actively identified with the various movements launched for the development of Wilkes-Barre. He belongs to Landmark Lodge, No. 442, of the Free and Accepted Masons and the Alumni Association of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity, which organization he joined at the University of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Robinson was married to Edith C. Nicholson, daughter of Samuel T. and Elizabeth (Dennis) Nicholson, the former president of the Vulcan Iron Works, of Wilkes-Barre, of whom further mention, and they are the parents of a son, John M. Robinson, Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Robinson reside at No. 235 Butler Street, Kingston, Luzerne County.

**JAMES BUCKALEN ROBINSON**, son of William B. and Mary Edith (Montange) Robinson, was born at Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, on April 16, 1901. His father, a record of whose life precedes this, gave most of his active career to work in the insurance field as general agent of the Aetna Life Insurance Company at Wilkes-Barre.

James B. Robinson received his preliminary education in the public schools of his birthplace, and later attended Hillman Academy for one year. In 1920 he was graduated from Wyoming Seminary, and in 1924 from Williams College, where he completed the course of study leading to the Bachelor's degree. Like his father, Mr. Robinson entered the employ of the Aetna Life Insurance Company, and from 1924 until 1927, was superintendent of the casualty department of that company at Wilkes-Barre. In the latter year, with his brother, he took over the duties of general agent for the company, occupying the position which his father had so ably filled for many years.

Mr. Robinson is a Republican in politics and a member of several clubs, including the Westmoreland Club, the Wilkes-Barre Club, and the Williams Club of New York City. He is affiliated with the Kappa Alpha fraternity, and in 1924 was president of the Williams Chapter of that order. He is a member of the Memorial Presbyterian Church in this city.

On October 6, 1927, James B. Robinson married Martha D. Nicholson, daughter of Samuel T. and Elizabeth (Dennis) Nicholson. Mr. and Mrs. Robinson maintain their home in Wilkes-Barre.

**CHARLES L. SHAFER, M. D.**—Member of one of the oldest and most respected families of Pennsylvania, with a heritage of successful accomplishment which he was, naturally, called upon to carry on, Dr. Charles L. Shafer, of Kingston, has fulfilled the obligation. Not only has he made great strides in his profession, but he has also gathered a host of friends about him in fraternal organizations and other professions than his own. He has an interesting and worthy military record, both in this country and in France, in which he won merited reward by his promotion to field

rank. In his present work he has built for himself a large and growing practice and made a legion of staunch friends in every walk.

Charles L. Shafer is one of seven children of George W. and Annie E. (Hartman) Shafer, and was born in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, December 5, 1883. Both his father and mother were members of families that settled in this commonwealth early in its history, making here commendable reputations for their interest in and assistance to the advancement of all community ambitions for the development of the country. George W. Shafer, a veteran of the Civil War in the 149th Pennsylvania Volunteers, was a contractor and builder of high reputation, whose children all were a source of gratified pride to their parents. Minnie, the first born, became the wife of E. P. Bordo, district manager of the Bell Telephone Company in Wilmington, Delaware. Harvey is in successful business in Buffalo, New York, and Lillian, the third child, now deceased, married Dr. W. L. Hensyl. Charles L. has one brother living, Albert, of Kingston, and one deceased, Adam, the youngest of the family, who died in childhood.

Charles L. Shafer was educated in the public schools of Williamsport, graduating, successively, from the elementary grades, the high school and Dickinson Seminary, in 1903. He then took the full course at the University of Syracuse, from which he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine with the class of 1908. Coming to Wilkes-Barre, he was appointed resident physician of Mercy Hospital, which he administered for two years, then establishing himself in independent practice in Kingston in 1910. He is a member of the American Medical Association, the Pennsylvania State Medical Society, the Lehigh Valley Medical Society, the Luzerne County Medical Society in professional affiliations, and socially of the Kiwanis Club, Craftsman's Club, Wyoming Valley Motor Club, Franklin Club and Irem Temple Country Club. He has also served as president of the Kingston Board of Health. In military affiliations he is a member of Black Diamond Post, No. 395, American Legion, of Kingston, of which he was commander for three years. He is also associate surgeon on the staff of the Nesbitt Memorial Hospital. He is a Republican in politics and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Kingston Lodge, No. 395, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; Shekinah Chapter, No. 182, Royal Arch Masons; Dieu le Veut Commandery, No. 45, Knights Templar, of Wilkes-Barre, and of Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Other organizations in which he has membership are Lodge No. 109, of Wilkes-Barre, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and Kingston Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His military record follows: Enlisted in the 9th Regiment, Pennsylvania National Guard, March 7, 1916; commissioned first lieutenant, Medical Corps, Pennsylvania National Guard, March 27, 1916 (9th Regiment, N. G. P.); Mexican border service, from September 22, 1916, to November 26, 1916. World War: entered the service June 23, 1917, as first lieutenant Medical Corps, United States Army, stationed at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana; Medical Officers' Training Camp, June 27, 1917, to September 10, 1917; Camp Hancock, Georgia, September 14, 1917, to April 28, 1918, as surgeon of 103d Train Headquarters and Military Police 28th Division; France with the American Expeditionary Forces, May 7, 1918, to May

3, 1919, as assistant division surgeon, 28th Division; promoted to captain, August 25, 1918, in France; promoted to major, February 26, 1919, in France; honorably mustered out of the service at Camp Dix, New Jersey, May 20, 1919. Battle service: Champagne-Marne defensive; Aisne-Marne offensive; Fismes sector; Oisne-Aisne; Meuse-Argonne; Thiaccourt sector.

Charles L. Shafer married, August 7, 1912, in Kingston, Mary E. Bach, daughter of Christian and Sarah J. (Humphrey) Bach, and they are the parents of: Charles Bach, Robert Christian, and Edward Alfred.

**BENJAMIN LEWIS JENKINS** is the son of Hopkin and Ann (Lewis) Jenkins, both of whom were natives of Wales. Coming to this country in 1882, they located at Nanticoke, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania. They were the parents of fourteen children, ten of whom lived to maturity: 1. William, deceased. 2. David, who is a foreman for the Buttonwood mines of the Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre Coal Company. 3. Elizabeth, the wife of the Rev. E. R. Roberts, a minister of the Presbyterian Church at Prompton, Pennsylvania. 4. Jane, who married Daniel Fowell, now deceased. 5. John D., who is a baker by trade, located at Kingston, Pennsylvania. 6. Joseph R., of Wilkes-Barre, a foreman at the South Wilkes-Barre mines for the Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre Coal Company. 7. Rachel A., the wife of Clanton Evans of New York City. 8. Benjamin Lewis, of whom further. 9. Mary, the wife of Harrison Davis, of Niles, Ohio. 10. Daniel R., a department clerk in the county treasurer's office in Spokane, Washington.

Benjamin Lewis Jenkins was born at Nanticoke, Pennsylvania, February 11, 1888. He was five years of age when his parents moved to Wilkes-Barre and it was here that he grew up and when a lad attended the public schools. When still a young boy, he held a position as office boy for Paul Sherwood of Wilkes-Barre. His next position was with a dry-goods firm, Joseph S. Coons and Company, where he learned to be a clerk and held the position for four years. At the age of seventeen years, he entered the employ of the Vulcan Iron Works as an apprentice in the boiler shops. After several years of experience there he was transferred to the office of the same company, where he worked himself through all the branches of the business until he was elevated to the position of manager of the steel casting department, a position he held for eight years. He severed his connection with the Vulcan Iron Works to accept the position of president and general manager of Powell-Davies Tractor and Equipment Company, a position he now holds. In July, 1927, he was appointed by the county commissioners to the position of tax collector for Wilkes-Barre. In politics he is a Republican and he is a member of the Westminster Presbyterian Church. He is a member of the Sons of Liberty Lodge, No. 1103, Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Wilkes-Barre; he is also a member of the Wyoming Valley Encampment and is the president of the Past Grands Association of Luzerne County, Wilkes-Barre Lodge, No. 109, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; a member of the board of governors of the Wyoming Valley Motor Club; member of the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce.

On July 20, 1910, Benjamin Lewis Jenkins married Kate Griffiths of Wilkes-Barre, daughter of David P. and May Ann (Haycock) Griffiths. They have two children: David Hopkin, and Ann Griffiths.

**EDWARD RUSSELL WHITE**—Member and general manager of the firm of W. D. White & Company, dealers in drugs at retail, No. 35 South Main Street, Wilkes-Barre, a native of this community, and member of a family old in the history of the Wyoming Valley, Edward R. White is accounted prominent among the substantial and most progressively representative citizens of the community, active in its commercial, political and fraternal affairs. W. D. White & Company is the largest of drug firms in the city and one of those longest established. Mr. White was born May 24, 1875, a son of the late William D. and Sarah Harper (Jones) White, the father having died December 16, 1921, the mother now (1929) living, at the age of seventy-six years, in Wilkes-Barre.

William D. White was born in 1849, a native of Ashley, Luzerne County, and son of John and Melinda (Blackman) White. Both the families of White and Blackman date from early days in the Wyoming Valley; the Blackmans came to this country from England, founders of the American branch locating first in the State of Connecticut, whence they removed to Luzerne County with the Susquehanna Company, to the valley. Here members of the family took part in the Massacre of Wyoming, July 3, 1778, and it is recorded that they fought courageously in the bloody engagement. It was about a century later that William D. White founded the W. D. White & Company drug house, being one of the few establishments of its sort then in Wilkes-Barre. He was a constant participant in matters of public concern, a Republican, ardent in support of the party, and a communicant of the Methodist Episcopal Church. A temperate man, his friends were numerous and sincere; when he died, in 1921, at the age of seventy-two years, he left behind a career both long and useful. William D. White and his wife, Sarah Harper (Jones) White, were the parents of children: 1. Maude I., now deceased; married Dr. Benton Dales, of Akron, Ohio. 2. Edward Russell, of whom below. 3. Dr. W. D. White, Jr., of New York City.

Edward R. White received his academic education in the public schools of his native city, and graduated from high school with the class of 1891, at the age of sixteen years. At once he went to work for his father in the drug store, applied himself industriously and intelligently to pharmacy, and passed the State examinations permitting him to fill prescriptions as registered pharmacist. For a number of years, then, he continued with his father, becoming quite well established in the life of Wilkes-Barre and ever gaining the confidence of doctors of medicine and of customers for the care with which he executed commissions, until 1903, when the call of adventure and of service to his country led him to enlist in the 8th United States Cavalry; and the next three years he served in various parts of this country and in the Philippines. Mr. White returned to Wilkes-Barre in 1906, and resumed association in the drug store, where he has, through the years succeeding, been continuously occupied. Like his father, he is loyal to the principles of the Republican party, and is possessed of a considerable voice in local questions of a political character, which he exerts without fanfare, quietly, to the good of the community at large. In the fraternal orders he is heartily engaged, being a member of Landmark Lodge, No. 442, of the Free and Accepted Masons; Caldwell Consistory of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Masons of the thirty-second degree at Bloomsburg; and





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Irem Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine in Wilkes-Barre; together with Lodge No. 109 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He belongs to the Shrine Country Club, the Kiwanis Club, the Franklin Club, the Wilkes-Barre-Wyoming Valley Chamber of Commerce, and the Wyoming Valley Motor Club. During the World War Mr. White served on many boards and committees prosecuting the conflict from within this country, tirelessly, wherever called, and was instrumental in securing subscriptions to the several Liberty Loan campaigns. In matters of charity he deals with large heart, and is generous in contributions to all worthy appeals, without regard for race or creed or other narrowing consideration. Of him it is said by those who know him well, that he is a patriot loyal to country, State and community, a valuable citizen, and generous in all dealings.

Edward R. White was united in marriage (first), June 10, 1908, with Jessie Muir Nicol, daughter of John and Martha (Muir) Nicol of Kingston. She died in September, 1913, and Mr. White married (second), in June, 1917, Jessie M. Hooper, of Wilkes-Barre, daughter of Thomas A. Hooper, deceased. Mrs. White died June 28, 1929. Mr. White resides at No. 564 Rutter Avenue, Kingston.

**JAMES B. DE MUN**—Holding a high place in the business and fraternal circles of Wilkes-Barre, James B. De Mun is one of the city's most prominent citizens who has risen to his present position as head of the De Mun Sign Company by his continuous determination to succeed and unlimited energy. This organization, of which Mr. De Mun is the proprietor, is located at Nos. 447-449 West Market Street, Kingston, and is one of the largest sign companies in Northeastern Pennsylvania, doing an extensive and active business in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland and the District of Columbia. Mr. De Mun takes a deep interest in all public affairs in this city and is ever an earnest and enthusiastic worker in all projects for community progress.

Mr. De Mun was born in Wilkes-Barre, February 2, 1881, son of William H. De Mun, who died at the age of seventy, and Elizabeth (Bryden) De Mun, who is still living at the age of seventy-six years. William H. De Mun was prominent in mercantile activities in Wilkes-Barre, having been the founder of the New York Tea Company which is now the Beers Grocery, on West Market Street. Mr. and Mrs. De Mun had two sons: Harry, proprietor of the De Mun Printing Company at Wilkes-Barre, and James B., of whom further.

James B. De Mun received his education in the local public schools, and at the age of sixteen years, became a clerk and was thus occupied in various mercantile houses in Wilkes-Barre for five years. At the age of twenty-one, he engaged independently in the sign business in which industry he has ever since continued successfully. Beginning in a modest way, the excellence of his work soon attracted attention, and he soon established a reputation for superior workmanship and highest quality products and the concern grew steadily and prosperously, until today, it is a leading factor of this industry in this section of the State. All types and varieties of signs are manufactured, from the smallest window sign to the most elaborate flashing electric display and from small enameled signs to those which are most artistically illuminated or

painted, and the demand for their work has extended until it now includes all the important commercial States of the East. In politics, Mr. De Mun is a staunch supporter of the Republican party and is actively concerned in all political issues which tend to the advancement of the best interests of the people. In fraternal connections, he is a member of Landmark Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Keystone Consistory of Scranton, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Masons, in which he has attained his thirty-second degree; Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine and a member of the Shrine Country Club. He is also prominently identified with the Wilkes-Barre Rotary Club, and Concordia Singing Society. In his religious affiliations, he is a member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church.

James B. De Mun married in 1907, Louise Jones, of Kingston, daughter of John and Ann (Morgan) Jones.

**HARRY W. RUGGLES**—As a wholesale and retail lumber dealer handling all kinds of building materials, Harry W. Ruggles has built up for himself a definite place in the business structure of Luzerne, where he heads the Ruggles Lumber Company. Mr. Ruggles was born March 14, 1879, in Plymouth, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, son of Frederick and Elizabeth (Brown) Ruggles. The father was one of the children of Josiah Ruggles, who also was a native of Luzerne County, where he was one of the pioneers.

On October 14, 1903, Harry W. Ruggles was married to Emma Gould Rickard, of Plymouth, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Dr. Albert and Albertina (Smith) Rickard, Mrs. Rickard being a daughter of the late John B. Smith, of Forty Fort, Luzerne County, who was at one time a member of the United States Congress from the Luzerne County District. Mr. and Mrs. Ruggles are the parents of five children: 1. Albertina Elizabeth, who died at the age of twelve years. 2. Mary Virginia, graduate student at the Catherine Gibbs School, of Boston, Massachusetts. 3. Harry Wyndham, Jr., a student at Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. 4. John Gould, who is living at home. 5. Esther, who died at the age of three years. Mr. and Mrs. Ruggles reside at No. 76 James Street, Kingston.

**JOSEPH S. COONS**—Senior member of the firm of Joseph S. Coons and Company, founded in 1839 when Wilkes-Barre was only a small village, Joseph S. Coons conducted one of the oldest and most reliable mercantile houses in the Northeastern Pennsylvania. The store was founded by Joseph Coons, father of Joseph S. Coons, who was born in Bavaria. In 1839 when he started in business in Wilkes-Barre there were no railroads, and the only methods of conveyance were over the unpaved roads and on the old canal, at a speed averaging four miles an hour. Joseph Coons conducted the business for fifty-one years, until 1890, when it was taken over by Joseph S. Coons, who continued until his retirement in 1929, after thirty-nine years in active charge. Between the years 1890 and 1926 he had associated with him in its management, the firm of Simon Long Sons. It was on April 1, 1926, that the Long interests were bought back into the family.

Joseph Coons, the father of Joseph S. Coons, had built the first brick store building in the then village on South Main Street, at the address of the Poland Hotel. This was built in 1847. It is still in good condition, one of

the few of the old buildings now standing. Joseph Coons was known as a patriotic citizen, and in 1843 he organized what was called the Wyoming Yeager Company a well drilled military organization, with himself as captain. At the outbreak of the Civil War he took this company to Harrisburg and offered it, with his services, to the United States, his adopted country. But to his bitter disappointment his leadership was impossible because of faulty eyesight; he was rejected and Colonel John Reichard chosen to head the men that he had drilled. He married Hannah Koch of Wilkes-Barre in 1840, she having come from Bavaria in 1836. They were the parents of nine children: Caroline, Pauline, David J., Samuel J., Ida, Emma, and Rose, all deceased; Millard F., of Wilkes-Barre; and Joseph S., of whom further.

Joseph S. Coons was born in Wilkes-Barre, October 21, 1859. He received his education in Philadelphia. In 1877 he became associated with his father in the mercantile business in Wilkes-Barre, and has given his best efforts to the organization thence onward. He has been occupied, but has not neglected the social side of life, and is affiliated with many societies, including membership in Lodge No. 61, of the Free and Accepted Masons, at Wilkes-Barre (of which his father had been made a member in 1845, and was active for over fifty years); the Keystone Consistory, at Scranton, of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Masons of the thirty-second degree; Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Wilkes-Barre. He is a Democrat.

Joseph S. Coons married, June 12, 1886, Hannah Long, daughter of the late Simon Long of Wilkes-Barre, and Yetta (Coons) Long. To this union four children were born, two of whom are deceased; those now (1929) living are: 1. Leon J., who was associated with the firm of Joseph S. Coons and Company until retirement; he married Sophia Meister, of Wilkes-Barre, and they have two children, Joseph, 2d, and Barbara. 2. Carl L., also a member of the firm. He married Dorothy Myers of New York, and they have one daughter, Elinor. Carl L. Coons inherited the patriotic spirit displayed by his grandfather, and on May 22, 1917, volunteered, serving with the Medical Ambulance Corps. He was attached to the 11th Division of La Belle France of Nancy, and did his duty at ninety-seven camps in France and Belgium, from October 29, 1917 until November 11, 1918, the close of the World War. In July, 1918, he was awarded the Divisional Citation Croix de Guerre for bravery on the field of battle. He was discharged from duty April 26, 1919, having served his country continuously for over twenty-three months.

**HARRY ROBERT HIRSHOWITZ**—President of the Hub Clothing Company, Inc., operating retail establishments dealing in men's clothing and furnishings in Wilkes-Barre, Hazleton, Nanticoke and Pittston, Luzerne County, and with this chain of stores totalling annually one of the largest retail clothing businesses in Northeastern Pennsylvania, Harry Robert Hirshowitz is accounted eminent among the progressive citizens of Wilkes-Barre and is well and favorably known in the textile-apparel trades of the Eastern States. Mr. Hirshowitz is a native of Wilkes-Barre, born here on December 21, 1881, a son of Moses and Getta (Swick) Hirshowitz, both deceased.

Moses Hirshowitz and his wife Getta were

the parents of nine children: 1. Anna, wife of Harry Finkelstein, of Wilkes-Barre. 2. Harry Robert, of whom follows. 3. Joseph Louis, vice-president of the Hub Clothing Company. 4. Minnie, wife of Wolfe Harris, of Wilkes-Barre. 5. Ida, wife of Isaac Frank, of Wilkes-Barre. 6. Samuel B., treasurer of the Hub Clothing Company. 7. William, secretary of the Hub company. 8. Frank, junior member of the Hub company. 9. Hilda, wife of Isadore Rifkin, general manager of the Hub company branch at Hazleton.

Harry Robert Hirshowitz received his education in the public schools of his native city, and, while Moses and Getta Hirshowitz provided for him and his brothers and sisters a comfortable and pleasant home, there was a lack of funds for small pleasures, and, indeed, quite often for clothing. Hence, Harry was forced to contrive partially for himself while very young in years, and his first commercial enterprise was the vending of newspapers on the streets of Wilkes-Barre. This experience, hard as it was, trying and illy paid, gave to him a sound fundamental comprehension of the theories and practices of trade at first hand, and was without a doubt greatly useful to him in later years when he faced larger problems in one of our country's principal industries. It is interesting to note, incidentally, how many prosperous and influential men in trade and professional life began their careers as "newsies." And such an one is Mr. Hirshowitz. After a few years with the newspapers and while still a lad, he bethought himself of ways in which to engage in more extensive business. First he considered the establishment of a boot black stand (for he had had experience in shoe shining also, on the streets of his native city) and of a newspaper booth; but, regrettably, these projects would require a certain outlay of capital which he did not possess. He was resolved in one thing, moreover, and that was, that he would give his career to trade. Accordingly when he was offered a place as errand boy in the firm of Simon Long's Sons, he accepted it eagerly, and applied himself industriously to this humblest of mercantile connections. He realized at this time that if he were to progress far in business he must enlarge upon his academic education, which, because of his youthful embarkation into trade, had been somewhat curtailed; so he enrolled in suitable courses in a night school, and there undertook to learn bookkeeping. It followed then, with his industry, intelligence and training, that he became bookkeeper for Simon Long's Sons retail house, and as such continued until he reached the age of twenty-six years. In 1909 he had completed plans for organization of his first clothing store, and put them into operation, incorporating under the laws of the State the Hub Clothing Company. The rest of the story is fully told with indication of the four links in the chain that he now controls; there were crises to be met, and Mr. Hirshowitz met them successfully; there were periods of commercial depression, and Mr. Hirshowitz survived them; and of recent years there has been the great reduction in prices of clothing at retail, with the burden mainly on the retailers and not on the mills and manufacturers, until the retailing of apparel has become more competitive than since early post-war time, bringing about increased bankruptcies; and Mr. Hirshowitz has triumphed over all. The Hub Clothing Company has always enjoyed the best of credit ratings. Mr. Hirshowitz is a director





*F. M. Shelman*



of the Wilkes-Barre Deposit and Savings Bank; director and secretary of the Wyoming Valley Airport, and financially interested in several other corporations.

Not only in commercial circles of the northeastern part of the State is Mr. Hirshowitz prominent, but also, and more particularly in Wilkes-Barre, in fraternal and political circles does he take an active part. A Republican, he is devoted to the principles of government for which the party stands, and exercises quietly a considerable influence in matters politic. He is a member of Lodge No. 61, of the Free and Accepted Masons; Shekinah Chapter, No. 182, of the Royal Arch Masons; Keystone Consistory at Scranton, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Masons of the thirty-second degree; Irem Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; the Shrine Country Club, Craftsmen's Club, Wilkes-Barre Rotary Club, Fox Hill Country Club; Wyoming Lodge, No. 927, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Loyal Order of Moose, B'nai B'rith of America, the Wyoming Valley Motor Club, Merchants' Club, Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce, and the Concordia Musical Society. He is president of the Young Men's Hebrew Association and chairman of the association's finance committee; member of the housing corporation that was organized during the World War; third vice-president of the Community Welfare Federation of Wilkes-Barre and member of the Federation's budget committee; trustee of Eric Orphanage for Children, Erie, Pennsylvania, and of the Denver National Hospital, Denver, Colorado. Upon several occasions he has served as chairman of State and National Jewish welfare campaigns, and for a number of years has been a participant largely in community enterprises for civic development.

Harry Robert Hirshowitz married, on July 6, 1919, Florence Meyers, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Hirshowitz is a daughter of the late Daniel Meyers, Jr., and Hannah (Goodman) Meyers, of Philadelphia.

**FREDERICK MASON ESHELMAN**—Thrown upon his own resources before he entered high school, Frederick M. Eshelman took his future into his own hands and forged ahead in the business life of Pennsylvania until now (1929) he occupies the office of auditor of operations for the Lehigh Valley Coal Company of Wilkes-Barre, Luzerne County, of which county he is a native.

Frederick M. Eshelman was born at West Pittston in April, 1876, son of John and Almira (Spear) Eshelman, deceased. John Eshelman was born in Pennsylvania and spent his life in that State, and during the Civil War was quartermaster sergeant in Schooley's Battery of Heavy Artillery in the 2d Pennsylvania Regiment. He took part in the Battle of Cold Harbor, the Wilderness Campaign, and the siege of Petersburg, Virginia. He was a Republican and a member of the Baptist Church, and at his death, August 12, 1885, left a large family of young children. Almira Spear, his mother, was a daughter, of Frederick and Anna (Butler) Spear. She was a life long member of the Episcopal Church, and died June 24, 1899. John and Almira Eshelman were the parents of six: William H., of West Pittston; Louis F., of West Pittston; Archibald D., of Dunmore, Pennsylvania; Frederick Mason, of whom further; John L., of Tacoma, Washington; and Margaret L., wife of Oscar C. Armstrong, of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Frederick Mason Eshelman was educated in the public schools, and at the age of six-

teen became an office boy in the employ of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company, at their Exeter Colliery, and was later transferred to the Wilkes-Barre office as a clerk. Achieving proficiency in this he was promoted to chief clerk in the department of accounting, and in 1914 became auditor, which position he has held since then. In political affiliation a Republican, Mr. Eshelman is a member of the West Pittston Trinity Episcopal Church and has served as vestrman since 1912. He is a member of Valley Lodge, No. 499, of the Free and Accepted Masons, of Pittston; a member of Chapter No. 242, Royal Arch Masons; Wyoming Valley Commandery, No. 57, Knights Templar; the St. Stephen's Club of Wilkes-Barre, a member and one of the board of directors of the Pittston Young Men's Christian Association, and of the Pittston Library Association.

Frederick M. Eshelman married, on September 21, 1910, Edith Elsie Edwards, of West Pittston, daughter of Thomas H. and Augusta (Dohrmann) Edwards, of West Pittston. Mrs. Eshelman comes of an old and prominent Pennsylvania family, and is a graduate of the West Pittston High School and of Wilson College at Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, in the class of 1905. For five years she was a teacher, a member of the faculty of the West Pittston High School. She is a member of Trinity Episcopal Church, West Pittston, the Woman's Club, of West Pittston, Wilson College Club, of Northeastern Pennsylvania, and the College Women's Club of Wilkes-Barre.

**GLENMORE NORMAN SNYDER**—From teaching in the schools of Northeastern Pennsylvania Glenmore Norman Snyder, after a time, confined his pedagogic work to music, an easy stage into the establishment of a music business, which he now conducts with great success in Wilkes-Barre. He is representative of one of the oldest families of this section of the State, as well as a public-spirited citizen and a merchant of probity and conspicuous devotion to the best principles of trade.

He was born in St. John's, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, December 28, 1877, a son of Frank and Sarah Amanda (Miltenberger) Snyder. Frank Snyder was a native of Northampton County and a member of one of the pioneer families there. He and his wife were the parents of six children: 1. Howard, now a justice of the peace at Mountain top, Luzerne County. 2. Clifford, a salesman, of Hazleton, Pennsylvania. 3. Ida, wife of Peter Wagner, of Philadelphia. 4. Preston, a mine foreman at Nanticoke. 5. Glenmore Norman, of whom further. 6. Irvin C., a certified public accountant, living in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Frank Snyder was organist for fifty years at the Union Church, at St. John's, Luzerne County. He held several public offices and was a highly respected citizen. He died at the age of eighty-four years.

Glenmore Norman Snyder was educated in the public schools of Butler Township, Luzerne County, and at the State Normal School at Bloomsburg. He then took up teaching and followed it for five years in Butler Township, when he took up music specifically and taught it for three years. He then became manager for the Ludwig Piano Company of Wilkes-Barre, a post which he administered with success for fourteen years, when he was urged to go to Hagerstown, Maryland, to accept the position of retail manager for the M. P. Moller Organ Company there. He retained this position for four years, when

he returned to Wilkes-Barre and established the Snyder Music Company, with headquarters at No. 18 East Market Street. He still conducts this business, founded nine years ago. He is a Republican in politics and a member of the Dutch Reformed Church in religion. He is a member of Kingston Lodge, No. 395, Order of Free and Accepted Masons; of Keystone Consistory, of Scranton, Scottish Rite Masons; member of Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Wilkes-Barre, and belongs to the Irem Temple Shrine Club, the Concordia Club, and to the Craftsmen's Club of Wilkes-Barre. He is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and with the Young Men's Christian Association of Wilkes-Barre, and is president of the Hoyt School Parent-Teachers' Association, and belongs to the Rotary Club.

Mr. Snyder married, in June, 1904, Dena E. Myers, of St. John's, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, daughter of Louis and Margaret (Grosch) Myers, of Butler Township. There are three children: Anona D., a teacher in the Wilkes-Barre public schools; Norman Carl, student at Lafayette College; Mildred, attending Coughlin High School.

**WILLIAM JOHN PAULING**—For a quarter of a century William J. Pauling has been the owner and manager of a successful retail drug business in Wilkes-Barre. He is a graduate of the Buffalo College of Pharmacy, and is located at No. 74 Public Square, where he operates under the name of William J. Pauling and Company. His is one of the oldest pharmaceutical establishments in the city, and he is well known as an able and reliable business man. He is one of the many successful business men of this country, who have come to the United States without money or friends, and by their own ability and energy have achieved success.

William and Mary Ann (Mugford) Pauling, parents of Mr. Pauling, natives of Cornwall, England, never came to this country, but remained in the land of their birth, where the first-named died in 1906, at the age of sixty-two years, survived by his wife, who is still (1929) living in Cornwall, England, aged eighty-six years. They were the parents of six children: Laura, who died in London in 1893; William John, of further mention; Pollie, of Cornwall, England; Thomas, of Parsons, Luzerne County; Frederick, of England; and Sydney, also a resident of England.

William J. Pauling was born in Cornwall, England, May 12, 1870, and received his education in the schools of his native land. In 1889, at the age of nineteen years, he came to this country and located in Wilkes-Barre, where he worked at whatever remunerative employment he could find. Though he began his career in a strange land without money and without special preparation for any one special calling, he had no intention of remaining in the class of the employee. Accordingly, when he had decided upon the field of activity in which he desired to permanently engage, he became a student in the Buffalo College of Pharmacy, from which he was graduated in 1896 with the degree of Graduate Pharmacist. After graduating from the University of Buffalo, he went to England for about six months. Returning, he later engaged in the drug business in partnership with Henry W. Merritt, at Plains, Pennsylvania. Two years later he sold out his interest to Mr. Merritt, and came to Wilkes-Barre as manager of the drug store

owned by Dr. C. W. Spayd. In 1902 he opened his own retail pharmacy at No. 72 Public Square, where he continued successfully until 1922, when he removed to his present location, No. 74 Public Square. Twenty-five years of continuous service in this city, as pharmaceutical chemist and manufacturing druggist, as well as retailer, have placed Mr. Pauling among the well-known and substantial business men of Wilkes-Barre, and have also made him well known to the trade. He is a member of the Pennsylvania Retail Druggists Association, the National Association of Druggists, also of the Luzerne County Association, and has a host of friends among those of his own calling, as well as in other circles. He is a Republican in his political affiliations, and fraternally, is identified with Lodge No. 109, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and with Lodge No. 61, Free and Accepted Masons, and is a member of the Wilkes-Barre-Wyoming Chamber of Commerce. His religious affiliation is with the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Wilkes-Barre.

William J. Pauling married (first) Lulu May Eysinger, of Warren, Pennsylvania. She died in 1909, leaving one daughter, Dorothy May, who is the wife of Knute Johnson, of Dakota. Mr. Pauling married (second) Fannie Heiligman, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, daughter of Henry and Fannie (Freefield) Heiligman, her mother still living. Mr. and Mrs. Pauling are the parents of two children: Josephine and Betty. Mr. Pauling is noted for his famous Root Beer and his special headache powders, which have gained a national reputation. The family home is at No. 192 James Street, in Kingston.

**JOHN F. MAYOCK, D. D. S.**—A dentist well known and of high reputation in Wilkes-Barre is John F. Mayock, who took the degree of Doctor of Dental Science from the University of Maryland in 1899 and who, during the three years prior to matriculation in the university, also attended Holy Cross College at Worcester, Massachusetts. He began the practice of dentistry in Wilkes-Barre in 1899, and in point of continuous practice is one of the oldest dentists in the city. He maintains both office and residence at the same address, No. 47 South Washington Street.

John F. Mayock was born at Miners Mills, now a part of the city of Wilkes-Barre, June 11, 1876, a son of Michael and Bridget (Ruddy) Mayock, deceased. The old store at Miners Mills in which Michael Mayock conducted a general merchandising business for fifty years is now (1929) managed by his son Michael. Michael and Bridget Mayock were the parents of nine children: 1. Mary E., married, of Miners Mills. 2. Dr. John F., of whom further. 3. Patrick, who died in childhood. 4. James C., retired, of Miners Mills. 5. Michael, who conducts the store at Miners Mills. 6. Dr. Peter P., see following biography. 7. Dr. Thomas J., dentist, also engaged in the real estate business. 8. Anna, member of the Sister of Mercy, known as Sister Charles, instructor in music at St. Mary's Convent, Wilkes-Barre. 9. Frank D., Miners Mills, associated with Michael in the store.

John F. Mayock grew to manhood at Miners Mills, and there attended the public schools. After attending Holy Cross College and graduating as a dentist from the University of Maryland he took up the practice of his profession in Wilkes-Barre, where he has earned a worthy niche in the professional

circle, notably among confreres in dentistry. While his interests are closely attached to the welfare of Wilkes-Barre and he is associated with all major movements for civic progress, his particular hobby is in stock farming. He is a member of the Pennsylvania State Grange, and owns a fine stock farm known as the Pocono Farm in Bear Creek Township, Luzerne County. On this farm he keeps an excellent herd of Holstein cattle, many of which have taken prizes at stock shows and exhibitions. Dr. Mayock also has on the farm a large flock of chickens of most select breeding. It is not at all unusual for him to spend week-ends at the farm, often in overalls, tending his stock and taking delight in close association with the soil. Dr. Mayock is a Democrat, a member of St. Nicholas Catholic Church at Wilkes-Barre, Psi Omega, dental society, the Luzerne County Medical Society, and the National Dental Society. He is president of the Wyoming Valley Field Trial Association.

John F. Mayock married, November 19, 1908, Matilda Maier, daughter of Nicholas V. and Theresa (Horenberg) Maier, of Wilkes-Barre, both deceased. Dr. Mayock and his wife are the parents of four children: John Francis, Constance M., Ruth M., and Robert E. Lee Mayock.

**PETER PAUL MAYOCK, M. D.**—One of the preëminent urologists in Luzerne County is Peter P. Mayock, M. D., with offices at No. 43 South Washington Street, Wilkes-Barre. Dr. Mayock was born at Miners Mills, Luzerne County (then a post-borough of some 2,000 inhabitants and now incorporated into Wilkes-Barre) on August 27, 1853, a son of Michael and Bridget (Ruddy) Mayock, deceased. A further review of Michael Mayock, is contained in preceding sketch of Dr. John F. Mayock.

Dr. Peter P. Mayock, son of Michael and Bridget (Ruddy) Mayock, attended the public schools of Miners Mills and the Holy Cross College, where he graduated in the class of 1904 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, soon thereafter enrolling in the medical department of the University of Georgetown at Washington, District of Columbia, where he graduated in 1908 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. Then for a year he was interne at the Emergency Hospital at Buffalo, New York, in the fall of 1909 locating at Kingston, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, where he carried on a general practice for the next two years, and in 1911 came to Wilkes-Barre, where he became associated with the late Dr. B. J. Witherby, and took up urology as a specialty. The association between Drs. Witherby and Mayock continued until the death of Dr. Witherby May 29, 1915, after which the practice was carried on by Dr. Mayock alone. Highly regarded in his profession, Dr. Mayock is a member of the Luzerne County Medical Society, the Lehigh Valley Medical Society, and the American Medical Association; is past president of the County Medical Society, is the urologist in attendance at Mercy Hospital, at Wilkes-Barre, consulting urologist at the Nanticoke State Hospital and the State Hospital at Pittston, Luzerne County, and chief of the genito-urinary division, Clinic No. 1, of the State Department of Health, at Wilkes-Barre. Dr. Mayock is a member of the Fox Hill Country Club, is independent in politics, and with his family is of the Catholic faith, a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, at Wilkes-Barre.

Dr. Peter P. Mayock married, October 15,

1914, Elizabeth Smoulter, of Nanticoke, Pennsylvania, daughter of William and Ellen (Shea) Smoulter. To this union have been born four children: John Smoulter, Peter P., Jr., Mary Elizabeth, and Ellen Jane.

**JAMES A. BOYLE**—A native and life-long resident of Luzerne County, Mr. Boyle, after a careful educational preparation, established himself some twenty years ago as an architect in Wilkes-Barre, where he has continued in the practice of his profession with much success since then. He has handled many large contracts for public buildings and is especially well known as the designer of sewer systems and of public school buildings. In his professional work he has acquired a very high reputation for originality and for integrity, and the many commissions which have been entrusted to his care have invariably been carried out to the entire satisfaction of his clients.

James A. Boyle was born at Drifton, Luzerne County, February 26, 1875, a son of the late Patrick M. and Bridget (Moore) Boyle. His father, who was born in Ireland, February 18, 1848, and who died in Kingston, Pennsylvania, June 14, 1911, came to this country early in his life and was for many years active in the coal mining industry as a mine superintendent and as State Inspector of Mines for twelve years before his death. His mother was born at Tamaqua, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, in June, 1855, and died in Kingston, Pennsylvania, in June, 1918.

James A. Boyle was educated in the public schools of Drifton, at a private preparatory school, the Wyoming Seminary one and half years, and at the Mining and Mechanical Institute in Freeland, Luzerne County, from which he graduated in 1905. In 1890 he served an apprenticeship as pattern maker in the Drifton (Pennsylvania) shops then continuing his studies. After his graduation in 1905 he went to Philadelphia and took special courses in Engineering and Architecture at Drexel Institute, graduating there in 1908. Soon afterwards he established himself in Wilkes-Barre as an architect, in which profession he has continued to be active since then, with offices in recent years in the Bennett Building. Amongst the many large commissions, which he has successfully carried out during his career, should be mentioned especially the designing of the sewer systems for Wilkes-Barre and Hanover townships and for Ashley and Nanticoke boroughs, as well as of high school buildings at Larksville, Edwardsville, Sugar Notch and Warrior Run, Pennsylvania, and many others. He is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and a life member of the Knights of Columbus, and a registered architect and engineer. In politics he is a supporter of the Democratic party, while his religious affiliations are with the Roman Catholic Church and more particularly with St. Ignatius Roman Catholic Church of Kingston. Mr. Boyle is a member of the Fox Hill Country Club, and finds much enjoyment in a game of golf.

Mr. Boyle married, in October, 1911, Catherine Lannon of Hazleton, Luzerne County, a daughter of Patrick J. and Ellen (Fallon) Lannon. Mr. and Mrs. Boyle have no children and make their home at No. 71 Second Avenue, Kingston.

**THOMAS F. HEFFERNAN**—With the advent of Thomas F. Heffernan into the field of journalism, the Fourth Estate in Wilkes-Barre was given a fresh impulse, which told out in new blood and life when he took over

the Wilkes-Barre "Sunday Independent," and with the assistance of his staff, which includes his brothers and a son, he pushed its circulation in 1929 to the twenty-two thousand figure. The Heffernans cut a wide swath in the newspaper field in the Wyoming Valley, where theirs is the only Sunday journal to be published.

Born in Plymouth, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, March 10, 1871, Thomas F. Heffernan is a son of Andrew and Mary (Cannole) Heffernan. His father, a native of Ireland, came to America about 1861, and married at Plymouth, in 1868, his wife being a native of Elmira, New York. Of this union there are ten children, all living. Catherine, married A. F. Pringle; Thomas F., of this review; Nora, Anna, married F. J. Murphy; Mary, Dr. Andrew J., of Wilkes-Barre; Josephine, married G. J. Wagner, of California; John V., a member of the editorial staff of the "Sunday Independent"; Leo G., a major in the Aviation Department, United States Army, stationed at Rantoul, Illinois; and George P., advertising manager of the "Sunday Independent." The father of this family died in 1919 at the age of seventy-six years. The mother died in 1928 at the age of seventy-seven.

Reared in Luzerne County, Thomas F. Heffernan received his education in the local public schools and at Wyoming Seminary, Kingston, Pennsylvania. He taught for three years in the public schools of Plymouth, Luzerne County, and from pedagogy graduated into journalism, joining the staff of the "Wilkes-Barre Record" holding an editorial position on this newspaper for thirteen years.

A considerable period of public service through political appointments next intervened. He was made assistant county treasurer of Luzerne County in 1901 under the then treasurer Dr. Lewis Edwards, and served in that capacity for one year. In 1907 he was appointed postmaster of Wilkes-Barre by President Roosevelt, and was reappointed by President Taft in 1911, serving in that office eight years and eleven months.

The lure of the printer's ink and newspaper work again drew Mr. Heffernan into the "game" and in 1909 he and John A. Hourigan took over the old Wilkes-Barre "Morning News" and changed it into an evening edition under the title of the "Evening News." In 1911, Mr. Heffernan disposed of his interest to his partner, Mr. Hourigan, and then bought the "Sunday Independent," of John J. Maloney, the transfer taking place in 1913.

In 1915 Mr. Heffernan organized the Sunday Independent Corporation, into which were received as members, besides himself, John V., who became an associate editor with his brother, Thomas F., and George P. Heffernan, who cooperated with his brothers as head of the advertising department. Subsequently Mr. Heffernan's son, Thomas E., was made a member of the company, which for some years has been known as the Wilkes-Barre Independent Company. The Heffernans took up the management of their property with intelligence and enthusiasm, seeking faithfully to fill a demand throughout the Wyoming Valley for a strictly Sunday newspaper. How well they have succeeded a steadily mounting circulation list bears testimony.

As must have been implied from the nature of his political appointments, Mr. Heffernan is allied with the Republican party. He is a member of the Wilkes-Barre Wyoming Valley Chamber of Commerce, the Pennsyl-

vania Editorial Association, the National Editorial Association, the Pennsylvania Sportsman's Club, the Wilkes-Barre Neighborhood Club, and the Wyoming Valley Country Club, Fox Hill Country Club, Franklin and Kiwanis clubs. He is also a member of the board of trustees of Mercy Hospital, a director of Wilkes-Barre Deposit and Savings Bank, and a communicant of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church.

Mr. Heffernan married at Plymouth, Luzerne County, June 20, 1909, Louise Easen, a daughter of Thomas and Mary (Barnes) Easen, natives of England. Mr. and Mrs. Heffernan are the parents of a son, Thomas E., born August 24, 1902, educated in the public schools of the county and a graduate of Wyoming Seminary of Kingston. He is associated with his father in the publishing of the "Sunday Independent."

**EDWARD C. DREHER, M. D.**—Following the splendid example of his illustrious father, Dr. Charles B. Dreher of Tamaqua, Pennsylvania, Dr. Edward C. Dreher, of Wilkes-Barre, has made for himself a place of esteem among the physicians of his native State. Dr. Charles B. Dreher has for sixty-two years been practicing medicine, and at the age of eighty-three years continues his activity and is one of the oldest practicing physicians in the State of Pennsylvania. He and his wife, Sarah (Brode) Dreher, make their home at Tamaqua. They have five children: 1. Augusta, the wife of Judge Shay of Pottsville, Pennsylvania. 2. Edward C., of whom further. 3. Herbert C., who is a contractor at Flint, Michigan. 4. Guy L., real estate manager for the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company at Lansford, Pennsylvania. 5. Anabel Virginia, the wife of Dr. E. E. Shefferstine, who is the surgeon for the State Hospital at Coaldale, Pennsylvania.

Edward C. Dreher was born at Tamaqua, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, November 21, 1871. He grew up in Tamaqua where he attended public school and later went to Millersville to the State Normal School. He then attended the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, Michigan. After finishing his work at the University of Michigan, he entered the Hahnemann Medical College at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he was graduated in 1893 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. Soon after he located in Wilkes-Barre where he has practiced medicine for the past thirty-four years. He is a member of the Homeopathic Medical Society of Luzerne and is also a member of the State and National Homeopathic Medical societies. He is a member of the staff of the Wyoming Valley Homeopathic Hospital of Wilkes-Barre and is chief surgeon for this hospital. In politics, Dr. Dreher is a Republican and in religion he is a Protestant.

On June 8, 1891, Dr. Edward C. Dreher married Blanche Overton, daughter of Andrew and Catherine (Boston) Overton, of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Overton's ancestors came from the State of Connecticut in the early days of the Indians and settled in Wyoming Valley, Pennsylvania. Dr. and Mrs. Edward C. Dreher have one child: Catherine Overton Dreher.

**DANIEL A. FELL, JR.**—The Fells, ably represented in the present generation by Daniel A. Fell, Jr., prominent member of the Luzerne County Bar with offices in the Coal Exchange Building at Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, are thought to have descended of Furness Fells, the commonly-accepted term for High Fur-



*Daniel A. Fell*



ness, England. Among these members we find the Fells of Long Lands, the Fells of Swarthmoor Hall and the Fells of Dalton Gate, each branch having a separate coat-of-arms. More remotely there were the Fells of Hawkeswell, and the Fells of Redman Hall; but Joseph Fell, son of John Fell and Margaret Fell of Long Lands Parish of Uldale, County of Cumberland, England, was the son of John Fell of Dane Ghyll Flam Hall near Furness Abbey and probably the same family is the elder Fells of Swarthmoor Hall, and is not to be understood as having been the progenitor of them all. The descent to the sixth generation of which Daniel A. Fell, Jr., is a representative is through the following:

Joseph Fell, the original paternal ancestor, was born in England, October 19, 1668, and was a yeoman. He received his education in the common schools and became a carpenter and joiner; emigrating to America, he settled in 1705 at Buckingham, Bucks County, Pennsylvania. He was married twice, his first wife, Eridget Wilson, his second wife, Elizabeth Doyle of Irish descent, and whose entire family and herself were Quakers, who came from Bucks County, but whose mother hailed from Doylestown, Pennsylvania, town named in honor of her father.

Thomas Fell, born June 9, 1725, from whom all the Fells in Northeastern Pennsylvania are descended, for three of his sons, Jesse, Samuel and Amos, settled in that portion of the State, was a Quaker, and married Jane Kirk, daughter of Geoffrey Kirk. His son, Jesse Fell, became prominent in Wilkes-Barre as a military leader, an associate judge of Luzerne County shortly before 1800. He made a successful experiment of burning anthracite coal in a grate of his own invention in the old Fell house on the northeast corner of Northampton and Washington streets, February 11, 1808.

Amos Fell, youngest son of Thomas and Jane (Kirk) Fell, born in Buckingham, November 1, 1762, died at Pittston, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, in September, 1825. He located on a tract of land back of Pittston in the autumn of 1785, became a surveyor and school teacher and joined the Quaker faith. He burned coal for domestic purposes and this was taken from the outcrop on the Brown farm. He married November 10, 1784, Elizabeth Jackson, daughter of William Jackson, of Shrewsbury, New Jersey.

Jacob Fell, son of the above, was born March 15, 1791, and died September 1, 1831. He married (first), October 8, 1814, Mary Ackley, daughter of Daniel and Sarah Ackley of West Findley, Washington County, Pennsylvania, and their children were: Elizabeth, who married Stewart Rainow; Daniel Ackley, of whom further; Sarah, Mercy and Mary Fell. Mercy Fell married John Behee of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. Jacob Fell married (second), May 2, 1826, Elizabeth Johnson, and they had: Mary A., wife of Henry Wilbur of Wilkes-Barre; William and Jacob Fell.

Daniel Ackley Fell, second child and eldest son of Jacob and Mary (Ackley) Fell, was born May 29, 1817 at Pittston, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, became a leading building contractor and erected the old court house on the public square and bought the old court house bell at Troy, New York, on his wedding trip. He also built the old Wyoming Valley Hotel and many of the important structures of his day and section. He was master builder of the Lehigh & Susquehanna and Central Railroad of New

Jersey and continued this line of work until his seventy-eighth year. He was a fine business man of remarkable energy, greatly interested in local development projects. He died in the fall of 1897, beloved and respected by all who knew him. He married January 16, 1855, Elizabeth Gray, born at Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, January 4, 1836, and died October 8, 1887; she was a daughter of Alexander and Jane (Russell) Gray of Huntley, Aberdeenshire, Scotland. The old Baltimore opening near the East End was operated and opened by Mr. Gray, manager of the old Baltimore Coal Company. He later engaged in mining operations. He moved to Aqueduct Mills near Princeton, New Jersey, in 1866, where he died in 1873, his widow surviving him by a decade. Daniel Ackley Fell and his wife, Elizabeth Gray had the following children: 1. Mary, born April 30, 1856, died October 26, 1885. 2. Daniel Ackley Fell, Jr., of whom further. 3. Dr. Alexander Gray Fell, now deceased, prominent Wilkes-Barre physician, born April 20, 1861, at Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, graduated from Princeton University in 1884 and the Medical School of the University of Pennsylvania in 1887 and became a member of the staff of the Wilkes-Barre City Hospital; married November 14, 1901, Rena Maude Howe, daughter of Thomas E. and Maria (Copeland) Howe, of Scranton, Pennsylvania, and they had one daughter, Elizabeth Copeland Fell. Dr. Fell died loved and respected by all who knew him.

Daniel Ackley Fell, Jr., born November 23, 1858, attended the public schools of Wilkes-Barre, Wyoming Seminary, Harry Hillman Academy and Lawrenceville, New Jersey, preparing for Princeton University at Princeton, New Jersey. He graduated from Princeton with a degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1883, returned to Wilkes-Barre, and took up the study of law in the office of Hon. E. G. Butler and was admitted to the Luzerne County Bar July 17, 1885. He served as a member of the Wilkes-Barre City Council and was appointed Deputy Revenue Collector for the Wilkes-Barre District, and elected District Attorney of Luzerne County for three years, and in this position acquitted himself with distinction. He was acting postmaster to Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. He was appointed by Governor John K. Tenor additional law judge of Luzerne County and was one of the members of the Coal Commission for Luzerne County during the great war. In religious affairs he is a Protestant, member of the First Presbyterian Church, the Luzerne County Bar Association, the Westmoreland Club and the Franklin Club of Wilkes-Barre. Judge Fell married Frances Lawrence Bertles, October 10, 1888, a daughter of Arnold and Adelia (Stevens) Bertles, of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, and their union has been blessed with four children: Harold Bertles Fell, born at Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, August 18, 1889; Alexander Gray Fell, born May 6, 1891, died August 29, 1891; Daniel Ackley Fell, III; born March 27, 1898; Alexander Gray Fell, II, born January 18, 1909; and John Gillingham Fell, born December 14, 1902, died January 16, 1906.

(1) Harold B. Fell attended the Harry Hillman Academy, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, Mercersburg Academy, Mercersburg, Pennsylvania, and graduated from Princeton University with a Civil Engineer's degree in 1912. His first employment was with the Lehigh Valley Coal Company from 1912 to 1917 in which organization he was associated with the mechanical, mining and efficiency

departments and later as superintendent and engineer in charge of the Wyoming Valley Water Company, subsidiary of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company. In 1917 he joined the army and at the time of his discharge held the rank of major in the Field Artillery. He was in the service for a period of eighteen months during the years 1918 and 1921. He was general manager of the Peerless Steel Company at Ardmore, Oklahoma, and entered the oil business in 1921. He is now president of the Simpson-Fell Oil Company and Lacardo Oil Company at Ardmore, Oklahoma. He married Georgie Simpson of Ardmore, Oklahoma, January 8, 1919. They have two daughters, Frances-Alice and Elizabeth Simpson Fell. He is now lieutenant-colonel of the Federal Army Reserves, commanding the 359th Field Artillery.

(2) Daniel A. Fell, III, now of Winfield, Kansas, attended Harry Hillman Academy of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, Mercersburg Academy, Mercersburg, Pennsylvania, Lafayette College and Princeton University. While at Lafayette he was corporal of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps, during the war. He is an engineer and chemist by profession, now in the employment of William S. Barnickel & Company of St. Louis, Missouri, and is at present engaged in the oil field, treating oil for said firm. He married Ruth Dillworth of Ardmore, Oklahoma.

(3) Alexander Gray Fell, II, attended public school and Harry Hillman Academy of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. He enlisted in the United States Navy, June 22, 1918 and was stationed at Bremerton Navy Yard, Puget Sound, Washington. He is now engaged in the general insurance business at Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

**ALEXANDER P. O'MALLEY, M. D.**—More than forty years of successful medical practice in Wilkes-Barre brought to Dr. Alexander P. O'Malley the profound respect of the entire community, the high regard of his fellow physicians, and the sincere friendship of the many people to whom he was able to bring, in hours of trouble and distress, the relief that only a kindly and sympathetic, as well as intelligent, doctor can bring. Dr. O'Malley belonged to the old school of medicine who believed that their prescriptions were more efficacious if made with an understanding of the patient's personal idiosyncracies as well as his actual physical ailments.

Alexander P. O'Malley was born in Ireland in 1852, the son of James and Louise (Sproule) O'Malley, natives of Westport, County Mayo, who came to America while their son was still a child. Dr. O'Malley entered the academic course at Yale University. Upon deciding to become a physician, he commenced the study of medicine in the medical department of New York University. Here he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1876 and shortly thereafter opened an office for practice at Plains, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania. It was not long, however, before he located in Wilkes-Barre, beginning his two-score years of faithful service to the community.

While Dr. O'Malley was more interested in his profession and in his home life than in the club life of the community, he always gave generously to all movements for the social and civic betterment of the city. In religion Dr. O'Malley was a Roman Catholic, a member of St. Mary's Church.

Dr. O'Malley married (first) Kate Frances Walsh, of Brooklyn, New York, to which union were born two children: 1. Andrew W. O'Malley, M. D., of whom a biography

follows. 2. Henrietta Frances, who became the wife of James C. Cornell, of Detroit, Michigan. Mrs. O'Malley died November 15, 1885, and Dr. O'Malley married (second) Amelia Regina McKay, daughter of Hugh Williamson and Cecelia (McDermott) McKay of Jersey City. By this second marriage there were two children: 3. Regina Cecelia. 4. Marguerite Elizabeth, who is the wife of John T. Mackenrow. They are the parents of Jane Amelia and Margaret Elizabeth Mackenrow.

The death of Alexander P. O'Malley occurred December 12, 1914, bringing deep sorrow to a wide circle of friends, in addition to the members of his devoted family. Ties that have been forty years in the making cannot be quickly broken, particularly if they be the deep attachments that the sterling worth of a man such as Dr. O'Malley was would inspire. He was an influence for good in the social group of which he was a part and he can never be forgotten by those who were privileged to know and love him.

**ANDREW W. O'MALLEY, M. D.**—A native son of whom Wilkes-Barre is justly proud is Dr. Andrew W. O'Malley, noted medical specialist and son of Dr. Alexander P. O'Malley who, for forty years prior to his death in 1914, practiced medicine in the city. Dr. O'Malley is a recognized leader in his field and enjoys the highest regard of his fellow-professionals among whom he is active in organization work. He plays his part ably in the civic life of Wilkes-Barre and has extensive fraternal and social affiliations through which he has built up a wide circle of friends, in addition to those people who have come to know and respect him through professional contacts.

Dr. O'Malley was born in Wilkes-Barre, November 5, 1883. His father, as stated above, was Dr. Alexander P. O'Malley, a biography of whom precedes this; and his mother, before her marriage, had been Kate Frances Walsh, of Brooklyn, New York. Her death occurred November 15, 1885. The son spent his boyhood days in Wilkes-Barre where he attended the parochial schools, and Harry Hillman Academy; then completed his preparatory work in the lower form classes at Notre Dame University in Indiana. For his college work he matriculated at Fordham University, New York City, graduating in 1903 with the degree Bachelor of Arts. After that came the Medical School of the Illinois Medical College of Chicago from which he received his Doctor of Medicine degree in 1907. During the two succeeding years he served as resident-physician in Bellevue and Allied Hospitals, New York City, then associated himself with the renowned Mayo brothers of Rochester, Minnesota, with whom he worked and studied until January, 1910, when he came to Wilkes-Barre and opened an office. He engaged in general practice, though specializing in gynecology and proctology, fields in which he had done particular research.

Though Dr. O'Malley had carried his studies much further than do the majority of medical men he still was not satisfied and, in 1911, he went to Vienna, Berlin, and Dublin where he attended clinics and observed the work of some of the most renowned men in the profession on the continent. Since his return to Wilkes-Barre he has been kept constantly occupied with his rapidly growing and lucrative practice. Dr. O'Malley is identified with the various medical association units. He is politically Democratic and fraternally affiliated with Wilkes-Barre Lodge, No. 109, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a member of the Wyo-





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ming Valley Country Club and the Valley Country Club at Hazleton, and its past president of Wilkes-Barre Exchange Club. Dr. O'Malley is one of the original sponsors of the Wyoming Valley Air Port. His religious affiliations are with St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church.

On August 30, 1911, Dr. O'Malley married Anna M. Boland, daughter of C. G. Boland, of Scranton, Pennsylvania, who was, before his death, president of the Lackawanna National Bank at Lackawanna, New York. They became the parents of five children, Mary Catherine, Elizabeth Ann, Andrew P., J. Christopher, and Grace Celestine.

#### REV. EDWARD AUGUSTUS WARRINER—

In devoting his life to things of the mind and of the spirit, the late Rev. Edward Augustus Warriner was shaping his life in accordance with the traditions of a family important since the founding of America and representative of the finest ideals of this country. He was an Episcopal minister and a writer of prose and poetry who caught in words the beauty and goodness of much in the universe and conveyed these qualities to his fellows less gifted with perception and appreciation. His home was long in Montrose, Pennsylvania.

The American progenitor of the Warriner family was William Warriner, who came to America in 1638 and was one of the proprietary settlers of Springfield, Massachusetts. Other notable names are associated with the history of the Warriner family, including that of Philip Sherman, descendant of Thomas Sherman, of Norfolk, England, who joined Roger Williams in Connecticut, where he was elected secretary or recorder in 1638. The Whitings were, dating from 1641, treasurers of Connecticut for three generations; the Pynchons were founders of Springfield, Massachusetts, which they named for their English home; the Wyllys family, in England friends of Shakespeare's, in this country produced George Wyllys, governor of Connecticut in 1642, whose son, grandson and great-grandson held in succession the office of secretary. Space forbids the mention of other notable names interwoven with the family history of the Warriners.

Edward Augustus Warriner was born in Agawam, Massachusetts, February 19, 1829, son of Ruel and Anna C. Warriner. He was reared on the farm and graduated from Union College, in New York, in 1855, going from college into the teaching profession for a time. He then studied law and was admitted to the bar in Springfield, Massachusetts, where he practiced for three years. The church made a powerful appeal to him, however, and caused him to fit himself for service as a minister. He studied theology and was made deacon in 1867 and priest the following year. In 1867 he began on the long pastorate of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Montrose, Pennsylvania, which occupied forty years of his life.

His mind was rich in literary lore, his soul filled with a love of beauty and inspired with faith in his own country and its historical elements. He was a writer of significant works, including "Victor La Tourette," a theological novel published in 1875; "Kear," a poem in seven cantos, published in 1882, an excerpt from which is given below; "I am That I Am, The Idea of God," published in 1887; "The Gate Called Beautiful—An Institute of Christian Sociology," 1898. All these works were characterized by sincerity, grace, and beauty, and all were widely read. The opening stanzas of "Kear" read as follows:

Proud Susquehanna rolls his waters on,  
Scarce mindful of the changes time has brought;

The Delaware and Iroquois have gone,  
And every work by Nature's children wrought,  
Yet the same spirit which her children caught  
From cloud and sunshine, wood and mountain stream,  
And which the laws of life and virtue taught,  
Still lingers on his shores, and still the theme  
Inspires of ancient legend and of poet's dream.

Hidden, remote, in Pennsylvania's hills,  
Thy vine-clad cottages, O fair Montrose!  
Thy fields of green watered by mountain rills,  
And the pure sparkle of thy winter's snows,  
No romance of forgotten years disclose;  
Yet here strange legends of the past abound,  
Here hostile ashes side by side repose,  
For thine was once "the Dark and Bloody  
Ground."

Where heroes strove for fame and graves of  
glory found.

Edward Augustus Warriner married (first) Louisa Voorhis, of Lancaster, Pennsylvania. He married (second), in 1881, Esther Bolles, of Montrose. She was descended from an old and distinguished family in England, where the name has been traced through several forms of spelling to Bole, meaning the stem or trunk of a tree. This derivation appeals strongly to those of the line who are lovers of the great out of doors and consider trees one of Nature's most useful and beautiful gifts to man. The name is written on the Roll of Battle Abbey, which is a list of every person of consideration that fought under William the Conqueror. Mrs. Warriner is ninth in descent from Joseph Bolles, who came to Maine before 1640, and whose son, Thomas, was prominent in the early life of New London, Connecticut, doing effective work to broaden the narrow laws of the church. Six sons and two daughters rounded out Mr. Warriner's family circle. Samuel D., president of the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company, of Philadelphia; R. C., a consulting mine engineer, of New York City; Edward V., in the automobile business in Springfield; Louise, who married Dr. S. Calvin Smith, of Philadelphia; J. B., vice-president and general manager, Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company, Lansford, Pennsylvania. P. B., a farmer in Luzerne County; Paul Sherman, whose record accompanies this; and Anna Chaffee, wife of Marshall Goodheart.

Mr. Warriner died in the spring of 1907, at the advanced age of seventy-eight. His long and happy life was an harmonious fulfillment of his ideals and ambitions and was spent in the service of the mind and spirit.

**PAUL SHERMAN WARRINER**—As superintendent of the Wyoming Division of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company, Paul S. Warriner is well known in the city of Wilkes-Barre. His offices are in the Lehigh Valley Coal Company Building No. 133 North River Street. Mr. Warriner has been identified with this concern for about twenty years.

The branch of the Warriner family of which Mr. Warriner is a member is one of the very old New England families, tracing back to William Warriner, who came to this country from England in 1638, and settled in Springfield, Massachusetts. Descendants of his were early settlers in Pennsylvania, where the traits of character which had aided in the early progress of New England contributed much to the development of this State. Rev. Edward Augustus Warriner, father of Mr. Warriner, was for many years

a prominent Protestant Episcopal minister at Montrose, Pennsylvania. He married Esther Bolles, whose ancestors also were among the early English families to settle in the colonies, long before the period of the Revolution. See preceding biography for a brief review of the life of Rev. Edward Augustus Warriner, and the names of his children.

Paul S. Warriner was born in Montrose, Pennsylvania, November 11, 1887, and received his education in the public schools of Montrose and in Lehigh University, class of 1910. After leaving college he engaged in the bridge building and contracting business, which he continued for some years. About 1909 he entered the employ of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company, as a chairman in the engineering department, and later he was made a division engineer. Finally, after having gained the necessary experience and having demonstrated his ability, he was made superintendent of the Wyoming Division of the company, which position he is filling at the present time (1929). He is skilled in his field, and is well known among a large group of business men. He is a Republican in politics, and is a past member of the Rotary Club. His religious affiliation is with the Episcopal Church.

Mr. Warriner married (first), on August 30, 1919, Louise F. Bryden, of West Pittston, who died in the following year. On August 20, 1927, he married (second) Clara Jane Lape, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lape, and is the father of one child, Lois Lape Warriner, born August 9, 1929.

**JEFFERSON PAWLING BIEHL, M. D.**—A reputation for dependability and efficiency, and humanity that not only withstood the tests of time but was augmented with each passing year, had Dr. Jefferson Pawling Biehl, for forty-six years a practicing physician in and about Plymouth and a Pennsylvania all of his life. He began his work as a doctor in the days when modern conveniences and the ease of transportation had not yet made a physician's work largely activities that may be carried on within his own office. Dr. Biehl's practice took him about over the valley a great deal and among its older residents he was looked upon as a trusted and long-tried friend. His abilities were recognized to the extent that he received a number of appointments as medical examiner for industrial concerns and served on the Plymouth Board of Health.

Dr. Biehl was born January 29, 1857, at Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, the son of James and Rebecca (Pawling) Biehl. He received his early education in the Lewisburg schools and was graduated from Gettysburg College. He then took up the study of medicine at the Jefferson Medical College where he received his degree in 1883. The following year he commenced practicing his profession in Plymouth where he continued to serve the ill and afflicted to the utmost of his really exceptional ability throughout the remainder of his life. His practice extended over a period of forty-six years but for forty-nine years he had resided continuously in the same house. He was at the time of his death the oldest living member of Chapter 144, Free and Accepted Masons, of Lewisburg. His professional organization was the Luzerne County Medical Society and as medical examiner he was associated with the Lehigh & Wilkes-Barre Coal Company. Dr. Biehl was a devout member of the Plymouth Presbyterian Church where he gave his services freely when he might be called upon to

do so. As a community service he held membership in Fire Company, No. 1 of Plymouth.

In 1884, the year he commenced his practice in Plymouth, Dr. Biehl married (first) Carrie V. Davenport, daughter of John and Mary (Koontz) Davenport. To this union were born two daughters, who later became Mrs. J. Stanley Rincheimer, of Kingston, and Mrs. Laurence W. Bevan, of Dallas. The death of Mrs. Biehl occurred May 9, 1909, and in 1913 Dr. Biehl married (second) Marin Sally Edmunds, daughter of Philip and Emma Edmunds.

Profound sorrow was felt throughout the valley when the death of Dr. Biehl occurred August 26, 1929, for during his long years of work among its people he had made a host of friends who cherished for him a deep and personal regard. Perhaps it is inevitable that a doctor, who by reason of the type of work he does meets people during their hours of sorrow and suffering when emotions are near the surface, should have a minimum of casual acquaintances and a higher percentage of close relationships with his fellows than does the average man. But also by reason of the fact that his work is so vital, a doctor must meet his daily tasks with greater courage and skill than are asked of most people and he who carries on a medical practice over a long period of years during which he is held in universally high regard, has proven his mettle, indeed. Dr. Biehl was a courageous and a skillful man. More, he was a man of high ideals, a man of devotion to his profession and of humanity and sympathy toward those who came to him in trouble. He will long continue to be missed among the people of the community to which he gave his life in service.

**HAZLETON NEWSPAPERS**—Of the numerous daily and weekly papers launched from time to time in Hazleton, but two dailies and a few weeklies survive. The dailies still in the field are the "Standard-Sentinel," morning, and the "Plain Speaker," evening, jointly owned by Henry Walser and John R. Dershook.

The city's first newspaper was the Hazleton "Sentinel." It was established as an evening publication by John C. Stokes and the first issue appeared January 18, 1866. He was associated with Fred A. Lauderburn, a prominent merchant, who withdrew from the venture within a year. In the summer of 1868, the paper passed into the hands of W. A. M. Grier, of the banking firm of Pardee, Markle and Grier, and then was bought by Henry Wilson, who retired at the end of eighteen months and purchased a half interest in the "Wayne County Citizen." Subsequently the paper was bought by Edwin Moore, proprietor of a music store in Hazleton, and Jerry A. Sander, of Berwick, publisher of the Berwick "Gazette," who later took over Mr. Moore's interest and carried on the business for a number of years. The paper was consolidated in 1875 with the "Daily News" and "Anthracite Record," the latter a weekly, which had been issued by the "News." The weekly was discontinued at the consolidation.

After the consolidation, the name of the "Daily News" was dropped and the paper continued under the name of the "Daily Sentinel." The Hazleton "Sentinel," a weekly was published in conjunction with the daily for many years. In 1879, the "Sentinel" was taken over by Charles B. Snyder, who had the backing of W. A. M. Grier, banker. In 1884, George E. Markle, of the Markle Banking & Trust Company acquired the paper,





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which continued under his control until 1888, when it was leased by R. Norman Wallace, George Maue and Terrence McCloskey. Mr. Wallace died a year later and the business was taken over by Mr. Maue, who conducted it until 1892, when the Sentinel Printing Company was formed, with John McCarthy, editor; C. F. Paul, business manager; and George Maue, superintendent. In 1905, Fred Cuyler and George Maue bought the plant and carried on the publication until the death of Mr. Cuyler in 1912, when the paper was purchased by Henry Walsler of Hazleton, and George T. Kirkendall, of Dallas. In 1917, Messrs Walsler and Kirkendall bought the "Daily Standard," morning, and merged it with the "Sentinel" under the name of the "Standard-Sentinel," morning. In 1924, Mr. Kirkendall sold his interest to Mr. Walsler, who became sole owner. In 1926, the "Sentinel" was consolidated with "The Plain Speaker," Mr. Walsler becoming joint owner of the merged properties with John R. Dershuck.

"The Plain Speaker" was founded February 6, 1882 with John Dershuck and Mr. Lewis as the owners and editors, and Dominic F. Sweeney as business manager. It was the successor of the "Independent Democrat," which was established in 1880 by John Dershuck. It made its first appearance as an afternoon paper but was later turned into a morning publication. In July 1882, Mr. Lewis severed his connection with the enterprise and John Dershuck became sole owner. He continued the paper until 1886, when his brother, William C. Dershuck, became associated with him and the firm name was changed to Dershuck Brothers, which lasted until September 1, 1887, when Dominic F. Sweeney purchased William C. Dershuck's interest, changing the firm name to Dershuck and Sweeney. This co-partnership existed until March 9, 1889, when Mr. Dershuck, owing to continued ill health, was obliged to retire. His interest was sold to James L. Morris, a Wilkes-Barre attorney, and a new firm was created under the title of Dominic F. Sweeney, editor and proprietor, although Mr. Morris was half owner. On April 20, 1889, John Dershuck died at the age of thirty-three years.

After the death of Mr. Sweeney, Mr. Morris continued the business for a time and then sold the paper to William C. Dershuck in 1894, who owned and conducted it up to the time of his death, May 15, 1923. He changed it into an evening paper in September, 1900. Some time before his death, he turned over an interest in the paper to his son, John R. Dershuck, into whose control it came after the passing away of his father. In 1926, the paper was merged with the "Standard-Sentinel."

The "Daily Standard" was started as a semi-weekly paper March 25, 1885, by the Standard Company, the proprietors being L. G. Lubrecht and Henry A. Buchenau. Mr. Buchenau retired after three months and his interest passed into the hands of William C. Lubrecht. On March 23, 1892, it became a daily. The Lubrecht brothers owned the paper for thirty-five years and sold it in 1917 to Messrs. Walsler and Kirkendall, who merged it with the "Sentinel."

The "Daily News" was first issued on September 15, 1870, by J. C. Fincher, who came to the coal regions from Philadelphia, where he had been connected with a trade journal. In 1875, it was merged with the Hazleton "Sentinel."

The "Middle Coal Field Advertiser" made

its appearance September 19, 1874, under the ownership of George Nancy, as a weekly. On December 10, 1878 it was succeeded by the "Daily Bulletin," which was launched by George Maue, who had been connected with the printing business in Hazleton since the early part of 1867. The "Bulletin" was published until 1883, when it was merged with the "Sentinel."

The Hazleton "Volksblatt," a German weekly, was launched April 16, 1872, by Moore and Sanders, who continued its publication until October 20, 1872, when Mr. Moore retired. Mr. Sanders remained in charge until April 1, 1873 when Peter Dershuck and R. F. Stutzbach bought it. In 1874, Mr. Stutzbach retired from the firm. On October 1, 1877, it was changed to a semi-weekly, but a year later it went back to a weekly. In 1882, Anton Schneider became owner of the "Volksblatt." He sold it in July, 1891 to Peter Schneider, who has since discontinued it.

The Hazleton "Journal," another German weekly, was established in July, 1876, by R. F. Stutzbach, who remained in charge until his death. Several years afterwards it ceased publication.

The "Mountain Beacon" was established by John C. Stokes, of Hazleton, October 25, 1877. In August of 1879, Alfred F. Stokes became publisher and editor. It has passed out of existence.

The "Valley Vigilant" was established in 1903 by William A. Evans, under whose ownership it has continued since.

The "Anthracite Miner," official organ of the United Mine Workers, was started July 31, 1925 as a weekly.

"Il Trentino," an Italian paper, was founded in 1911 as a weekly, the publishers being P. C. Flaim and M. Mesolalla.

"L'Unione Italiana," another Italian weekly, was started in 1920. Nicholo Ciotola is the owner and editor.

Among the other papers that were launched at various periods, but have since died out, were the following: "The Democrat," started by J. C. Fincher; "The Miners' Advocate," by George S. Boyle; "The American Celt," by Tom O'Brien; "The Daily Item," owned by the late James E. Roderick; "The Sunday Truth," by Patrick McGarvey; "The Commercial Advertiser," by Mathew Long; "Onal-las," Hungarian paper; "Jednota Scheibish," weekly, by Frank Tucher; "Langcliff Monthly," by Rev. G. N. Makely, a church paper. The "Slovak Citizen," weekly, was published by John J. Jenosov.

**ALBERT JOSEPH LESTER**—Railroad work was the forte of the late Albert J. Lester, of Forty Fort and Wilkes-Barre, who dignified his connection with it as he advanced through the grades to the important position of freight agent. His mastery of the details of the position he held at Wilkes-Barre for more than a score of years was acquired, through a similar connection, on the Lehigh Valley Railroad at another point on the line, and in the positions of clerk and traveling auditor for the same railroad, with which he was associated for more than forty years. His death occurred December 24, 1928.

Born at Rock Island, Illinois, January 3, 1861, Albert J. Lester was the son of Jacob and Bernadine (Rosenfield) Lester. His father, a native of Binghamton, New York, is a retired non-commissioned officer of the United States Army, and has his residence in Binghamton. His wife, who was born in Ger-

many, died May 7, 1925. Having received his education in the public schools of Binghamton, Albert J. Lester was appointed assistant bookkeeper by Crandall, Stone & Company, at Binghamton, with which concern he remained for one and one-half years.

Mr. Lester's career in railroad work began July 16, 1886, when he was employed in the capacity of clerk in the freight office of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company at Waverly, New York. The attachment he then made for this kind of service was cemented more closely with the passing of the years, so that his identification with the same system, in an ascending grade, was never lost to sight. From the ordinary clerkship he advanced to chief clerk, and then was sent out on the company's lines as traveling auditor, in which position he continued for three years, the while he was on the high road to a position of greater responsibility. His next promotion was to the position of freight agent at Sayre, Pennsylvania, where he was stationed for one and one-half years, demonstrating to the satisfaction of his superiors his qualifications for the place. It was, therefore, cause for congratulation by fellow-workers and other friends when he was considered the logical man for appointment as freight agent at Wilkes-Barre. He was installed in that position, August 1, 1906, and became regarded as a fixture there. Mr. Lester gave five years of military service to the United States Army as a musician, being stationed at Fort Yates, North Dakota.

To the Republican party Mr. Lester always gave his undivided allegiance. His fraternal affiliations were with Wilkes-Barre Lodge, No. 61, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he was Worshipful Master in 1924; Shekinah Chapter, No. 182, Royal Arch Masons; Dieu le Veut Commandery, No. 45, Knights Templar; and Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; also the Junior Order of the United American Mechanics. He was a faithful member and liberal contributor to the work of Grace Protestant Episcopal Church at Kingston, and was a vestryman until he resigned on account of ill health.

Albert J. Lester married, November 12, 1884, Mabel F. Rosenthal, daughter of John and Mary (Freeman) Rosenthal, of Provincetown, Massachusetts. Mrs. Lester is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Their daughter: Helen (Lester) Page, was graduated from Cornell University, class of 1909, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and is a teacher of Spanish and German in the Kingston (Pennsylvania) High School.

**HENRY L. GARTMAN**—From boyhood Henry L. Gartman has been associated with mercantile activities, and since March, 1926, he has been the proprietor of a first-class department store, located at No. 39 South Main Street, in Wilkes-Barre. The business is operated under the name of "Gartman's" and has already made for itself a reputation for honest and efficient service and quality goods. Mr. Gartman is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and a veteran of the World War, having served in France for fifteen months.

Dr. Leo N. Gartman, father of Mr. Gartman, is a well-known physician of Philadelphia, a son of Noah Gartman, deceased. He received a thorough education, chose the medical profession as his field of service, and then completed his course in Jefferson Medical College, from which he received his medical degree. He married Rebekah Silverman, daughter of a successful merchant, and they

became the parents of five children: Henry L., of further mention; Morton, who is associated with Gartman's department store; Naomi, who married a merchant of New York City; Edward, of Philadelphia; and Ernest, also of Philadelphia.

Henry L. Gartman, son of Dr. Leo N. and Rebekah (Silverman) Gartman, was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, July 16, 1894, and grew to manhood in the city of his birth. As a lad he attended the public schools of Philadelphia, and later he matriculated in the University of Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated with the class of 1914. After graduation he entered the employ of his maternal grandfather, proprietor of the department store which operates under the name of M. Silverman and Son, and that connection was continued until May, 1917, when Mr. Gartman enlisted for service in the World War, as a private in the Ordnance Department of the United States Army. He was stationed at the Frankford Arsenal at Philadelphia for a time; then in Augusta, Georgia; and later at Watervliet, New York. In November, 1917, he sailed for France, where he served on detached duty with the French Army and was commissioned a second lieutenant, for meritorious service. After fifteen months of service in France he returned to this country, February, 1919, and was mustered out of service at Washington, District of Columbia, in March, 1919. He then returned to his old position with his grandfather, at Philadelphia, with whom he remained until March, 1926. At that time he came to Wilkes-Barre and opened a first-class department store at No. 39 South Main Street, under the name of "Gartman's" and in this mercantile venture he is achieving success. He has already made himself known in the city as a first-class business man and a very desirable citizen, and the indications are clear that "Gartman's" is to be one of the growing concerns of the city. Able, energetic, well educated, and experienced, Mr. Gartman, at the age of thirty-four, has already achieved a substantial success and has made for himself a reputation which is a valuable business asset. In his political sympathies he is a Republican. He is a member of Orient Lodge, No. 289, Free and Accepted Masons, of Philadelphia; of the Poor Richard Club, of Philadelphia; of the Young Men's Christian Association, of Wilkes-Barre; and the American Academy of Political Science. He is also a member of the Wilkes-Barre-Wyoming Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Henry L. Gartman was married, January 10, 1922, to Evelyn M. Markovitz, daughter of David and Nellie (Neufeld) Markovitz, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and they make their home at No. 261 Academy Street, in Wilkes-Barre. They have no children.

**BENJAMIN F. BEERS**, vice-president and director of the firm of W. D. Beers, Incorporated, is the son of Hiram and Fyanna (Kurtz) Beers. Both parents are now deceased. They had eight children, the first six of whom are deceased: Amelia; George; Elizabeth; Mary; W. D., of whom further; Jennie; Benjamin F., of whom further; and Harry H., of whom further.

W. D. Beers, who died in 1914, at the age of fifty-five years, was the founder of the grocery business of W. D. Beers, Incorporated, about 1889, and carried on the business from the time it was founded until the time of his death in 1914. He and his wife, Elizabeth Beers, had two children: Jessie, the





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eldest, is the wife of George L. Fenner, an attorney and a member of the Luzerne County Bar. Ralph, the second child, is in the lumber and box manufacturing business at Trenton, New Jersey. W. D. Beers was a lifelong Republican, a member of the Protestant church and at the time of his death, was one of the leading citizens of Wilkes-Barre. He is survived by his widow and two children, who are all members of the firm of W. D. Beers, Incorporated.

Benjamin F. Beers, of whom this is a record, was born in Wilkes-Barre, where he has grown up and where as a boy he attended the public schools. He graduated from the city high school and in the year 1885 he started to work in the drug business. In order to become more proficient in this line of work, he went to Philadelphia, where he took a course in the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and graduated from that college in 1892. He then returned to Wilkes-Barre and again engaged in the drug business until 1907, when he became a member of the firm of W. D. Beers, Incorporated. In politics, he is a Republican and he is in religion a Protestant. He is a member of the Wilkes-Barre Lodge, No. 109, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Benjamin F. Beers married Nellie Kelly, of Wilkes-Barre. They have four children: Clarence H., who is an automobile supply salesman in Atlanta, Georgia; Margaret, who is the wife of Raymond Saul, of Norristown, Pennsylvania; Yale, who is engaged in the insurance business in Wilkes-Barre; and Ruth the youngest, is at home.

Harry H. Beers, the younger brother of W. D. and Benjamin F. Beers, is treasurer of W. D. Beers, Incorporated. He was brought up in Wilkes-Barre and educated in the public schools of this city. In politics he is a Republican and a Protestant in religion. He is a member of Lodge No. 109, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and belongs to the Franklin Club. Harry H. Beers married twice. His first marriage was to Minnie Bachman, of Wilkes-Barre. They had three children: Arline, who married Dr. Bahmiller, of Wilkes-Barre; Leonard H., who is manager of a Woolworth store in Philadelphia, and Robert W., of Wilkes-Barre. Mr. Beers married (second), October 12, 1922, Annie Gott-hold, of Wilkes-Barre.

**JAMES P. HARRIS**—Ten years of successful legal practice in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, have made James P. Harris one of the well-known men of his profession in Luzerne County. He has his offices at No. 609 Coal Exchange Building, in Wilkes-Barre, where he has built up a large practice, and where he has made for himself a reputation which is a valuable business asset.

John Howard Harris, father of Mr. Harris, was a descendant of one of the old families of Indiana County, Pennsylvania, and was one of the foremost educators of this section of the country. For thirty years he was president of Bucknell University, and during that time he was a leader in educational circles in the State of Pennsylvania. He married Lucy A. Bailey, who was a descendant of Obadiah Gore, who was in the battle and massacre of Wyoming, and some of whose family lost their lives in the massacre. John Howard Harris married (first) Mary E. Mace, who died; and of this marriage there were three children, two of whom lived to maturity; Mary B., and Herbert F. He married (second) Lucy A. Bailey, and they were the parents of nine children, of

whom seven lived to maturity, and of whom four entered the legal profession: Reese H., who is an attorney and a member of the well-known law firm of Knapp, O'Malley, Hill and Harris, of Scranton, Pennsylvania; George B., who was a dentist, but is now deceased; Spencer T., a civil engineer, of Indiana, Pennsylvania; Coleman J., instructor for the Pennsylvania State Forest School, at Mont Alto, Pennsylvania; James P., of further mention; Walter W., also a member of the law firm of Knapp, O'Malley, Hill and Harris, of Scranton, Pennsylvania; and Stanley N., a civil engineer of New Brighton, Pennsylvania.

James P. Harris, son of John Howard and Lucy A. (Bailey) Harris, was born in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, April 14, 1892, and was reared in Lewisburg, where he attended the public schools, and later entered Bucknell University, from which he was graduated in 1912. He then began professional study in the Law School of the University of Michigan, where he was graduated in 1914 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. For one year after receiving his professional degree he taught in Keystone Academy, at Factoryville, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania, and when the school year closed he entered the law office of Heebner and Bedford, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He was admitted to the bar in Philadelphia in 1916, and in July, 1917, enlisted in the Ordnance Department of the United States Army. He was stationed first at Camp Hancock, in Augusta, Georgia, and then in Camp Wheeler, in Macon, Georgia. Later he entered the Machine Gun Officers' Training School at Camp Hancock, where he remained until he was mustered out of service in November, 1918, as a second lieutenant. On January 1, 1919, he opened his office at No. 609 Coal Exchange Building, in Wilkes-Barre, and here he has since been taking care of a very prosperous and important clientele. Politically, Mr. Harris gives his support to the principles and the candidates of the Republican party. He is a member of Black Diamond Post, of the American Legion of Wilkes-Barre, and fraternally he is identified with Wilkes-Barre Lodge, No. 61, Free and Accepted Masons; with all the Scottish Rite bodies; and with the Keystone Consistory in which he holds the thirty-second degree; also with Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a member of the Irem Temple Country Club and of the Lions Club, of Wilkes-Barre; and his religious affiliation is with the First Baptist Church of Wilkes-Barre.

James P. Harris married, January 19, 1922, Isabelle W. Wolfe, daughter of Leon B. and Isabelle (Slauson) Wolfe, and they have one son, James P., Jr.

**ARTHUR EDGAR NICHOLSON**—A man who is prominent in the industrial life of Luzerne County and of this section of Pennsylvania is Arthur E. Nicholson, who is district manager of the Pennsylvania Manufacturers' Association Casualty Insurance Company, with offices in the Miners' Bank Building, of Wilkes-Barre, and secretary of the Luzerne County Branch of the Pennsylvania Manufacturers' Association. He has spent most of his life in Wilkes-Barre, having learned the machinists' trade with the Vulcan Iron Works and having worked in the offices of that company. Since 1919 he has had his present position with the Pennsylvania Manufacturers' Association.

He was born in Wilkes-Barre September 5, 1891, the son of William H. and Emma (Comstock) Nicholson. His grandfather was

W. H. Nicholson, who together with three sons, founded the firm known as W. H. Nicholson and Company, manufacturing steam specialties, in Wilkes-Barre, in 1886. He and his wife, Elizabeth (Craig) Nicholson, and their children, came in 1866 to the United States from New Castle, England, of which locality they were natives. The grandfather, who was a mechanical genius, perfected several inventions, took out patents for them in the United States, and started the well-known Nicholson Company. His son, William H. Nicholson, the father of Arthur Edgar Nicholson, who was born in England, in 1857, and died in Wilkes-Barre on November 6, 1915, was an important figure in his day, and was at the time of his death the manager of the Nicholson Company. He and Emma (Comstock) Nicholson were the parents of six children: Laura, Bertha, Harry Samuel, Frank C., William R., and Arthur Edgar, of further mention. This family, and also the family of the grandfather, W. H. Nicholson, are discussed in greater detail in the biography of Samuel T. Nicholson, printed on previous pages.

Arthur Edgar Nicholson, the son of William H. and Emma (Comstock) Nicholson, who spent the early part of his life in Wilkes-Barre, was educated in the city's public schools and high school, having been graduated from the high school in the class of 1909, and from the Wilkes-Barre Business College. Then he learned the machinist's trade with the Vulcan Iron Works, with which company he remained as a machinist for four years, at the end of which time he was transferred to the office where he continued to work for six years. In 1919, he became representative of the Pennsylvania Manufacturers' Association Casualty Insurance Company; then, in 1921, was made district manager for the Northeastern Pennsylvania district, a position which he still holds. He has been secretary for the Luzerne County Manufacturers' Association since 1919. In his political affiliations he is a Republican and a recognized leader of the party, being well known as such throughout the State. He has been very active in furthering legislation at Harrisburg and Washington, District of Columbia, for the benefit of the people of Luzerne County. He is the type of citizen who recognizes the necessity for business men taking an active interest in local, State and national political affairs, and having real representative men holding office who are a credit to their constituents which contributes to the welfare of the people of the country. He is a member of the Westminster Presbyterian Church of Wilkes-Barre. He also is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which order he is affiliated with the Wilkes-Barre Lodge, No. 61; the Shekinah Chapter, No. 182, of Royal Arch Masons; the Dieu le Veut Commandery, No. 45, Knights Templar; the Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; and the Irem Temple Country Club. He also holds membership in the Franklin Club, the Westmoreland Club, the Rotary Club, and is a director of W. H. Nicholson & Company, and of the South Side Bank & Trust Company.

In Wilkes-Barre, on April 24, 1917, Arthur Edgar Nicholson married Bertha Mannear, of Wilkes-Barre, a daughter of Joseph and Lavina (Eva) Mannear. Mr. and Mrs. Nicholson are the parents of two children: Arthur E., Jr., and George Mannear.

**EDWARD LEO MCGINLEY, M. D.**—A popular and skillful physician, Dr. Edward Leo McGinley is one of Wilkes-Barre's youngest and most promising members of the medical

profession. Dr. McGinley has been engaged in active practice in this city since 1922, and for five years served as first assistant to Dr. Granville T. Mattock, the famous goiter surgeon at the Mercy Hospital here, until the latter's death in 1928. Since first opening his office here, he has continued to win the confidence and trust of his fellow-citizens by reason of his thorough devotion to his chosen life work and his great ability and consideration.

Dr. McGinley was born in Wilkes-Barre, December 3, 1896, son of Andrew and Bridget (O'Donnell) McGinley, both of Irish stock. Both parents survive, his father being eighty-four years old and his mother being eighty-one. They had ten sons: James J., Patrick F., Michael J., all of Wilkes-Barre; Dr. Joseph Leo, deceased, of whom further; John, deceased; Andrew, a prominent dentist of this city; Rev. Francis A., a Roman Catholic priest in Scranton; Christopher and Leo, who died in childhood; Dr. Edward L., of whom further.

Dr. Joseph L. McGinley was born in Wilkes-Barre in 1881. He was educated in the local public schools and in Wyoming Seminary at Kingston, from which he entered Mount St. Mary's College at Emmitsburg, Maryland. He later entered the University of Pennsylvania and graduated with the class of 1912, receiving his degree of Doctor of Medicine. He began the practice of his profession in Pittsburgh, where he remained for six years, and in 1918, he enlisted in the United States Army, receiving the rank of lieutenant in the medical Corps, being stationed at Garden City, New York. Being a specialist in affections of the ear, nose and throat, he performed much valuable service and after the Armistice, he returned to Wilkes-Barre and opened his professional offices at No. 50 South Washington Street, where he carried on a flourishing practice until the time of his death, May 18, 1927. Dr. McGinley was a Democrat in his political views, and a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church. He was a member of the Luzerne County Medical Society, the State Medical Association and the American Medical Association. He was a member of the surgical staff of the Mercy Hospital.

Dr. Edward Leo McGinley attended the local public schools, and after his graduation from high school in 1912, entered the Medico-Chirurgical Hospital at Philadelphia, where he remained two years, after which he matriculated at the University of Vermont, entering the medical school. After four years of diligent application to his studies, he received his degree of Doctor of Medicine with the class of 1921. After spending one year as interne at the Fanny Allen Hospital in Burlington, Vermont, and the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital for one year, Dr. McGinley then began practice in Wilkes-Barre, where he has ever since continued to rise in the estimation of all. As a member of the surgical staff of the Mercy Hospital, he has established a reputation for his keen and penetrating knowledge in addition to great surgical skill. Ever interested in the people of his community and their welfare, he takes an active part in all projects for city progress and advancement. He is a member of the Luzerne County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania Medical Society and the American Medical Association. In his religious affiliations, he is a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Dr. McGinley married, November 9, 1927, Virginia Trapold, of Wilkes-Barre, daughter of Dr. A. C. and Ellen (McFadden) Trapold, and they have a daughter, Jeanne Trapold.





J. Russell Taylor



**COLONEL STEPHEN ELLIOTT**—Colonel Elliott is a descendant of old families which have participated actively in the making of history in different regions of the United States, being a son of Major Charles Pinckney Elliott and Hortense Darling (Beaumont) Elliott. Major Elliott was born in Beaufort, South Carolina, on March 5, 1860, a son of General Stephen Elliott, Jr., and Charlotte (Stuart) Elliott; a grandson of the Rev. Stephen Elliott, a clergyman in the Protestant Episcopal Church of Georgia, and Anna Hutson (Habersham) Elliott, a daughter of Major John Habersham, a member of the Continental Congress from Georgia. The Rev. Stephen Elliott was a son of William Elliott, who was a son of William Elliott, who was a son of Thomas Elliott, an early settler of Georgia. General Stephen Elliott, Jr., C. S. A., entered the Confederate Army as captain and rose, in May, 1864, to the rank of brigadier-general; he died in Aiken, South Carolina, on February 21, 1866, of wounds received at Petersburg, Virginia, in 1864.

Major Elliott, the father of Stephen Elliott of the present generation, is now living in Beaufort, South Carolina, his birthplace, after having served thirty-five years in the United States Army, from which he is now retired. He received his education at the West Point Military Academy; was a cadet, beginning July 1, 1878; second lieutenant in the Thirtieth Infantry, January 13, 1882; was transferred to the 4th United States Cavalry, June 7, 1883; was first lieutenant, October, 1888; was retired with the rank of captain, July 9, 1898. Aside from his military accomplishments, which he achieved in two wars, Major Elliott performed considerable work of an exploratory nature in the western part of the United States. He married Hortense Darling Beaumont, a daughter of Colonel Eugene B. and Margaret (Rutter) Beaumont.

The Beaumont ancestry in this country has been traced back to William Bement (or Beaman), of Saybrook, who married Lydia Danforth on December 9, 1643; was in Saybrook, Connecticut, as early as 1635; and died February 4, 1698. His wife, who died August 16, 1686, was a daughter of Nicholas Danforth, who was born in Suffolk County, England, "A Gentleman of such Estate and Repute in the World," says Cotton Mather, "that it cost him a considerable sum to escape the knighthood which King Charles II imposed upon all, and at so much per annum; and of such Figure and Esteem in the Church that he procured that Famous Lecture at Framlingham in Suffolk, where he had a fine Manour." He came to New England in 1634 and was admitted a freeman in Massachusetts colony a year or two later. His daughter and William Bement were parents of Samuel Bement, born in February, 1656, who had a son Samuel, who in 1725 had a son, William Bement, who died August 22, 1812, having married Sarah Everett, of Windham (or Lebanon), Connecticut. In the next generation the family name became Beaumont, the man who adopted this name having been Isaiah Beaumont, a Revolutionary soldier, who married Fear Alden; their son, Andrew Beaumont, born in Connecticut in 1791, came to Wilkes-Barre in 1808, played an important part in the political life of his day, married Julia Colt in 1813, and died in Wilkes-Barre, September 30, 1853; their son, Lieutenant-Colonel Eugene Beaumarnais Beaumont, born in Wilkes-Barre, August 2, 1837, served in many engagements in the Union cause in the American Civil War, married on September 8, 1861, Margaret Rutter; and their daughter, Hortense Darling Beaumont, married Major Charles Pinckney Elliott.

Major Charles P. and Hortense Darling (Beaumont) Elliott are the parents of eight children: 1. Margaret Rutter, born October 7, 1887, of Wilkes-Barre. 2. Stephen, of whom further. 3. Charlotte Stuart, born September 19, 1891, now the wife of William L. Lance, of Wilkes-Barre. 4. Eugene Beaumont, born August 29, 1893, who married T. Linticurn, of Los Angeles, California. 5. Isabel Stuart, born August 1, 1895, the wife of Rayburn L. Watres, of Scranton, Pennsylvania. 6. Nathaniel Rutter, born July 15, 1897. 7. Charles Pinckney, Jr., born September 22, 1901. 8. John Beaumont Colt, born January 2, 1904, now a member of the Engineers Corps of the United States Army.

Stephen Elliott, the second of the family, was born August 23, 1889, at Fort Myer, Virginia, a son of Charles Pinckney and Hortense Darling (Beaumont) Elliott. He attended as a boy the public schools, then went to the Harry Hillman Academy in Wilkes-Barre, and to the Wyoming Seminary, in Kingston, Pennsylvania; spent one year at the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland; later studying civil engineering at Lehigh University. He, like his ancestors on the different sides of his family, has had a notable career in the military service, in association with the National Guard of Pennsylvania. He spent much time in his earlier years in a number of army forts, including Fort Myer, Virginia; San Antonio, Texas; Walla Walla, Washington, and San Diego, California. After he had attended the public schools in these many different army centers he came to Wilkes-Barre in 1902. He enlisted in the 9th Infantry, 3d Brigade, Company A, Pennsylvania National Guard, June 11, 1911. He was commissioned a second lieutenant in 1913 and a first lieutenant in 1915. In 1916 the 9th Infantry was reorganized as the 3d Pennsylvania Field Artillery and as such served on the Mexican border from September, 1916, to March, 1918, a captaincy having been given Lieutenant Elliott in 1916. The regiment was called for service in the World War July 15, 1917, and was dispatched overseas with the American Expeditionary Forces on May 18, 1918. It was a unit of the 53d Field Artillery Brigade and was trained at Camp De Meunon, France. It participated in the Oise-Aisne offensive, Champagne-Lorraine and Meuse-Argonne as a part of the 28th Division. Captain Elliott also was engaged with his regiment in Belgium in the Ypres-Lys offensive, being attached to the 91st Division. In March, 1919, he was commissioned a major and returned to the United States with his command, arriving at Hoboken, New Jersey, May 19, 1919. In the following November he was again promoted, this time to lieutenant-colonel of the 109th Field Artillery, Pennsylvania National Guard, receiving the further honor of a colonelcy in January, 1927.

Stephen Elliott married, September 16, 1916, Helen Romaine Dougherty, daughter of the late General Charles Bowman and Anna (Posten) Dougherty, of Wilkes-Barre. Mrs. Elliott died September 1, 1926.

**J. RUSSELL TAYLOR**—Guardianship of the peace of the city of Wilkes-Barre is safely vested in the official authority of J. Russell Taylor, who held the highly responsible position of acting chief of police. His advance was from the place of inspector of police, which he filled with the efficiency significant of unusual capacity for detective work as his specialty, and for police duty generally. Chief Taylor is a naval veteran of the World War and enjoys high standing among the citizenry of Wilkes-Barre.

J. Russell Taylor was born in Wilkes-Barre, January 25, 1892, the son of Harry W. and Elizabeth (Johnson) Taylor, both parents living. His father, a native of Wilkes-Barre, was superintendent of the Bertel Tin factory in this city for about thirty-five years, and through that important connection, he became very well and favorably known to the trade. More recently he has been associated with the American Automobile Accessories Company at Wilkes-Barre.

J. Russell Taylor, Wilkes-Barre's Chief of Police, received his education in the grade and high schools of his native city, and started early to make his own way in the world, which he has been achieving ever since, as most every Wilkes-Barre man will say. He thought first to make a career in the silent drama, and he did make an essay in that direction, when he accepted the position of assistant director of the Black Diamond Studios, moving picture producers at Wilkes-Barre. He was filling that berth, after one and one-half years of commendable work, when the World War intervened. He enlisted for service in the Navy and was assigned to the Naval Intelligence Department and was attached to the Third and Fifth Naval Districts. With his discharge, on December 18, 1918, there accompanied it the thanks of his superior officers for his service intelligently and bravely performed. In 1919 he made a near approach to the drama, for a second time, on this occasion filling the position of employment clerk during the building of the Capitol Theater in Wilkes-Barre.

From the viewpoint of public service, the chief turning point in Chief Taylor's career came with his appointment to the office of Inspector of Police of Wilkes-Barre in January, 1920. He developed in a remarkable way what had been latent ability for detective work, and he became extremely successful in tracking violators of the law, among them being a number of desperate criminals, and bringing them into court. He remained a strong right arm and highly efficient officer during the tenure of his inspectorship, which ended September 1, 1928, with his elevation to the position of Acting Chief of Police. Other things being equal, it was to be expected that he would, when the time arrived, be advanced to the full chieftaincy—the appointment of Chief of Police, in December, 1928. He was the logical man for the office, and it seemed to be the consensus of the people's opinion that the peace and safety of the city could not be more faithfully preserved than through his headship of the Police Department.

Chief Taylor takes an active interest in things progressive along civic lines and with community advance movements in general in Wilkes-Barre. He is allied with the Republican party, affiliates with the American Legion, by reason of his war service; with Landmark Lodge, No. 442, Free and Accepted Masons; the thirty-second degree in Keystone Consistory; Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; Lodge No. 109, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and with the Junior Order United American Mechanics. He also belongs to Irem Temple Country Club and is a member of the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association, and the International Association of Chiefs of Police. His religious connection is with St. Stephen's Protestant Episcopal Church at Wilkes-Barre.

J. Russell Taylor married, July 29, 1922, Maude Cook, of Ashley, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Thomas E. and Frances (Ben-

nett) Cook, and one son, Russell H., has been born to this union.

**JOHN A. HOURIGAN**—One of the best-known newspaper men in the Wyoming Valley is John A. Hourigan, owner and publisher of the "Evening News," of Wilkes-Barre. Mr. Hourigan has been identified with the printing and the publishing business throughout his active career, and has been the owner and publisher of the "Evening News" since 1909.

John and Mary Hourigan, grandparents of Mr. Hourigan, were natives of Ireland, who came to this country in 1845 or 1846, and settled in Wyalusing, Bradford County, Pennsylvania, where they lived and died. They brought with them to this country a small boy, Patrick, who grew up in Bradford County, and who, as a young man, came to Wilkes-Barre in 1862 and enlisted as a private in Company I, 52d Pennsylvania Infantry. Patrick Hourigan fought in many of the hardest fought battles of the Civil War, was captured, and for eight months held in the famous Andersonville Prison. He was mustered out of service in April, 1865, after which he returned to Wilkes-Barre and married Bridget Degnan of Wilkes-Barre. That was in 1869, and they became the parents of the following children: 1. Mary, who died at the age of thirty-eight years. 2. John A., of further mention. 3. Henry, died in childhood. 4. James, died in childhood. 5. Andrew, a short review of whom accompanies this. 6. Joseph B., who is salesmanager of the Penn Tobacco Company of Wilkes-Barre. 7. William, who holds a position with the Wilkes-Barre "Evening News." 8. Sarah, who is a teacher in the public schools of Wilkes-Barre. 9. Rev. Frank J. (twin), who is a priest in St. Columbus Church, in Newark, New Jersey. 10. Frederick (twin of Frank J.), died in childhood. 11. Anna, who is also a teacher in the public schools of Wilkes-Barre. Patrick Hourigan, father of this family, died in Wilkes-Barre, August 26, 1911, and is survived by his widow, who is now (1927) eighty years of age.

John A. Hourigan, son of Patrick and Bridget (Degnan) Hourigan, was born in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, December 7, 1872, and received his education in the public schools of his birthplace. When he was fourteen years of age he left school and began his long connection with the printing and publishing business by securing a position as a "printer's devil," in the composing room of the Wilkes-Barre "Record." Here he served an apprenticeship of four years and then for twenty years followed the trade of the printer in the same connection. At the end of that time he was made foreman of the composing department, and later was made manager of the circulation department. On June 18, 1909, he purchased the Wilkes-Barre "Morning News," which in a short time he changed to the Wilkes-Barre "Evening News." When he purchased the news sheet it was located in the rear of No. 5 North Main Street, and there it remained until 1923, when Mr. Hourigan bought the valuable property located at Nos. 30-32 North Main Street. Here he made extensive improvements, installed the most modern machinery, and in every way equipped the place for the publication of a first class news sheet. That he has succeeded in making his publication one of the best of its kind in the city is evidenced by the fact that, though the circulation was very small at the time he bought the paper, it has now reached a circulation of more than fifteen thousand. Mr. Hourigan staunchly supports the principles





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and the candidates of the Republican party. He takes an active interest in local public affairs, was a member of the City Planning Commission at the time John V. Kosek was mayor, and later was appointed a member of the school board. In 1921 he was elected a member of the school board for a term of six years and served as president of the board in 1926. He is a member of the board of directors of the Wyoming Valley Trust Company of Wilkes-Barre, and for many years has been active in various enterprises planned for the advancement of the interests of the city. His religious affiliation is with St. John's Roman Catholic Church.

John A. Hourigan was married to Caroline G. Henderson, of Plymouth, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, January 17, 1905. She is a daughter of John and Mary (Goble) Henderson, of New Jersey. Mr. and Mrs. Hourigan are the parents of five children: Mary E., died in childhood; Carolyn G., John A., Jr., Ruth A., and Jane Mary.

**ANDREW HOURIGAN** was born in Wilkes-Barre, March 15, 1881. He graduated from the Wilkes-Barre High School, and then read law in the office of Hon. Henry W. Palmer. He was admitted to Luzerne County Bar June 27, 1903. He filled various clerkships in the county of Luzerne; served as assistant district attorney of Luzerne County; assistant United States Attorney Middle District of Pennsylvania. Mr. Hourigan is director of Miners' Bank, Wilkes-Barre; American Bank and Trust Company, of Hazleton; Capital Theatre Company, West Side Amusement Company, Columbia Silk Throwing Company, Smith and Clark Company; and is president of Mercy Hospital.

Andrew Hourigan married, November 20, 1913, Marie Quinn, of Johnstown, Pennsylvania, and six children were born of this union. Mr. Hourigan and his family are members of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church.

**WALTER BANKER**—For several generations the surname Banker has stood for all that is honorable in Wilkes-Barre. Its members have contributed vigorously and with intelligence to community development, and have held prominent place among the substantial citizenry. Walter Banker, owner and proprietor of Banker's Drug Store, at No. 57 West Market Street, is a son of Charles H. Banker, who was a son of Phillip Banker.

Phillip Banker was a pioneer settler of Wilkes-Barre, and here in the early days engaged in trade as contractor and builder in stone. He was earnest and industrious, of a fine intelligence, and enjoyed a well-earned prosperity. Among the buildings for which he is remembered are the Music Hall and the old Young Men's Christian Association, which, together with many others that have for the most part been destroyed by time, comprised his chief contributions to the advancement of this community, thus perpetuating his memory. He married and had children, and of these children was Charles H. Banker.

Charles H. Banker, like his father, was of an earnest temperament, industrious and intelligent. He died in December, 1927, at the age of sixty-eight years, closing a life replete of useful effort. He married Emma Campsen, and to this union were born eight children: Walter, of whom directly; Minnie, unmarried; Martha Elizabeth, married Norman Hoover, of Wilkes-Barre; Frances, married Frederick Lamoreau, of Forty Fort, Luzerne County; C. E., president of the Banker Coal Co., of Wilkes-Barre; Elsie A., married

A. E. Morgan, of Wilkes-Barre; George H., of Wilkes-Barre, and Clara E., unmarried.

Walter Banker, eldest child and son of Charles H. and Emma (Campsen) Banker, grandson of Phillip Banker, was born in Wilkes-Barre on March 13, 1881. Here he attended the public schools and, while pursuing his studies, at the age of thirteen years, went to work in Green's Drug Store, at No. 57 West Market Street. At this address, now the location of his own establishment, he has been engaged in the drug business during the years succeeding, until the present time (1929). The association begun in 1894 was most instructive to Mr. Banker, in pharmacy, and three years later, when he was sixteen years of age, he was able to pass the State examinations in that subject, entitling him as registered pharmacist to fill prescriptions anywhere in the State. He continued faithfully as clerk for Mr. Green until 1921; meanwhile he had accumulated a capital both in money and good will; a large share of the clientele patronizing Green's Drug Store was dependable solely upon the presence of Mr. Banker, whose personality was and is most pleasing and friendly, and whose ability from the first has been unquestioned. In 1921 he purchased the pharmacy, and the business has been even more flourishing than theretofore.

Politically, fraternally and in religion Mr. Banker is active; his interests are in no wise narrow, but broad indeed. He is a Democrat, loyal to the principles of government upheld by that party, and holder of a considerable influence in local Democratic circles, which influence he exercises quietly, and to good effect, always in the welfare of the community. He is a communicant of Trinity Lutheran Church, member of the church council and superintendent of the Sunday School. Mr. Banker is a member of the State Luther League and of the National Luther League, and of the latter has served on the Executive Committee of the United States; and was a member and chairman of the Ministerial Relief and Pensions Board for the Pennsylvania Synod of the church. Toward charitable and kindred causes of a worthy character he is ever sympathetic, and gives liberally and readily, regardless of considerations of race or creed, in a spirit truly humanitarian. He is a member of the Wilkes-Barre-Wyoming Valley Chamber of Commerce and the Wilkes-Barre Kiwanis Club. He has been president of the Luzerne County Pharmaceutical Association for the past fourteen years. During the World War he served in various capacities on the board and committees in charge of the prosecution of war work from within this country, and participated actively in the several Liberty Loan campaigns.

Walter Banker was united in marriage with Edna Seward, native of Luzerne County, born October 23, 1906, a daughter of Wynn and Jessie (McCulloch) Seward. This union has been blessed with three children: 1. Elizabeth Martha, who married Richard C. Sickler. 2. Marjorie Jean, who resides at home. 3. Phillip Walter, also residing at home. The family resides at No. 382 Wright Street, Kingston.

**CLAUDE P. SMITH**—Representing the third successive generation in the ownership and management of what is now the largest dry cleaning and dyeing establishment in Wilkes-Barre and one of the largest undertakings of this type in Pennsylvania, Mr. Smith has been actively connected with this business since 1921. Founded by his grand-

father, George Smith, the business has enjoyed a constant growth, and much of its success in recent years has been the result of the exceptional business ability of C. P. Smith and of his progressiveness and energy. Though one of the younger of Wilkes-Barre's business men, he is one of the most substantial and in every other way, too, he is a very useful and very popular member of the community.

Claude P. Smith was born in Wilkes-Barre, March 4, 1881, a son of the late Oscar and Anna (Tubbs) Smith. His father, who was born in Wilkes-Barre in 1856 and who died there, June 8, 1921, was for many years active in the management of the Oscar Smith Carpet Company and the Sanitary Cleaning & Dyeing Company, both of Wilkes-Barre. He was also very active in civic affairs, serving for a number of years on the Wilkes-Barre City Council and being, at three different occasions a candidate for mayor. Mr. Smith's mother, who died in Wilkes-Barre in April, 1920, was born at Cambra, Luzerne County, and was a member of one of that county's old families.

Claude P. Smith was educated in the public schools of his native city and at Wyoming Seminary and then went to work for one year in the Isaac Long Department Store as a clerk. Next he went to Florida, where he remained for ten years, engaging in the laundry business and becoming president and general manager of the E. S. Paine Laundry Company of Jacksonville, Florida. In 1921, after his father's death, he returned to Wilkes-Barre and became a partner of his brother, G. Earl Smith, in the cleaning and dyeing concerns founded by his grandfather some eighty years ago. Since then he has been active in their management and, together with his brother, G. Earl Smith, has greatly expanded them. Mr. Smith and his brother, in 1928, also controlled the Bornot Company, cleaners and dyers of Philadelphia, one of the oldest and largest concerns of its type in the United States, of which G. Earl Smith is chairman of the board of directors. His religious affiliations are with the Protestant Episcopal Church, and more particularly with St. Stephen's Church of Wilkes-Barre. In politics he is a supporter of the Republican party. He is a member of Temple Lodge, No. 23, Free and Accepted Masons, of Jacksonville, Florida; Jacksonville Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; and Irem Temple, of Wilkes-Barre, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

Mr. Smith married, September 28, 1904, Gertrude A. Morgan, a daughter of Dr. Aston H. and Helen (Sharp) Morgan, of Wilkes-Barre. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are the parents of one daughter, Helen M. Smith, born in 1906, who was a graduate of Beaver College, Jenkintown, Pennsylvania. She married Joseph Fuller Collingwood of Philadelphia.

The Oscar Smith Carpet Company, of which Mr. Smith is now joint owner with his brother, was established in 1848 by their grandfather, Captain John Smith, and originally carried on exclusively the cleaning of carpets and upholstery. In 1870 the business was taken over by the son of the founder, the late Oscar Smith, father of Claude P. Smith. In 1909 the latter, together with one of his sons, G. Earl Smith, established a new branch of the business, devoted to dry cleaning and dyeing and known as the Sanitary Cleaning & Dyeing Company. On the death of Mr. Oscar Smith, in 1921, Claude P. Smith became a partner of his brother and this partnership has continued since then. In the beginning the business was located in a small building on South

State Street and only three people were employed. In 1912 an addition was built and in 1915 the steady growth of the business required larger quarters and a new building was erected at that time between State and Washington streets. Some twenty people were required at that period in the business' history to care for its constantly growing trade. Five years later, in 1920, still another addition became necessary and after its completion the working force was increased to thirty people. Once more, in 1924, the expansion of the business required new and larger quarters, and it was then that its present headquarters were erected, a brick, concrete and steel building running the full length from Washington Street to State Street. It contains an attractive modern show room, spacious cold storage vaults for furs and up-to-date equipment for dyeing and cleaning. The number of employees now averages one hundred people.

G. Earl Smith was born February 22, 1883, in Wilkes-Barre. He married Ruth Wildermuth, and has two children.

**JEROME MEYER**—Wilkes-Barre numbers among its leading citizens, Jerome Meyer, head of the firm of Jerome Meyer and Sons, wholesale and manufacturing jewelers, whose offices are at No. 15 Public Square, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. Mr. Meyer's firm is one of the leading jewelry houses in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

It is the only firm in Northeastern Pennsylvania who are members of the Amsterdam and Antwerp Diamond Exchange. Once a year a member of the firm goes abroad to buy their stock of diamonds for the Wilkes-Barre trade. The reputation of the house is that of a highly reputable firm, with goods that are the best in quality. In politics Mr. Meyer is a Republican.

Jerome Meyer married Minnie Davis, of New York City, and they are the parents of three children: Nat, of whom further; Harold, of whom further; and Elsie.

Nat Meyer, the eldest son, was born April 26, 1890, in Wilkes-Barre. He was educated in the public schools and was graduated from the high school with the class of 1907, and has been a member of the jewelry firm of Jerome Meyer and Sons since 1910. He is a member of Landmark Lodge, No. 442, Free and Accepted Masons; holds the thirty-second degree in Keystone Consistory of Scranton, Pennsylvania; and a member of Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Irem Temple Country Club, Kiwanis Club, and the Junior Order United American Mechanics. He is a director of Wilkes-Barre-Wyoming Valley Chamber of Commerce. In politics Mr. Meyer is a Republican. Nat Meyer married Gertrude Claster, of Lock Haven, Pennsylvania, and they are the parents of three sons: Alfred, Theodore, and Gilbert Sidney.

Harold Meyer, the younger son of Jerome and Minnie (Davis) Meyer, was born in Wilkes-Barre, February 17, 1892, and graduated from the high school with the class of 1909. He went to Philadelphia and spent two years there learning the watch and jewelry trade. Upon his return to Wilkes-Barre he became a member of his father's firm in 1911. Harold Meyer is a Republican and a member of Landmark Lodge, No. 442, Free and Accepted Masons; Keystone Consistory, of Scranton, Pennsylvania, thirty-second degree; Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; Irem Temple Country Club; Junior Order United American





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Mechanics and the Loyal Order of Moose. Mr. Meyer is also vice-president of the Wilkes-Barre Baseball Club. Harold Meyer married Ida Claster, of Lock Haven, Pennsylvania, and they are the parents of two children, Marjorie Toby and Phillis Ruth.

The firm of Jerome Meyer and Sons own their own building, and in the past two years they have acquired considerable business properties in the central section of Wilkes-Barre.

**R. JAY FLICK**—Whether as a leader in local journalism and its county-wide influences, or as an industrialist whose activities have long been associated with the broadening of the plans and purposes of a score of public utilities in Wilkes-Barre and the State in general, R. Jay Flick is a distinguished personality and factor in the organization of industrial institutions and whatsoever has to do with the promotion of public welfare. As the presiding executive of many light and power concerns in this section of the State, he is everywhere known and highly regarded in the business world.

R. Jay Flick was born June 24, 1871, in Wilkes-Barre, a son of Reuben Jay Flick, who died December 18, 1890, and Margaret J. (Arnold) Flick, who died November 16, 1904. Reuben Jay Flick was president of the Peoples' Bank for twelve years, president of the Wilkes-Barre Lace Manufacturing Company for many years, and member of the board of directors of the leading industries in the Wyoming Valley.

The first-come of the paternal name was Gerlach Paul Flick, who emigrated from Amsterdam, Holland, in ship "Neptune," landed at Philadelphia, September 23, 1751, and, settling in Northampton County, followed the occupation of miller. His youngest son, Casper, served through the Revolutionary War, afterwards followed his father's occupation, and died at the age of ninety-four years. Of his twelve children, eleven lived more than eighty years.

John Flick, who was born in 1783 and died in 1869, eldest son of Casper Flick, was a leading citizen of Northampton County, the village of Flicksville being named for him. He was a member of the Pennsylvania Legislature in 1840-41, and he held other responsible offices, and served in the War of 1812 until peace was declared. In 1813, he married Eva B. Caster, daughter of Philip Caster, a soldier of the Revolutionary Army, and who at one time lived in the Wyoming Valley, but afterwards settled at Lower Mount Bethel, Northampton County. Mrs. Flick died in 1873, at the age of seventy-seven years.

Reuben Jay Flick, who was born in 1816, and died in 1890, eldest son of John Flick, was a native of Flicksville, Northampton County, and settled in Wilkes-Barre at the age of twenty-two years. He was closely identified with the growth of that city, having been officially connected with its leading financial, industrial and benevolent institutions. He organized and was for twelve years president of the People's Bank, was an elder of the Presbyterian Church, trustee of Harry Hillman Academy, the Female Institute, the City Hospital, the Home for Friendless Children; also Lincoln University, at Oxford. He was nominated for Congress in 1852, on the Prohibition ticket. He married, January 9, 1853, Margaret Jane Arnold, daughter of Adam and Margaret (Hoofsmith) Arnold, of Hamilton, Monroe County; and they were the parents of five children:

Liddon; Warren Jay; Helen Jessie; Harry Lincoln; Reuben J. (R. Jay), Jr., of whom further.

R. Jay Flick attended the Wilkes-Barre public schools, and when he was thirteen years old, entered Harry Hillman Academy, a private school in that city, where he was graduated in 1888. He was graduated at Phillips Exeter Academy in 1890; and taking the arts course at Princeton University, was graduated there in 1894 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Taking the full business course at Wyoming Business College, he was graduated there in 1896.

In the year of his graduation from the business college, 1896, Mr. Flick was appointed business manager of the Wilkes-Barre "Times," an evening daily paper published by the Wilkes-Barre Times Company. About two years later, he was made treasurer of that company, and in 1905 he became president and editor of the paper. Since 1896, Mr. Flick has been agent for the R. J. Flick estate.

Having become interested in the promotion and reorganization of gas and electric companies, Mr. Flick has served as president of the Bethlehem Consolidated Gas Company, of Bethlehem; president of the Vineland Light and Power Company, of Vineland, New Jersey; president of the Mahanoy City Gas Company; a director of the Ann Harbor Railroad Company; the Auburn Light, Heat, and Power Company; the George W. Jackson Company; and a vice-president of Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce.

During a long period inclusive of the World War, Mr. Flick was director of the Bureau of Construction of the American Red Cross, at their headquarters in Washington, District of Columbia.

Mr. Flick, but recently president of the People's Light Company of Pittston, is now president of the Oaklawn Cemetery Association; and vice-president of the Wilkes-Barre Lace Manufacturing Company.

Mr. Flick is a member of the American Geographical Society; the Bibliophile Society; life member of the Wyoming Valley Historical Society; life member of the Audobon Society; member of the Westmoreland Club, of Wilkes-Barre; Racquet Club, of Philadelphia; and the Union, New York Yacht, Riding, Turf and Field, and Bankers' clubs, of New York City. He was chairman of the souvenir and programme committee at the Wilkes-Barre Centennial, in 1906.

R. Jay Flick married, February 10, 1909, Mrs. Henrietta (Ridgely) Flick, widow of his brother, Liddon Flick, and daughter of Dr. Nicholas Greenbury Ridgely, of Hampton, Maryland, and Ida (Deshon) Ridgely. They have one daughter, Eleanor Ridgely Flick, born December 8, 1910.

**FRANCIS NAPOLEON LOUGHNANE**—Holding the important position of division engineer on the Lehigh Valley Railroad, Francis N. Loughnane, of Wilkes-Barre, is a man who has made the grade from the humble place of water-boy, mastering in turn every step of the way. He is esteemed as one of the most valued of the officials on the Lehigh system, and in his expertness as a railroad man the management reposes implicit confidence. He is a striking example of the foreign-born boy who has come to America, and achieved a career of success and usefulness. Possessing the commission of a captain in the Engineers' Reserve Corps, United States Army, he stands ready at any time to serve his government in emergency.

Francis Napoleon Loughnane was born in

the British Isles, September 19, 1869. His father, James Loughnane, was born in Scotland, and was a member of the British Army for many years. He died in 1883. The mother, Mary Agnes (Burke) Loughnane, who was a native of Ireland, died in 1896. Francis Napoleon had public school and academy training in his native land, and pursued his studies further at schools in Pittston, Pennsylvania, and New York City.

Mr. Loughnane began his career as a railroad worker by taking a real job, that of water-boy, on the Lehigh Railroad. He was sent out with section and construction gangs to help the men slake their thirst while in the performance of their arduous labor. Cheerful, willing and ambitious, he was one of the best water-boys that section of the railroad had known. It was reasonable to expect that such a promising lad would receive merited promotion, which came to him in the form of the position of watchman. Here he discharged his duties with faithfulness and precision. Then he advanced to track-walker, and in his integrity rested the safety of many lives and much valuable property which passed in trains over the section patrolled by him. Next he was made section foreman and "extra-gang" foreman. All the while he was developing his expertise in track construction and supervision. When the time came to fill the vacancy in a position of general foreman, he was named for that promotion. In that responsible duty he showed marked ability, and his work was extremely pleasing to the division head and his own immediate superior. From the general foremanship he passed to assistant roadmaster, and then to supervisor of tracks. The peak of his railroading career to date (1929) was attained in 1911, when he was appointed division engineer on the Lehigh. This advancement was hailed with delight by Mr. Loughnane's comrades in the service, and he has ever since been an increasingly indispensable official in the company's personnel. His headquarters are in Wilkes-Barre, in which city he and his family have their residence.

Mr. Loughnane is an ardent Republican. During his entire residence in Wilkes-Barre, since 1898, he has conscientiously endeavored to cooperate with the people of the city who have the advance of their community very much at heart. He has, therefore, become one of the valued citizens, whose civic ideals are in harmony with the general upward movement. Mr. Loughnane finds his greatest recreation in good reading, and is particularly fond of historical, biographical, philosophical and scientific works. His principal fraternal affiliation is with Wilkes-Barre Lodge, No. 109, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and he belongs to the Wilkes-Barre-Wyoming Valley Chamber of Commerce, the Society of American Military Engineers, and the Fox Hill Country Club.

Francis N. Loughnane married, in 1898, Margaret Fahey, daughter of Michael and Margaret (Regan-Durkin) Fahey, of Ashland, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania. They are the parents of two children: 1. Albert McKenzie, who fought in the World War, with the commission of captain in the Canadian Army Medical Corps, with service overseas. He was given a special citation and awarded the Croix-de-Guerre by the French for brave and meritorious service in the field under particularly hazardous conditions. 2. Francis.

**WILLIS LEONARD DEAN, A. M.**—The family of the surname Dean of which Professor Willis L. Dean of Wyoming Seminary, busi-

ness department, member of the faculty for more than fifty years, is a member, is descended from Walter Deane of South Chard, Somersetshire, England, who died in 1591. His son, William Deane, was the father of nine children, of whom two younger sons, John and Walter, came to Boston, Massachusetts, in 1637. Walter Deane was born in Chard, England, between 1615 and 1620, took the freeman's oath in Massachusetts in 1638, was selectman in Taunton, Massachusetts, for seven years until 1686, married Eleanor Strong, daughter of Richard Strong, of Taunton, England, and had four children. Of these the youngest son, James, learned the trade of blacksmith and iron worker, and became prominent in the town of Stonington, Massachusetts; he later resided in Plainfield, owned many lands there and in Voluntown, and died, May 29, 1725. His son Jonathan was baptized April 2, 1693, became a considerable man of property in Plainfield, served in the State Legislature, married, in 1716, Sarah Douglas, and had children. Of them was Captain Ezra Dean (the final "e" had been dropped from the surname by his father), born in Plainfield, Connecticut, in 1718, who was the first of the family to come to the Wyoming Valley in Pennsylvania, which he did in 1769, when fifty-one years of age. This Captain Ezra took unto himself four wives. One of them was from North Kingston, Rhode Island, and, so it is said, it was in honor of her that Kingston, Pennsylvania, was named. His fourth wife, Phoebe Waterman, wed in 1774, survived him, when he died, in 1806, leaving five of his fourteen children. Jonathan, one to survive, was born in 1741, and was town clerk of West Greenwich from 1776 until 1780; he came to Pennsylvania, locating in Abington in 1800, was the first clerk in the first church in that town, and died in 1822. His wife, Mary Davis, bore him five children. James Dean was born in 1780, in West Greenwich, Rhode Island. He married Catherine Tripp, of Providence, Pennsylvania, in 1803, thereby joining two pioneer families of the State; and they had eight children. Among them was Nelson N. Dean, born July 11, 1814, who attended the public schools of his native town, Abington, and the Franklin Academy, at Hartford, Pennsylvania.

Nelson N. Dean, of the eighth generation from Walter Deane of South Chard, Somersetshire, England, and of the sixth from Walter, the progenitor, of Massachusetts, was a farmer by occupation. An intelligent citizen, interested in the welfare of his county, he was elected one of the three commissioners of Luzerne County, in 1876, and was the last to serve in that capacity from the portion of Luzerne County which was cut off and became Lackawanna County. Mr. Dean married, April 25, 1850, Clarissa Dayton Searle, born November 14, 1824, in Pittston Township, Luzerne County. Her great-grandfather, Constant Searle, native of Stonington, Connecticut, was killed in the Wyoming Massacre, July 3, 1778. Her grandfather, Roger Searle, then a youth of eighteen, was in the battle, but escaped; and many other members of the family were involved. Her mother was Mary (Stark) Searle, daughter of Henry Stark of Plains, Luzerne County, and a descendant of General Stark of the Continental Army. After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Dean began housekeeping in their own home near Abington Centre, now Waverly, Pennsylvania, where they spent the balance of their lives. Their children were: 1. James Elmer, born September 13, 1851. 2. Willis Leonard, born February 5, 1857, of whom directly. Nelson N. Dean died June 1, 1879, soon after completing his term of office

as county commissioner; and not long afterward his son Willis erected a pleasant home for his mother, in the center of Waverly village, where she resided until her death.

Willis L. Dean, of the ninth generation from Walter Deane of South Chard, Somersetshire, England, and of the seventh from Walter the progenitor in Massachusetts, youngest son of Nelson N. and Clarissa Dayton (Searle) Dean, attended the Madison Academy, in Waverly, the Wyoming Seminary, Kingston, and graduated from the commercial department of the latter, in 1873, at the age of seventeen years. He taught in Lowell's Commercial College, in Binghamton, New York, for the next two years, then, in 1875, became instructor in penmanship and bookkeeping in Wyoming Seminary, and was made principal of the college of business of that institution in 1882, which position he has filled through the succeeding years, to the sincere appreciation of trustees and patrons alike. Mr. Dean has not limited his studies to those of his department, but has acquired a broad and liberal culture from reading widely, and from contact with men of learning elsewhere. In 1890, after he had served fifteen years in the seminary, Dickinson College conferred upon him the degree of Master of Arts, in recognition of his attainments. Mr. Dean is a man of excellent business capacity, and from small beginnings, by prudent management, has acquired a substantial competency. He is widely known and respected in all circles of education of Luzerne County and enjoys an extensive acquaintanceship in those of the State. Kindly, firm in his opinions yet ever ready to alter them in the face of evidence, industrious, keenly intelligent, and possessed in generous measure of those qualities of character which tend to endear a man to his fellows, Mr. Dean's friends are many and devoted, and extend down to the youngest of his pupils in the seminary.

On June 20, 1878, Mr. Dean was united in marriage with Mary Goodwin, born in Kingston, March 24, 1857, daughter of Philip M. and Eliza (Grosvenor) Goodwin, and to this union were born two children: 1. Searle G., born November 13, 1880, died October 10, 1881. 2. Marjorie, born September 19, 1884, graduate of Wyoming Seminary, class of 1903. She married, October 12, 1905, George Willard Carey, of Forty Fort, and is the mother of two sons, Dean and George W., Jr.

**JOSEPH VINCENT CONNOLLE, M. D.**—One of the leading eye, ear, nose, and throat specialists in Luzerne County is Dr. Joseph Vincent Connolle, whose offices are located in the Miners Bank Building, in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. Dr. Connolle is a native of Luzerne County, and a graduate of Jefferson Medical College, in Philadelphia, and has been located in Wilkes-Barre since the fall of 1919.

Dr. Joseph Vincent Connolle was born in Plymouth, Luzerne County, July 8, 1889, son of John F. and Mary Elizabeth (Keating) Connolle, of Plymouth, both deceased. John F. Connolle was a well-known business man in Plymouth for many years, and he and his wife were the parents of six children: Mary, married John F. McGroarty, of Wilkes-Barre; Thomas, whose death occurred when he was twenty-three years of age; Dr. John F., who is a well-known physician of Wilkes-Barre; Aetheta E.; Dr. Joseph Vincent, of further mention; and Anna M.

Dr. Joseph Vincent Connolle received his early school training in the parochial school at Plymouth, and then became a student in the Harry Hillman Academy, from which he was graduated with the class of 1908. As he

had early determined upon the medical profession as his future field of service, he then entered Jefferson Medical College, at Philadelphia, where he finished his course with graduation in 1912, receiving at that time the degree of Doctor of Medicine. After graduation he served an internship of two years in the Newark City Hospital, and then, still desiring to further prepare himself for the best possible service in his chosen field, spent another year in special study of the ear, nose, and throat in the Pennsylvania Hospital, at Philadelphia. In the fall of 1915, he went to the Wills Eye Hospital, of Philadelphia, where he studied for a period of two years. In October, 1917, he enlisted for service in the World War, and served in the United States Navy as senior lieutenant, in charge of the eye work at the Philadelphia Navy Yard, where he remained for a period of two years. At the end of that time, in the fall of 1919, he came to Wilkes-Barre and opened an office in the Miners Bank Building, where he has since been continuously and successfully engaged in special practice. He has become known as one of the leading specialists in his field in Luzerne County, and has built up a very large and important practice.

He is a member of the Luzerne County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania State Medical Society, and the American Medical Association; and is a member of the Nu Sigma Nu Fraternity. He is a member of the staff of Mercy Hospital, of Wilkes-Barre. Politically, he is a Democrat. He is a member of the Westmoreland Club, and of the Wyoming Valley Country Club, and his religious affiliation is with St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church of Wilkes-Barre.

**THOMAS JEFFERSON HALSEY**—Engaged in civil engineering in Wilkes-Barre and Luzerne County, Thomas Jefferson Halsey holds an important position in the life of this community, where he is a civil and consulting engineer and a member of the firm of Wintermute and Halsey. There is scarcely any phase of the life of his city and county in which Mr. Halsey is not keenly interested, and so it is that he stands high in the esteem and affection of his fellowmen.

He was born in Laurel Run Borough, Luzerne County, on February 27, 1890, son of Frank S. and Mary (Gress) Halsey. His father, who was born in Wyoming, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, and died in May, 1927, was a carpenter and contractor by trade; he was born in 1852. The mother, Mary (Gress) Halsey, was born in Wilkes-Barre in 1858.

Thomas Jefferson Halsey received his early education in the public and high schools of Kingston, Pennsylvania. Later he studied civil engineering, which he took up for his professional career; and on January 1, 1927, he became a partner with Ferdinand Clark Wintermute, both forming the firm of Wintermute and Halsey, civil and consulting engineers. Mr. Halsey's amiable personality, as well as his skill and training for the work in which he is engaged, render him a valuable member of the community in which he lives and works and a leader among consulting engineers.

In addition to his professional activities, Mr. Halsey is active in the affairs of his city. In his political alignment, he is a staunch Republican and a loyal supporter of the candidates and policies of his party. He is a member of the Patriotic Order Sons of America, and is a member of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Halsey's offices are in

the Liberty State Bank Building, in Wilkes-Barre; while he resides at No. 63 Walnut Street, Forty Fort.

**EDWARD CONRAD BAHNMILLER, M. D.**

—Well known in Wilkes-Barre, where his skill as surgeon and general practitioner is making for him a position well up in the medical profession, though he is now (1929) in his early thirties and began the practice of medicine and surgery in 1920, Edward Conrad Bahnmitter was born in Wilkes-Barre on July 23, 1894, a son of Frederick and Ida (Fetzel) Bahnmitter of that city.

Frederick Bahnmitter is a machinist by trade and came to the United States from Germany when a young man. He is an adept machinist, and industrious, numbered among those who are making for Wilkes-Barre a conspicuous place in the forefront of American industry. Frederick and Ida (Fetzel) Bahnmitter are the parents of two children; Helen, the wife of Albert Saunders; and Dr. Edward C. Bahnmitter, of whom further.

Dr. Bahnmitter was reared in his native city, and then attended the public schools, graduating from high school in 1913. He then attended Colgate University, graduating in 1916 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He matriculated in the University of Pennsylvania in the Department of Medicine and graduated with the class of 1920 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine; and then returned to Wilkes-Barre to serve one year as interne in the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital. He is a member of the Beta Theta Pi Chapter; a member of the Luzerne County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania Medical Society, the Lehigh Valley Medical Society, and the American Medical Association. He is a member of the surgical staff of the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital. Dr. Bahnmitter is a member of Landmark Lodge, No. 442, Free and Accepted Masons, the Consistory of Scranton, thirty-second degree; Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and Irem Temple Country Club. Politically, Dr. Bahnmitter is a Republican.

Dr. Edward C. Bahnmitter married, September 22, 1922, Arline Ruth Beers, of Wilkes-Barre, daughter of Harry Beers of that city, and Minnie (Bachman) Beers, now deceased.

**OSTERHOUT FREE LIBRARY**—The Osterhout Free Library of Wilkes-Barre was endowed by the will of the late Isaac S. Osterhout who died in 1882. This endowment was given to the people of Wilkes-Barre for a library, the amount to be allowed to accumulate for five years before the work of establishing a library should begin.

Seven directors were appointed by Mr. Osterhout to take full charge of this work. The original board consisted of the following members: Mr. Edmund L. Dana, president; Messrs Hubbard B. Payne, Lewis C. Paine, Edward P. Darling, Harrison Wright, Andrew H. McClintock, Sheldon Reynolds. These seven members, with the minister of the First Presbyterian Church, Rev. Francis B. Hodge, D. D., and Rev. Henry L. Jones, D. D., rector of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, chosen as ex-officio members, comprised the full board.

In 1887 the directors purchased the property, including the church, of the First Presbyterian Society on South Franklin Street, intending to use the site for a library building. They were strongly advised to retain the church and adapt it to library uses, which they did. The Gothic architecture proved as appropriate for a library as for a church.

The same year they called Miss Hannah P.

James of the Free Library of Newton, Massachusetts, to be the first librarian, and Miss Myra Poland of Arlington, Massachusetts, as her assistant. Five other assistants, three from Wilkes-Barre and two others, graduates of the first library school, comprised the staff of workers who were employed to catalogue and prepare the first 10,500 volumes. The work continued for nearly a year and a half. The library was opened January 29, 1889.

It was pioneer work, as there was no other free library in this part of the State. In 1902 Miss James was obliged to leave the library on account of ill health. She attended to the selection of the books, however, for several months at her home. She passed away in April, 1903. Her work was not completed, for with her deep interest in establishing the library and in its success, one so well equipped was needed indefinitely. She was succeeded by Myra Poland, the assistant librarian.

The privileges of the library have been extended from time to time. Any resident of Luzerne County is permitted to take books if satisfactory references are given. With the growth of the library came the need for more room, and a wing was added to the building, which was completed in 1908. The wing contains a three-story stack, including a cataloguing room, and the main library is an open shelf room. The children's room is in the front of the main building and the reference department is at the back where the chapel was originally.

For many years there were no branch libraries in connection with the library. In April, 1923, the first branch was opened, and the second in February, 1924. In 1926 a library was placed in a Settlement Club House with a librarian in attendance and later a collection of books was sent to another Settlement Club House with a librarian in charge of that.

The growth of the library has been continuous and the work ever increasing. The report for 1927 showed a circulation of 343,276 volumes. The number of borrowers registered was 24,757. The number of volumes in the main library and branches as last reported was 72,847.

A free library supported entirely by an endowment fund is somewhat unusual, and it makes the donor's gift one to be greatly appreciated. The name of Isaac S. Osterhout is one to be remembered with deep gratitude as a benefactor who made to the people of his city and county a munificent gift.

**FRANK CRAIG NICHOLSON**—The member of a well-known family of Wilkes-Barre, Frank C. Nicholson, who since 1913 has been electrical engineer for the Lehigh Valley Coal Company, is highly respected in his community for his notable business and professional attainments. He is also a prominent figure in the social, civic, and fraternal life and development of Wilkes-Barre and vicinity.

He was born in Wilkes-Barre on August 31, 1887, the son of William H. and Emma (Comstock) Nicholson. His grandfather was W. H. Nicholson, a native of England, who came to the United States in 1866 from New Castle, England, and of further mention in this volume.

Frank C. Nicholson spent his boyhood in Wilkes-Barre, where he attended the public schools and the high school, having been graduated from the Wilkes-Barre High School in the class of 1905. Later he attended the Pennsylvania State College, from which he was graduated in the class of 1909 with





*Michael A. Brown*

the degree of Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering, and in 1914 he received his degree of Master of Electrical Engineering. In 1909 he took a position with the Westinghouse Electric Company, in Pittsburgh, returning later to Wilkes-Barre to become associated with the Vulcan Iron Works. In 1913 he became electrical engineer for the Lehigh Valley Coal Company, and has filled this position ever since that time. Mr. Nicholson is president of Luzerne County Alumni Association of Pennsylvania State, from 1914 to 1929; first secretary of the Pennsylvania State College Engineering Extension School of Wilkes-Barre, 1917; instructor in Electrical Engineering subjects in the Mining Institute of Wilkes-Barre, 1914-17. In his political affiliations he is a member of the Republican party. He is identified religiously with the Westminster Presbyterian Church, of Wilkes-Barre. Active in the fraternal life of the city, he is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which order he is affiliated with Lodge, No. 61, Free and Accepted Masons; Shekinah Chapter, No. 182, Royal Arch Masons; the Dieu le Veut Commandery, No. 45, Knights Templar; the Irem Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; and the Shrine Country Club. He holds memberships in the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, Wilkes-Barre manager of the Lehigh Valley Section of American Institute Electrical Engineers; a member of Wilkes-Barre-Wyoming Valley Chamber of Commerce, and the Greek letter fraternity Theta Xi. His business interests include a directorship in the W. H. Nicholson Company, of Wilkes-Barre. He is also a member of the Electrical Engineers Committee of American Mining Congress.

On June 14, 1911, Mr. Nicholson married Henrietta Hines, of Wilkes-Barre. Their marriage has been blessed with two children: Rhea Louise, and William H., 3d.

**MICHAEL A. BROWN**—The story of a poor boy, without advantages of education or family influence, who has risen by his own hard work and intelligent effort to be the head of the Wilkes-Barre police force, is embodied in the life of Michael A. Brown. The son of poor parents, he began as a breaker boy in the coal mines, picked slate, drove a mule and finally joined the Wilkes-Barre police force, which he has served thirty-four years.

Michael A. Brown, police chief of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, until his retirement in September, 1928, was born in Wilkes-Barre on October 15, 1867, son of Patrick and Mary (Stone) Brown, both deceased. Patrick Brown, his father, came to Luzerne County from Ireland when a young man, to work in the coal mines. He was a miner when he married Mary Stone, and they had seven children: Bridget, Michael A., Martin, Mary, deceased, wife of Michael Quinn; Catherine, Margaret, deceased; and Jennie.

Michael A. Brown grew up in his native city and attended the public schools. Family necessity, however, made it imperative that he leave school at the early age of nine years and he went to work as a breaker boy in the coal mines of the Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre Coal Company. Soon he was given more responsible work as a slate picker, and later he became a mule driver, hauling cars of broken coal from the galleries to the sorting rooms. He was nineteen, when it suddenly occurred to him, one day, that he had had enough of coal mining. It also seemed to him that his health would improve if he were to work a while in the open air, instead of in those dim corridors, far down under the earth, breathing coal dust and

gaseous air for long hours. He therefore obtained employment in the blacksmith and wagon shop of Louis La Grand and Sons, in Wilkes-Barre, where he remained about five years, at which time he entered the employ as an apprentice of Peter Frey Wagon Shop for four years.

About this time, his attention was attracted by a published notice of several vacancies on the police force of Wilkes-Barre. The life of a policeman, with its promise of excitement and promotion, seemed particularly attractive to the young man. He applied and was appointed. First he was a patrolman, and his faithful and distinguished service won him promotion and transfer to the detective division. Several notable cases which he solved, leading to the capture of notorious criminals, earned him yet another distinction, and he was appointed captain of detectives. The intelligence and loyalty of his work continued, and he was appointed chief of police on February 15, 1922. Most of Wilkes-Barre's citizens—representing its business, financial and professional life—know Michael A. Brown and instinctively trust him, for his honesty and devotion during his thirty-four years in the city's service have merited their confidence. He is a member of the National Association of Chiefs of Police, and the Ancient Order of Hibernians. Mr. Brown is a staunch Democrat and a communicant of St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church in Wilkes-Barre.

Mr. Brown married, June 4, 1900, Bridget Garvin, daughter of Patrick Garvin, of Wilkes-Barre. Mrs. Brown died October 20, 1920. Mr. and Mrs. Brown were the parents of four children: 1. Michael Edmond, now a member of the Wilkes-Barre police force, who married Ethel Betterley of Wilkes-Barre. 2. Paul, who died in childhood. 3. Francis, an electrical contractor. 4. Leo. The home of their father, Michael A. Brown, is at No. 25 Park Avenue, Wilkes-Barre.

**CHARLES MAURER**—Prominent in the life of Wilkes-Barre for many years, Charles Maurer is now city commissioner and superintendent of the Department of Parks and Public Property. For a considerable period he was the proprietor of a meat market on South Main Street. This business he conducted until 1923. In the same year he was elected to the position of City Commissioner and re-elected in November, 1927, in which capacity he has continued to serve since that time. Mr. Maurer's well-known energy and ability have made him a public official of the greatest value to his community.

His father, George Maurer, now deceased, was for many years in the meat business in Wilkes-Barre. He married Margaret Fleischman, also now deceased, and they were the parents of five children: Annie, who was married to Henry Eckardt, and now deceased. William F., of Wilkes-Barre; Charles; Minnie, deceased, the wife of Joseph Keenan, of Wilkes-Barre, and Kate.

Charles Maurer was born on May 20, 1864, at Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. He attended the local public schools and when he was only ten years old his father died. At the age of sixteen he began work, and was employed at different times by several butcher and meat firms in Wilkes-Barre. After a number of years he took over the management of his father's old store, which had been continued since the death of his father by his mother and brother William, and finally, at the age of thirty, he opened his own store on South Main Street, near Ross Street, Wilkes-Barre. Here for almost thirty years he conducted an excellent business until, in 1923,

he was forced to give up his business on account of ill health.

Politically, Mr. Maurer is a member of the Republican party, and in 1923 he was elected one of the city commissioners for Wilkes-Barre, since which time he has served also as superintendent of the Department of Parks and Public Property. He is affiliated fraternally with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, being a member of Wilkes-Barre Lodge, No. 61, a member of Shekinah Chapter, No. 182, of the Royal Arch Masons; Mount Horeb Council, Dieu le Veut Commandery, No. 45, of the Knights Templar; Caldwell Consistory, at Bloomsbury, Pennsylvania, of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Masons of the thirty-second degree. He is also a member of Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a member of the Irem Country Club and the Craftsmen's Club. He and his family attend St. John's Lutheran Church of Wilkes-Barre, of which he serves as a trustee.

On June 14, 1892, Mr. Maurer married Louise Rapp, daughter of George Rapp, of Weisport, Carbon County, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Maurer are the parents of five children: 1. George, who died at the age of twelve years. 2. Margaret, who married Milton J. LeRoy, of Niagara Falls, New York, and they have a son, Milton J., Jr. 3. Charles P., a mining engineer, with the Berwyn Coal Company, resides at Windber. He married Levinia Pengilly, of Hazleton, Pennsylvania, and they are the parents of one child, Charles P., Jr. 4. Earl W., deputy city treasurer of Wilkes-Barre; married Louisa Richards, of Moosic, Pennsylvania. 5. Robert H., who is a chemist for the Luzerne County Gas Company. He married Nerline Smith, of Conyngham, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, and they have one son, Robert.

**LEO W. LONG**—The son of one of the pioneer merchants of Wilkes-Barre and himself a native and life-long resident of that city, Mr. Long was engaged there for many years in business as the owner of one of the leading stores. Since his retirement in 1911 he has devoted himself to the active support of civic and charitable movements and, in 1927, was appointed chairman of the Wilkes-Barre Police Civil Service Commission. In this important position, as, indeed, in many other ways, he has proven himself one of the most useful and progressive members of the community, to the continuous development and growth of which both he and his father made many valuable contributions.

Leo W. Long was born in Wilkes-Barre, April 28, 1859, a son of the late Marx and Caroline (Mayer) Long. His father, who was born in 1817, came to Wilkes-Barre in 1839. At that time the city gave few indications of its later growth and importance. Though even then the county seat of Luzerne County, it was little more than a small country town, with no railroad, no paved streets and no street lights. Even its coal industry, now so important not only to the city itself, but to the entire country, was practically non-existent. To this undeveloped, but promising territory the older Mr. Long came, carrying at that time a pack of merchandise on his shoulders and traveling from house to house and from farm to farm throughout the Wyoming Valley, in order to carry on his business. In 1843 he opened a small store on the corner of the Public Square and West Market Street, Wilkes-Barre. By 1848 the business had prospered to such an extent that he was able to erect a building of his own on the south side of the Public Square and there he continued with much success for sixty-two

years until his death in Wilkes-Barre in 1910 at the ripe old age of ninety-three years. During all these years he was one of the leading business men of the city and he could always be found in the forefront of those fighting and working for the development and welfare of Wilkes-Barre. As the city grew from a small town into a large and busy city of some 70,000 population, his own business kept growing, until it became one of the leading establishments of its type in that section of Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Marx Long were the parents of seven children, of whom three are still living; Emma, who married Harry Laycock of Wyoming, Pennsylvania; Sallie, who married Samuel Oppenheim of Wilkes-Barre; and Leo W., of whom further.

Mr. Long was educated in the public schools of his native city and grew to manhood there. Even as a boy he helped in his father's business and, after he had completed his education, he became associated with him in the conduct and development of the store. He continued actively in the management of the enterprise until his father's death in 1910 and then carried on the business for another year, until he disposed of his interest in it in 1911. Since then he has lived in retirement, giving much of his time to civic and charitable work. As the result of his long residence in Wilkes-Barre, his well known probity and his unselfish devotion to the interests of the community, he has been for many years one of its most widely known and most highly respected citizens. He has been especially active in the affairs of the several fraternal organizations, of which he has been a member since early manhood and which include the following: Wilkes-Barre Lodge, No. 109, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; Landmark Lodge, No. 442, Free and Accepted Masons; Shekinah Chapter, No. 182, Royal Arch Masons; Keystone Consistory of Scranton, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of the thirty-second degree; Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; and Irem Temple Country Club at Dallas, Luzerne County. He was one of the most active and effective workers in connection with the building of the beautiful new Elks' home on North River Street and of the equally attractive Irem Temple on North Franklin Street. It was also largely due to his initiative, foresight and energy that the Irem Temple Country Club is now the proud possessor of its magnificent building and beautiful grounds at Dallas. For many years he has been a member of the board of directors and the treasurer of the Wilkes-Barre Branch of the Association for the Blind and in this office he has found many opportunities to give expression to his innate kindness. In 1927 he accepted the appointment at the hands of Mayor Daniel L. Hart to the office of chairman of the Police Civil Service Commission, a position for which his executive ability and a thorough knowledge of conditions in and of the needs of the city made him especially available.

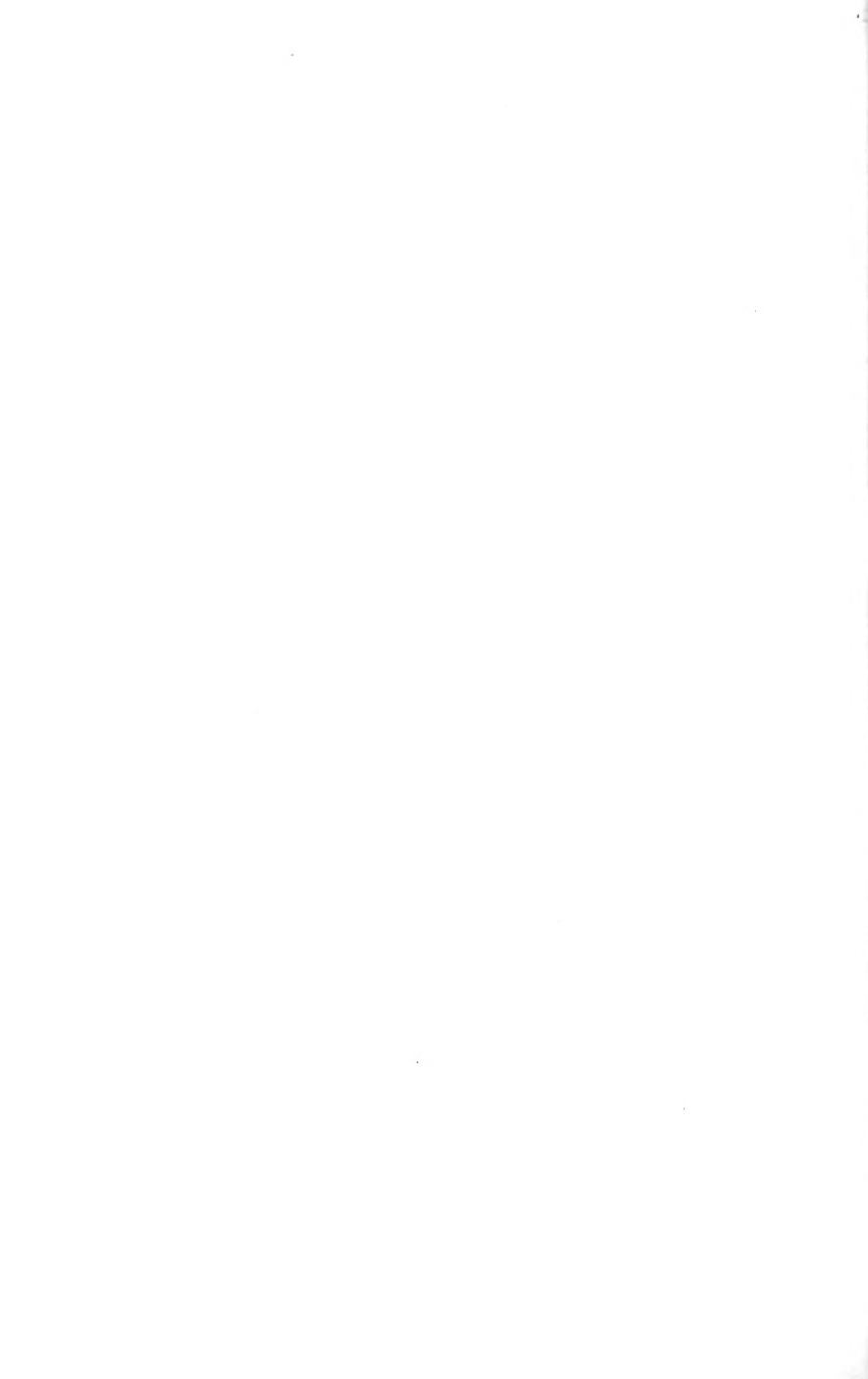
Mr. Long is unmarried and makes his home at the Sterling Hotel.

**RALPH PAYNE THOMAS**—For the past eight years Ralph Payne Thomas has been engaged in the investment business in Wilkes-Barre, with offices at Nos. 856-858 in the Miners' Bank Building. He operates under the name of R. P. Thomas and Company, Inc., and has developed a very substantial and prosperous business. For two years prior to opening his offices here, Mr. Thomas was engaged in the same line of





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business in Boston, Massachusetts, but since 1922 he has been located here.

Thomas P. Thomas, father of R. P. Thomas, has been associated with the Lehigh Valley Coal Company for the past forty years, beginning his connection with that concern as a small boy serving as mule driver in the mines, and recently retired as general manager of the company. He married Jane Williams, and they are the parents of three children: Harold Pettibone, of Cleveland, Ohio, deceased; Beatrice Eloise, who is the wife of C. Robert Kruse, of Toledo, Ohio, now residing in Wilkes-Barre; and Ralph Payne, of further mention.

Ralph Payne Thomas, son of Thomas P. and Jane (Williams) Thomas, was born in West Pittston, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, and received his early education in the public schools of his birthplace, graduating from the Kingston High School with the class of 1911, and then prepared for college at Wyoming Seminary, at Kingston, Luzerne County, where he was graduated with the class of 1913. In 1914 he entered Lehigh University, where he continued his studies for three years, and then made a change, entering Yale University as a senior in the class of 1918. Before his senior year was completed, the United States entered the World War, and Mr. Thomas enlisted in the United States Navy, where he served as a pilot of seaplanes and flying-boats for two years. He was stationed at Pensacola, Florida, as an instructor in flying-boats with the rank of ensign, and later was transferred to Rockaway Naval Air Station, on Long Island, New York, where he was commissioned a junior lieutenant, and where he served until he was mustered out of service in 1919. Upon his return to civilian life he went to New York City and became identified with the Lehigh Valley Coal Sales Company as salesman in the New England States, continuing that connection until 1920, when he engaged in the investment business in Boston, Massachusetts. In 1922 he returned to Wilkes-Barre, and engaged in the investment bond business under the name of R. P. Thomas and Company, Inc., he being the organizer of the company. He opened offices at Nos. 856-858 Miners' Bank Building, in Wilkes-Barre, where he has since been successfully engaged. Mr. Thomas is a Republican in his political sympathies, and is well known in Masonic circles, being a member of Kingston Lodge, No. 395, Free and Accepted Masons; and of all the Scottish Rite bodies; also of Caldwell Consistory, of Bloomsburg, an Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Mason of the thirty-second degree; of Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Wilkes-Barre; and of Irem Temple Country Club. He is also a member of the Wilkes-Barre-Wyoming Valley Chamber of Commerce, the Wyoming Valley Country Club, and a charter member of the Lions Club. In addition to the business connections already mentioned, Mr. Thomas is treasurer of the Springfield Coal Company of Springfield, New Jersey; treasurer of the Glenview Coal Company of Dallas, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania; treasurer of the Bethlehem Coal Company, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania; and secretary of the Beneficial Loan Society of Wilkes-Barre. His religious affiliation is with the Presbyterian Church of Kingston.

Ralph Payne Thomas was married, December 4, 1917, to Elise Duer, of Brookline, Massachusetts, daughter of J. Howard and Arzelle (Littlefield) Duer, of Brookline. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas are the parents of two children: Barbara Duer, and Caryl Elise. Mr. Thomas has always retained his interest in

his college associations and is a member of Phi Gamma Delta college fraternity, and a member of the Phi Gamma Delta Club of New York City. Mr. Thomas is one of the able and resourceful business men of the city, and there is every evidence that the future holds for him even greater success than he has already attained.

**THEODORE S. BARBER** has been identified with the mining of coal for thirty years, is president and director of the Morris Run Coal Mining Company, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, Morris Run Coal Company, Inc., New York City.

Mr. Barber's family came to Wyoming Valley from Connecticut with the early settlers. His father, Colonel Albert P. Barber, was an officer in the Northern Army during the Civil War, commanded Battery M, Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery, succeeding Captain Schooley, who was captured and confined in Andersonville Prison. Colonel Barber married Helen F. Jenkins, great-granddaughter of Colonel John Jenkins, of New London, Connecticut, prominent in the history of Wyoming Valley through his participation in the expedition of General Sullivan and his army. They became the parents of five children: Helen, who married Dr. William F. Gray, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Josephine, wife of Walter F. Semon; Theodore S., of further mention; Laura, wife of Raymond M. Fulforth; Mary, wife of George R. McLean, member of Luzerne County bar.

Theodore S. Barber, son of Colonel Albert P. and Helen F. (Jenkins) Barber, was born in Plymouth, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, June 8, 1872, and received his education in the public schools of his birthplace and in the Lackawanna School, of Scranton, Pennsylvania. After the death of his father, in 1888, he entered the employ of the Wilkes-Barre and Wyoming Valley Traction Company, of which corporation he was secretary and treasurer until the time he became associated with other Wilkes-Barreans in the purchase of Michigan Public Utility properties. Mr. Barber is a member of the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers; president and director, Morris Run Coal Mining Company, Wilkes-Barre; also Morris Run Coal Company, Inc., New York City; director Lehigh Valley Coal Corporation and Burns Brothers, Incorporated, New York City, Lehigh Valley Coal Company; vice-president and director, Wyoming National Bank; president and director, Ellsworth & Company, Wilkes-Barre.

Mr. Barber is a member of the First Presbyterian Church, a trustee of the Wyoming Geological and Historical Society, Osterhout Library, Wilkes-Barre Institute, Home for Friendless Children, Forty Fort Cemetery Association. Politically, Mr. Barber gives his support to the principles and the candidates of the Republican party. He is a member of the Union League Club, New York Yacht Club, Bankers' Club of America, New York City; Westmoreland Club, North Mountain Club, Country Club, Wilkes-Barre.

Mr. Barber was married, October 15, 1910, to Amy Sturdevant, daughter of E. W. and Mary (Stark) Sturdevant, of Wilkes-Barre. They are the parents of two children, Mary Sturdevant and Amy Huston. The family home is located at No. 171 South Franklin Street, Wilkes-Barre.

**EDWARD L. LEWITH**—Foremost in all matters that pertain to the advancement of Wilkes-Barre, its civic and material growth and prosperity, Edward L. Lewith is a leading citizen who, owing to his well-proven

enterprise and success in the realty field, has the regard of his hosts of friends and associates, as well as of the general public, who have received permanent benefit as a result of his upright and conscientious business dealings. There is hardly a department of the municipal life of his native city in which Mr. Lewith has not shared, whether as valued official, adviser, or director, and this city of notable business activities and beautiful homes, owes much of its present-day progress to this public-spirited citizen.

Edward L. Lewith was born November 1, 1880, in Wilkes-Barre, a son of Lewis and Josephine (Freeman) Lewith. Lewis Lewith was for many years an extensive wholesale liquor dealer. He died in 1912 at the age of sixty-nine years, his widow surviving him at the age of seventy-nine years. They were the parents of three children: Mildred, who married H. G. Gump, of Wilkes-Barre; Frances, who married Louis Casper, also of this city, and engaging in the wholesale drygoods business; and Edward L., of whom further.

Edward L. Lewith secured his education in the public and high schools of Wilkes-Barre, graduating from high school with the class of 1896, and from Wyoming Seminary with the class of 1898, then engaging in business with his father, who for more than forty-two years was one of the leading merchants in this city. In 1919, Mr. Lewith entered upon the real estate interests that have engaged his attention from that time to the present, and today he is one of the largest dealers and owners of realty in Luzerne County, with his offices at No. 436 Miners Building. In political matters he gives his adherence to the Republican party.

Mr. Lewith is vice-president of the Wyoming Valley Building and Loan Association; chairman of the Wilkes-Barre Planning Commission; president of the Greater Wilkes-Barre Real Estate Exchange; director of the Miners Bank; vice-president of the Wilkes-Barre-Wyoming Valley Chamber of Commerce; secretary of the Guarantee Title and Mortgage Company, and fraternally, he is affiliated with Landmark Lodge, No. 442, Free and Accepted Masons; Keystone Consistory, Scranton, of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite in the thirty-second degree; Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; Lodge No. 109, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; treasurer of B'nai B'rith; member of the finance committee of the Young Men's Hebrew Association; and member of the Concordia Society.

**WYOMING SEMINARY**—This well-known and justly popular institution of learning, located in the classic valley of Wyoming, has a history well worthy of note. The friends of education in the old Oneida Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, after establishing on a broad and permanent basis a seminary at Cazenovia, New York, in the northern portion of their territory, determinedly entertained the project over eighty-five years ago of providing for the increasing educational demands of the southern portion of the work. With a commendable foresight they devised measures for the erection of an institution of learning in northeastern Pennsylvania.

At the session of the Oneida Conference, held in Wilkes-Barre, August 9, 1843, the matter was fully discussed, and the necessary preliminary steps were taken by the appointment of David Holmes, Jr., Lucian S. Bennett, Thomas Myers, Madison F. Myers, Lord Butler, Sharp D. Lewis, and Silas Comfort as "Trustees of a contemplated seminary of learning to be located either in Wilkes-

Barre or Kingston," according to the amount of subscriptions obtained in each place within a given time. Kingston, providing the larger subscription, was the chosen locality. At the first meeting of the board of trustees David Holmes was elected president; Silas Comfort, secretary; and Madison F. Myers, treasurer. The first building, a brick structure of three stories, thirty-seven by seventy feet, was erected and opened for students in 1844. The size of the chapel was twenty-four by twenty-nine feet; the recitation room, thirteen by twenty-nine feet; the room for the primary department, twenty by twenty-nine feet; with some twenty rooms in all for boarding students. The cost of the building was about five thousand dollars. Such was the beginning of this educational enterprise—one building, two teachers and fifty scholars. The trustees secured as their principal (see Bennett sketch) the Rev. Reuben Nelson, A. M., then a young man, but who afterward abundantly demonstrated his fitness to inaugurate and carry forward such an enterprise to a successful consummation. Under such leadership, seconded by the energetic cooperation of a noble-minded and self-denying board of trustees and a corps of efficient teachers, the institution attained a popularity and influence second to none of its class in the land.

In half a dozen years after the erection of the first edifice, such was the patronage obtained that an additional building was demanded. In the spirit of an unselfish liberality, the late William Swetland volunteered to erect the projected additional building at his own expense. The second building was named by the trustees Swetland Hall, in memory of the respected donor. At the same time Hon. Ziba Bennett contributed one thousand dollars as a foundation for a library. This was thereafter called, in honor of the donor, the Bennett Library.

In the early spring of 1853, additional facilities were deemed essential, and the building of a wing or wings to the main building was contemplated, with a view to affording accommodations to a larger number of students. On March 15, 1853, the seminary buildings were burned. While the brick and stone and ashes were yet warm, the trustees with undaunted heroism, in their meeting on the day of the fire, resolved that a committee of three be appointed to draw plans and specifications for the rebuilding of the seminary. This showed the stuff these men were made of. Again did the tried friend of the cause, William Swetland, come to the rescue, and he nobly undertook at his own expense the work of rebuilding and enlarging Swetland Hall. Through the liberality of Payne Pettebone, George Swetland, A. Y. Smith, Isaac C. Shoemaker, and others, a third building was erected about the same time, to which the name Union Hall was given. Thus, through fire and disaster, larger and better buildings were erected, and the three blocks—Administration Hall in the center, with Swetland Hall on the left and Union Hall on the right—stood a noble monument to the energy and liberality of the men of Wyoming Valley.

A few years afterward the ladies' boarding hall was destroyed by fire. Then a fierce tornado swept over the place and unroofed a building. Then a flood did more or less damage to the seminary property. Yet with heroic spirit the board of trustees measured up to every exigency, so that repeated difficulties have been overcome, financial embarrassments removed, and the entire machinery kept moving without intermission and without a jar.

The Civil War seemed for a brief period to interfere with the wonted success of the institution. Yet even with this temporary drawback, the trustees projected other plans for the success of the school. A commercial department was added in 1863. Professor W. S. Smythe, afterward principal of Cazenovia Seminary, was secured to take charge of the commercial college, and under his efficient supervision it proved a decided success. Professor L. L. Sprague was the head of this department for many years, and under his management it became an institution equal to the best schools of the kind at that time in the country. In 1882 Professor Willis L. Dean, A. M., became principal. He skillfully developed this department in all its branches into the highest form of commercial training.

At the close of the war it was found that the enlargement of the seminary was absolutely required. The three buildings had already been united by the addition of wings, yet this did not meet the demand for room. In the year 1866 it was determined to erect a memorial building to be named Centenary Hall, to commemorate the organization of the Methodist Episcopal Church in America in 1766. This was completed in 1867, at a cost of about twenty-five thousand dollars. These buildings are all under one roof, three and four stories high, with three hundred and fifty feet frontage. The edifice as a whole is an ornament to the valley. There are ample accommodations for one hundred and seventy-five boarding students and three hundred and twenty-five day scholars.

At the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church held in Brooklyn, New York, in May, 1872, Rev. Dr. Nelson, after serving as principal for a period of twenty-eight years, during which time he developed his skill as an educator and financier, was elected senior book agent at New York, and resigned his position as principal. He was succeeded by Rev. David Copeland, A. M., president of the Female College of Hillsboro, Ohio, a gentleman whose literary tastes and attainments and acknowledged abilities and extended experience as an educator rendered him preëminently fitted for the important and responsible position of principal of an institution of this grade. Dr. Copeland remained at the head of the seminary until 1882, when Dr. L. L. Sprague became the principal. He was eminently a Christian gentleman and ripe scholar. He enlarged the curriculum of the school and prepared the institution to do the advanced work that it has been able to do in later years. Never was the seminary more successful than now. The course of study is most thorough and comprehensive, and will compare favorably with that of the highest institutions of its class. This time-honored and deservedly popular institution receives its full share of patronage, and under its present efficient management is destined to exert a still more potent influence in the education of the youth of our land.

The system of instruction adopted is thorough and designed to prepare students for the active duties of life or for a course of professional or collegiate training. There are seven departments of study provided, for each of which a diploma is awarded, namely: College preparation, literature and science, commerce, music, art, oratory, and home economics. As an evidence of the high grade of scholarship of young people prepared here for college today they stand among the first at the best colleges in the country. Many prominent people distinguished in church, State and the home have been educated in this seminary.

In 1887, through the liberality of friends of

the Seminary, Nelson Memorial Hall was erected in memory of Dr. Nelson, the first principal, at a cost of \$30,000. In 1894 Abram Neshitt, a resident of Kingston, who had shown already his friendship for the school in many ways, with large beneficence erected Nesbitt Science Hall, at a cost of \$35,000. During this year, also, the Wyoming Field was purchased, through the gifts of many friends of the seminary, and fitted up for athletic purposes at a cost of \$22,000. In 1897, Mrs. Caroline M. Pettebone (daughter of William Swetland, mentioned before in this article) who had been for many years a most liberal supporter of the school, erected the Caroline M. Pettebone Gymnasium at a cost of \$33,000.

The fine material equipment of the seminary, with its high reputation as an educational force, places it, in rank, among the first half dozen preparatory schools of the country, and makes it an ornament to Wyoming Valley and a factor of inestimable value in developing and maintaining its social and intellectual life. The graduates of the seminary, from all departments, number about forty-five hundred. The present (1928) attendance averages seven hundred students each term, and the number of students from the beginning have been about eighteen thousand. The faculty numbers thirty-seven. The endowment has now reached about one million seven hundred thousand dollars. The friends of the Seminary are hoping that this amount will soon be increased to three millions in order to provide for larger salaries for teachers and pensions for those teachers who give a large proportion of their life-work to the seminary.

The Sprague Memorial, now erected in honor of Dr. Sprague's service as a teacher in the seminary for more than sixty years (completed in 1928), provides administration rooms, accommodations for the Bennett Library, twenty-one recitation rooms, the art room, the four literary society rooms, the swimming pool, and the girls' gymnasium. This is the most imposing building on the seminary campus, is fireproof and modern in every detail.

**JAMES J. TORMAY**—The man who is venturesome enough to attempt small things, regardless of consequences to himself, and who is not afraid of hard work, is usually the one who soars ahead in the business world. Such a person is James J. Tormay. Today, when still young in years he is head of a successful warehouse business dealing in food products; and he is also a sugar broker, familiarly known as "Jim" Tormay, "the sugar man." The success which has attended his efforts thus far has come to him solely through his own initiative and resourcefulness, and from present indications will continue. The slogan on which his business has grown is "Building for permanency—on honesty."

Mr. Tormay is a native of the little town of Plymouth, where he resided until three years ago, before moving to Wilkes-Barre. He was born August 5, 1893, the son of Hugh J. Tormay, a native of Ireland, born there in 1873, and his wife, Elizabeth Cassidy, who was born in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. Both parents are living, the father engaged in business as a salesman.

James J. Tormay, after completing the elementary and high school courses of study, took up a business course at the Wharton School of Business, after which he began business as a shipping clerk for Clark Brothers Stores. He remained at this employment for a number of years, then entered the

employ of Armour and Company as a salesman. After two years, he severed his connection with this firm and found the same kind of work with the H. O. Cereal Company, where he remained for another two years. At the end of this time he felt confident that he had the necessary experience for entering upon a business of his own, and in 1923 started a food products and sugar brokerage business under his own name. This was located in Plymouth, but in 1924 he moved to Wilkes-Barre, with his office in the Merchants' Warehouse Building. His business outgrowing these quarters, he moved, in 1926, to his present office and warehouse at Penn Avenue and Union Street. His business is steadily growing, six being the number of employees now on his payroll.

Mr. Tormay's political views are those of the Democratic party. He belongs to the Kiwanis Club, and the Wyoming Valley Country Club, and his religious affiliation is with St. Aloysius Roman Catholic Church.

Mr. Tormay married, in 1914, Marie G. O'Connell, of Plymouth, daughter of Charles S. and Anna (Cahanan) O'Connell, to whom was born six children: Thomas, Marie, James, William, Edward, and Claire.

**LEON KURTZ WILLMAN, D. D.**—Pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Wilkes-Barre, which, under his ministry, has grown and prospered until its membership numbered more than 1,600 persons (1927), and Sunday school attendance in proportion. Leon Kurtz Willman, Doctor of Divinity, is a native of the State of Pennsylvania, born at Pottstown, July 26, 1873, a son of Mabery and Esther G. (Dry) Willman, deceased.

Mabery Willman was for many years a merchant of produce and groceries in Pottstown; in all he engaged in this enterprise for some twenty-five years in that community, and was there high in the estimation of mercantile associates and the public. He took part in communal projects whenever the request was made, and was accounted one of the public-spirited citizens of the town. Mabery Willman married Esther Guldin Dry, and they became the parents of two children who grew to maturity: Elizabeth Maude, who married Wallace W. Dill, Doctor of Medicine, of Pottstown, and who died in 1916; and Rev. Dr. Leon Kurtz.

Rev. Dr. Leon Kurtz Willman attended the public schools of Pottstown, and graduated from high school with the class of 1890. Then for three years he attended the Hill School, completing his studies in this in 1893, when he matriculated in Wesleyan University, at Middletown, Connecticut, whence he graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1897, holding membership in Phi Beta Kappa Fraternity. For a year, then, he undertook courses in the Drew Theological Seminary, at Madison, New Jersey, and in the fall of 1898, at the age of twenty-five years, took charge of his first post as minister, at Waterbury, Vermont, under the Vermont Methodist Episcopal Conference. Here he was pastor, to the great pleasure of the parish, members of which appreciated his devotion to the Gospel and their spiritual welfare, for a period of four years; and when, in 1902, he was transferred to the Methodist Episcopal Church at Montpelier, Vermont, his loss was keenly felt in Waterbury by those with whom he had been in contact. The same was true in Montpelier, when, after two years of faithful service, he was transferred to the Philadelphia Conference, and was granted leave of absence to join the faculty of the Hill Preparatory School at Pottstown, in which he had been

a student. Here he taught Biblical history, with interpretations, for three years, and in 1907 was reinstated as minister, appointed by the Philadelphia Conference to the Spring Garden Methodist Episcopal Church of Philadelphia, where he served for seven years. In the last year of this charge, his health, which had been taxed in exercise of theological duties, began to fail; and on this account he was appointed to pastorship of the First Methodist Episcopal Church at Asbury Park, New Jersey, and there remained four years. But in 1918, his health having mended, he gave up this charge to become associate field director of the American Red Cross, in charge of the Embarkation Hospital at Newport News, Virginia, until 1919, when he was appointed to the pastorate of the Broadway Methodist Episcopal Church at Camden, New Jersey; and in 1920 he was transferred to the pastorate of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Wilkes-Barre, under the Wyoming Conference.

The First Methodist Episcopal Church of Wilkes-Barre is one of the three oldest churches in the city. These three churches joined together for services in the "Old Ship Zion," a devotional structure which in early colonial days stood on the public square, and thereby formed an interesting highlight in religious history. In the Pennsylvania Council of Churches, Dr. Willman has a place of active service as chairman of the commission on social service. He is a trustee of Wyoming Seminary.

Rev. Dr. Willman participates actively in the material as well as the spiritual welfare work of Wilkes-Barre, and during the years of residence here has occupied a distinctive place in a number of progressive enterprises, which his effort physically and mentally has done much to further. A Republican and staunch in support of the party, still he is not greatly concerned with exercising the influence that he may hold in political matters. Fraternally, however, he is most active. He is a member of the Wilkes-Barre Rotary Club, the Greek Letter college fraternities of Psi Upsilon and Phi Beta Kappa (which last is an honorary scholastic organization), Lodge No. 61, of the Free and Accepted Masons, Shekinah Chapter, No. 182, of the Royal Arch Masons, Dieu le Veut Commandery, No. 45 of Knights Templar, Irem Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and the Shrine Country Club. In literary fields Dr. Willman has achieved a dignified position through authorship of a volume, "Men of the Old Testament," and the "Pastor's Vade Mecum," a hand-book for ministers. Based upon the merit of this work, his alma mater conferred on him the degree of Doctor of Divinity in 1914.

Rev. Dr. Leon Kurtz Willman married, January 17, 1901, Anne Lydia Judkins, of Bristol, New Hampshire. Mrs. Willman is a daughter of Rev. George Janvrin and Myra (Dolloff) Judkins, of Bristol.

**MAX TISCHLER, M. D.**—Since the close of the World War Dr. Max Tischler has been engaged in medical practice in Wilkes-Barre. In addition to his general practice he has specialized in obstetrics and in gynecology. He is a member of the Pennsylvania Department of Health, Clinic No. 1, and of the obstetrical staff of Wilkes-Barre General Hospital. During the world war he was a member of the Medical Corps, stationed at Fort Oglethorpe, at Chattanooga, Tennessee. Joseph Tischler, father of Dr. Tischler, located in Wilkes-Barre in 1895, and was for a quarter of a century one of the active





*H. Irwin Evans, M.D.*



business men of the city, continuing active to the time of his death, which occurred when he was fifty-three years of age. He married Fannie Braun, and they were the parents of six children: Dr. Max, of further mention; Oscar S.; Ethel A.; Sarah R.; Cecil; and Emma M.

Dr. Max Tischler was born in New York City, April 13, 1892, and was brought to Wilkes-Barre by his parents when he was about three years of age. As a boy he attended the public schools, graduating from Wilkes-Barre High School in 1909, and the following fall he entered Lafayette College, at Easton, Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated with the class of 1913, receiving at that time the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy. In the fall of that same year he began his professional study in Johns Hopkins University, of Baltimore, from which he was graduated in 1917, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He then returned to Wilkes-Barre and became an interne in Wilkes-Barre General Hospital, but in April, 1917, he enlisted in the Medical Corps and was called to active duty in May, 1918, stationed at Fort Oglethorpe, at Chattanooga, Tennessee, where he remained for fourteen months, being mustered out of service June 15, 1919, with the rank of first lieutenant of the Medical Corps. Upon his return to civilian life he came back to Wilkes-Barre, took the State board examinations, which he successfully passed in July, 1919, and opened his office at No. 66 South Washington Street and later moved to No. 132 South Franklin Street, in Wilkes-Barre, where he has since been engaged in practice. In addition to a very large and steadily growing general practice, Dr. Tischler is a specialist in obstetrics and in gynecology. He is a member of the Luzerne County Medical Society, of the Pennsylvania State Medical Society, and of the American Medical Association. Fraternally, he is identified with Wilkes-Barre Lodge, No. 109, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and with Fidelity Lodge, No. 655, Free and Accepted Masons. He was appointed chairman of Child Health activity in Luzerne County in 1928. He has served as a member of the board of directors of the Young Men's Hebrew Association, and is one of the active citizens of this city.

Dr. Max Tischler was married, April 30, 1918, to Helen B. McClosky, of Wilkes-Barre, and they are the parents of two children: Lewis Jay, and Asher Aba.

**HARLEM IRVIN EVANS, M. D.**—Thoroughly trained in his profession, Dr. Harlem Irvin Evans has practiced medicine in Ashley, Pennsylvania, since 1921. During this period of service, he has been active at all times in the care of the sick and injured, building up a very successful general practice to which he has given much of his time. He is otherwise active in the community life, however, serving as medical adviser of the Ashley Board of Health, and he is a member of many local clubs and fraternal organizations.

Harlem I. (H. Irvin) Evans was born March 7, 1895, at Wilkes-Barre, a son of Daniel H. Evans, a mason and contractor, who was born in Scranton, Pennsylvania, and of Margaret Evans, who was born in Wales. Harlem Irvin Evans attended the public schools of Wilkes-Barre and the high school there, from which he was graduated in 1913, and later entered Jefferson Medical College, where he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1920. In 1921 he was an interne in the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital coming, soon afterward, to Ashley, where he has since made his home. From 1923 until 1927 he was

a member of the medical staff of the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital, and in 1927, he was appointed assistant surgeon there, a position which he still holds. Dr. Evans is medical examiner for the Travellers Insurance Company, the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company, the Connecticut General Life Insurance Company, the Prudential Insurance Company, the Metropolitan Insurance Company, the Lincoln Insurance Company, the National Life Insurance Company, the Baltimore Life Insurance Company, and the Monarch Life Insurance Company. He is also on the medical staff of Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Dr. Evans is also captain in the 193d Medical Regiment of the Pennsylvania National Guard.

Politically, he is a member of the Republican party, and he is a member of Luzerne County, Pennsylvania State, and the American Medical associations. He is affiliated fraternally with the Knights of Pythias, and with the Free and Accepted Masons, in which organization he is a member of Lodge No. 655, Shekinah Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons, Dieu le Veut Commandery, No. 45, of the Knights Templar, and Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of the Lions Club and of the Franklin Club. He attends the Presbyterian Church of Wilkes-Barre.

**RICHARD H. SCUREMAN**—For years associated prominently with the milling industry of Pennsylvania, Richard H. Scureman was regarded as an outstanding figure in the business and industrial life of Wilkes-Barre and Luzerne County, having maintained his place of business for years in Wilkes-Barre and lived in Kingston. He took a lively interest in all affairs of his town, county and State, and in the course of a busy and useful career acquired a large number of faithful friends and acquaintances, all of whom learned that they could thoroughly trust him in transactions of any sort and came to admire the man's splendid qualities of character and to love him dearly. His death, needless to say, was an occasion of deep and sincere sorrow in Wilkes-Barre and the surrounding towns and countryside.

Mr. Scureman was born in Sullivan County November 25, 1860, son of Apollos E. and Lydia (Wilt) Scureman. His father, a drover and stock dealer, owned a large butchering establishment in Sullivan County, where he was a widely known and highly respected citizen, having been a son of Henry Scureman, the original settler of the family in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, who came here from New Jersey in the early years of the last century. Apollos E. and Lydia E. (Wilt) Scureman were the parents of seven children: 1. Richard H., of whom this is a record. 2. Anna, who married John J. Lantz. 3. Alice, who is the widow of Langley C. Smith, of New York City. 4. Emma, who became the wife of G. J. Clark, a leading attorney of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. 5. Francis, who married H. M. Kellogg, of Lopez, Sullivan County. 6. Charles G., a resident of Jersey Shore, Lycoming County. 7. George W., of Brockton, Massachusetts.

Richard H. Scureman received his early education in the public schools, and grew to manhood at Dushore. Later he clerked in McKnight's store, in Plains, and in 1878 entered the employ of Thomas Waddell at the Waddell colliery in Luzerne, where he was for nearly fifteen years chief clerk. Then, in 1892, he entered the milling business in that city, becoming associated with A. T. Gangloff and G. J. Clark in an enter-

prise known as Scureman, Gangloff and Company, merchant millers. Six years later, in 1898, he joined forces with E. S. Millard, forming the firm of Millard and Scureman, also merchant millers, in Kingston. This partnership lasted until 1919, when Mr. Scureman purchased the milling business of the late John Fennimore, on South Pennsylvania Avenue, Wilkes-Barre, forming what is now known as the Scureman Milling Company. In all his work in the milling trade, Mr. Scureman showed himself to be a man of outstanding talents and business capabilities, and built for himself a large business in this part of the State. After he formed his own company, he admitted his son, Murray S. Scureman, into the enterprise, and this son now is at the head of the business.

Mr. Scureman, throughout his life, ranked high in the fraternal and social life of his community. He was a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he was affiliated with the Kingston Lodge, No. 395; Shekinah Chapter, No. 182, Royal Arch Masons; the Dieu le Veut Commandery, Knights Templar; and Irem Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He also was a member of the Kiwanis Club, the Franklin Club and other social organizations. He was a director of the First National Bank of Wilkes-Barre; a director of the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce, and the Wilkes-Barre Credit Men's Association; and a trustee of the Kingston Methodist Episcopal Church. Ever eager to promote the best interests of his city, he was especially active in work on the West Side; and perhaps his greatest social activity was that with the Community Welfare Federation, for which he served on different occasions as West Side chairman.

On August 3, 1893, Mr. Scureman married Sarah E. Smith, of Shickshinny, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, a daughter of A. L. and Mary (McAfee) Smith. Of this union there was born one son, Murray S. Scureman. His birth date was May 29, 1899, and he received his early education in the public schools of Luzerne and Dorranceton. Later he was graduated with the class of 1917 from Wyoming Seminary. He then attended Princeton University, at Princeton, New Jersey, where he was graduated in 1921 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Since leaving college he has been associated in the management of the Scureman Milling Company, of which he is now the active head. In his political views he is a Republican, and his religious affiliation is with the Kingston Methodist Episcopal Church, of which church he is a steward. During the World War, he was a member of the Students' Army Training Corps at Princeton. He is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which his affiliations are with the Kingston Lodge, No. 395; Shekinah Chapter, No. 182, Royal Arch Masons; the Dieu le Veut Commandery, No. 45, Knights Templar; and Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a member of the Central Board of Football Officials—a national organization, and during his college training was a member of the Princeton team. He was secretary-treasurer of the Princeton Alumni Association of Northeastern Pennsylvania, and is a member of the Terrace Club of Princeton University. In addition to his duties with the Scureman Milling Company, he also is treasurer of the Old Homestead Baking Company, of Wilkes-Barre, a director of the Homade Baking Company, of Scranton, and director of the Homade Baking Company of Johnson City, New York. He is one of the

active and progressive young business men of Luzerne County.

The death of the father, Richard H. Scureman, which took place on June 28, 1928, deprived this community of one of its foremost members of the milling trade and of a citizen of outstanding qualities, solid and substantial and useful to his city and State. A man of achievement, helpful in his attitude toward other people, lovable in character, he lived a life whose influence was ever for good and whose benefits to the community were many; while in his own family circle he was fondly cherished as an excellent husband and father. Wilkes-Barre will find it difficult to replace a man of his type.

**G. FREDERICK PARRISH** is the representative today of a family which has been long associated with the progress and well-being of Wilkes-Barre. He is prominent in business circles and is one of the substantial citizens of that progressive town. He is the only son of Frederick Brown Parrish, who departed this life September 3, 1885, after many years of activity as a leading representative of the business interests of Wilkes-Barre and the vicinity. G. Frederick Parrish is unmarried and resided with his mother, Mrs. Ella Drake (Reets) Parrish, in their beautiful residence at No. 248 South Franklin Street, Wilkes-Barre, until her death on February 9, 1929. After his preliminary education at Pomfret School Mr. Parrish continued his studies at Yale, graduating from that institution in the class of 1905.

Following his graduation from the famous university, Mr. Parrish for two years was employed by Madeira, Hill and Company, of New York City and Philadelphia, after which he returned to Wilkes-Barre and immediately entered into business life. The Parrish family has for several generations been connected with the coal industry in and around Wilkes-Barre, therefore it is not surprising that in a very short time Mr. Parrish was holding the position of president of the Red Ash Coal Company of Wilkes-Barre, which office he filled until the month of November, 1926. At the present time he is a director of Burns Brothers of New York, the largest retail coal corporation in the world. In addition to his other business interests Mr. Parrish is a director of the Wyoming National Bank of Wilkes-Barre. He is affiliated with St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Wilkes-Barre. Mr. Parrish spends much of his leisure in athletics and he is a prominent member of the Westmoreland Club, the Wyoming Valley Country Club and the North Mountain Club. He is also a member of the New York Racquet and Tennis Club, the Rockaway Hunting Club of Cedarhurst, Long Island, and the Yale Club of New York. In politics he is a Republican but he has never cared to hold office, although tendered the opportunity on several occasions.

No history of Wilkes-Barre would be complete without some mention of the father of Mr. Parrish, the late Frederick Brown Parrish. Up to the time of his death in 1885 the latter was prominently affiliated with the coal interests of Wilkes-Barre, holding the office of president of the Hillman Vein Coal Company and the Hanover Coal Company when that sad event occurred. Mr. Parrish was at the same time vice-president of the Red Ash Coal Company, director of the Pittston Engine and Machine Company, and a member of the Western Anthracite Joint Committee. Born at Piermont, Rockland County, New York, November 27, 1849, he spent his early youth in the Middle Western





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States owing to the fact that his father's business as railroad contractor kept his family almost continuously on the move. It was in 1862 that the family moved to Wilkes-Barre, where he attended the Wilkes-Barre Institute, later going to the Lawrenceville (New Jersey) Academy. During one of his school vacations he worked with the engineering corps in charge of the construction of the Lehigh and Susquehanna Railroad from Mill Creek to Green Ridge. In 1869 and 1870 he served as apprentice in the machine shops of the Lehigh and Susquehanna Railroad and in the latter year he started work with the engineering corps of the Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre Coal Company. Within two years he was advanced to the responsible post of assistant superintendent and the following year he was named superintendent. It was in 1881 that Mr. Parrish assisted his father, George H. Parrish, and the Hon. Morgan B. Williams, in the organization of the Red Ash Coal Company, of which his father was elected president. His uncle, Charles Parrish, was head of the firm of Charles Parrish and Company and he appointed Mr. Parrish general superintendent of that concern about this same time. The general recognition of his sound business ability and excellent judgment by his business associates led to his appointment to the presidency of the Hillman Vein Coal Company and the Hanover Coal Company, together with the other responsible offices he held to the day of his death.

**THOMAS RAY DORRIS, M. D.**—A prominent factor in the medical profession, Dr. Thomas Ray Dorris occupies a high place in the estimation of his fellow-citizens of Nanticoke, being one of the youngest and most advanced physicians practicing in the State. In recent years there have been so many remarkable discoveries in the medical world, some of them highly revolutionary as compared with the practice and teaching of previous decades, that medical and surgical science has reached new heights, and the people of Nanticoke are to be congratulated upon having in their midst a physician like Dr. Dorris, who follows carefully the latest developments in the realm of medicine and utilizes the newest and most modern methods and appliances in his noble work of ministering to the needs of suffering humanity.

Dr. Dorris was born in Shenandoah, June 10, 1899, son of Dennis and Mary (Brennan) Dorris. He was educated in the public schools of Nanticoke, graduating from high school with the class of 1917. He entered Bucknell University, from which he received his degree of Bachelor of Science, in 1921. He then matriculated at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, and diligently applied himself to the long and arduous studies in preparation for a medical career, distinguishing himself by his intimate knowledge of the various subjects and his thorough attention to detail. He received his degree of Doctor of Medicine with the class of 1925, and served as interne at Mercy Hospital, Wilkes-Barre, until 1926, and he is still a member of the staff of this institution. In 1926, he came to Nanticoke, opened an office, engaged in the general practice of his profession, and soon acquired a large and important following, which increased steadily as people recognized his splendid qualities and superior ability. In the short time that Dr. Dorris has been located in this town, he has won the respect and esteem of the entire townspeople, as he takes a deep and sincere interest in the civic affairs of the community, and his advice and support are eagerly sought in questions re-

lating to improvement and public welfare. He is a member of the county and State medical associations, the American Medical Association, and the American Legion. His fraternities are Sigma Chi, and Kappa Beta Phi, of Jefferson Medical College. His religious affiliations are with St. Francis' Roman Catholic Church.

**HARRY HARTLAND ROTH**—One of the well-known and outstanding business men of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, is Harry H. Roth, whose business, electrical contracting, has been established for many years at No. 75 North Main Street, where he also carries a full line of electrical supplies and equipment. Mr. Roth also conducts a key and gun shop and is a locksmith along with his other skill as a mechanic and electrician. He is the son of Ernest F. and Eliza D. (Tonkin) Roth. His father died on August 10, 1917, at the age of seventy-one years. His mother passed away October 17, 1928, aged seventy-six years. Ernest F. Roth was the son of Charles Christian Roth, who built the three-story brick building now occupied by his grandson, Harry H. Roth. This is one of the oldest brick buildings in Wilkes-Barre. The Roth family is one of the oldest families here and Mr. Harry H. Roth's mother, Eliza D. (Tonkin) Roth, is a daughter of John and Nancy (Jeffrey) Tonkin, who were natives of England. The Tonkin family was originally French when the name was spelled Tonquin. The Jeffrey family is one of the old English families dating back before the days of Oliver Cromwell. Ernest F. and Eliza D. (Tonkin) Roth were the parents of five children: 1. Harry H., of whom further. 2. Carl, died in childhood. 3. Raymond R., of New York City. 4. Ernest, of Los Angeles, California. 5. Helen Louise, the wife of Edward Goldsmith of New York City.

Harry H. Roth was educated in the public schools and then at the Wyoming Seminary. After he finished his school work, he immediately entered business by working in his father's store at the old stand. When his father died in 1917, he took over the business and has since conducted it. Under Mr. Roth's management, this business has progressed and shown a steady prosperous growth which can easily be attributed to the foresight of its manager in keeping it abreast of the times.

Mr. Roth is a member of Landmark Lodge, No. 442, Free and Accepted Masons; he is a member of Shekinah Chapter, No. 182, Royal Arch Masons; Dieu le Veut Commandery, No. 45, Knights Templar; the Consistory of Scranton, thirty-second degree; Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; Wilkes-Barre Lodge, No. 109, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; the Irem Country Club and St. Stephen's Protestant Episcopal Church. In politics he is a Democrat.

On August 18, 1920, Harry H. Roth married Hilda Nelson of Wilkes-Barre, the daughter of John A. and Martha (Davis) Nelson. Mr. and Mrs. Roth have no children.

**M. A. OPPENHEIM**—During the greater part of the time which has passed since he was seventeen years of age, M. A. Oppenheim has been engaged in the retail clothing business. He has also for many years been interested in the furniture business, and at the present time (1929) he is president of the People's Outfitting Company, whose establishment is located at Nos. 99-105 South Main Street, in Wilkes-Barre; a member of the board of directors of the Associated Furniture Corporation, of Wilmington, Delaware;

and vice-president of the Wilkes-Barre Mortgage Company.

Mr. Oppenheim is one of the eight children of Max Oppenheim, who was a merchant, and of Yetta (Ansense) Oppenheim, both of whom are deceased. The children were: M. A., of further mention; Delia, who married A. Silverman, a Chicago merchant; Alex, who is a merchant in Rockford, Illinois; Anna, deceased; Mamie, deceased; Reuben, deceased; Lillian, deceased; and Isadore, who is a merchant in Gary, Indiana. Born in Detroit, Michigan, May 3, 1867, M. A. Oppenheim was still an infant when his parents removed from Detroit to Peoria, Illinois, and in the last named city he grew to be a lad of seventeen years, attending the public schools. When he was seventeen he went to Gridley, McLean County, Illinois, where he began his long connection with the clothing business. After gaining the necessary experience he became a traveling salesman in South America, and this enlarged field gave him ample opportunity to see many places and to become acquainted with the business opportunities of numerous cities and towns. At the age of twenty-four years he located in Des Moines, Iowa, and again engaged in the clothing business. After a few years of successful operation there, he again made a change, this time going to Quincy, Illinois, where he changed his line of business activity, by engaging in the furniture business. Later, he removed to Chicago, Illinois, and continued in the furniture business there until 1915, when he came to Wilkes-Barre, where he has since been located. In 1915 he purchased an interest in the People's Outfitting Company, then located at No. 10 South Main Street, but later removed to the present location at Nos. 99-105 South Main Street, and he has since that time devoted his attention largely to the development of the interests of that concern. As president of the company he is giving to his work the benefits of his experience gained in several different localities, and the People's Outfitting Company has developed into one of the well-known and largely patronized establishments of the city. Along with his activities in this connection, Mr. Oppenheim has retained his interest in the furniture business, and is a member of the board of directors of the Associated Furniture Corporation, of Wilmington, Delaware; and has also extended his business interests, serving as vice-president of the Wilkes-Barre Mortgage Company. He is a member of the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce. He was one of the leading factors in the reorganization of the old Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce, of which he is now a director, and takes an active part in the civic and philanthropic work of the city, being a member of the Wyoming Valley Associated Charities, which organization he serves as president; and a member of the board of directors of the Young Men's Hebrew Association. He is a member of the Masonic Order and of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; vice-president of the Wyoming Valley Automobile Association; a past president of the Wilkes-Barre Kiwanis Club; and a member of the Fox Hill Country Club. He is also an active and interested director of the Wilkes-Barre Playground Association, which he helped to organize.

M. A. Oppenheim was married, March 24, 1896, to Jene Danenbaum, of Des Moines, Iowa, and they make their home at No. 155 West River Street, Wilkes-Barre.

**JOHN B. WALLIS, JR.**—Retired from active business January 1, 1929, John B. Wallis, Jr.,

formerly district manager for the Hercules Powder Company, has taken an active part in the business, social and fraternal life of Wilkes-Barre, and was vice-president of the First National Bank of Ashley, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Wallis was born on January 23, 1876, at Ashley, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, the son of John B. and Sallie (Fenner) Wallis. His mother died when he was only eight years old. His father, a native of England, came to Luzerne County in his eighteenth year, and was a prominent citizen of Ashley Borough for over fifty years. He died in 1915, at the age of eighty years, while on a visit to England.

John B. Wallis, Jr., entered the public schools of his birthplace, and later he attended Woods Business College. When he completed his education he entered business with his father, who was the agent and district manager for the Climax Powder Company, and this arrangement continued until his father's death. Since that time Mr. Wallis has carried on alone the business of his company, the oldest and one of the largest dealers in powder and explosives in Luzerne County.

By political inclination Mr. Wallis is a member of the Republican party, but he has never sought nor cared for public office. He is affiliated fraternally with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, being a member of Coalville Lodge, No. 474, of Ashley. In this organization he is also a member of Caldwell Consistory, of Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania, of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Masons of the thirty-second degree. He is a member of the Irem Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and of the Irem Country Club, the Westmoreland Club, the Scranton Club, the Fox Hill Country Club, and the Wilkes-Barre Lodge, No. 109, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a member of Grace Protestant Episcopal Church of Kingston, Pennsylvania.

In 1915, Mr. Wallis married Anna Doney, who was born at Ashley, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Elijah and Mary Elizabeth (Parsons) Doney, both deceased, the father formerly engaged in the hotel business in Ashley.

**WILLIAM L. GRALA, M. D.**—The healing of the sick and maimed has been the life work of Dr. William L. Grala, one of Hazleton's leading physicians, and he is noted throughout Luzerne County for his skill, his fine ability and his kindly manner. Dr. Grala was born in Scranton, Lackawanna County, June 8, 1889, the son of Peter and Mary (Morcinick) Grala, both natives of Poland, who came to this country in their early youth. After a few years in Scranton, the father of Dr. Grala located in Hazleton, where he was employed in the mines. He passed away in Hazleton at the age of fifty-seven years.

The early education of Dr. Grala was acquired in the public schools of Hazleton, after which he assumed a clerical position at the First National Bank, in Hazleton, Pennsylvania, for three years. He then entered the State Normal School at Bloomsburgh, graduating in 1914. Deciding to become a doctor he then took the medical course at Temple University, from which he received his degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1919. He served for a time as interne at St. Agnes' Hospital, Philadelphia, and in 1920 entered the Civil Service, taking a post with the Bureau of War Risk. He was first stationed in Philadelphia and was later transferred to Washington, District of Columbia, where he was for some six months in the Veterans' Bureau. In 1922 he returned to Hazleton, where he



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started in practice, which speedily grew to be an extensive and remunerative clientele. He is a member of the County, State and American Medical societies and associations, the Kiwanis International, and his fraternal affiliations are with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is an active member of the Crippled Children's Association, and is active in all work for the miners and their families. He is affiliated with the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church, and is very prominent in all civic and community affairs. Dr. Grala has a pleasing personality and is well liked throughout the community. His own early struggles have given him a kindly feeling for others and a broad understanding which he might otherwise have failed to possess. His patients are of the highest standing in the community, but he ever finds time to give of his skill to relieve the sufferings of all who appeal to him, whatever their rank or station.

On September 26, 1922, Dr. Grala married Magdalene Safran. Mrs. Grala died September 29, 1923, following the birth of their child, William L., Jr. Dr. Grala and his son reside in their very pretty home at No. 101 North Church Street, Hazleton.

**HARRY HARLAN SWAINBANK**—Accounted prominent among the citizens of Wilkes-Barre and in this city proprietor of a pharmacy comparable in size, service and extent of business with any retail drug enterprise in Luzerne County, Harry Harlan Swainbank is widely known and respected in the Wyoming Valley, wherein the family has been represented honorably for more than one hundred and fifty years.

Mr. Swainbank's ancestors were of the first settlers in the Wyoming Valley, and after the dreadful battle and massacre of July 3, 1778, were forced to flee for safety. They returned, however, reestablishing themselves with good foundation in the fertile soil of the valley. In 1804 was born Jefferson Swainbank, Mr. Swainbank's grandfather, who, for many years, drove the old stage coach between Wilkes-Barre and Easton, Pennsylvania, some hundred years ago. Jefferson Swainbank was father of a large family. Three of his sons served under the Union's colors in the Civil War; namely, Miller H., of whom further; John, and Samuel Swainbank. Samuel was killed in battle in Virginia; for a long time John was held prisoner at Andersonville. Miller H. Swainbank, father of Mr. Swainbank, was by trade a wagon-maker and blacksmith; a brave man in war, serving with the rank of first sergeant in Company K, 104th Pennsylvania Volunteers. Prior to 1880 he plied his trade at Tunkhannock, Pennsylvania, and in that year came to Wilkes-Barre. He married Sarah Barber. They had children: 1. Jennie, who died in childhood. 2. Ella, who died in 1913, and was unmarried. 3. Harry Harlan, of whom directly. 4. Charles Miller, in the electrical supply and repair business at Williamsport, Pennsylvania. 5. Lillian, who married George F. Powell, Rochester, New York. 6. George Guthrie, merchant, dealer in furniture, Kingston. Miller H. Swainbank died May 2, 1927, at the age of eighty-six years. The death of his good wife preceded his own, in 1919, she having attained the age of seventy-eight. Both parents early inculcated in their children those habits of thought and conduct which have remained with them into manhood and womanhood, and to which are attributable in great measure their characters, and their substantial positions in their respective communities.

Harry Harlan Swainbank, third child and

eldest son of Miller H. and Sarah (Barber) Swainbank, was born at Tunkhannock, December 23, 1870, and there had his earliest years in grammar school. He was nine years of age when his parents came to Wilkes-Barre. Here Mr. Swainbank continued his education. At sixteen he went to work in the drug store operated by Wolfe & Company, later entered the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, and from it graduated, in 1890, at the age of twenty years. Mr. Swainbank returned to Wilkes-Barre, and soon went into business for himself. His first drug store was at No. 82 South Main Street; his second, and present establishment, is at No. 29 West Market Street, to which address he removed in 1925. Here he conducts one of the most modernly appointed and stocked of drug houses in the city, and himself in point of experience is one of the oldest pharmacists in the community. Politically Mr. Swainbank is allied with the Republican party, finding its principles most satisfactory. He is a member of Landmark Lodge, No. 442, Free and Accepted Masons; Shekinah Chapter, No. 182, Royal Arch Masons; Dieu le Veut Commandery, 45, Knights Templar; Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; and the Irem Temple Country Club, Wilkes-Barre. During the World War Mr. Swainbank was active on the various committees and boards in charge of war work, and took part in the several campaigns of the Liberty Loan. He is a member of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. His charitable inclinations are highly sympathetic, and his contributions to all worthy appeals generous.

On December 9, 1908, Mr. Swainbank was united in marriage with Florence Wise, of Williamsport, Pennsylvania, daughter of William E. and Sarah (Campbell) Wise; and they are the parents of two children, Sarah and Louise.

**EDGAR LYONS KLIPPLE**—Conducting a prosperous business on the place where his father established himself three-quarters of a century ago, Edgar Lyons Klipple is the head of the oldest establishment in Wilkes-Barre which has been operated under the same name for such a period. Like his father, he has won from his fellow-citizens their recognition of a citizenship of high value to all, his character and life of sincerity and fair dealing being a proud escutcheon. Aside from his business affairs he has always taken a deep interest in all civic matters that are a part of communal life and in those fraternal organizations that bring into closer contact the individuals with whom he is associated otherwise. These varied forms of his activities have made him one of the most substantial of the citizens of this section of the State of Pennsylvania, holding the respect and admiration of all.

Edgar Lyons Klipple was born in Wilkes-Barre, July 19, 1867, a son of Conrad and Mary Ann (Hutchins) Klipple, both deceased. Conrad Klipple was born in Germany in 1817 and died in Wilkes-Barre, September 2, 1885. His wife was a native of Wilkes-Barre, born here in 1827 and deceased here, June 12, 1906. They were the parents of six children: Thomas, Sarah, James, Elizabeth, and Lillie, all deceased; and Edgar Lyons, of this review, the only survivor. Conrad Klipple, the father, was a Democrat in politics and was one of the first vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in Wilkes-Barre. He came here from Germany when a young man and, after a few years of varying work, established himself in the shoe business in 1854 at the place where his son now conducts his own business

of sporting and athletic goods and general stationery supplies.

Edgar L. Klipple was educated in the public schools of Wilkes-Barre, and at the Wilkes-Barre Academy. He is a Republican and in 1905 was elected on that ticket to the Common Council from the Seventh Ward of Wilkes-Barre, in which body he served during 1906 and 1907. He belongs to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church and has membership in the order of Free and Accepted Masons, Fidelity Lodge, No. 655; to the Consistory, Scottish Rite Masons, of Bloomsburg, holding the thirty-second degree. He is also a member of the Craftsmen's Club, Franklin, and the Wilkes-Barre Automobile Club and is a life member of the Wyoming Historical and Geological Society, also belonging to the United Sportsmen's Club of Pennsylvania, and a member of the John Burroughs Association of New York City. He is very fond of hunting and fishing.

In 1890, Edgar Lyons Klipple adopted his nephew, Edgar Klipple, born in 1886, who, for the last twenty years has been associated with him in business. He also is a member of Fidelity Lodge, No. 655, Free and Accepted Masons, having the thirty-second degree; also of Shekinah Chapter, No. 182, Royal Arch Masons; Dieu le Veut Commandery, No. 45, Knights Templar; Caldwell Consistory, of Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania, Scottish Rite Masons. During the participation of the United States in the World War he served as regimental sergeant major and was stationed at Camp Grant, Illinois. The paternal ancestors of himself and his uncle, Edgar Lyons, came from Germany and on the maternal side originated in England and both were among the earliest settlers of Wyoming Valley.

Edgar Klipple, his nephew and business associate, married Fannie Smith, of Pittston, Pennsylvania, daughter of Andrew C. and Mae (Carey) Smith. She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and died without issue in 1913.

**CHARLES W. HONEYWELL**—A descendant of one of the early families in Luzerne County, Charles W. Honeywell, president of the Deemer and Company, dealers in office supplies and banking equipment, at Wilkes-Barre, is one of the enterprising younger men of this community. His general experience in business here and elsewhere has given him a wide grasp on the commercial conditions and equipped him for progress in his particular line of endeavor. He is the son of Lincoln D. and Elnora (Wolfe) Honeywell.

Lincoln D. Honeywell, who is now retired from active business and making his home in Wyoming, is the son of Samuel Honeywell, whose ancestors were among the pioneers who settled Wyoming Valley at the time of the Indian Massacre, which event, with all its horror, has such an important place in history of our country showing as it did the great difficulties those brave men and women had to overcome in order to make a settlement in the wilderness. This family not only braved the dangers of attacks from savages, but when the time came to fight for freedom, they took part in the Revolutionary War and thereby proved their loyalty to the ideals of the Republic and left to their descendants a heritage of honor and fame. Lincoln D. Honeywell and his wife were the parents of two children: Charles W., of whom further; and Margaret, who is now the wife of T. J. Aston. Mrs. Elnora (Wolfe) Honeywell died at the age of fifty years.

Charles W. Honeywell was born at Carves-

ton, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, on February 10, 1884. He was educated at the local public schools and at the Wyoming Seminary at Kingston, Pennsylvania, graduating in the class of 1905. After leaving school he went to Youngstown, Ohio, where he took a position with the General Fireproofing Company where he remained as a salesman for seven years. After this experience, he made a change and went into Canada locating at Montreal where he remained until 1916, at which time he returned to Wilkes-Barre and became a member of the firm of Deemer and Company. He has given himself a thorough training in the details of this organization, filling all positions from clerk to that of his present office, president of the company.

In politics, Mr. Honeywell is a Republican and his religious affiliation is with the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is interested in all matters pertaining to the community's welfare and is an active participant in promoting its interests. He is a member of the Landmark Lodge, No. 442, Free and Accepted Masons; Shekinah Chapter, No. 182, Royal Arch Masons; Dieu le Veut Commandery, No. 45, Knights Templar; Caldwell Consistory, Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of the thirty-second degree Masons; Irem Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine at Wilkes-Barre.

On April 22, 1914, Charles W. Honeywell married Edna Austin, daughter of Miner B. and Ella (Welsh) Austin. They have two children: Charles Clinton and Donald Lee.

**JOHN STEVENS NIVER**—The business career of John S. Niver was a varied one during his early years, but since 1909 he has been engaged in the lumber business in Wilkes-Barre, first as a member of the concern known as the Anthracite Lumber Company, and since 1919 under his own name, with offices at Nos. 718-22 Second National Bank Building, Wilkes-Barre. Mr. Niver is a thirty-second degree Mason, and has many friends in the city of Wilkes-Barre.

John Niver, grandfather of Mr. Niver, was for many years the proprietor of the old, well-known "Niver House," located in Nicholson, Wyoming County, Pennsylvania, an old hotel, a historic landmark which is still standing (1929) and which is locally known as the "Old Niver House." John Niver reared a family of children among whom was George W., father of Mr. Niver.

George W. Niver followed in the footsteps of his father, as far as occupation was concerned, and during the greater part of his life was engaged in the hotel business. In 1885 he sold the hotel and at the time of his death, which occurred June 13, 1887, he was proprietor of a livery stable in Scranton, Lackawanna County. He and his wife, Mrs. R. Emma (Stevens) Niver, who survives her husband and is now living at No. 185 Academy Street, Wilkes-Barre, aged seventy-six years, became the parents of two children, Dora, who died at the age of eight years; and John S., of further mention.

John S. Niver, son of George W. and R. Emma (Stevens) Niver, was born in Providence, now Scranton, March 1, 1881, and was a child of six years when the death of his father brought change of residence and an alteration in general family conditions. After the death of the father the mother took her son to her girlhood home at Nicholson, Wyoming County, and there the child attended the public schools until he was fourteen years old. At that early age he found employment in the store of G. S. Woolworth, working as driver and delivery boy, and when



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he was sixteen years of age he commenced to learn the die-making and mechanic's trade with the Scranton Foundry Company. For about six years he continued in this line, but in 1906, at the age of twenty-five, he came to Wilkes-Barre and engaged in the retail grocery business.

The automobile was rapidly coming into general use at this time and, after three years as proprietor of a prosperous grocery business, Mr. Niver decided to try his ability at selling cars. Two years of experience in this field gave him the self-confidence and determination which made him anxious to own a business upon his individual responsibility. He formed, therefore, a partnership with John Eschenbach to deal in lumber. They operated under the firm name of the Anthracite Lumber Company, with offices in the Second National Bank Building, Wilkes-Barre. In 1919 Mr. Niver withdrew from the partnership and has since engaged in the lumber business under his own name, with offices at Nos. 718-22 Second National Bank Building, Wilkes-Barre. He handles all kinds of lumber and mining timber, and is known as an able and reliable business man. The varied experiences of his earlier years have brought valuable returns and are still yielding the benefits of many and diverse lessons learned in the hardest and best of all schools.

Mr. Niver is Republican in his political allegiance, and is well known in Masonic circles, being a member of Wilkes-Barre Lodge, No. 61, Free and Accepted Masons; Shekinah Chapter, No. 182, Royal Arch Masons; Dieu le Veut Commandery, No. 45, Knights Templar; Keystone Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, of Scranton, in which he holds the thirty-second degree, and Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of Irem Temple Country Club, of the Franklin Club and the Kiwanis Club, and is Protestant in his religious beliefs and allegiance. Twenty-six years of residence and of business experience in the city of Wilkes-Barre have brought to Mr. Niver a large circle of friends and associates, as well as a full share of material success. The death of Mr. Niver occurred April 12, 1928, his sudden and unanticipated demise from heart failure bringing profound sorrow far and wide, for, of an amiable and pleasing disposition, and possessed of sterling character, he made a legion of friends in every section of the county and valley. With large delegations of both Masonic and Kiwanis organizations and a host of friends present, the funeral was held amidst a wealth of flowers that testified to the esteem in which he was held. Mr. Niver was a capable and successful business man, but he was infinitely more than that. He was possessed of a fundamental goodness and kindness that endeared him to rich and poor alike. He was devoted to his mother and made her life bright by his tender care and solicitude. The early death of his father thrust John Stevens Niver out into the world of men and affairs at an age when most boys are still concerned with books and play, but with smiling courage and joyous enthusiasm he met difficulties and overcame them, and who shall say but what his life was richer, his personality finer, for the trials by fire he was forced to go through in his impressionable years?

**CHARLES LONG, M. D.**—Preëminent in the medical profession of Wilkes-Barre since 1884, when he began practice, Dr. Charles Long is a member of an important and well-known family of Luzerne County. He is the son of Simon and Yetta (Coons) Long, the

father having come to the United States from Bavaria, Germany, in 1846, associating himself immediately with the mercantile life of Wilkes-Barre as clerk in the store then conducted by his brother, Martin, a year later opening a store of his own on the north side of the Public Square. The first enterprise was sufficiently successful to insure his business future in Wilkes-Barre, and after a few years he re-located, to the west side of the square. His third move was to the west side of South Main Street, and his fourth and last address, now occupied by the firm, at Nos. 10 and 12 South Main Street, on the east side. Simon Long continued actively in business for more than fifty years, and at the time of his death, December 31, 1901, at the age of seventy-six years, was widely known as the oldest merchant in Wilkes-Barre. The death of his wife antedated his own nine years, her demise having occurred on February 19, 1892, at the age of sixty-six. Simon Long was a dominant citizen in the city, and until death took a personal and active interest in all things directed toward the general good of the people; also, at the time of his death, he was the oldest member of Wilkes-Barre Lodge, No. 61, of the Free and Accepted Masons. Mr. Long and his devoted wife were the parents of ten children, of whom nine reached maturity: 1. Caroline, deceased, was the wife of Simon Ulman, of Salisbury, Maryland. 2. Edith, widow of Henry Schwarz of New York. 3. Lena, deceased, was the wife of Isaac Ulman, of Salisbury, Maryland. 4. Isaac S., a retired merchant of Wilkes-Barre. 5. Charles, of whom further. 6. Hannah, wife of Joseph S. Coons (q. v.) of Joseph S. Coons and Company, department store, of Wilkes-Barre. 7. Rosa, wife of Louis Schloss, deceased, of Wilkes-Barre. 8. Millard F., whose biography accompanies this. 9. Cosmar P., see accompanying biography.

Dr. Charles Long attended the public schools of Wilkes-Barre and Philadelphia, graduating from Philadelphia High School. In 1879, at the age of eighteen, Dr. Long matriculated in Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia, where he graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1882, after which he spent a year as interne in the Wilkes-Barre City Hospital. In 1883 and 1884 he took courses in special post-graduate work in Vienna, Austria, returning to the United States immediately thereafter to take up the practice of his profession, in Wilkes-Barre, where he has since been actively engaged. He is affiliated with a number of fraternal organizations, among them being the Luzerne Medical Society, the Lehigh Valley Medical Society, the Pennsylvania State Medical Society, the American Medical Association, Lodge No. 61 of the Free and Accepted Masons, Wilkes-Barre, Keystone Consistory of Scranton, Pennsylvania, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Masons of the thirty-second degree, Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Irem Temple Country Club, the Concordia Society, and the Jewish Orphans' Society of Luzerne County, of which last he is president. Dr. Long is likewise president of the medical staff of the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital, and a consulting physician of the Mercy Hospital, Wilkes-Barre. He was a member of the Wilkes-Barre School Board for ten years. He is a Democrat.

Dr. Charles Long married, June 2, 1897, Fannie Sax, daughter of Julius and Florence (Ezekiel) Sax, of New York, now deceased. The union has resulted in three children: 1. Charles Francis, who is a physician in Philadelphia; and a graduate of Haverford College

and the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, class of 1923; married Hazle Aaron of Philadelphia, from which union was born a son, Charles Long, 2d. 2. Julian Sax, also a graduate of Haverford College and the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, class of 1925. Both sons have spent two years as internes in the Philadelphia General Hospital. Dr. Julian S. is now (1929) practicing in Wilkes-Barre. 3. Alice Sax, wife of John J. Goldsmith, of New York City, New York. Mrs. Long, wife of Dr. Charles Long, daughter of Julius and Florence (Ezekiel) Sax, as above noted, was born in Nashville, Tennessee, and for years has been one of the leading women of Wilkes-Barre in civic, educational and welfare organizations. She was a member of the group which organized the Wilkes-Barre Civic Club, and the organizer and first president of the Visiting Nurse Association of Wilkes-Barre. (The Civic Club was later called The Wyoming Valley Women's Club.) Associated with Mrs. Henry L. Palmer and Mr. Lincoln Brown. Mrs. Long organized the first recreation and playground centers of Wilkes-Barre; and out of those early efforts has emerged the extensive and well planned playground system of 1927. Mrs. Long was also a founder and the first president of the College Women's Club of Wilkes-Barre, and actively concerned in the organization of the local Parent-Teachers Association, as well as its first president. She has served as chairman of education on the local council of Jewish women, and as chairman of the national council as well, of which she was Pennsylvania State president; and as a director of the national council. In the General Federation of Women's Clubs she has served as chairman of the Committee on Illiteracy; in the Pennsylvania State Federation of Women's Clubs she is a director and chairman of the Department of Education and Fine Arts. She was an organizer and the first president of the Community Round Table, which was fostered by the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce. To round out completely this long roster of club and social and welfare connections, Mrs. Long is very favorably recognized and appreciated in her connections with the Wilkes-Barre Girl Scouts; she was president of the Wyoming Valley Kindergarten Federation, and constantly has devoted the utmost of time to those works that tend toward the uplift of mankind.

**MILLARD F. LONG**—Member of the old established firm of Simon Long's Sons, retail establishment located in South Main Street, Millard F. Long is a highly respected merchant of Wilkes-Barre.

Millard F. Long was born in Wilkes-Barre on August 27, 1867, a son of the late Simon and Yetta (Coons) Long. A short review of Simon Long's life will be found in the preceding biography, Dr. Charles Long. Simon Long and his devoted wife, Yetta (Coons) Long, were the parents of ten children, of whom nine reached maturity: 1. Caroline, deceased, was the wife of Simon Ulman, of Salisbury, Maryland. 2. Edith, widow of Henry Schwarz of New York. 3. Lena, deceased, was the wife of Isaac Ulman, of Salisbury, Maryland. 4. Isaac S., a retired merchant of Wilkes-Barre. 5. Dr. Charles see preceding biography. 6. Hannah, wife of Joseph S. Coons (q. v.) of Joseph S. Coons and Company, department store, of Wilkes-Barre. 7. Rosa, wife of Louis Schloss, deceased, of Wilkes-Barre. 8. Millard F., of whom further, is a member of the old established firm of Simon Long's Sons, of Wilkes-Barre. 9. Cosmar P., see following biography.

Millard F. Long grew up in Wilkes-Barre, receiving his education in the public schools and in Wilkes-Barre Academy. When he was only sixteen years old he entered the mercantile field in his father's store, and later became a member of the well-known firm of Joseph S. Coons and Company, which for many years has been one of the leading department stores of Wilkes-Barre. On April 1, 1926, he disposed of his interest in the Coons Company and returned to Simon Long's Sons, which he now (1929) directs, associated in this direction with his brother, Cosmar P. Long. Simon Long's Sons carries a high-class line of clothing and men's furnishings, together with a spacious store devoted to men's, women's and children's shoes, exclusively. One of the most extensive mercantile houses in Wilkes-Barre and Wyoming Valley, Simon Long's Sons has dealt in finest quality goods for more than three quarters of a century. Millard F. Long is in close association with the political and social leaders of Wilkes-Barre, and is affiliated with Lodge No. 61 of the Free and Accepted Masons, Consistory of Scranton, Pennsylvania, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Masons of the thirty-second degree, Irem Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of Wilkes-Barre, the Irem Country Club, Wilkes-Barre Lodge, No. 109, of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Concordia Club, the Fox Hill Country Club, the Craftsmen's Club, the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce. Also, in connection with his managerial and financial interest in Simon Long's Sons he has other and extensive business interests; he is a member of the board of directors of the Liberty State Bank and Trust Company of Wilkes-Barre.

Millard F. Long married, on March 7, 1893, Minnie Mayer, daughter of Marx and Fannie Mayer of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. This union has resulted in the birth of three children: Simon, associated with the firm of Simon Long's Sons; Clinton, associated with the firm; and Ruth, wife of Everett G. Frank, of New York City.

**COSMAR P. LONG**—An outstanding citizen in commercial and fraternal affairs of Wilkes-Barre is Cosmar P. Long, member of the firm of Simon Long's Sons, dealing in clothing, furnishings and hats for men, boys, and children, and shoes for everybody. For forty years (1929) he has been one of the principal merchants of the city.

Cosmar P. Long was born in Wilkes-Barre on March 26, 1870, the youngest son of Simon and Yetta (Coons) Long, deceased. He is the brother of Isaac S. Long, a retired merchant, of Dr. Charles Long, practicing in Wilkes-Barre, and of Millard F. Long, with whom he conducts the business of Simon Long's Sons. (See accompanying biographies of the latter two.)

Cosmar P. Long took his early education in the local public schools, undertook courses of a commercial character in the Wyoming Seminary at Kingston, Pennsylvania, and at the age of eighteen went to work in his father's store at No. 12 South Main Street, Wilkes-Barre. Since then he has been associated continuously with the firm of Simon Long's Sons, and has taken part wholeheartedly in local affairs. He is affiliated with Wilkes-Barre Lodge, No. 61, of the Free and Accepted Masons, Keystone Consistory, of Scranton, Pennsylvania, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Masons of the thirty-second degree, Irem Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of Wilkes-Barre, the Irem Temple Country Club, the





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*Lovisa J. Blair.*



Fox Hill Club, the Concordia Club, and Wilkes-Barre Lodge, No. 109, of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He has taken part in all movements which, in his judgment, were for the best interests of fellow-citizens, and occupies a high place in the estimation of his many friends.

Mr. Long married, June 5, 1907, Florence L. Ansbacher of New York City, daughter of S. L. and Rachel (Schwab) Ansbacher, of New York City. Mr. and Mrs. Long are the parents of two sons: Henry Ansbacher, a graduate of Yale College; and John Ansbacher, now (1929) a junior at that institution.

**LOVISA IDA BLAIR, M. D.**—It is said "blood will tell," and if this is true, it is entirely fitting that Dr. Lovisa I. Blair should be one of the leading members of the medical profession in Wilkes-Barre, for her ancestors on both the paternal and the maternal sides have for generations been prominent in the settlement and the development of the Wyoming Valley region. Dr. Blair comes from a race of pioneers and men of action, and has inherited much of the ability and the sturdy initiative of her forebears. She is a graduate of the Women's Medical College, of Philadelphia, where she received her medical degree in 1912, and after serving her internship she returned to Wilkes-Barre, where she has since been successfully engaged in practice, with offices at No. 342 South River Street, where she also makes her home.

Dr. Lovisa I. Blair was born in Plymouth, Luzerne County, and is a daughter of Brice S. and Florence (Davenport) Blair, both deceased, and a granddaughter of Francis and Ellen (Slavin) Blair, of New York. She is also a granddaughter, on the maternal side, of Samuel and Louisa (Smith) Davenport, of Plymouth, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania. The Davenport family is an old Connecticut family, and they were among the first settlers in Wyoming Valley, under the Susquehanna Company. Its members took part in the battle and massacre of Wyoming, July 3, 1778, and its members also fought in the Revolution. One Thomas Davenport was the first of the name to settle in the Wyoming Valley, and Abijah Smith, great-grandfather of Dr. Blair, on the maternal side, was also one of the early settlers of this region. In 1807 he opened the first coal mine in the Wyoming Valley, at Plymouth, Luzerne County, and in that same year he mined and shipped the first fifty tons of anthracite coal from the Wyoming Valley, shipping this consignment from Plymouth on a little ship called "The Ark," to Columbia, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. This shipment was not only the first from the Wyoming Valley, but the first to be shipped from any point in the State. Abijah Smith's ancestor, Lieutenant Abraham Smith, came from England to Boston in 1663. Dr. Blair is also a direct descendant of Colonel George and Captain Samuel Ransom, both of whom fought in the battle of Wyoming, July 3, 1778, and both of whom also fought in the Revolutionary War, serving under General Washington. Another of Dr. Blair's noted ancestors was Judge James Nesbit, the first judge of Luzerne County.

Francis Blair, paternal grandfather of Dr. Blair, was a resident of New York City, New York, and came to Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, in the early fifties, as a contractor, to build the old "gravity road" from Honesdale, Pennsylvania, to Pittston, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania. He married Ellen Slavin, of

New York City, and among their children was Brice S. Blair, of further mention.

Brice S. Blair, son of Francis and Ellen (Slavin) Blair, was born in Candor, Tioga County, New York, December 25, 1833, and died December 3, 1921. Like his father, he was a contractor, and he was an important factor in the development of roads in this section of the State. He built the Bloomsburgh Division of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad, the Sullivan Railroad, a line built from Bloomsburgh, Pennsylvania, and the Jefferson branch of the Delaware and Hudson Railroad. When electricity began to take its place as a means of transportation, Mr. Blair, ever progressive and abreast of the times, built the first electric railway in the Wyoming Valley, for the Wyoming Traction Company. He was a thirty-second degree Mason, belonging to all Scottish Rite bodies. Mr. Blair married (first) Marinda Davenport, and they had a daughter, Nellie, deceased, who married James W. Vandling; he married (second) Florence Davenport, a sister of his first wife, both wives of the old Connecticut family already mentioned. Their children were: Dr. Lovisa I., of whom further; Cora May, deceased; Estella, who married Richard Willis Goslin; Maude, who married Richard W. Owen, and Jeanette, deceased, who married Wilson M. Long.

Dr. Lovisa I. Blair, daughter of Brice S. and Florence (Davenport) Blair, was born in Plymouth, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, and received her early school training in the local public schools. Later, she continued her studies in Wyoming Seminary, in Kingston, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, and then became a student in Syracuse University, New York. Having determined to enter the medical profession she then entered the Women's Medical College, in Philadelphia, where she completed her course with graduation with the class of 1912, receiving at that time the degree of Doctor of Medicine. After serving an internship of one year in the College Hospital, she returned to Luzerne County and located in Wilkes-Barre, where she opened her office at No. 342 South River Street, and where she has since been successfully engaged in practice. She is a member of the Luzerne County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania Medical Society, and the American Medical Association, and has made for herself an assured place among the able members of the medical profession of this State. She is also a member of the staff of the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital, laryngologist for the State Clinic at Wilkes-Barre, and medical examiner for the girls' department of Wyoming Seminary, at Kingston, also chief medical examiner for the Wilkes-Barre city schools. She is a member of the Dial Rock Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, the Pennsylvania Society of Colonial Dames, the Wyoming Valley Women's Club, of Wilkes-Barre; and of the College Women's Club, of Wilkes-Barre. Dr. Blair takes an active interest in all civic affairs, and like her worthy progenitors, is influential in whatever cause she espouses. She has a host of friends in this section of Luzerne County, and is highly esteemed among her professional associates.

**GEORGE M. WALL**—For many years prominent in the business and civic life of Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, George M. Wall, who makes his home in Kingston and is widely known throughout the Wilkes-Barre district, has been serving since the

fall of 1927 as treasurer of this county. In this work he has been eminently successful, as was the case with all of his previous endeavors, with the result that he is highly esteemed and respected in the community for his achievements in both public and private life.

Mr. Wall was born in Plains, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, on July 31, 1870, son of John and Margaret A. (Martin) Wall, both of whom are now deceased. His father came to America from England in 1865, and in this country was for many years a miner in the employ of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company. His wife, Margaret A. (Martin) Wall, a resident of Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, was also a native of England, although he married her after he came to the United States.

George M. Wall spent his boyhood days in Plains, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, where he attended the public schools until he was twelve years of age. Then he became a coal picker at the mines of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company, with which he remained until he was sixteen years old. In 1886 he made a change, however, and began his long connection with the Sheldon Axle and Spring Company, which lasted until, in the spring of 1927, the company went out of business. Mr. Wall served this organization first as timekeeper. His early experiences in earning his living in the mines of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company had inured him to hard work and self-dependence; and, ambitious and determined to make his way in the world by honest effort and sound ability, he rendered service of such a quality as to win him a succession of promotions. While filling efficiently the special position in which he was at the time placed, he always prepared himself for the position next higher in the scale and so fitted himself to take advantage of whatever opportunities offered themselves. Strictly a self-made man, he worked his way through all departments of the Sheldon Axle and Spring Company, and, after twenty-six years of faithful service, was made, in 1912, vice-president and general manager of the corporation. He continued in this dual capacity until 1925, when he resigned the managership, serving from then onward as vice-president only. In the spring of 1927 the Sheldon Axle and Spring Company, after a long and useful period of existence, during which Mr. Wall played so important a part in its affairs, went out of business, leaving him free to take upon himself public responsibilities which theretofore he had not felt free to accept. So it was that, in the fall of the same year, 1927, he was elected treasurer of Luzerne County, an office which, since that time, he has filled with credit to himself and advantage to the community, and into which he has put the same full measure of enthusiasm and devotion that has characterized every enterprise which he has undertaken.

In his political sympathies Mr. Wall is a staunch Republican; and, although he never sought public office before he became a candidate for the treasurership of Luzerne County, he has always been a public-spirited citizen, willing to contribute to the advancement of the general welfare of the city in which he has lived for the greater part of his life. He has maintained, also, several business connections, being a member of the board of directors of the Vulcan Iron Works, of Wilkes-Barre; and the Second National Bank, of Wilkes-Barre. He is also a member of the board of directors of the Young Men's Christian Association. Fraternally he is identified with the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he is affiliated with the Lodge

No. 61, of Wilkes-Barre; the Shekinah Chapter of Royal Arch Masons; the Dieu le Veut Commandery of Knights Templar; Caldwell Consistory of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, of Bloomsburg, in which he holds the thirty-second degree; and Irem Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Mr. Wall is also a member of the Westmoreland Club, of Wilkes-Barre, and his religious faith is that of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in Plains, Luzerne County, and is a trustee and superintendent of the Sunday school. At one time he was president of the Plains Township School Board, as well as a director of the Central Poor District.

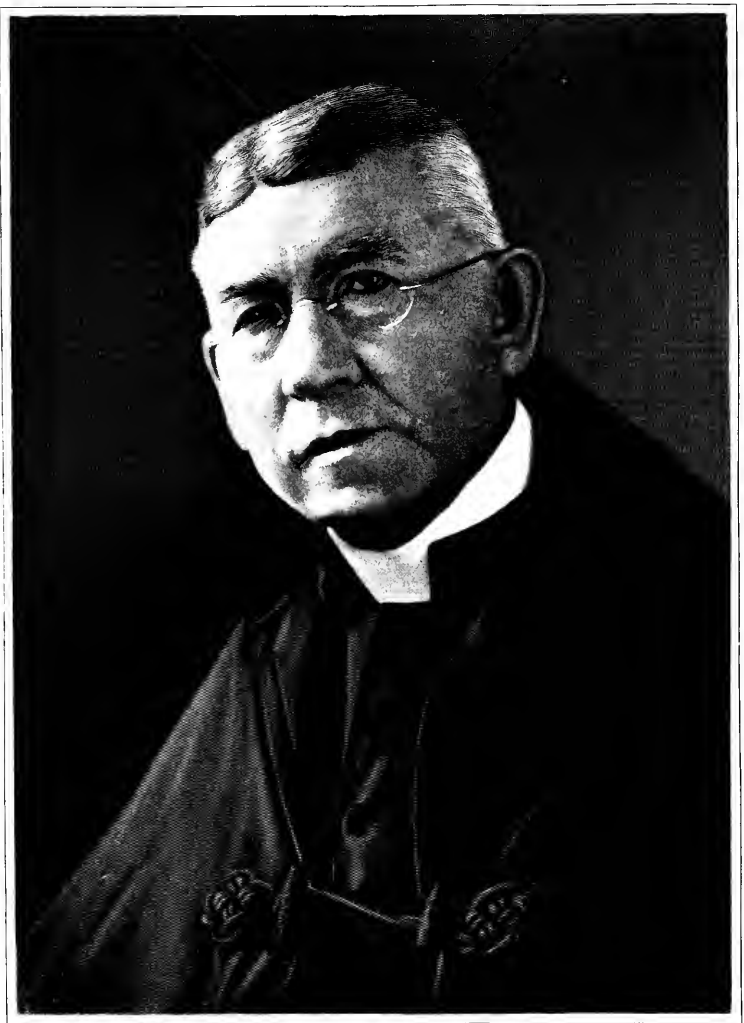
George M. Wall married, on September 29, 1897, Kate R. Ross, of Plains, Pennsylvania, daughter of Nathan and Margaret (McClellan) Ross. Mr. and Mrs. Wall are the parents of three children, a daughter and two sons: 1. Margaret Marian, of Wilkes-Barre, who became the wife of Robert E. Baird, and they have one daughter, Janet Wall Baird. 2. John Seal, a graduate of Syracuse University, of Syracuse, New York. 3. Ross Frazer, a student at Princeton University, of Princeton, New Jersey, class of 1929.

**FULLER L. DAVENPORT, D. D. S.**—For over a quarter of a century Dr. Fuller L. Davenport, has been engaged in dental practice in Wilkes-Barre, with offices at No. 524 in the Miners Bank Building. He has for years been known as a skilled dental surgeon and as a public-spirited citizen, and he has a host of friends in this section of the State.

Dr. Davenport is a descendant of one of the oldest families of Connecticut, of English origin, whose members were among the first settlers of that State. Of this Connecticut family, Thomas Davenport, ancestor of Dr. Davenport, came to the Wyoming Valley, with his brother Robert, among the first settlers here, and both brothers took part in the battle and massacre of Wyoming, July 3, 1778. Oliver Davenport, a descendant of Thomas, mentioned above, lived in Plymouth, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, and among his children was Edwin Davenport, who married Mary McAlarney, now deceased. They were the parents of the following children: Hon. Stanley W. Davenport, who was at one time Congressman from Luzerne County; Andrew Livingston, of Wilkes-Barre; Ward P., deceased; Julia Ella, wife of George H. Flanagan, casner of the Wyoming National Bank; James M.; Liva Ransom, wife of Donald A. MacCrea, of Little Rock, Arkansas; Lloyd U., deceased; Brice Blair, who was killed at the age of twelve years by being thrown from a horse; and Fuller L., of further mention. The father of this family, Edwin Davenport, was for many years engaged in business as a merchant in Luzerne County.

Dr. Fuller L. Davenport, son of Edwin and Mary (McAlarney) Davenport, was born in Plymouth, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, November 3, 1877, and grew to manhood in Plymouth. As a boy he attended the local public schools, and then prepared for college in Wyoming Seminary in Kingston, Pennsylvania, after which he entered the dental department of the University of Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated with the class of 1903, receiving the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery. Upon the completion of his professional training he returned to Luzerne County, and located in Wilkes-Barre, where he has since been successfully engaged in practice. He is a member of the Luzerne County Dental Society, the Susquehanna Dental Society, the Penn-





*Rev. J. J. Curran*

sylvania Dental Society, and the American Dental Association, being well known among his professional associates as a skilled dental surgeon. Politically he gives his support to the principles and the candidates of the Democratic party, and though a public-spirited citizen he prefers to serve the community in private capacity, rather than as a public official. He is a member of the Westmoreland Club, and is always a welcome guest at social gatherings. While a student at the University of Pennsylvania, he was a member of the crew of 1899-1900 which won the races for the University at Poughkeepsie, New York, and also of the crew which competed in all the Henly races at Henly, England, in 1901. His religious affiliation is with the Protestant faith.

Dr. Fuller L. Davenport married Mary West Maul, of Lewes, Delaware, daughter of Franklin C. and Victoria (West) Maul. Dr. and Mrs. Davenport are the parents of two children: Elizabeth West and Julia Ellen. On the maternal side Dr. Davenport is a descendant of Captain Samuel Ransom, a soldier of the Revolution, who was killed in the Wyoming Massacre, July 3, 1778.

**REV. JOHN J. CURRAN**, pastor of the St. Mary's Catholic Church at Wilkes-Barre, and one of the leading officers of the Catholic Church in Eastern Pennsylvania, was born June 20, 1859, in Wayne County, Pennsylvania. Father Curran is a son of John and Helen (McKeone) Curran, both of whom are now deceased. John Curran, the father, came to this country from Ireland about 1847. He was for a number of years a miner in Eastern Pennsylvania. By his marriage to Helen McKeone he became the father of ten children, of whom nine lived to maturity: 1. Thomas, deceased. 2. Jane. 3. Mary. 4. Ann. 5. John J., of whom further. 6. Bartley, deceased. 7. Anthony, deceased. 8. Helen, married Charles Hoban, who is now the assistant superintendent of public schools for the State of Pennsylvania. 9. William, resides in Wilkes-Barre. 10. Patrick, died in childhood.

John J. Curran, the second son and fifth child of John and Helen (McKeone) Curran, was about seven years of age when his parents removed to Avoca, in Luzerne County, and it was here that he received his primary education. While he was still but eight years of age, however, he was put to work as a slate picker at the Avoca Mines of the Pennsylvania Coal Company. He remained there as a breaker driver boy for over eight years, attending night schools in the meantime, for he was an ambitious lad. When he was sixteen years of age he returned to the public schools, and thus obtained two more years of schooling, at the end of which time he entered the Wyoming Seminary at Kingston, in Luzerne County. There he was graduated with especially high marks in both English and mathematics. He studied next at St. Vincent College, Latrobe, Pennsylvania, remaining there for about three years and graduating in 1882. In the fall of this same year he enrolled as a student at the Grand Seminary at Montreal, Dominion of Canada, where he studied for some five years, in preparation for the ministry. He was ordained as a priest in 1887 by the Rt. Rev. William O'Hara, in the Scranton Cathedral, and he was then appointed as assistant pastor of the St. Rose Church at Carbondale, Pennsylvania. Father Curran remained there for about eight years; and then in 1895 was appointed to locate and become the first pastor of the Holy Savior parish at East End, Wilkes-Barre. Father Curran performed this task with a will, and so great was the result of his achievement

that he was able to build and found this church, and to serve in it, as well, for the ensuing twenty-four years. Starting with only a few members, he built it up to include more than twenty-five hundred souls. In recognition of his ability and the love and esteem in which he was held, he was appointed, in 1919, to the pastorate of St. Mary's Church on South Washington Street, in Wilkes-Barre. In this latter work, he has been charged with the accomplishment of many improvements, and he has, as well, built a fine parish house. The interior of this beautiful church is one of the finest examples of religious decoration and equipment in all Luzerne County. The parish numbers slightly more than ten thousand souls, the largest membership of any church in Wyoming Valley.

Father Curran is spoken of as one of the most active priests in the Valley, and one of the most greatly beloved. He was particularly instrumental in promoting and building the Misericordia College at Dallas, in Luzerne County, and this institution is now under the competent charge of the Sisters of Mercy. He also took an important part in the promotion of funds and equipment for the new wing of the Mercy Hospital at Wilkes-Barre, and this wing is also under the supervision of the Sisters of Mercy. He was one of the prime movers in the organizing and establishing of the St. Patrick's Catholic Church and parish in South Wilkes-Barre. Father Curran has long been a strong supporter of the temperance movement since his childhood days, and for the past twelve years he has taken an active part in the work of the Anti-Saloon League. During the early years of his pastorate at the East End Church at Wilkes-Barre he administered the total abstinence pledge to his entire congregation. Even greater than this, however, is the great good Father Curran has brought about for the cause of the miners, the men who toil deep down in the bowels of the earth, mining the coal. For more than thirty-five years he has stood as an ardent supporter of the Cause and Rights Bill of the Miners. During the great anthracite strike of 1902 he acted as mediator with President John Mitchell, of the Miners' Union, and President Theodore Roosevelt, endeavoring to bring about a compromise settlement with its ensuing end to the long drawn-out conflict. In fact, he has assisted as an advisor on both sides of the controversy in practically all of the anthracite strikes since the year 1900. His association with John Mitchell and President Roosevelt at this time created a friendship between Father Curran and these two men that only death has severed. Of all the men in the Wyoming Valley today, there is not one more universally beloved than Father John J. Curran.

**HOMER B. WILCOX, M. D.**—One of the leading physicians of Kingston and of the Wyoming Valley, Dr. Homer B. Wilcox has long possessed the respect and esteem of his fellow-citizens, especially of those among them who are his patients and who have learned to appreciate the skill and gentleness with which he goes about his professional duties. Not only for his excellence in the medical profession is he highly regarded in Kingston and its environs, but for the splendid qualities of character that are manifest in his performance of his work.

Descended from an old Pennsylvania family, Dr. Wilcox is a son of Chester B. and Jennie R. (Major) Wilcox, the former dying at the age of sixty-two years, the latter still surviving, although she has attained an advanced age, having been born in 1851. Dr.

Wilcox's father, Chester B. Wilcox, was a son of Elias Bowen and Nancy (Maxfield) Wilcox, whose ancestors were among the early settlers and were engaged in the battle and massacre of Wyoming on July 3, 1778. Elias Bowen Wilcox, Dr. Wilcox's grandfather on his father's side of the family, was born in Plains, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, in 1818, and died at the age of eighty-six years. He and his wife were the parents of three children: Mary, who married Alexander Ferguson; Chester, who was Dr. Wilcox's father; and Emma, who died in childhood. Elias Bowen, the grandfather, was a brick-maker by trade, and was prominent as a contractor in this part of Pennsylvania. On the maternal side of his family, Dr. Wilcox's grandfather was Robert Major, who married Sarah Ann Adelman. Born in England in 1808, he sailed from his native land in 1821 with his parents, and came to Luzerne County, Pennsylvania. They were thirty-seven days on the ocean in making their voyage to the United States, and settled in Wyoming, Luzerne County. Dr. Wilcox's great-grandparents on his maternal side were Thomas and Mary (Britton) Major.

Chester B. and Jennie R. (Major) Wilcox, Dr. Wilcox's parents, had four children: 1. Dr. Homer B., of further mention. 2. Bertha, who died at the age of sixteen years. 3. Martha W., who became the wife of Carl E. Bell, of Pittston, Pennsylvania. 4. Dorothy, who died at the age of seven years.

Homer B. Wilcox, who was born on August 7, 1877, in Plymouth, Pennsylvania, grew to manhood in Kingston. While a boy, he attended the public schools there, and was graduated from the high school in the class of 1891. Then he became a student at the Wyoming Seminary, in Kingston, from which he was graduated in the class of 1895. His professional work he took at the University of Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated in the class of 1901, receiving the degree of Doctor of Medicine. Until 1927, he conducted a general medical practice in Kingston; but in that year, he received from the University of Pennsylvania a special degree in Urology. Since that time, Dr. Wilcox has been a specialist in Urology; and in this capacity he has rendered valuable service to the community in and near Kingston.

In addition to his own practice, Dr. Wilcox is keenly interested in the affairs of his profession. He is a member of the American Medical Society, the Pennsylvania State Medical Society, the Lehigh Valley Medical Society, and the Luzerne County Medical Society. Taking at all times an active part in political affairs, he is identified with the Republican party, whose principles and candidates he staunchly supports. He is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which order he is affiliated with the Kingston Lodge, No. 397; the Shekinah Chapter, No. 182, of Royal Arch Masons; the Dieu le Veut Commandery, No. 45, Knights Templar; and Irem Temple, of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He also belongs to the Irem Temple Country Club. He is affiliated with the Kingston Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is a member of the staff of the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital, where he is a specialist in Urology.

In June, 1908, Dr. Wilcox was married to Anna Cameron Harter, of Berwick, Pennsylvania, a daughter of George W. and Rachael (Lockhart) Harter. Dr. and Mrs. Wilcox are the parents of four children: 1. Robert Bowen, who is a graduate of the Wyoming Seminary, of Kingston, and now in Lafayette College, class of 1932. 2. Marian Lockhart, graduate of Wyoming Seminary. 3. Homer Bowen, Jr.,

class of 1931, high school. 4. Emily Harter, attending grammar school. Dr. Wilcox and his family reside at No. 165 South Maple Avenue, Kingston.

Dr. Wilcox studied music for years in the Wyoming Seminary. He was organist in the Presbyterian Church 1895-96-97; also in the Seminary Chapel for the same length of time.

**JOHN A. BURTON**—Industry, character, a set purpose and a full faith in oneself have brought their reward to John A. Burton, of Kingston, who, without a dollar to begin, has made his way to the topmost branch of the local commercial tree and finds himself one of the most respected citizens of the community. He has done this in a comparatively few years, always industrious yet taking time from his base of operations to lend what assistance he might to other activities. He has been a devoted churchman, a fair competitor in business, a staunch friend, a citizen faithful to the tenets of his civic duties. He has helped to build other works while he was building his own and has ever taken a sincere interest in fraternal and social organizations with which he has become affiliated. In short, John A. Burton is one of the standard citizens of our community, in whom it takes a justifiable pride.

He was born in Carbondale, Pennsylvania, March 23, 1875, a son of John and Rosa (Cammack) Burton. John Burton was a native of Virginia, the father of four children, all of whom are deceased save his namesake son. He conducted a store in Kingston, whence he came in his youth, for many years and died here at the age of sixty-nine. The present John was educated in the Kingston public schools and was graduated from the Wilkes-Barre Business College. He then became associated with the F. M. Kirby Company's stores, where he remained for seven years. In the spring of 1918 he established himself in business, opening a variety store, which he has ever since conducted. In politics he is a Republican, in religion a Methodist Episcopalian and a member of the official board of the Kingston church for many years. He also is a member of the Quarterly Conference Board of the Methodist Episcopal Church, served for three years as president of the Bible class and was assistant superintendent of the Sunday school for ten years. He is an honorary member of the Kingston Fire Department and is affiliated with the Kingston Lodge, No. 395, Order of Free and Accepted Masons. He also belongs to Kingston Lodge, No. 709, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is Past Grand, and to Kingston Lodge, No. 234, Patriotic Order Sons of America. He holds membership in Wilkes-Barre Lodge, No. 109, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and in the Kingston Business Men's Association.

Mr. Burton married, at White Haven, Pennsylvania, June 15, 1904, Nellie Christy, daughter of Charles and Nellie Christy. They have one child, Virginia Eleanor.

**LUTHER M. KNIFFEN**—Like his father before him, Luther M. Kniffen is intensively concerned in the welfare of Wilkes-Barre, and is here accounted an outstanding and substantial citizen. The mortuary establishment of which he is the head was established by his father, and is the oldest establishment of its size and kind in the city. Luther M. Kniffen is a son of Mayor Lewis P. and Katherine Gertrude (Reick) Kniffen; and Lewis P. Kniffen was born in Dallas Township, Luzerne County, in the year 1858 (died on December 6, 1924), son of Charles E. Kniffen, who came to Wilkes-Barre in the





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second quarter of the nineteenth century. Charles E. Kniffen engaged in business as general contractor, and early established the family name among those honorably held in the county. He was the father of six children: Charles, Jr., Frank, Emma, Lewis P., Grace, and Richard, of whom all were deceased in 1928, save Richard Kniffen, who resides in Atlantic City.

Lewis P. Kniffen left the farm on which he was born, in Dallas Township, after he had completed his education in the district schools, and came as a young man to Wilkes-Barre. Here he obtained employment in the shop of a mortician, and learned that profession. In due time he established funeral parlors under his own name, and at the time of his death, in 1924, had been in the profession for forty-one continuous years, and was the oldest funeral director and mortician in the city of Wilkes-Barre. Lewis P. Kniffen was most active in all phases of life in the community. Fraternally his connections were extensive, and included membership in Landmark Lodge, No. 442, of the Free and Accepted Masons; Caldwell Consistory, at Bloomsburg, of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Masons, in which he held the thirty-second degree; Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at Wilkes-Barre, and the Irem Country Club; St. John Commandery of the Knights of Malta; the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Wilkes-Barre; Lodge No. 109 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; the Junior Order of United American Mechanics; the Patriotic Order Sons of America; the Loyal Order of Moose; and the Fraternal Order of Eagles. He was a member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Wilkes-Barre, devout in its service, and generous in contributions to all charitable causes whether or not they were sponsored by the church in which he was a communicant. Well liked and admired for his high character and great abilities by all who knew him, Lewis P. Kniffen was elected to the office of mayor of Wilkes-Barre in 1907, and during the four years of his service did much for the reform and betterment of the community. In 1912 he was elected sheriff of Luzerne County, and this office too was for a term of four years. In 1916 he was nominated by the Republican party to represent Luzerne County in Congress, but was defeated by his Democratic opponent, who polled a small majority. For eight years Mr. Kniffen served as city commissioner, and occupied that office when death occurred. Lewis P. Kniffen married Katherine Gertrude Reick of Wilkes-Barre, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth Reick; and to this union was born one son, Luther M. Kniffen, of whom further.

Luther M. Kniffen was born in Wilkes-Barre, November 19, 1888, and here attended the public schools. Under the direction of his father he applied himself to gain knowledge of the profession of mortician, so diligently and intelligently that within a short space of time he was well versed in all its branches. He is now (1929) one of the most highly regarded funeral directors in Luzerne County, and operates his establishment in the quarters where the Kniffen Funeral Home has stood since founded by Lewis P. Kniffen. Like his father, Mr. Kniffen is a Republican and loyal to the party's principles of National Government. He takes an active part in public affairs and possesses a considerable influence in elections. He was elected coroner of Luzerne County in 1927. Fraternally he is active also, being a member of Landmark Lodge, No. 442, Free and Accepted Masons; Shekinah Chapter, No. 182, Royal Arch Ma-

sons; Dieu le Veut Commandery, No. 45, Knights Templar; Keystone Consistory, at Scranton, Pennsylvania, of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Masons, in which he has attained the thirty-second degree; Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of Wilkes-Barre; the Irem Country Club; Scranton Lodge, No. 123, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; the Knights of Malta; the Junior Order of United American Mechanics; Loyal Order of Moose; Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Patriotic Order of Sons of America; the Pen and Pencil Club; Irem Gun Club; and the United Sportsmen of America. Mr. Kniffen is a communicant of the Lutheran Church. His gifts for relief of the poor and toward other causes of like appeal are large, readily forthcoming, and distinguished for their substantial proportion. When the United States entered the World War in 1917, Mr. Kniffen enlisted for service, and was assigned to duty in the Motor Transport Corps at Camp Joseph E. Johnston, Jacksonville, Florida, with the rank of lieutenant.

Luther M. Kniffen married Charlotte Hyndman, of West Pittston, Pennsylvania, February 7, 1922. Charlotte (Hyndman) Kniffen is a daughter of James and Ruth (Harvey) Hyndman, the family being one of the old ones in the history of Luzerne County; so too, the house of Harvey is one of the oldest in the Wyoming Valley, settlers in the Valley having come from the State of Connecticut with the Susquehanna Company, and having been mentioned with merit in the records of battles between settlers and Indians. Luther M. and Charlotte (Hyndman) Kniffen reside at No. 465 South Main Street, Wilkes-Barre.

**ALFRED W. GROVER, M. D.**—For nearly a score of years Dr. Alfred W. Grover has been faithfully and successfully engaged in general medical practice in Kingston, Pennsylvania, where at the present time (1929) he has his offices at No. 293 Maple Street. Dr. Grover is a graduate of Wyoming Seminary and of Albany Medical College, and is well known to the profession in this part of the State. He is also well known in fraternal circles, and is prominent in the Masonic Order.

John Grover, great-grandfather of Dr. Grover, was born in Catawissa, Pennsylvania, and settled in Salem Township, Luzerne County, among the earliest settlers of that section. He had a son, Butler Grover, born in Salem Township, Luzerne County, a farmer, who married Mary Briggs, a native of that same locality. They were the parents of Millard F. Grover, of further mention.

Millard F. Grover, son of Butler and Mary (Briggs) Grover, was born in Hollenback Township, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, and died at the age of sixty-nine years. For many years he was an engineer in the employ of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad Company, and was a man who commanded the respect and esteem of his associates. He married Anna M. Vandling, who survives him at the age of seventy-two years (1929). They were the parents of two children: Nellie B. of Kingston, who makes her home with her mother and brother; and Dr. Alfred W., of further mention.

Dr. Alfred W. Grover was born in Hollenback Township, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, November 24, 1882, and spent his boyhood in Northumberland and in Kingston. He attended the public schools, graduating from Kingston High School with the class of 1899, and then continued his studies in Wyoming Seminary, at Kingston, where he

finished his course with graduation in 1903. He then entered the Albany Medical College, of Union University, at Albany, New York, where he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1907. For one year following his graduation he served as an interne in the Wilkes-Barre City Hospital, and then, in September, 1908, he began his long term of service as a general medical practitioner at Kingston, Pennsylvania, where he is known and loved as a faithful and able physician. Over twenty years of service have endeared him to many of those whom he has served and have won for him an assured place among his professional colleagues. He is a trustee of the Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston, and a member of the surgical staff of that institution. He is a member and vice-president of the Luzerne County Medical Society, of the Pennsylvania State Medical Society, and of the American Medical Association, and in addition to these professional affiliations, also finds time for numerous other fraternal connections. He is a member of Kingston Lodge, No. 395, Free and Accepted Masons; Shekinah Chapter, No. 182, Royal Arch Masons; Dieu le Veut Commandery, No. 45, Knights Templar; Caldwell Consistory of Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania; and of Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Wilkes-Barre; also of Irem Temple Country Club. He is a member of Lodge No. 709, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and of Washington Post, No. 396, Patriotic Order Sons of America; and his clubs are the Craftsmen's Club, and the Wyoming Valley Motor Club. Dr. Grover served one term of enlistment in the Hospital Corps of the 9th Pennsylvania National Guard, Infantry; and during the period of the participation of the United States in the World War served as a member of Local Draft Board, No. 4, of Kingston, Pennsylvania. Politically, he gives his support to the Republican party, and his religious interest is with the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he is a member.

Dr. Grover has never married, but has devoted his entire interest and devotion to his profession, giving to his many patients the faithful and expert care which has won for him not only professional success, but the deep and lasting regard of those with whom he has been, and is, associated.

**PETER FORVE**—More than fifty years ago there was established in the town of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, a plumbing, heating, tinning and cornice work business, which continues to be one of the prominent businesses of this city, and is under the proprietorship and management of Peter Forve, the son of Peter Forve, the founder of the business. That an establishment of this kind should grow and prosper under the many changes that have taken place in the building trades is due to the skillful ability and business acumen of the man who founded it and the business principles which he was able to instill into his son, who has been wise enough to remember the wisdom of his successful father and not forget his admonitions.

Peter Forve, senior, was born in Germany and was brought to this country sometime about the year 1853 when he was five years of age. As he grew up he learned the trade of a plumber and after he became proficient in this line, working in it continuously for many years, he, in 1870, set up an establishment of his own which, as has been stated, since his death has been carried on by his son, Peter Forve, junior. This business is still situated where it was begun, at No. 114 North Main Street, where it has been and

continues to be a landmark of the business section of the city, despite the many changes which have taken place during the last five decades of history in the progress of the city. Mr. Forve was a familiar figure in this shop and office until April 7, 1913, when he died at the age of sixty-five years. He was a devoted member of St. Nicholas Roman Catholic Church and an ardent Democrat in his political affiliations. For forty-three years he was outstanding as a prominent citizen and business man of Wilkes-Barre. He was married twice: by his first wife, he had eight children: 1. Jacob L., who died on November 28, 1898, at the age of twenty-five years, was associated with his father in the business until the time of his death. 2. Peter, Jr., of whom further. 3. George T., who entered the priesthood and is priest in charge of the parish of the Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church at Luzerne, Pennsylvania. 4. Marie, who married Carl A. Leighton of Wilkes-Barre. 5. Regina, who married Manus J. Gallagher of Mauch Chunk, Pennsylvania. 6. Louis, who married Lulu Schmitt. 7. Frederick. 8. Hildegard.

Peter Forve, Jr., grew up in Wilkes-Barre and was educated at the St. Nicholas parochial school at Wilkes-Barre. While a young man, he learned the plumber's trade under the proficient direction of his father and so was qualified in every part of the business to succeed his father in its management and to undertake to further its progress. In 1930 this business will be sixty years old and its continuity is remarkable because of the fact that few businesses in this country have withstood the changes of conditions that have taken place since the time of the Civil War. It is, therefore, one of the notable institutions of Wilkes-Barre, with credit due to the founder and his able son who have made this a possibility.

Mr. Forve, like his father, is a member of St. Nicholas Roman Catholic Church and is a staunch Democrat in his politics. He is a member of Wilkes-Barre Lodge, No. 109, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and belongs to the Wilkes-Barre-Wyoming Valley Chamber of Commerce.

On November 8, 1899, Peter Forve married Caroline Schappert, daughter of Joseph Schappert, of Nanticoke, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Forve have three sons: 1. Carl J., who is associated with his father in the plumbing business. 2. George Thomas who lives in New York City, and is connected with the New York Telephone Company. 3. Peter, 3d, who is a student at the Villa Nova College.

**HENRY SHAPIRO**—For more than twenty years Henry Shapiro has occupied a position of importance in the industrial and financial circles of Wilkes-Barre, and today is numbered among the city's foremost men. His career has been varied, but in the main course has centered on steel and iron, other connections having been of preparatory character and of the relationship thereto. Since his round success at steel and iron and ownership of the company bearing his name, so well known in the Wyoming Valley, he has formed other connections with financial enterprises; and these are to the main course of his career as branches to a tree, the trunk always having been steel and iron.

Mr. Shapiro was born February 22, 1877, in New York City, son of Max and Mary (Oppenheim) Shapiro. He was five years of age when his parents brought him to Pennsylvania, and hence looks upon this State as his native place. He attended public schools and business college at Scranton, where his parents established their home, and



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entered the business world as stenographer, in the employ of J. L. Connell and Company, when he was eighteen years of age. With the Connell organization he continued six and a half years, then entered the employ of the Scranton Nut and Bolt Company, where he continued three years, leaving the company in 1906 to found his own organization in Wilkes-Barre. So successful was this from the outset that in 1920 Mr. Shapiro erected one of the finest manufacturing plants for steel and iron products in this part of Pennsylvania. He deals in iron and steel, paper mill supplies, structural materials, rails and pipe.

Active in the fraternal and civic life of Wilkes-Barre, Mr. Shapiro is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons; Shekinah Royal Arch Chapter of Wilkes-Barre; Keystone Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, of Scranton; Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; Lodge No. 109, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; the Wyoming Historical and Geological Society, Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce, Pennsylvania Manufacturers' Association, Institute of Scrap Iron and Steel, and the National Association of Waste Material Dealers. He is chairman of the finance committee and a trustee of Temple Israel, Wilkes-Barre. His home is at No. 524 South Franklin Street; his office, Nos. 600-12 South Main Street, Wilkes-Barre.

Mr. Shapiro married, September 6, 1905, Lulu Fisher, of Wilkes-Barre; and their children are: Frances Marian, now Mrs. Murray; B. Frankel; Lester, and Selig.

**OLIN DERR**—In the Wyoming Valley the surname Derr stands for pioneering and enterprise, but rathar less for the former than the latter, while in the State of Pennsylvania and in New Jersey from colonial days the family has figured long indeed, its members having been among the early settlers. Representatives of the surname in Wilkes-Barre, prominent among them Olin Derr, are descended from two old German families: Moelich and Dorr. Johannes Moelich (or John Mellick, of Bedminster), was born at Bendorf-on-Rhine, Germany, February 26, 1702, son of John Wilhelm and Anna Catherine Moelich. With his wife, Maria Catharina Kirburger, daughter of Gottfried Kirburger, a burgomaster, he came to America, aboard the "Mercury," and the date of arrival was May 29, 1725, the place, Philadelphia. One of his sons was Andrew, born at Bendorf-on-Rhine. This Andrew Moelich made his residence in New Jersey, and fought in the Revolution. He Anglicized the name Moelich, to Malick and Mellick. His eldest daughter, Catharine, married, in 1787, Johannes Fein, later John Fine; and they had a daughter, Hannah, born in 1813, died in 1864, who married John Dorr, later John Derr. Thus were the two houses brought together. The Derrs, Derrs, were among the German Protestants driven out of the Palatinates in the first half of the eighteenth century, and the progenitor of the family in this country whose descendant, Olin Derr, resides in Wilkes-Barre, was Johann Heinrich Dorr. This Johann settled in Bucks County, and was an elder in the old "Swamp Church," which has since become the Trinity Reformed Church. His son Jacob served in the Revolution; and Jacob's son, Michael, served in the War of 1812. This Michael Derr was the father of twelve children, of whom the eldest son was John Derr, millwright, bridge builder and lumber dealer, in Delaware; and it was he, as noted, who married Hannah Fine, who was

descended of the house of Moelich. They had five children, of whom Thompson Derr, born in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, 1834, was eldest son. He was a business man, and after several experiences elsewhere came to Wilkes-Barre, about 1860, founding here the insurance firm of Thompson Derr & Brother. Meanwhile his younger brother second to himself in age, Henry Haupt Derr, born in Nockamixon Township, Bucks County, July 5, 1839, died in Wilkes-Barre, October 12, 1888, came into the organization. After the death of the senior partner, Henry Haupt Derr came into control and with him was associated another brother, younger than himself, Andrew Fine Derr. Henry Haupt Derr became one of the principal men of Wilkes-Barre, with position, power and wealth. His interests commercial, fraternal and otherwise were many. He married, May 15, 1866, Mary Delilah Fell, born October 9, 1837, daughter of Samuel Fell and Mary Dingman (Kyte) Fell; and they had children: 1. Grace, born August 22, 1867. 2. Katy Thompson, born August 10, 1869, died August 14, 1886. 3. John, born September 26, 1871, died October 7, 1876. 4. Chester Berger, born April 20, 1873, married Charlotta Consalus of New York State; later divorced and married, in 1923, to Erica von Heimburg, of New York City. 5. Ralph, born September 19, 1875, married Edna May Consalus, sister of his brother's wife; divorced and married, in 1914, to Mrs. Phoebe Lewis Howell, of Philadelphia, engaged in insurance brokerage in Philadelphia. 6. Henry Haupt, Jr., born January 7, 1878, died in January, 1922. 7. Olin, of whom follows:

Olin Derr, youngest child of Henry Haupt and Mary Delilah (Fell) Derr, was born in Wilkes-Barre, May 4, 1880. Here he attended the public schools, and prepared for more advanced and professional training in Harry Hillman Academy and Phillips Academy, at Andover, Massachusetts. He matriculated in Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, in 1900, at the age of twenty years, graduating with the degree of Mechanical Engineer in 1904. Mr. Derr after having completed his schooling entered the employ of several ship-building concerns of New York, and later, in partnership with his brother Ralph, engaged in marine construction, with dry docks on Staten Island. They sold out after four years, and Olin Derr, together with brothers Ralph and Henry, went to Georgia, there to engage in the manufacture of lumber. Next he became associated with the Lehigh Valley Coal Company, as assistant chief coal inspector, and in 1910 became special agent for Thompson Derr and Brother in Western Pennsylvania. In 1912 he took a position as special agent for the Hanover Fire Insurance Company of New York. When in 1915 he returned to Wilkes-Barre Mr. Derr took charge of the compensation department of Thompson Derr & Brother. In 1917 he went with E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Company, Wilmington, Delaware, to work in powder, which the Du Pont organization was then supplying in large shipments to the United States and allies in the World War. He remained with the Du Pont interests until 1921, when he assumed charge of the local Philadelphia office of the Pennsylvania Indemnity company Exchange, of Philadelphia. Then, in 1923, Mr. Derr returned to Wilkes-Barre, and has during the years succeeding lived in retirement. Politically he is affiliated with the Republican party. He is a life member of the Wyoming Valley Historical and Geological Society, and a communicant of the First Presbyterian Church, Wilkes-Barre. Toward charity he is ever generous.

On July 16, 1912, Mr. Derr was united in

marriage with Emily Hand, of Wilkes-Barre, daughter of Isaac F. and Mary (Richardson) Hand; and they are the parents of three children: John Fine, 2d, Barbara Mary, and Chester Berger, 2d. The family residence was at No. 76 West Union Street, Wilkes-Barre, until the fall of 1929 when they moved to Daytona Beach, Florida, where they purchased a home. Their summers are spent on the shores of Lake Champlain, N. Y.

**GEORGE G. SWAINBANK**—Descended from the pioneers who were among the survivors of the Wyoming Massacre, of July, 1773, George G. Swainbank, prosperous merchant of Kingston, Pennsylvania, has worthily upheld the traditions of his family in their conspicuous uprightness as citizens of the Commonwealth. The family history is the history of this section of the State, its members having participated in the wars of our country from the Revolution to the World War, as well as in the commercial development of the community in which they have set themselves to labor and advance.

George G. Swainbank was born in Wilkes-Barre, December 23, 1885, a son of Miller H. and Sarah (Barber) Swainbank. Miller H. Swainbank was a son of Jefferson Swainbank, who was born in Luzerne County in 1804 and drove a stage coach a century ago between Wilkes-Barre and Easton. His parents were the original settlers of the family in this section, when the territory was filled with savage Indians and the axe of the pioneer was hewing a way into the forest for the feet of civilization to tread. The son of the stage coach driver volunteered for service with the Union Army upon the outbreak of the Civil War and was attached to Company K, 194th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, ranking as sergeant. He was a blacksmith by trade and after the close of the war conducted an establishment at Tunkhannock and Wilkes-Barre. He and his wife were the parents of six children: Jennie, who died in childhood; Ella N., who died in 1913, single; Harry H., now a druggist in Wilkes-Barre; Charles M., who is engaged in the electrical business at Williamsport, Pennsylvania; Lillian, who is the wife of George H. Powell, of Rochester, New York; and George G., of whom further. The father died May 2, 1927; the mother in 1918.

George G. Swainbank was educated in the public schools here and in the Wyoming Seminary, at the end of which time he entered the employ of Voorhis and Murray, furniture dealers in Wilkes-Barre, where he remained for ten years, then going to Harrisburg for eighteen months. In 1916 he returned to Kingston and established himself in the furniture business in his present quarters, at Nos. 260-264 Wyoming Avenue, Kingston. It is the largest store on the west side of the city and carries a full line of furniture of all grades. In politics he is a Republican and attends the Kingston Methodist Episcopal Church. He belongs to Kingston Lodge, No. 395, Order of Free and Accepted Masons; Kingston Lodge, No. 709, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Patriotic Order Sons of America, and the Sons of Veterans.

Mr. Swainbank married, September 3, 1913, Elizabeth Hughes, of Kingston, daughter of Edward F. and Elizabeth (Thomas) Hughes. They have one child, Elizabeth Louise. Their home is at No. 41 Chester Street, Kingston, Pennsylvania.

**PHILIP STRAUSS**—Straight from Austria to Wilkes-Barre came thirteen-year-old Philip Strauss, in 1894. He was alone, his parents were dead, but he had an energy, a

vision, a keen mind and an undying faith in himself. Those qualities have proved their value to unflinching courage in the face of threatened defeat, and today that boy is called "the ideal American merchant" by his associates and commercial men throughout a large part of the United States. In Nanticoke, where he operates the "Million Dollar Store," his preëminence is recognized, his natural gifts for display and salesmanship applauded. He is admired as a citizen, loved as a friend, respected as a fair competitor. His reward has been great. In the opinion of those who know him best it is fully deserved.

He was born in Austria, May 14, 1885, a son of Hirsh and Bessie Strauss. Coming to America on his own initiative, he located in Wilkes-Barre, where he found employment and at the same time attended night school. He never lost a day at either. He kept his eyes open and saved his money. When he had accumulated \$300, he fancied he might engage in independent business and established a house furnishing store in Pottsville. The financial panic of 1907 overwhelmed his small capital and he was forced to retire. In 1909 he became manager of a store in Nanticoke and, ten years later, opened his own present establishment at Nos. 103, 105, 107 Main Street, Nanticoke. These stores comprise one of the finest business establishments in Eastern Pennsylvania and are held to be worthy of New York City or Philadelphia. His ideas of display are artistic and compelling, each division of a house being represented by itself. There are completely furnished drawing rooms, bedrooms and kitchens, libraries and bathrooms, living rooms and porticos, each a unit in itself. He shows a six-room house, completely furnished in most artistic design, and supplies the duplicates at prices so attractive that customers grow as his visitors increase in number. Magazines and journals throughout the country have paid him the compliment of referring to his institution in terms of the highest praise, and to him as a merchant of the highest qualifications. His capital to begin was \$10,000. Today it is known as the "Million Dollar Store," while its owner is an outstanding figure in the commercial life of Luzerne County. He is a director of the Anthracite Coöperative Association. His fraternal affiliations include membership in Nanticoke Lodge, No. 541, Free and Accepted Masons, and Lodge No. 109, of Wilkes-Barre, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He also belongs to the Nanticoke Kiwanis Club and attends the Washington Street Temple, Reformed, of Wilkes-Barre. His gifts to charity are generous and frequent, and he never fails to help in needy cases. His residence is at No. 698 East Main Street, Nanticoke.

Mr. Strauss married, in September, 1906, Nellie Strauss, of Wilkes-Barre. They have one child, Bessie.

**ATTWOOD KERR HOWES**—An important figure in the business life of Hazleton and that vicinity, Attwood Kerr Howes is president of the Farmer Milk Company, Inc., at No. 20 West Walnut Street, Hazleton, which was established by his father, Arthur Frederick Howes, and is now the largest wholesale and retail milk organization in the vicinity. The Hazleton plant, which was originally located on Laurel Street, was first established in 1914, as the Ideal Farm Dairy, producing at that time all its own milk on near-by farm land. With its tremendous growth in business, the firm was incorporated





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In 1919, and the following year moved to its present quarters in Walnut Street, where a plant of the most modern kind was erected. Additional increases in the volume of its business have made necessary several additions to this structure, wherein 8,000 quarts of milk are now handled daily, pasteurized and trans-shipped. Here also cheese, butter, and other dairy products are manufactured, by the large staff of sixty-five people who are here employed. Now the corporation is capitalized at \$40,000, while subsidiary to this company, the Light Street Milk Company was established in 1924 at Light Street, Pennsylvania, near Bloomsburg, a wholesale concern, handling daily about 5,000 quarts. A third receiving plant was founded, in 1925, at Creasy, Pennsylvania. The officers of the Farmer Milk Company, Inc., are: A. K. Howes, president; George Romig, secretary and treasurer.

Attwood Keer Howes was born February 12, 1903, at Hazleton, a son of Arthur Frederick and Rasella Helen (Young) Howes. His father was born at Portsmouth, New Hampshire, April 28, 1867, a son of James Howes, a man of deep culture who served in the Union Army during the American Civil War, and of Ellen (Atwood) Howes. When his father was taken prisoner in the war, his health became so undermined that Arthur Frederick Howes was obliged to begin work as a newsboy at the age of eight, in order to help support the family. At the age of eighteen, however, he owned his own newspaper, which he published weekly in Portsmouth. He was employed for a time by the Boston "Transcript," during which period he was in communication with Mr. Mergenthaler, then working on his new invention, the linotype machine. When Mr. Howes was invited to assist in this work, he accepted, and for several years was associated with Mr. Mergenthaler, in the course of which time, he not only suggested several improvements on the machine, but also acted as instructor in its operation and use, and as traveling salesman for its disposal. For two years thereafter he served as secretary to Bishop Newman, and after that was in charge of the first Harrison newspaper in Montana. Returning east, he became engaged in advertising work in the employ of the Sperry-Hutchinson Company, dealers in trading stamps. At the end of this time, he went into the business for himself, originating the Gold Stamp, transferring his activities shortly afterwards, to Wilkes-Barre, where he remained until the time of his death. Finally he sold his trading stamp business to Claffin interests, but he purchased the Red Stamp, which he continued until the year 1923. In all these various activities, Mr. Howes displayed the same fine energy and ability which were to contribute so largely to his success in the milk business. In 1914 he established his first plant at Hazleton, and from this time the record of his company was one of constant progress and growth. In 1924 Mr. Howes also purchased the Hazleton Ice Company, whose name he changed to the Transparent Ice Company, of No. 235, South Cedar Street, which he controlled until his death, and of which his son is now manager.

Mr. Howes was always active in civic affairs, and he was affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, in which order he was a member of all bodies of the local York Rite, including Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He was a member of the Irem Temple and Wyoming Valley Country clubs, while he and his family worshipped in the

faith of the Protestant Episcopal Church. He married Rasella Helen Young, of Marlon, Ohio, and of this marriage, Attwood Kerr Howes was a son. Mr. Howes died on February 22, 1927, to the great sorrow of his many friends and acquaintances in all parts of the country. By his many successes he contributed largely to the growth and progress of Luzerne County, in the grateful memory of whose people he will always hold a prominent place.

Attwood Kerr Howes was educated in Wyoming Seminary, after which he took up the printing business in Wilkes-Barre. He became proprietor of the Sincerity Printing Company, which began as a job shop engaged in ordinary printing work, but which gradually came to produce only the finest of printing. Books and pamphlets appearing under its imprint came to be regarded as examples of the highest type of perfection. Although very successful in this work, Mr. Howes sold his business in 1926, to become associated with his father in the management of the latter's enterprise, succeeding, upon his death, to the presidency of the Farmer Milk Company, Inc., and its subsidiaries. He is also an administrator of his father's estate, and the manager of the Transparent Ice Company, the only ice manufacturing company in the county. Its plant has an eighty-ton capacity and is modern in every respect, employing the Frick air filtration method, and possessing large storage space. In his operations Mr. Howes uses thirty-two trucks and six horse-drawn vehicles and there are one hundred employees in the ice department.

Attwood Kerr Howes has also been active in the life and civic affairs of Hazleton. He is especially interested in the work of the Young Men's Christian Association of which he is a member, while he is also a member of the local Motor Club, and of the Independent Society of Wyoming Seminary. Mr. Howes is affiliated fraternally with King Hiram Lodge, No. 721, of the Free and Accepted Masons, and is a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

The Howes family residence, Ideal Farm, is situated in the Conyngham Valley, at Conyngham, Pennsylvania, which has been their home since 1912. This splendid property has been developed into one of the finest and most modern farms in all Eastern Pennsylvania.

**ROY A. STAUFFER**—In the few years he has been in business for himself as a dealer and also as a repairer of automobiles, Roy A. Stauffer, of Wyoming, has built up a remarkable business, employing a large force of assistants and occupying much floor space at No. 285 Wyoming Avenue.

Mr. Stauffer was born in Nuremberg, Schuylkill County, June 7, 1896, the son of Wilson and Louise (Mumey) Stauffer, both natives of Nuremberg, where the former was born in 1850 and the latter in 1855. The mother of Mr. Stauffer died in the month of November, 1927. Following his early education in the public and high schools of Nuremberg, Mr. Stauffer obtained a position as blacksmith and assistant foreman with the Lehigh Valley Railroad, at Sayre, Bradford County. This was in 1912, and he remained with the railroad corporation until 1922, in which year he started in the automobile business as a mechanic. For a year he worked with various firms in Sayre and in Wilkes-Barre, acquiring a thorough knowledge of the business, at the end of which time he started in business for himself in Pittston, Luzerne County, giving service to

the Chevrolet cars. In 1925 he located in Wyoming, where he has since continued, operating as the local dealer for the Chevrolet car, and having an extensive business in repairs, employing over a dozen mechanics. Mr. Stauffer is affiliated with Athens Lodge, No. 70, Free and Accepted Masons; with Keystone Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Masons, of Scranton, and Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. His religious affiliations are with the Lutheran Church.

On September 5, 1917, Roy A. Stauffer married Hilda Schmaltz, of Hughestown, Luzerne County, daughter of Henry and Mary Schmaltz. Mr. and Mrs. Stauffer had by this union four children, all boys as follows: Henry Wilson, who died in infancy; Glenn Floyd, Carlton Hugh, and Gail Francis.

**HARRY CIMMET**—From newsboy on the streets to one of the leading merchants of Nanticoke in less than thirty years is the proud record of Harry Cimmet, whose department store is one of the finest examples of its class in Eastern Pennsylvania. From the inception of the business he had gradually enlarged his establishment, in order to take care of the constantly growing trade that has come to him through honest endeavor to please and to give full value to all. His activities in civic affairs, in philanthropic work, in business, financial and fraternal organizations have brought him into intimate contact with his fellow-citizens, to mutual advantage and profit. Of pleasing personality and gifted with a keen intellect, he has gathered to himself a host of friends in the business and social circles of Nanticoke and vicinity, who regard him as a citizen of unusual worth to their community.

Mr. Cimmet is of Austrian parentage, born in Chicago, Illinois, April 15, 1884. His parents were Joseph and Molly Cimmet, both born in Austria, who emigrated to America and first settled in Chicago, later removing to Plymouth, Pennsylvania, thence to Wilkes-Barre.

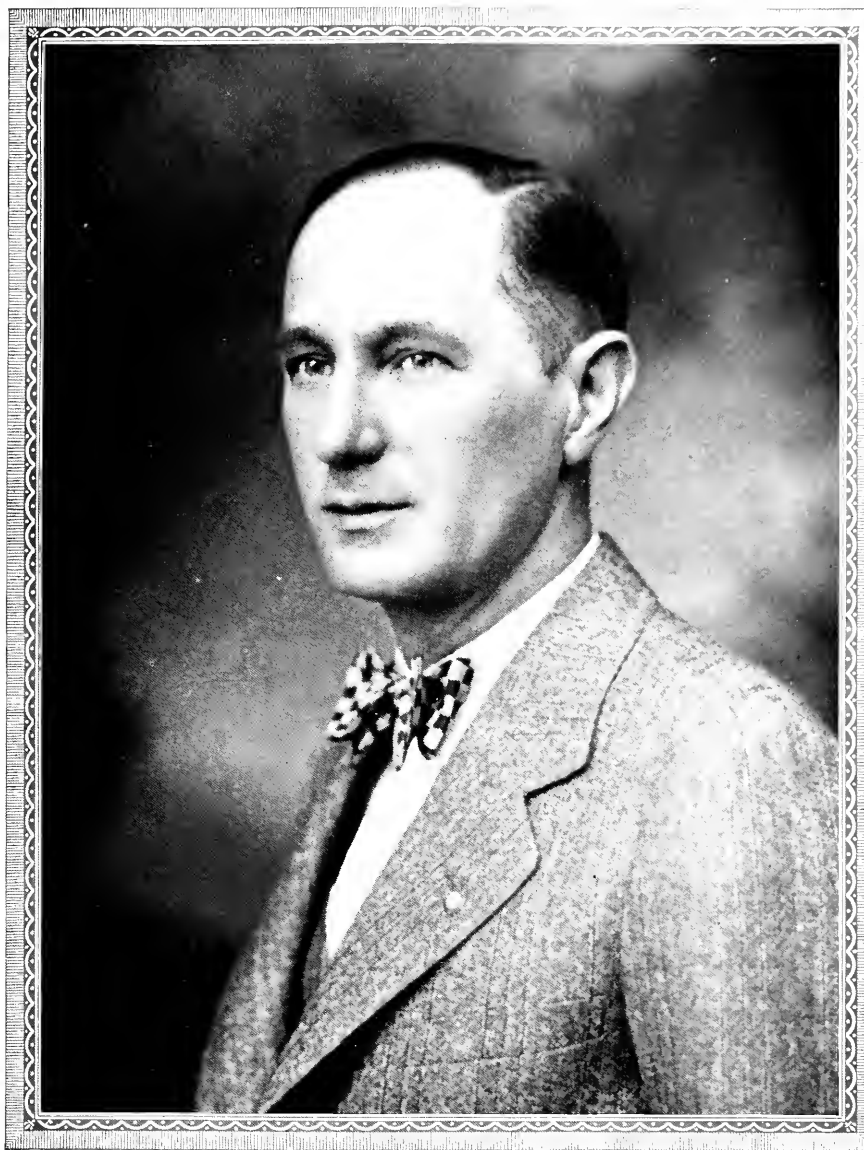
Harry Cimmet was educated in the public schools of Wilkes-Barre and went to work, when ten years of age, as a newsboy after school. At sixteen years of age he began in earnest, entering the clothing establishment of Charles Finberg and Company, in Wilkes-Barre, where he remained for three years, then going to his father, who was conducting a men's furnishing goods store in Plymouth. He gravitated from this into the wholesale liquor business, establishing himself in Avoca, where he conducted this enterprise for two years. It displeased him and, in 1909 he came to Nanticoke, where he established himself in the business of general merchandise at No. 7 East Main Street. In a short time that place became too cramped for his growing trade and he enlarged the premises to meet the demand. His store later became a complete department enterprise and is now one of the leaders of Nanticoke, with floor space twenty-two by two hundred feet. He is one of the most progressive business men of the city, a charter member and immediate Past President Kiwanis International, a director and vice-president of the Miners' Trust Company of Nanticoke, and actively associated with the Visiting Nurses' organization and the Association for the Relief of Crippled Children. He attends the Nanticoke Synagogue, and is a member of Temple Israel at Wilkes-Barre.

He married, in June, 1906, Dora Morris, daughter of Jacob and Bessie Morris, of Kingston. Their children are: 1. Sylvia, a grad-

uate of Bloomsburg Norman College and now a student at the University of Pennsylvania, where she is preparing for an educational career. 2. Isadore, a graduate of Nanticoke High School, who has entered the University of Pennsylvania, taking the Wharton business course. 3. Harold, student at Nanticoke High School. Mrs. Cimmet is very active in charitable organizations.

**DR. JAMES F. HALL**—The World War changed the lives and the occupations of thousands of the young men who served at home and overseas. For most the change was in the directions of progress, even though, in some cases, it was radical and more or less abrupt, and for many of the fine, upstanding young men of the country the years immediately following the close of the war were the years during which they prepared for and entered professional life. Dr. James F. Hall was serving as a conductor on the Erie Railroad when the United States entered the World War. Within four years after receiving his discharge from service he had completed his course and graduated from the Eastern College of Chiropractics and was engaged in practice in Pittston, Pennsylvania. For six years now (1928) he has been building up his present practice, and during that time he has established a reputation which is well worth while, both professionally and as a citizen. He has his offices at No. 42 North Main Street, here in Pittston.

Dr. James F. Hall was born in Duryea, Pennsylvania, December 31, 1892, son of Varo and Anna (Tighe) Hall, both of whom are now residents of Carbondale, Pennsylvania. He received his education in the public schools of Duryea, and then, at the age of sixteen, entered the employ of the Erie Railroad Company, serving as brakeman. When he was twenty-one he was promoted to the more responsible position of conductor on the Jefferson branch of the Erie Road, and he was serving in that capacity at the time of the entrance of the United States into the World War. Three months after the United States declared war Dr. Hall enlisted, in July, 1917, as a member of Company C, 311th Machine Gun Battalion, 79th Division, and was stationed at Camp Meade, in Maryland, where he remained until February, 1918, when he was mustered out of service on account of disability. There was a period of time during which he was obliged to give careful attention to the building up of his health, and after his recovery he decided to devote his life to the work of aiding others in their search for health and strength. Accordingly, he entered the Eastern College of Chiropractics, at Newark, New Jersey, where he completed his full course, graduating with the class of 1922, a little more than four years after his dismissal from the service of the United States Army. Since that time he has been practicing in Pittston, Pennsylvania, where he has built up a very satisfactory practice. He has encountered the usual difficulties which osteopaths and chiropractors share in common, but his skill and his success in the treatment of numerous cases have won for him the respectful recognition of both the medical profession and of the public in general and the number of his patients is steadily growing. Along with his professional activities, Dr. Hall finds time for active interest in civic affairs, and is a member of the Planning Commission of the city of Pittston. No well thought out plan for the advancement of the progress of the city of Pittston fails to receive his earnest and generous support, and he has for some time been recognized as one of the



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most progressive of the citizens of this community. Dr. Hall is a member of E. E. Kendrick Lodge, No. 94, Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen. His religious membership is with St. John's Roman Catholic Church, of Pittston.

Dr. James F. Hall was married, November 15, 1922, to Anna June Dickenson, a native of England, and they have two children: Mary June and Mildred.

**JOHN M. DANKO**—One of the most progressive garage men in Freeland is found in the person of John M. Danko, who is established at the corner of Ridge and South streets, Freeland, under the name of Danko's Garage. This concern, although originally started as a taxi-cab service, since has expanded into a general garage business and Mr. Danko has taken over the local agency for Ford automobiles. Mr. Danko was born February 11, 1896, in Luzerne County, the son of George and Helen Danko, both parents residents of Freeland, the father having died in July, 1928.

John M. Danko was educated in the schools of Foster Township, graduated from high school there in 1915, and at once became interested in taxicab business. This led to his becoming thoroughly familiar with repair work and other details of automobiles, and he has a reputation for being one of the most skilled mechanics on automobiles in this section. Danko's Garage was established in 1913 and, as heretofore stated, its activities were confined to taxicab service. In 1919, however, Mr. Danko took over the Ford agency, and moved his garage to No. 1221 South Street. His business expanded so rapidly that in 1924 he was forced to seek larger quarters, whereupon he erected the present two-story brick and steel building at the corner of Ridge and South streets, Freeland. Here he has a modern and up-to-date plant, occupying a ground space of fifty-six by one hundred and fifty feet with eighteen thousand square feet of floor space. Mr. Danko keeps himself thoroughly informed upon all inventions and new methods peculiar to his trade, and is exclusive dealer for Ford products. He operates a public garage with day and night service, and also sells tractors.

Testifying to Mr. Danko's progressive ideas and up-to-date methods, might be cited his membership in Pennsylvania Automotive Association, and his public spirit is evinced through membership in the Rotary Club and the Business Men's Association. Neither has he neglected his civic duties, for he served four years as a member of the Freeland Borough Council. Mr. Danko's commercial career was interrupted during the World War, he having enlisted in March, 1918, being attached to the 155th Regiment, Field Artillery, 80th Division, organized at Camp Lee, Virginia. He went overseas in May, 1918, and saw action at St. Mihiel, in the Meuse-Argonne Offensive, and in a British sector. After fighting valorously for his country, Mr. Danko was honorably discharged on August 6, 1919, at Camp Dix, New Jersey, but he recalls his soldier days through his membership in the Freeland Post, American Legion. He is also a member of the lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and his religious worship is given through St. Mary's Greek Catholic Church, at Freeland. Mr. Danko resides at No. 827 South Street, Freeland.

**GEZA JOHN BRUGER**—Son of a foreign country, who came to this land, assimilated American ideas and adopted American customs, studied law and was admitted to all

the courts of the Keystone State, Géza John Brugger is one of the best-known attorneys and counselors of Luzerne County, having offices in Freeland, where he resides, and in Lansford.

Géza John Brugger was born in Kurima, Hungary, (now Czecho-Slovakia), May 6, 1882, the son of John and Mary Brugger. His mother died in her native land. His father came to America in 1892 and settled in Bridgeport, Connecticut, where he pursued his trade of carpenter. He died May 19, 1905. The son, Géza, attended the primary and preparatory schools of Eperjes, Hungary, finishing his legal training at the Law Academy, from which he was graduated in 1905. His final examinations were taken at Klausenburg (Transylvania) University. Having served one year in the Austro-Hungary army, during which he received several promotions, he was dismissed with the rank of second lieutenant. In September, 1908, he followed his father to America, and located at once in Freeland, where he became an associate of John Shigo in the latter's private bank, maintaining this connection until December 31, 1925. He had taken his preliminary examinations in Pennsylvania and United States law in July, 1917, and then began intensive reading under the preceptorship of Charles O. Stroh, an eminent attorney in Freeland. He passed his final examinations in December, 1922, was admitted to practice before the State Supreme Court, April 9, 1923, and before the various courts of Luzerne County on the following day.

Mr. Brugger began practice in Freeland in 1923, and in January, 1926, he purchased the office of his former preceptor, Mr. Stroh, and thereafter conducted a general practice. Mr. Brugger is building up a large and desirable practice. He is a linguist of ability, speaking fluently a number of languages. As a member of the American Bar Association and the Luzerne County Bar Association, he enjoys high professional standing among his fraternity brethren.

Mr. Brugger is actively interested in many of the larger and worth-while endeavors of the Freeland community. He is president of the Freeland Rotary Club, president of the Middle Coal Field Poor District of Pennsylvania, president of the Drifton Tennis Club, president of the Anthracite Athletic Association. His enthusiasm for athletics has been sustained from the time of his school days. He at times held the quarter-mile and half-mile championships of Hungary and also the mile intercollegiate championship of his native country. Since coming to America, he has won a number of medals for athletic prowess. He is a member of the Anthracite Council of Boy Scouts, is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, is actively participating in the affairs of the Freeland Business Men's Association, is a cordial supporting member of the Freeland Young Men's Christian Association, and is vice-president of the Freeland Branch of the Hazleton Chapter of the American Red Cross. He and his family are communicants of St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church at Freeland.

Géza John Brugger married, September 16, 1911, Anna Majercsak, of Hazleton, and they are the parents of two daughters: Adrienne Helen, and Martha. The family residence is at No. 527 Walnut Street, Freeland.

**PETER B. FEDDISH, D. C.**—It is a recognized fact that those who come into a new country as immigrants are usually persons possessed of initiative, courage and imagination. Otherwise they would remain in the native land and resign themselves to what-

ever ills make life undesirable there. It takes courage and hardihood to leave all that has become familiar and go to a new land, where even the language is strange, and thus a process of sifting and selection is automatically going on through the centuries. Hardship waits in the new land, but also opportunity is there, and to those who are able to make the most of the latter, come the rewards. Sometimes the difficulties of the second generation are exceedingly great, but for them opportunity is correspondingly larger, and there are many scattered over this broad land whose lives have been notable examples of the courage which conquers handicaps and makes of them a highway to success. Among the sons of immigrants who have fairly earned a place among the last-mentioned class is Dr. Peter B. Feddish, of Hazleton, Pennsylvania, who is a successful chiropractor, with offices in the American Bank Building in this city. Before taking up the study of chiropractic, Dr. Feddish had been ill for seven years, having had thirty-three different operations performed by medical doctors. Receiving no relief from any of these operations, he finally went to a chiropractor who permanently cured him. Naturally his remarkable recovery aroused his interest in chiropractic and he immediately decided to adopt the profession as his life work, in the hope of bringing relief to others who were suffering as he had. Dr. Feddish is a graduate of the Palmer School of Chiropractic, at Davenport, Iowa, and he is one of the many in professional life who have worked at many and various callings in order to earn the wherewithal to secure their professional training. Never content with less than the best possible preparation for his work, Dr. Feddish spared no effort to make himself one of the able and thoroughly prepared chiropractors of the country, and he was quite willing to work hard at any work he could get until his training was made complete and thorough. Then he was ready to begin practice, and his success with his many patients has fully justified his course of action.

George Feddish, father of Dr. Feddish, was born in Austria, about 1865, but came to this country at the age of fourteen years. He was ambitious and willing to work, and located in Pennsylvania, where he soon found employment in the mines and eventually became a miner and a carpenter, but as the years passed and he married and became the father of a family, fortune ceased to favor him. He became ill and unable to work, and the support of the family came largely upon the young shoulders of Peter. George Feddish lived until 1919, when he died, at the comparatively early age of fifty-four years.

Dr. Peter B. Feddish, son of George and Anna Feddish, was born in Shepton, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, August 22, 1900, and received his education in the several cities in which the family were at various times located, including Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Chicago, Illinois; and Davenport, Iowa. As time passed, the sickness of the father made it necessary that the boy should be the main support of the family, and he worked hard and long in the effort to supply the needs of those dependent upon him and also to secure the means for his own education. The double burden placed upon him called into play all his energy and resourcefulness, and when he determined to become a chiropractor, he bent his will to the task of securing his training. Eventually, he entered the Palmer School of Chiropractic, at Davenport, Iowa, and in March, 1923, was graduated as a Doctor of Chiropractic. For a short time he was en-

gaged in practice in Wisconsin, but later he returned to his home in Shepton and engaged in practice there, until 1924. In that year he came to Hazleton and opened his offices in the American Bank Building, and since that time he has been most successfully engaged in practice here. He has built up a fine clientele and has won a reputation for skill and success in treatment that is daily bringing him new patients. He is a member of the Pennsylvania Chiropractors Association, the Universal Chiropractors Association, and the Delta Sigma Chi Fraternity, and has made for himself an assured place among his professional associates and in the community. During the World War, before he had become a chiropractor, Dr. Feddish contributed his "bit" by working in a munitions plant in Janesville, Pennsylvania. His religious membership is with St. Peter's Episcopal Church.

Dr. Peter B. Feddish has his offices at No. 212 in the American Bank Building, and makes his home at No. 739 Alter Street, in Hazleton.

**CONDY O. BOYLE**—Dogged determination to succeed in life was coupled with industry that never wearied in the case of Condy O. Boyle, of Freeland, who has been one of the most active units of its industrial system for nearly half a century. His work has all been constructive and profitable alike to himself and the community wherein he labored, for his keen business mind guided him in a sound cooperative course that rounded out the success of all enterprises with which his own became associated. He produced from the raw material essential things for the public demand and built the people's homes in improved territory that added to the sum total of the district's wealth. For all the years that he has spent among us he has ever shown himself to be a citizen of high distinction, valued for his contributions to the general prosperity and happiness and because of his many natural attractive qualities. He may number his friends by his acquaintances, for they are synonymous and their name is legion.

Mr. Boyle was born in the County Donegal, Ireland, December 22, 1858, a son of Owen and Mary (O'Donnell) Boyle, and was educated in that country and at night schools in the United States. His parents both died in his youth and he emigrated to America and settled in Drifton, Pennsylvania, where he found employment in the mines operated by the Cox brothers, working there for eight years. He was thrifty and saved enough money to purchase a lot on Center Street, upon which he erected a building and later used as a hotel, conducting it successfully until 1906, when he disposed of it in order to give his entire attention to other interests. In 1900 he had formed a partnership with Peter Trunery, James McHugh, John Shigo and Charles Duscheck and organized the Freeland Brewing Company, erected a plant and began its operation. The enterprise grew and for years its output annually was 25,000 barrels of beer. Mr. Boyle was president of the corporation and as each partner withdrew or died he purchased his stock, eventually becoming sole owner of the plant, which he operated until 1927, when he leased it and retired from active work. He is president of the Citizens' Bank of Freeland and the oldest living member of that financial institution. Owner of a large tract of land lying to the west of the brewery, he had it surveyed into some 500 building lots, organized the Cox Grove Realty Company and marketed the lots for residential purposes. He was also

the owner of twenty-two acres of land in Butler Township, west of Foster Township, which he developed in like manner, erecting thereon many handsome residences, his own having been the first one to be built in this section. His investments in real estate in Freeland are heavy in addition to the property noted. He is fraternally affiliated with the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and attends the Roman Catholic Church of St. Ann. The family residence is at No. 501 Vine Street, Freeland, Pennsylvania.

Condoy O. Boyle married, in 1891, Nellie McGetrick. Their children are: 1. Eugene. 2. Frank. 3. James, deceased. 4. Joseph. 5. Mary.

**DR. JAMES F. GALLAGHER**—Among the younger members of the medical profession in Freeland, Pennsylvania, is Dr. James F. Gallagher, who has been engaged in general practice here for the past two years (1928). Dr. Gallagher is a graduate of Temple University and has his offices in the Reformatory Building. He has already laid the foundations of a very satisfactory practice and there is every prospect that his career will be a highly successful one.

Dr. James F. Gallagher was born in Lansford, Pennsylvania, November 27, 1900, son of John P. and Anna (Carlin) Gallagher. After completing the usual early and preparatory courses he entered Temple University, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he completed the medical course with the class of 1925. His internship was passed in the Reading General Hospital, and in the fall of 1926 he located here in Freeland, where he has since conducted a general medical and surgical practice. He is a member of the Luzerne County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania State Medical Society, and the American Medical Association, and though he has been engaged in practice but a short time has already established a reputation, among those with whom he has been associated, for skill and for close attention to the interests of his patients. At the time of the World War Dr. Gallagher was a student and he entered service as a member of the First Student Army Training Corps. He was transferred to the Medical Department of Camp Lee, Virginia, and later to Camp Colton, and was mustered out of service in December, 1918. Dr. Gallagher has many warm friends in Freeland and vicinity, and is one of the able and energetic young men, of whom much may be expected. He is a member of the Rotary Club, and fraternally, is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus, being a member of St. Ann's Roman Catholic Church.

Dr. James F. Gallagher is unmarried, and makes his home at No. 536 Center Street, in Freeland.

**WILLIAM M. DOUGHERTY**—Leaving the railroad business after serving in many capacities and in almost every State throughout the West, William M. Dougherty returned to his native State of Pennsylvania, settled in Freeland and for many years conducted a successful hotel that had been founded by his father. Mr. Dougherty throughout his life has shown a versatility that has enabled him to handle with skill the details of many positions in the railroad field and, stepping out of a business in which he had been engaged for years, quickly demonstrated his qualifications for the new work he undertook. He has been a very useful citizen, with hosts of friends and bearing a reputation of unblemished record, tak-

ing a sincere interest in all civic affairs of a nature appealing to the progressive element and identifying himself with such fraternal organizations as are constructive in their activities and sympathetic in their ideals and accomplishments.

Mr. Dougherty was born in Summit Hill, Pennsylvania, April 16, 1860, a son of Patrick and Jane (Mulhall) Dougherty, he being a native of Donegal, and she of Kilkenny, Ireland. They met and were married in this district and were the parents of twelve children, the death of the mother occurring in 1892, the father in 1922 at the age of ninety-two years. Patrick Dougherty was a son of William and Mary (Doran) Dougherty, and was brought to America by his parents, when he was about six years of age. They made their home in Philadelphia and William became associated with the railroad business, working for the Pennsylvania Railroad, assisting in the building of the road between Johnstown and Altoona. Patrick grew up in Philadelphia and during the summer came to Summit Hill, where he worked in the coal mines as a hoisting engineer. It was during this occupation that an explosion occurred that blinded him for life and he was compelled to give up the work and seek other means of support. Coming to Freeland in 1867, he built and operated a hotel at Washington and Walnut streets, later conducting another on Center Street, known as the St. Elmo Hotel, where he was associated with his father and ably assisted in the management by his wife, the business being eventually taken over by his son, William M. He was a man of cheerful disposition and took a deep interest in the civic activities of Freeland, was frequently chosen as delegate to conventions and gave a good account of himself, regardless of his affliction. His church was the Roman Catholic St. Ann's of Freeland.

William M. Dougherty was the eldest son of the couple and as a boy did his share of the work around the hotel, but with manhood reached and the success of the enterprise assured, he answered the urge to go out into the world and entered the railroad service. During this period of his life he moved from State to State as duty called, becoming yardmaster at St. Louis, Missouri, for the Missouri Pacific and assigned to the transportation department of the Southern Pacific at Los Angeles, California. His father's advancing age caused him to return to Freeland in 1900, where he took over the hotel and conducted the enterprise until 1924. In politics he has always been identified with the Democratic party, to which he has been very assistful in campaigns. He is a director of the Citizens' Bank of Freeland and is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of Freeland, the Fishing Club, and St. Elmo Club. This latter club was formed by Mr. Dougherty during war time for the purpose of assisting their local soldiers abroad. Among other things: Four hundred and seventy new one dollar bills of issue of 1918 were sent to each soldier from Freeland and vicinity. One also was sent to General Pershing, whose secretary wrote as follows:

Mr. William Dougherty,  
St. Elmo Club, Freeland.  
Assistant Secretary,

General Pershing directs me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of November 25 and to thank you for your good wishes.

With reference to the one dollar bill which you enclosed I am pleased to advise you that it has been donated to a fund for the benefit of the French children in the town where general headquarters are located.

Mr. Dougherty is a member of St. Ann's Roman Catholic Church.

William M. Dougherty married, in 1893, Ann Hagan of Alton, Illinois, whose death occurred November 1, 1924. His residence is at No. 910 Center Street, Freeland, Pennsylvania.

**JOHN J. KOSKER, M. D.**—Poland has contributed largely to the successful population of Nanticoke, both in mercantile activities and in its professional life, an outstanding member of the latter class being John J. Kosker, physician and surgeon, with his offices at No. 107 South Market Street. Although a native of Luzerne County, Dr. Kosker is a son of a Polish immigrant, who came to America and settled in Nanticoke when a boy. The son of this boy, who took to wife a native American and reared a family of nine children, absorbed the germ of true Americanism, acquired a sound professional education and has become one of the leading physicians and surgeons and one of the most upstanding citizens of the community.

He was born in Nanticoke, November 14, 1886. His father was Con Kosker and his mother Bridget Kosker, the first named having been born in Poland and coming to America when he was seven years of age. He settled in Nanticoke and became a breaker boy at the mines, afterward a miner. He was a man of natural musical ability and for years played a cornet in St. Mary's band here. Six of the nine children of his marriage are still living.

John J. Kosker was educated in the public schools of Nanticoke and graduated from the high school in 1914. He then took a course at Bucknell and at the University of Pennsylvania, from which last-named institution he was graduated in the class of 1920 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He became an interne in Mercy Hospital, in Wilkes-Barre, coming to Nanticoke in 1921, where he established himself in practice. He is on the visiting staff of the Nanticoke State Hospital, a member of the local medical examiner for the Woodmen of the World; the New York Life Insurance Company; the Missouri State Life Insurance Company; the Woman's Benefit Association; the Liberty Life Assurance Society and the Knights of Columbus. His church is the Roman Catholic, St. Francis. He belongs to the Fraternal Order of Eagles, to the Knights of Columbus, Alhambra Caravan and to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Dr. Kosker married, in 1915, Martha C. Schkosky, of West Nanticoke. Their children are: Aurelia Camilla, Helen Antoinette, Yvonne Marie, and John, deceased.

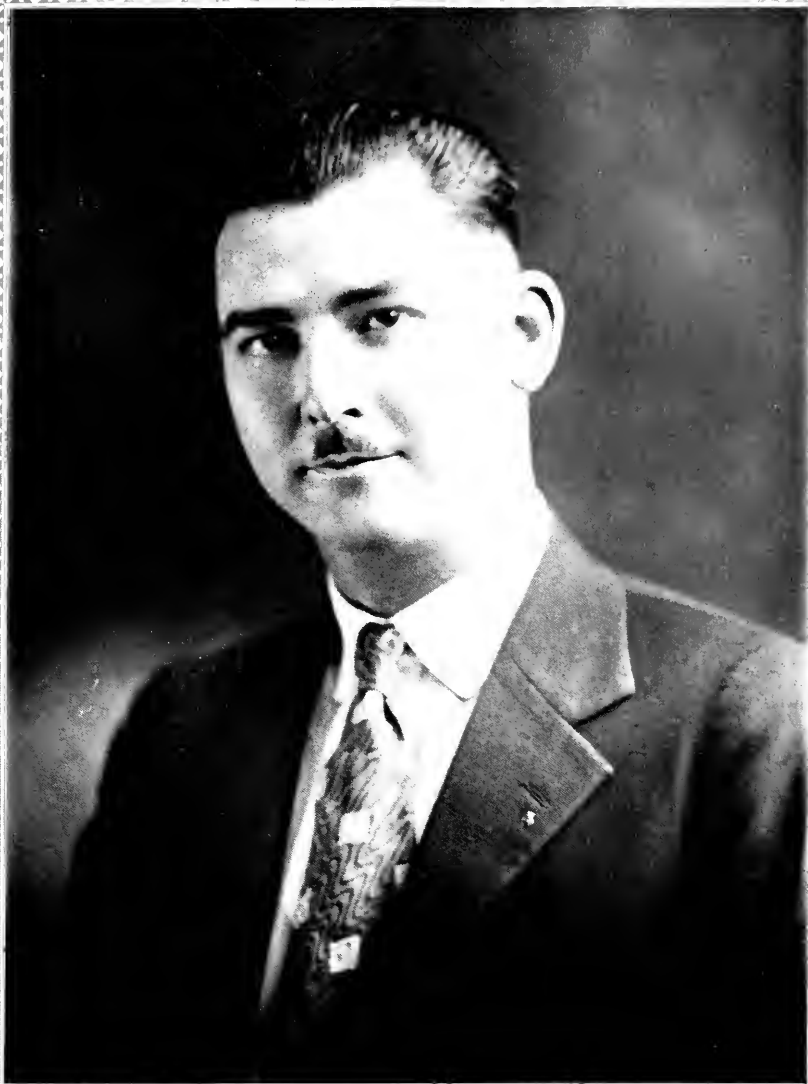
**CHARLES F. DONNELLY**—Few professions have shown more advancement than that of funeral directing in the sixty years that have elapsed since the Donnelly undertaking business was established. Like everything else, it has felt the quickening hand of science, especially in embalming. Originally the undertaker had to be a cabinet-maker too—in fact, the latter was his chief occupation—for he had to make his own coffins; today, these are manufactured in finely equipped modern plants. The equipment of the funeral director has also been improved to a point not even dreamed of half a century ago.

Charles F. Donnelly, the well-known funeral director of Pittston, is of the third generation of his family in this country. His grandparents, Michael and Catherine (Falihi) Donnelly, both natives of Ireland, came to America early in life. They settled in

Susquehanna County, where Michael Donnelly engaged in farming. Their son, Cornelius Donnelly was born in 1840 and reared on the home farm. Early in life he learned the trades of wagon builder and cabinet-maker, which he followed as a journeyman until 1869. By that time, as a result of his thrift and industry, he had acquired sufficient capital to establish himself in business, and having confidence in his ability and being a man of courage, he embarked in the furniture and undertaking business at 79 South Main Street, Pittston, where he continued with ever increasing success until his death in 1913. He built his own hearse and furniture delivery wagons and constructed his own coffins. He was a skilled mechanic and did fine work. He had a most agreeable personality, was unfailingly courteous and sympathetic, and these qualities attracted and held a large circle of friends. He was married three times. By his first wife, Hanora Neville, he had the following children: John J., deceased; Michael N., now an attorney-at-law in Pittston; George B., engaged in the insurance business in Philadelphia; Rev. Father Francis, a Jesuit priest in Poughkeepsie; Cornelius Jr., deceased; William J., deceased; Alice, wife of Dr. Hugh J. Lenahan of Pittston, a sketch of whom appears in this work; and Nora. His second wife, Elizabeth McGuire, of Pittston, bore Mr. Donnelly two children: Charles F., of whom further, and Sister Mary Frances of the Order of Sisters of Charity of Montclair, New Jersey. For his third wife Mr. Donnelly married Belinda Powers of Pittston, and from this union three children were born: Agnes, wife of Frank Ryan, a lawyer of Elizabeth, New Jersey; Dr. Joseph, a physician of Philadelphia, and Regina, Sister Miriam, of the Order of Sisters of Charity of Newark, New Jersey.

Charles F. Donnelly, with whom this review is more especially concerned, was born in Pittston, June 15, 1882. He first attended St. John's Parochial School, prepared for college at the Harry Hillman Academy in Wilkes-Barre, and matriculated at Holy Cross College, Worcester, Massachusetts, from which he was graduated in the class of 1903, with the degree of Bachelor of Science. Returning to Pittston, he began to work with his father, under whose instruction he mastered the practical details both of the furniture business and funeral directing. He also took a course in embalming at Eckles' School of Embalming, Philadelphia. Upon the death of the elder Donnelly the son assumed control of the business, maintaining the same policies which had gained the favor of the general public. But by 1915 the undertaking department of the business had grown to such proportions that it seemed desirable to devote his entire time and attention to it; so in that year he disposed of the furniture business. In 1923 he erected a modern building, especially designed and equipped with every modern device and convenience, including a showroom, where caskets and fittings can be displayed most effectively and in an appropriate atmosphere, a morgue and a garage. His progressive methods, always fair and straightforward, his kindly consideration and his attentive and efficient service have won for Mr. Donnelly a place among the leading morticians in this section of the State. He is a member of the Luzerne and Pennsylvania Funeral Directors Associations.

Mr. Donnelly is vice-president of the Liberty National Bank of Pittston and is a trustee of the Pittston Hospital. Nothing that affects the welfare of his native city lies outside the field of his interests, for he realizes



John J. Kozar M.D.







*Philip Hertz M.D.*



and believes that the measure of a citizen's civic responsibility is his ability to serve his community. Mr. Donnelly's fraternal memberships are in the Knights of Columbus, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Fraternal Order of Eagles. He is also a member of the Pittston Chamber of Commerce, of which he is a past president, and the Fox Hill Country Club.

On June 3, 1910, Charles F. Donnelly married Agnes Martin of Pittston, and they have the following children: Charles, Neil and William. Mrs. Donnelly is active in many of the women's organizations of her city, including the Hospital Auxiliary and St. John's Guild. The family are communicants of St. John's Roman Catholic Church. Their spacious residence is at 10 Delaware Avenue, and here they dispense a hospitality that is noted for its cordiality and charm.

**LEWIS PERNA**—The legal profession is represented in Hazleton, Pennsylvania, by many men of ability, both among the older members of the bar and among those who have begun practice within the last ten years. Prominent among those who belong to the last-named class is Lewis Perna, who was admitted to the bar in February, 1920, and has since that time been engaged in general legal practice here. Mr. Perna has his offices on the eighth floor of the Markle Building and is taking care of a very substantial and lucrative practice.

Nicholas Perna, father of Mr. Perna, was born in Italy and remained in his native land until after his marriage. In 1882, the year following the birth of Lewis Perna, he brought his family to America, and located in the State of Pennsylvania, settling first in Lattimer Mines, where he worked as a laborer in the coal mines. He died in 1906, after twenty-four years in this country, at the age of sixty-three years, survived by his wife, Rosa, who died in 1908 at the age of fifty-eight years. They were the parents of four children: John B., who is alderman of the Fourteenth Ward of the city of Hazleton; Anna; Emanuila; and Lewis, of further mention.

Lewis Perna, son of Nicholas and Rosa Perna, was born in Italy, November 27, 1881, and was brought to this country by his parents when he was an infant less than a year old. His parents settled in Lattimer Mines, Pennsylvania, at first, but about five years later the family came to Hazleton, and in the public schools of this city young Lewis received his early training. School days for him were brief, however, as a boy, for when he was eight years of age he went to work in the mines as a breaker boy. Hard work and long hours did not discourage him. He stuck to his job, working his way up until he was a full fledged miner, and then continuing as a miner until 1908. By that time he had reached his twenty-seventh year and had managed to complete a course in the Hazleton Business College. He decided that the time had come to make a definite change in his occupation and found employment with the Prudential Life Insurance Company, with whom he remained three years. The next two years he spent in the grocery business, and then, on January 1, 1914, he began his term as minute clerk in the Luzerne County Court. This experience opened the way to his professional life, and he continued as clerk of the court until 1920, but he set about the task of preparing himself for the practice of law, and while still serving as clerk was reading law under the direction of John Kemp and John M. Carr. On February 3, 1920, he successfully passed the examinations

for admission to the bar and since that time he has been successfully engaged in general practice in Hazleton. Perseverance and hard work enabled him to achieve the goal he had set for himself, and his eight years of practice have demonstrated the fact that the "University of Hard Knocks" does its work thoroughly and well, inculcating some qualities which no other institution has been able to so successfully instill. Mr. Perna has built up a very substantial practice, and has become well known in this section of the county. He is a member of the Luzerne County Bar Association, and has won the respect of his professional associates, and he has also found time for active participation in local public affairs. He gives his support to the principles and the candidates of the Republican party, and for twelve years has served as assessor in Hazleton. He is a progressive citizen who can always be counted upon to aid in the furtherance of all plans for the advancement of the welfare of the city of Hazleton, and his ability has long been recognized. Fraternally, he is identified with the Garibaldi Society (Past President), and the Knights of Pythias (Past Chancellor Commander).

Lewis Perna was married, April 26, 1906, to Elizabeth Roman, and they are the parents of nine children: Mary Sunday, Rose Marie, Nicholas Joseph, Anna Carmen; Michael Archangel, John B., Caesar Dominic, Daniel Roman, and Jane. The family home is located at No. 704 North Laurel Street, in Hazleton.

**PHILIP E. HERTZ, M. D.**, one of the leading physicians of Luzerne, was born in this city, September 1, 1900, the son of Joseph and Hannah (Goldstein) Hertz, both natives of Austria-Hungary, who came to this country in 1884, the latter operating a large grocery store in Luzerne and later in Wilkes-Barre, when he retired. His wife, the mother of Dr. Hertz, died September 2, 1920.

The early education of Dr. Hertz was obtained in the public schools of Luzerne, after which he attended Wilkes-Barre High School, graduating with the class of 1918. He then went to Lafayette College, at Easton, Northampton County, for about three months, attending students army training camp. In 1919, he entered the University of Pennsylvania, graduating with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1923. He then took up his medical studies and in 1925 secured his degree of Doctor of Medicine. For a year he officiated as an interne at the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital and on September 1, 1926, started as a general practitioner in Luzerne, and in a very short space of time built up for himself an extensive and lucrative practice. He is on the staff of the Nesbitt West Side Hospital and is a member of the County and State medical societies and of the American Medical Association. His college fraternity is Phi Delta Epsilon, and his religious affiliations are with the Luzerne Synagogue. Dr. Hertz finds keen enjoyment in the games of tennis and baseball, and was a member of the University of Pennsylvania football team during his attendance there.

On November 23, 1926, Dr. Hertz married Helen Goldberg, daughter of Louis and Lena Goldberg, of Luzerne. Dr. and Mrs. Hertz have their residence at No. 465 Bennett Street, Luzerne, where the former also has his office.

**STANLEY CARSON CROOP**—Since 1924 Stanley C. Croop has been proprietor of a general store and postmaster of Hunlock Creek, Pennsylvania, where he was born and where he has lived during the greater part

of his life. Mr. Croop is a graduate of Wyoming Seminary and Business College, and of Blair Hall, at Blairstown, New Jersey, and he is a veteran of the World War, having served for eighteen months on a submarine chaser. In addition to his business activities as merchant and postmaster Mr. Croop is a director of the Farmers' State Bank of Shickshinny, Pennsylvania.

Benjamin F. Croop, father of Mr. Croop, was born in Hunlock Creek, Pennsylvania, May 15, 1858, and has spent most of his life here. He attended the local public schools, tried his hand at several different lines of business activity, and finally became a successful hotel owner and operator. Eventually, he added to his business as hotel owner the operation of an amusement park known as Croop's Glen. This he made attractive with picnic grounds, all sorts of amusements, pony rides and various other novelties. His experience as a hotel manager enabled him to make a profitable concern of Croop's Glen, the natural features of the tract brought many pleasure seekers to the place and the Glen became one of the well-known and popular resorts of excursionists and picnickers. Benjamin F. Croop married Alveretta Jane Eves, who was born in Columbia County, Pennsylvania, September 13, 1859, and both are still living (1928).

Stanley Carson Croop, son of Benjamin F. and Alveretta Jane (Eves) Croop, was born at Hunlock Creek, Pennsylvania, March 9, 1897. After attending the public schools here he continued his studies in Wyoming Seminary and the Business College, from which he was graduated with the class of 1917, after having prepared for his work at Blair Hall, Blairstown, Warren County, New Jersey. When his education was completed he became his father's associate in the management of Croop's Glen, but the entrance of the United States into the World War brought many changes and in 1918 Mr. Croop enlisted for service in the United States Navy. He was assigned to Submarine Chaser No. 62, on which he served for a period of eighteen months, receiving his discharge July 2, 1919. Upon his return to civilian life he returned to Hunlock Creek and resumed his work with his father in Croop's Glen. There he remained for five years, but in 1924 he decided to engage in business for himself as a merchant in Hunlock Creek and established here a general store, which he has since successfully operated. In that same year he was appointed postmaster of Hunlock Creek, which office he is still (1928) filling to the satisfaction of all concerned. Mr. Croop continues to hold an interest in Croop's Glen, which has steadily increased in popularity and which has greatly increased in value merely as real property, as well. He is a member of the board of directors of the Farmers' State Bank of Shickshinny, Pennsylvania, and is actively interested in the advancement of the general welfare of the community in which he lives. Mr. Croop is a Republican in his political beliefs and he is always ready to serve when he is sure that he can be of real use in public office. He served as a member of the board of school directors of Hunlock Township for two years, and has always been generous in supporting the various projects which have been launched for the betterment of the civic, social and economic life of this district. Fraternally, he is identified with Lodge No. 531, Free and Accepted Masons; Caldwell Consistory of Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania; and Iron Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles or the Mystic Shrine; also with the Junior Order of United American Mechanics. His religious membership is with the Protestant Church.

Stanley C. Croop married, August 31, 1922, Alice Hudock, of Plymouth, Pennsylvania, daughter of Stephen J. and Mary Hudock, and they are the parents of one daughter, Alice Jane, who was born February 24, 1927.

**EDWARD A. CRONAUER, D. D. S.**—An important member of the community life in Ashley, Pennsylvania, is Edward A. Cronauer. Coming here in 1919 to engage in dentistry, he quickly won the confidence of his patients and built up a very successful practice to which he has since devoted himself. Aside from his professional work, Dr. Cronauer is otherwise active in the civic and social life of Ashley. He was born February 1, 1894, in Gallitzin, Cambria County, Pennsylvania, a son of Frank Cronauer, a miner, who was born in Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania, and who died in November, 1924, and of Minnie (Garman) Cronauer, who was born in St. Boniface, Pennsylvania, and is still living.

Edward A. Cronauer attended the public schools of his birthplace, and later entered St. Francis College, at Lauretta, Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated in 1916, and the Dental School of the University of Pennsylvania, where he received the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery in 1919. Soon afterward, he came to Ashley to begin the practice of his profession, which he has carried on uninterruptedly since that time.

Dr. Cronauer is a member of the Luzerne County Dental Association and of the American Dental Association. He is affiliated fraternally with the Knights of Columbus. He and his family attend St. Leo's Roman Catholic Church at Ashley.

In 1920, Edward A. Cronauer married Bernadette Gunning, of Gallitzin, a daughter of Joseph and Mary Gunning of that place. Dr. and Mrs. Cronauer are the parents of three children: 1. Marjorie, born February 4, 1922. 2. Virginia, born February 14, 1926. 3. Edward, born June 27, 1927. The family home is at No. 37 North Main Street, Ashley.

**EUGENE GOLDSTEIN**—The oldest and the largest ice cream manufacturing concern in Plymouth, Pennsylvania, is the Golden Quality Ice Cream Company, which was founded in 1903 by its present owner, Simon Goldstein, father of Eugene Goldstein. When Eugene Goldstein, who was an infant two years of age at the time of the founding of the business, arrived at the age of discretion and had completed his careful preparation for a successful active business career, he, therefore, found a place ready-made, waiting for him, and since 1924 he has been manager of the concern founded by his father. Mr. Goldstein is a graduate of the Wharton School and of the Pennsylvania State College, and during his school and college years was actively interested in athletics. In 1927 he served as assistant graduate manager of the Plymouth High School football team.

Simon Goldstein, father of Mr. Goldstein, was born in Europe, in 1868, of Jewish ancestry. In 1887, when he was nineteen years old, he came to this country and settled in Plymouth, Pennsylvania, where he engaged in business as proprietor of a retail grocery business. About 1903 he added to his grocery concern another department, by engaging in the manufacture of ice cream. Beginning in a small way, he increased his output as his market increased, continuing the grocery business until the ice cream output and sale had reached proportions which warranted his giving up the former part of his activities and devoting his whole attention to the man-





Simon Goldstein



*Eugene Goldstein*



ufacture of the ice cream which had become so popular. Eventually, a company was organized under the name of the Golden Quality Ice Cream Company, of Plymouth, and the demand for the product of the company continued to grow until at the present time (1928) Golden Quality Ice Cream is sold throughout the entire Wyoming Valley. The concern is now, as has been stated, the oldest and largest ice cream manufacturing concern in Plymouth, and during the summer season it employs the services of twenty people. Simon Goldstein is a Republican in his political sympathies, and he has for many years been active in local affairs, giving special attention to the Jewish school here, which he served as a member of the board of directors at one time. His religious affiliation is with the International B'nai B'rith organization. Simon Goldstein was married, in 1886, to Lottie Silverman, a native of Poland, and they became the parents of eight children, of whom four are living: 1. Benjamin H. 2. Reuhen. 3. Helen, wife of Nathan Hale Meyer. 4. Eugene, of further mention.

Eugene Goldstein, the son of Simon and Lottie (Silverman) Goldstein, was born in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, February 22, 1901, and attended the public schools of Plymouth, graduating from Plymouth High School with the class of 1919. He then entered the Pennsylvania State College, where he completed the agricultural course, graduating with the class of 1924. In that year he became associated with his father's business as manager of the Golden Quality Ice Cream Company, and since that time he has been devoting his attention to the developing of the already extensive interests of that concern. In order to better prepare himself for the successful handling of the growing manufacturing interests he, while attending to his duties as manager of the company, found time to take a course in the Wharton School at Wilkes-Barre, where he completed a commercial course in 1927. Politically, Mr. Goldstein supports the principles of the Republican party. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias, the Junior Order United American Mechanics, Patriotic Order Sons of America, No. 1, Fire Department of Plymouth, and also of the Kiwanis Club and of the Little Theatre Club, and an actively interested member of all these organizations. While in the Wharton School he was president of the Senior class, and he has been prominent in athletics in all the schools and colleges in which he has studied, being especially fond of baseball, football, and basketball. As assistant graduate manager of the Plymouth High School football team in 1927 he rendered most acceptable and successful service, and he still retains his interest in all athletic sports. His religious membership is with B'nai Israel Synagogue. Mr. Goldstein is unmarried. His offices are located at No. 130 West Main Street, in Plymouth, and his home at No. 128 West Main Street.

**JOHN J. CAFFREY, M. D.**—A physician of wide experience and a large general practice, John J. Caffrey has followed his profession in Sugar Notch, Pennsylvania, since 1919. His careful preparation for his career was completed a few years before the United States entered the World War, and when this event occurred, Dr. Caffrey immediately enlisted and remained in the service until the conclusion of hostilities. In Sugar Notch, where he has made his home in recent years, he has a large circle of friends who welcome him as much as a trusted advisor as in his professional capacity. His father, Patrick J. Caffrey, was born in Sugar Notch, and is now

retired. His mother, who before her marriage was Mary Corrigan, died in 1908.

John J. Caffrey was born in Sugar Notch August 25, 1894. He attended the public schools of his birthplace and was graduated from the Wilkes-Barre High School in 1911. Later he entered Jefferson Medical College, and the Medical School of the University of Pennsylvania, where he was graduated in 1916, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. Soon afterward, he entered St. Joseph's Hospital in Philadelphia, and also served for a time in the Medico-Chirurgical Hospital there, after which for six months he acted as medical examiner for the Pennsylvania Railroad, and for the Washington Terminal Company in Washington, District of Columbia. He is also medical examiner for the United Life and Accident Insurance Company, Standard Life of America, and International Insurance Company, and also for the Pittston Coal Company. During the war years he served as captain in the Medical Corps of the Army, stationed at Washington, and at Newport News, Virginia, and in 1919, secured his discharge. In that year he returned to Sugar Notch and has since practiced there, and in Nanticoke.

Dr. Caffrey is a member of Luzerne County, Pennsylvania State, and the American Medical associations. In politics he is an independent voter. He is affiliated fraternally with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, a member of Lodge No. 109, and he is also a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. He attends St. Charles Borromeo's Roman Catholic Church.

**WILLIAM H. COCKING**—When the automobile started to come into general use in place of the old-time horse, it did not take William H. Cocking, of Luzerne, very long to change his harness business over to an auto accessory supply store, in which line he has made much of a success, employing five men and giving a service which is known throughout the county.

Mr. Cocking was born in Kingston Township, December 10, 1889, the son of James and Elizabeth (Henderson) Cocking, the former of English birth, who died here in 1901. Mr. Cocking's mother was a native of Scotland, and she resides with her son in Luzerne. After receiving his early education in the public schools of his native town, Mr. Cocking took a position as breaker boy in one of the local coal mines. When fifteen years of age he left this employment and learned the trade of harness-making, at which he continued until he attained his majority, when he purchased the harness business of Alonzo Lockard, in Shickshinny, Luzerne County, which he operated for six years with much success. He then returned to Luzerne, where he was engaged with the Metropolitan Insurance Company for about eighteen months, at the end of which time he purchased the harness business of W. E. Brodmarkle. This he turned almost at once into an auto accessory store, which he still continues to operate under his own name, at No. 125 Main Street. Mr. Cocking is affiliated with Sylvania Lodge, No. 354, Free and Accepted Masons; with Keystone Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Masons, of Scranton, and Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, and of the Luzerne Fire Department, of which organization he was for some time president. He is a director of the Kingston Bank, at Kingston, Luzerne County; his religious affiliations are with the Presbyterian Church, and in politics Mr. Cocking is a Republican.

In 1913, Mr. Cocking married Purces Koons, of Shickshinny, daughter of George and Margaret Koons. Mrs. Cocking passed away in February, 1920, leaving three sons: Byron, Wayne and Hayden.

**JOHN REPA**—Prominent citizen, for many years active in the business life of Wilkes-Barre, John Repa was born April 4, 1867, in Austria. His father, Joseph Repa, was a native of that country, a farmer, born in 1831, died in 1889. His mother, Mary (Hoshko) Repa, of Austrian nativity, was born in 1843, and died in 1873.

John Repa received little schooling in Austria, and came to the United States when he was seventeen years of age, here to seek his fortune. He arrived at the port of New York, March 31, 1882. For a time he worked as slate picker, at Jeddo, Pennsylvania, and worked in and around the mines until 1890. But he was frugal in ways of living, had ambition and intelligence, and in 1890 became owner of a hotel, at Hudson, Pennsylvania, where he engaged in the business for five years successfully. In 1895 he came to Wilkes-Barre. For twenty-five years, until 1920, he was active in the hotel business here, Repa's Hotel having been situated in Coal Street. In 1920 he changed his line of business, now entering into realty and fire insurance operations under the firm style of his own name. In this he has been markedly successful through the years that have followed. He is a director and vice-president of the Heights Deposit Bank of Wilkes-Barre, himself having been an organizer of the company, and is treasurer of the Russian Orthodox Catholic Mutual Aid Society of the United States of America. Of the aid society he has been treasurer since 1907. He is a communicant of the Russian Orthodox Catholic Church. Active in diverse directions, Mr. Repa is a Republican, consistent supporter of the party's principles. He is affiliated with the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

John Repa married, in 1889, Julia Wanat, of Austria, daughter of Simon and Christina Wanat, and their children are: 1. Mary, wife of Rev. Father John Kraschkevich, priest in the Orthodox Russian Catholic Church. 2. John, Jr. 3. Michael, graduate of Lehigh University, degree of Mechanical Engineering, class of 1917. 4. Anna, wife of Robert L. Williams, of Kingston. 5. Julia, unmarried. 6. Joseph, medical student, Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia. 7. George, student at Wyoming Seminary. There are five grandchildren: George, Natalie and Marguerite Kraschkevich; and Elaine and Robert Williams.

**JOSEPH MORRIS**—One of the principal funeral directors of Luzerne County, where his establishment is accounted third largest, Joseph Morris operates a funeral home at Nos. 625-27 North Main Street, Wilkes-Barre, and in this community is considered to be a substantial citizen. He is a veteran of the World War.

Joseph Morris was born at Edwardsville, Luzerne County, on March 7, 1894, a son of Michael and Anna (Putprush) Morris, both of whom are deceased. Michael Morris was a coal miner during many years, a temperate man, and respected by those who knew him. By his wife, Anna, he was father of four children, all of whom are now living (1929) and occupying responsible positions in society: 1. Joseph, of whom here below. 2. Rev. Michael, pastor of the Greek Catholic Church at Monesson, Pennsylvania. 3. Mary, wife of John Duda, of Larksville, Luzerne

County. 4. John, who is also a funeral director, at Exeter, Luzerne County.

After receiving his elementary academic education in the public schools of Edwardsville, Joseph Morris entered high school at Larksville, whence he graduated in 1913. Next he entered Wyoming Seminary, at Kingston, Pennsylvania, and from that institution graduated in 1915. Since childhood he has been most interested in athletics, and at high school in Larksville was captain of the football team for two seasons, 1912 and 1913. Also during these years, as junior and senior in high school, he was elected captain of the track team. In 1912 there was an athletic meet in the old armory, Wilkes-Barre, in which he won the one hundred-yard championship for Luzerne County. He played basketball, and in 1914, as freshman in the seminary, was class champion in the hundred-yard dash. When the United States entered the World War, in April, 1917, Mr. Morris was among the first of patriots to volunteer for duty in the Army, and was stationed at Kelly Field, where he was in the medical hospital of the aviation department. Here he served honorably and with distinction, and is now an active member of the Wilkes-Barre post of the American Legion. Mr. Morris has membership in a number of fraternal organizations, including Wilkes-Barre Lodge, No. 109, of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Wilkes-Barre Council, No. 302, of the Knights of Columbus, and the Tatra Club. He is a supreme officer in the Greek Catholic Union, having served for the past nine years. A Republican and staunch adherent to the party's principles of government, Mr. Morris owns a considerable influence in local matters of politics, which he exerts quietly and to an effect calculated to be for the welfare of the community. In addition to his large concern in the mortuary profession he has some commercial relationships, among them membership on the board of directors and vice-president of the Pennsylvania Liberty Bank and Trust Company of Wilkes-Barre, and is well and favorably known in business circles of the town as possessor of sound judgment in financial circles. He is a communicant of St. Mary's Greek Catholic Church, devout in its service, and generous in contributions to charitable appeals and other causes of like worthy character, regardless of race or creed from whom emanating.

Joseph Morris married Mary V. Pacovsky, of Wilkes-Barre, and they are the parents of three children: John, Dolores and Joseph, Jr.

**LeROY DIEFENDERFER**—Since commencing his business activity, LeRoy (Roy) Diefenderfer has been employed by the Central Railroad of New Jersey, now holding the position of station agent in Ashley, Pennsylvania, where he has lived for many years. Mr. Diefenderfer is financially interested in various local enterprises, and has always been highly regarded in Ashley as a public-spirited citizen. He was born in Ashley on October 10, 1891, a son of John S. Diefenderfer, a machinist, who was born in 1865 in Lewisburg, Union County, Pennsylvania, and who died in June, 1927, and of Margaret (Breon) Diefenderfer, who was also born in Lewisburg in 1865, and who is still living.

LeRoy Diefenderfer was educated in the Ashley public schools and the high school, from which he was graduated in 1910. In the same year he began work with the Central Railroad of New Jersey as a clerk in Ashley, and so satisfactory was his work over a period of years that in October, 1919,





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he was appointed station agent, a position which he has held since that time. Aside from this work, he is a director and was one of the original stockholders of the Peoples' State Bank of Newton, in Wilkes-Barre.

Politically, he is a member of the Republican party, and he is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, in which organization he is a member of Lodge No. 471. He is also a member of Lodge No. 689, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Ashley Lodge, No. 149, Junior Order United American Mechanics, and of Lodge No. 245, Patriotic Order Sons of America. He and his family attend the Ashley Presbyterian Church, where Mr. Diefenderfer is secretary of the Church Board.

In 1914, LeRoy Diefenderfer married Florence Ichter, of Hanover Township, Luzerne County, a daughter of Joseph and Mary Anne Ichter. Mr. and Mrs. Diefenderfer are the parents of two children: 1. Elizabeth Ichter, born in August, 1916. 2. Ruth Marion, born in May, 1920. The family home is at No. 81, Ashley Street, Ashley.

**FRANK M. DALLY**—Esteemed by every good citizen of Ashley, loved by those with whom he was officially associated for many years, Frank M. Dally was one of the most popular citizens of this district, as well as one of the important factors of its commercial life. For more than forty years he had been actively engaged in railroad work here, during which period he made an enviable name as a man of justice, industry and accomplishment. Nearly half a century was the record of his labors for one corporation, which recognized his worth by promotions as he made his progress in life. Constant to his trust, faithful and devoted to his friends, his removal from life's activities left a vacancy not readily filled, while his army of friends will feel his loss to be an irreparable calamity that must be accepted with philosophy.

He was born in White Haven, Pennsylvania, November 30, 1867, a son of George Dally, a pioneer of the district, and began his active career at the age of thirteen years, when he went to work in the Ashley shops of the Central Railroad of New Jersey. He rose to be general foreman of the shops, a position from which he was forced to retire, after forty-four years of continuous service, because of ill health, December, 1926. He had for a short time been assigned to White Haven and Mauch Chunk, but by far the greater length of service was in Ashley. He was a member of the Ashley Presbyterian Church and belonged to the Jersey Central Veterans' Association and to the L. & S. Division Foremen's Club of that railroad. He was affiliated with Coalville Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Caldwell Consistory of Bloomsburg, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; and Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He also had served as a member of the Ashley School Board. His death occurred in Ashley, in the sixty-first year of his age.

Frank M. Dally married, April 25, 1889, Anna McIntosh, of Ashley, Pennsylvania, daughter of Stewart and Annetta (Frederick) McIntosh, the father a native of Scotland, the mother of, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania. They are the parents of one son: Carl McIntosh, born July 4, 1894, a machinist in the Ashley shops of the Central Railroad of New Jersey. He married, November 17, 1920, Eleanor Dugan, of Plymouth, Pennsylvania, and they are the parents of one daughter: Gloria Romaine.

**EMORY LUTES, D. V. M.**—A representative citizen of Wilkes-Barre, who is also well known in the city and vicinity for his large practice as a doctor of veterinary medicine, Emory Lutes, D. V. M., has interested himself in a number of activities that count for community advance in the city of his choice.

Born in Benton, Columbia County, Pennsylvania, February 20, 1886, Emory Lutes is the son of Daniel T. and Elizabeth W. (Emory) Lutes, his father, born in Centermoreland, Pennsylvania, in December, 1832, died in 1897, was a farmer, and the mother, born in Town Hill, Pennsylvania, in 1842, died in 1900. The son, Emory, received his early and preparatory training in the district schools of Columbia County. He then enrolled at Valparaiso (Indiana) University, and was graduated from its School of Pharmacy in the class of 1907. Subsequently he studied for the profession of his choice at McKillip Veterinary College, Chicago, Illinois, whence he received his degree of Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (now known as D. V. M.) on graduation in 1911.

Dr. Lutes came to Wilkes-Barre directly from college and established an office for the practice of veterinary medicine in this city, where he has ever since been thus engaged. From 1916 to the present time (1929) he has also held the office of city food inspector, and in that capacity he is rendering a fine service to the people in the health-conservation movement. In politics, he is a Republican and active in his party's local organization. He served as Republican committeeman in Wilkes-Barre's Tenth District for four years. His financial standing is indicated by the fact of his being a director in the Wilkes-Barre Mortgage Company. In his professional associations, he enjoys the esteem of his fellow-practitioners, members of the Northeastern Veterinary Association of Pennsylvania and the Pennsylvania State Veterinarians Association.

Dr. Lutes has an active military career to his credit, having served as second lieutenant in the 3d Pennsylvania Field Artillery in the Mexican Border campaign in 1916. His fraternal affiliations are with Wilkes-Barre Lodge, No. 442, Free and Accepted Masons; Caldwell Consistory of the Scottish Rite, of Bicomburg; Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; and the Junior Order United American Mechanics. His religious connection is Presbyterian by faith.

Dr. Emory Lutes married, October 28, 1909, Virginia Allen, of Sweet Valley, Pennsylvania, daughter of Charles B. and Eleanor (Zimmerman) Allen.

**FRANK L. PINOLA**—Only one year old when his parents moved from Scranton, where he had been born January 27, 1893, Frank L. Pinola grew up in West Pittston. He attended the public schools through high school and was graduated at the head of the class of 1910. He continued to live in West Pittston until 1925, when he moved to Kingston. Louis and Caroline (Perrotti) Pinola, his father and mother, have two other sons and two daughters: 1. Joseph J., of West Pittston. 2. Samuel J., of Pittston. 3. Theresa, married to Michael J. Clark, of Wilkes-Barre. 4. Lena, who lives at home with her parents in West Pittston. The father is a retired merchant.

Frank L. Pinola attended Cornell University one year and then entered the Law School of the University of Pennsylvania, from which he received the degree Bachelor of Laws in the class of 1915. In the autumn

of that year he was admitted to the Luzerne County Bar, but on receiving the Gowen Fellowship for special studies at the University of Pennsylvania, he spent the year 1916 in research.

He enlisted as a private in 1917 in the 311th Field Artillery at Camp Meade, after which he attended the Third Officers' Training School at Camp Meade. He was commissioned a second lieutenant of field artillery on June 1, 1918. He was promoted to first lieutenant on October 10 of the same year, and was made a captain of field artillery on November 2, 1918. He was stationed at Camp Funston, Kansas, with the 30th Field Artillery at the time of the Armistice and was mustered out of the service early in 1919.

The United States Supreme Court admitted him to practice in 1919 when he returned to civil life. He maintains offices in the Miners' Bank Building in the city of Wilkes-Barre, and in the Liberty National Bank Building in the city of Pittston. From 1919 to 1926 he was United States Commissioner at Pittston.

In addition to his law practice he is interested in banking, being president of the Liberty National Bank of Pittston and a director of the First National Bank of Exeter.

He is a member of the American Bar Association and the Fox Hill Country Club. He has been very active in the American Legion, having served as Commander of the Department of Pennsylvania and for two terms as chairman of the National Americanism Commission of the American Legion. He was also first Commander of the West Pittston Post, No. 542, which he organized in 1920. He is a Republican in political affiliation and a communicant of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church of Wilkes-Barre.

Attorney Pinola was married on September 1, 1917, to Helen Nicholson, daughter of James and Ellen (Harding) Nicholson, of West Pittston. They have a daughter, Helen Gloria. The family reside in a beautiful home at No. 85 James Street, Kingston.

**LEON J. KNORR, D. D. S.**—The town of Nanticoke is proud to claim as one of its outstanding sons, Dr. Leon J. Knorr, one of the youngest and most successful dentists in the entire State of Pennsylvania. The profession of dentistry has made such remarkable strides forward within the past decade and so many new discoveries have been made, regarding the connection and effect which the teeth exercise on the human system and its various organs, that this town is fortunate, indeed, to have the service of one who has had the benefit of the most modern and scientific training, and who is ever alert to the use of new and improved methods as they are steadily discovered. Although Dr. Knorr has been engaged in the practice of his profession here but a short time, since his graduation from college in 1926, he has attracted a large and discriminating clientele, who appreciate his careful and considerate manner and his expert skill which he has demonstrated to the complete satisfaction of so many patients.

Dr. Knorr was born in Nanticoke, June 24, 1904, son of Leo and Mary (Shappart) Knorr, both of whom are living in Nanticoke. He was educated in the public schools of this town and graduated from high school with the class of 1922, after which he entered the University of Pittsburgh, and applied himself to the difficult and exacting work of the dental course which he thoroughly mastered, receiving his degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery with the class of 1926. He then

returned to Nanticoke and opened his professional office in Room 2, Challenger Building, where he has ever since continued to receive the confidence and admiration of all his fellow-citizens. His success has been due greatly to his affable and sympathetic manner, accomplishing the maximum of work with the minimum of discomfort to his patient. In the civic affairs of Nanticoke, he takes a prominent part and is ever active in promoting all projects which have for their purpose the advancement and improvement of the welfare of the community. Dr. Knorr is a member of the Luzerne County Dental Society, the State Dental Association, and the Nanticoke Society. His religious affiliations are with St. Francis' Roman Catholic Church.

**JOSEPH P. MARTINI**—A native of Switzerland, Joseph P. Martini has been a resident of Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, since he was nine years of age and has made his own way in life by dint of ability and hard work. As a boy in the mines, he used every possible moment in securing an education, and later when he became associated with the silk throwing business of which he is now superintendent, he began at the very bottom and worked his way up to his present responsible position. In addition to the responsibilities of his position as superintendent in the employ of the Nanticoke Silk Throwing Company, located on Washington Street, in Nanticoke, Mr. Martini is also one of the organizers and secretary-treasurer of the Martini Throwing Company, at Shickshinny, Pennsylvania.

Frank Martini, father of Joseph P. Martini, was born in Austria and came to this country in 1833, locating near Freeland, Luzerne County. During the early years of his residence in this country Frank Martini was a miner, but later he entered the employ of Peter F. Magagna, Sr., proprietor of a prosperous silk throwing industry at White Haven, to which place he removed. He is still in the employ of Mr. Magagna, and he and his wife, Mary make their home in White Haven.

Joseph P. Martini, son of Frank and Mary Martini, was born in Switzerland, October 30, 1884, and was brought to this country by his parents when he was nine years of age. The hardships and responsibilities of life began early for him, and he was only ten years of age when he went to work as a breaker boy in the mines. Though his work was hard and discouraging, and not very well paid, he was fortunate enough to be privileged to attend the public schools "between times," and he was also ambitious and aspiring enough to add to the day's hard work in the mines, hours of close, hard study in the evening schools. Thus, working and studying, he continued for a period of eight years, as breaker boy and later as miner, and during this time he had learned many more lessons than those he received in school. At eighteen, his determination to make the most of his opportunities, wherever he found them, and to prepare himself for the next highest job in sight, had not altered, and when the opportunity came he entered the employ of Peter F. Magagna, thus beginning his long connection with the silk throwing business. Beginning in the humblest position he worked steadily and faithfully, winning the substantial rewards of better financial return and of promotion to more responsible positions until finally, in 1917, he was made superintendent of the plant. He knows the business "from the ground up," and he also knows





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how to secure the full and willing cooperation of his men.

The Nanticoke Silk Throwing Company, located at Washington Street, in Nanticoke, was established in 1905, by Peter F. Magagna, Sr., who operated to the time of his death, when the business was continued by his widow, with Peter F. Magagna, Jr., as manager. The concern has grown and now (1923) operates ten thousand spindles and employs one hundred and twenty-five operatives. The establishment confines its attention to silk throwing entirely, and holds an assured place in this department of the silk manufacturing industry.

While giving the fullest and most satisfactory service as superintendent of the Nanticoke Silk Throwing Company, Mr. Martini has also found time for independent constructive work in the same field. He is one of the organizers of the Martini Throwing Company at Shickshinny, Pennsylvania, a partnership concern, which he officially serves as secretary-treasurer. He is a member of the Silk Throwers Division of the Silk Association of America, and is one of the progressive and able men of the trade. Mr. Martini is a member of the Knights of Columbus and of the Woodmen of the World, also of the Holy Name Society, and his religious affiliation is with St. Francis Roman Catholic Church.

Joseph P. Martini married Mary Magagna, and they have become the parents of six children: 1. Mary Philamina. 2. Joseph Albert. 3. Aloysius Victor. 4. Rita Frances. 5. Arthur. 6. Dorothy. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Martini and their family is at No. 421 East Ridge Street, in Nanticoke.

**MICHAEL J. MURPHY, M. D.**—As a young man with a brilliant future before him, Dr. Michael J. Murphy of Pittston, Pennsylvania, has shown in the short time he has been in the practice of medicine in this community an ability and zeal which have won for him the confidence of a constantly increasing practice and widening circle of friends and clients who are loyal in their support of this talented young physician. Dr. Murphy is the son of Thomas and Catherine (Langan) Murphy, both of whom are now deceased. Both Mr. and Mrs. Murphy were natives of Pittston where Mr. Murphy was engaged in the business of mining.

Michael J. Murphy was born at Pittston, Pennsylvania, December 6, 1899. His early childhood and boyhood was spent here where he grew up with friends who now form the coterie of companions of his manhood and with whom he is very popular. He attended the public schools of Pittston and after that he attended the Wyoming Seminary and finishing that course of preparatory work, he matriculated at Georgetown University where he graduated in the class of 1922 with the degree of Bachelor of Science. He then continued his graduate work at the same institution taking up the study of medicine, and in 1924 he was awarded the degree of Doctor of Medicine.

After obtaining his degree as a Doctor of Medicine, Dr. Murphy took his internship at the General Hospital of Wilkes-Barre and after completing that work, in 1925, he began his private practice in his native town of Pittston. Here his skill has been recognized, although he has been in the practice for only a few years, and he has his office in the Dime Bank Building. He is the secretary of the staff as well as the pathologist of the Pittston Hospital where he takes an active interest in carrying on the work of this institution for the benefit of the community. He

keeps abreast of all that is progressive in the medical profession, and with the ardour of a young man is tireless in his efforts to give this community the very best that can be given in the way of hospital service.

Dr. Murphy is a member of the County Medical Society, the State Medical Society and American Medical Association. Through these organizations, he keeps in close touch with all the highest thought in the medical profession of the country, and through the meetings of these various societies he comes into actual contact with the men of his profession among whom he has so ably taken his place in the world.

Dr. Murphy is a member of the Knights of Columbus and of Saint Mary's Roman Catholic Church. He is one of the rising young men in his profession in Luzerne County. With his many friends and his ability he is sure to make for himself a mark of distinction.

**HARRY E. JONES**—The history of commercial development gives an important place to merchants who have been those to supply the needs of their fellowmen and create markets for wares of different kinds throughout the world. Among the merchants of Edwardsville, Pennsylvania, is Harry E. Jones, proprietor of a men's furnishing store at No. 488 Main Street, Edwardsville, where he carries on this line of business and also does a good business in sign painting, a line he has been engaged in for a number of years. Mr. Jones is the son of Richard E. and Anna (Allen) Jones, his father who was born in Luzerne County in 1863, and died in 1912, was a miner; his mother, who is still living, was born in Nanticoke, Pennsylvania, in 1865.

Harry E. Jones was born in Edwardsville, Pennsylvania, September 21, 1893. After obtaining a public school education he entered a business college and prepared himself for the career which he has since followed with such good success. He began work as a miner and from that he became a sign painter and his work was in such demand that he opened his own shop at No. 488 Main Street and engaged in that line of work until 1924 when in addition to the sign painting business he established a men's furnishings and haberdashery shop also at the same address. Both this, and the sign painting business are in Mr. Jones' own name and though he is busy with carrying on this extensive work, he still finds time for civic duty and service to the community. In politics Mr. Jones is a Republican and he is now serving his second term as a Burgess in the town of Edwardsville. He was elected first, in 1921. In 1927, he made the race for county treasurer but was defeated. He is a member of Lodge No. 109, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; the Loyal Order of Moose; the Owls; the Junior Order United American Mechanics; and the Baptist Church. Mr. Jones finds recreation in fishing and athletics.

**BENNET J. MCGUIRE, M. D.**—One of the younger members of the medical profession of the Wyoming Valley district of Pennsylvania, who is steadily rising in the importance of his work, is Bennet J. McGuire, of Pittston, of whom his fellow-citizens hopefully expect great achievements in the career he has chosen. In carving a name for himself in this exacting profession, in which the membership is of the highest grade in education, Dr. McGuire brings to his aid an unusual experience for a practitioner of his years and a native ability that assures him

a commanding position as the years pass on their way. Associated with men of erudition and experience, a young and ambitious physician profits by such professional companionship in direct ratio with his desires to forge to the front. Those who have observed Dr. McGuire's activities feel assured that he is such a man and that he will ever be a credit to the medical profession and to the citizenry of which he is a member.

He was born in Sebastopol, Pittston, Pennsylvania, January 14, 1896, a son of Martin and Bridget (McNamara) McGuire, both deceased. His father was a native of Carbonale, Pennsylvania, and represented in Pittston the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, of New York. His mother was a native of County Mayo, Ireland. Their son was educated in the public schools here and at the Medical School of the University of Pittsburgh, from which last-named institution he was graduated with the degrees of Bachelor of Science and Doctor of Medicine in 1925. He then became an interne in the Station Hospital at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas, where he served with the rank of first lieutenant in the Medical Reserve Corps for one year. Returning to Pittston, he located in practice, maintaining his residence at No. 287 South Main Street with offices also in the Dime Bank Building. He is a member of the State and County Medical societies and of the American Medical Association and is on the staff of the Pittston State Hospital. His church is St. John's Roman Catholic.

Bennet J. McGuire married, June 14, 1924, Mary Bernice Doverspike, of New Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. They are the parents of one child, John Martin. Mrs. McGuire is a graduate of Carnegie Institute of Technology, of Pittsburgh, and is a member of the Women's Club of Pittston. Dr. McGuire still holds the rank of first lieutenant in the Medical Reserve Corps, United States Army.

**PHILIP T. LECHER**—The family of the surname Lecher, and, of which Philip T. Lecher, Nanticoke, is a member, is of English origin. It was founded in America by John Lecher, father of Philip T. Lecher, who was born in the British Isles, there grew to manhood, and in 1866 came to the United States. He made residence and established his family at Dover, Morris County, New Jersey. There for more than eight years he did business as proprietor of a book store, news dealer, steamship ticket broker, and operator of an exchange bureau for foreign money. In 1875 John Lecher came with his family to Luzerne County, remained here a scant twelve months, and removed to the West. For two years he was established in business at Virginia City, Nevada, then, in 1879, returned to Luzerne County, taking up residence and business in Nanticoke, where the family has since made its headquarters. Here John Lecher reconstructed his book store along the lines of the one at Dover, New Jersey. Within a short time he had attained to a position of prestige in this community. Then he added to his stock in trade a variety of small articles. It was at this time that he received an offer from S. H. Kress, who had meanwhile become owner or controller of a great chain of stores in the Southeastern and Southern States, dealing in articles of low price, from ten cents upward; and Mr. Lecher sold the store to Mr. Kress, who incorporated it within the then modest chain which he directed. John Lecher opened another store, however, and this he operated until his death, in 1890,

which occurred when he was fifty-eight years of age. He was one of the best known citizens of the community, constantly active in its affairs. He was a trustee of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Nanticoke, and inspired those about him to lead better lives. John Lecher married, in England, before he came to America, Jane Tanguay. They had ten children: 1. Isabelle, deceased, who was the wife of William Retallick. 2. William, retired from business, resident in Orange, New Jersey. 3. John H., vice-president of the First National Bank, Nanticoke, resident of Wilkes-Barre. 4. Charles, deceased. 5. Alfred, of the State of Oregon. 6. James, of Morris County, New Jersey. 7. Philip T., of whom further. 8. Frederick, of Wilkes-Barre. 9. Ellen, deceased, was the wife of Isaac Dieter. 10. Fannie, deceased, was the wife of John Hamilton.

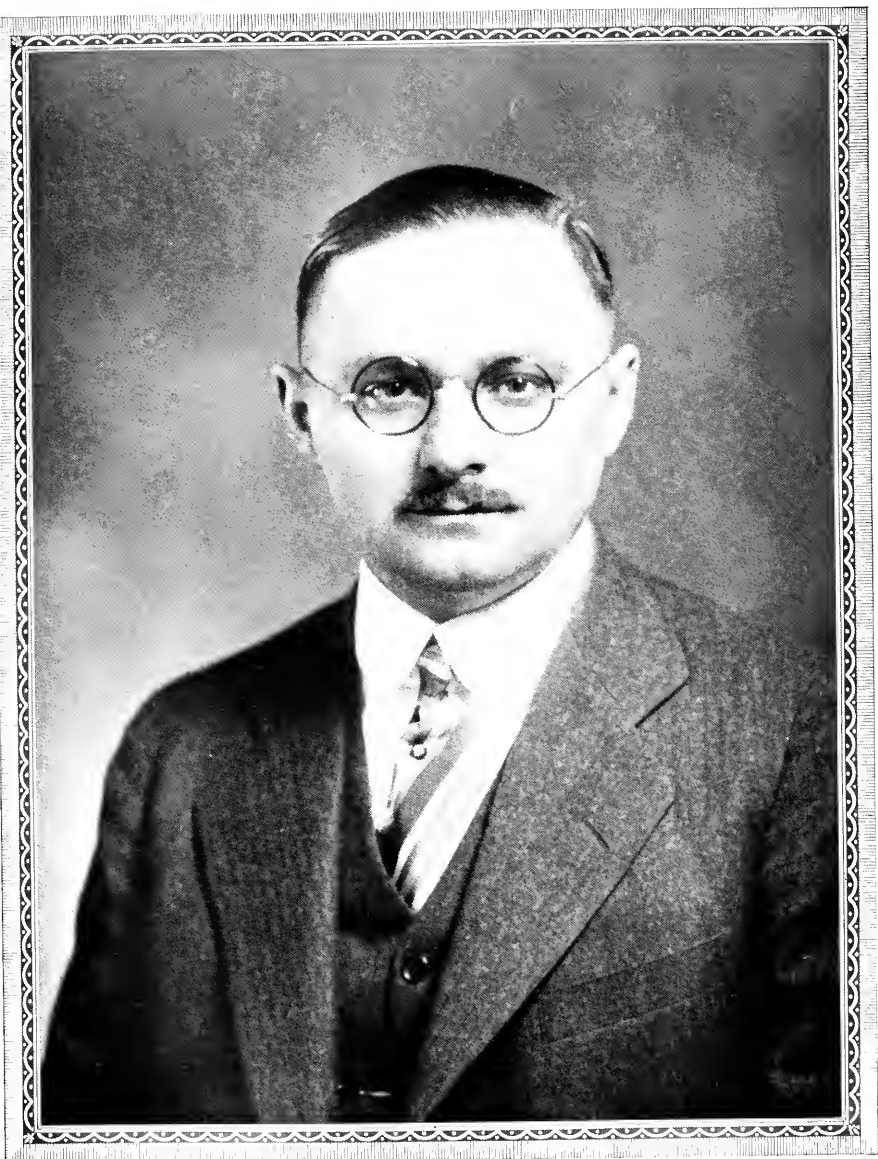
Philip T. Lecher, seventh child and sixth son of John and Jane (Tanguay) Lecher, was born in England, March 30, 1862, and came with his parents to the United States. He attended the public schools of Dover, New Jersey, and at the age of fourteen years, in Nanticoke, started to work in the mines. Later he learned the trade of plastering, and this he followed, as a successful contractor and man of means, until his retirement, in 1926. In the commercial circles of Nanticoke and centers nearby Mr. Lecher has created an excellent reputation in matters of business. It is said of him, that, when in the contracting work which made up his career, he never failed to execute an obligation, or to execute it rightly and almost invariably within the briefest possible period of time. He is today one of the respected citizens of his community, having a hearty interest in its welfare, here esteemed sincerely for the loyalty of his public spiritedness. Like his father, Mr. Lecher is a communicant of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Nanticoke, and has been active within it. Toward charity he is ever of large heart, giving liberally to all worthy causes, without regard for race or creed whence an appeal may emanate. Although he found himself somewhat advanced in years for duty in the military during the World War, Mr. Lecher served his country loyally, tirelessly, on the various boards and committees engaged in war work, and was of great assistance in the several campaigns of the Liberty Loan.

In 1886, Philip T. Lecher was united in marriage with Marilla Wolliver, of Stuartsville, New Jersey, daughter of a Civil War veteran who fought under Union colors and descendant of Revolutionary stock. To this union were born two children: 1. Robert E. (q. v.), doctor of dental science, practicing in Nanticoke. 2. Ruth Ann, wife of Andrew Nicholas, freight solicitor for the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company, New York City; they live in Irvington, New Jersey, and have two children, Robert and Philip.

**ROBERT E. LECHER, D. D. S.**—Eldest child and only son of Philip T. and Marilla (Wolliver) Lecher, and grandson of John Lecher, who came to the United States from England in 1866, Robert E. Lecher was born in Nanticoke, March 31, 1889, and is of the third generation of his family to reside in Nanticoke.

Robert E. Lecher here secured his basic and academic training in the public schools, then studied in Conway Hall Preparatory School, at Carlisle, Pennsylvania, and matriculated in the University of Pittsburgh, where he was graduated in 1916, with the degree of Doctor of Dental Science. Without delay Dr. Lecher opened offices in Scranton,





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Pennsylvania, and had his practice well begun, indeed, when early in the spring of 1917 the United States declared existence of a state of warfare with Germany. In July of that year, Dr. Lecher enlisted in the service of his country, and was commissioned a first lieutenant in the Dental Corps, stationed at Camp Meade, Washington, District of Columbia. Later he was stationed at other centers, and finally at points along the Atlantic between Boston, Massachusetts, and Newport News. After two years of service he was mustered out, in July, 1919, then resumed the course of his profession where he had dropped it, though on this occasion he opened offices in Wilkes-Barre. And in Wilkes-Barre he practiced until 1921, when he returned to the city of his birth, here to practice. During the years that have followed he has had no cause to regret this move. His prestige in professional circles has mounted steadily; and more, he is accounted among the foremost of public-spirited citizens of the community, sincerely and generally liked not alone for professional excellence and skill, but also for those qualities of character which he possesses that tend naturally to enrich the holder in friendship. Dr. Lecher is a member of a number of dental organizations. These include the Nanticoke, Luzerne County and Susquehanna societies, and the State and national associations. He belongs to the Military Dental Surgeons, the American Legion, and Delta Sigma Delta college fraternity. He is affiliated with Nanticoke Lodge, No. 541, Free and Accepted Masons, and is a member of the Craftsmen's Club and Kiwanis Club. He is one of the dental staff in attendance at Mercy Hospital, Wilkes-Barre; has been connected with the Hospital Corps, 9th Regiment, Pennsylvania National Guard, as sergeant, and for a time was scout master of the Nanticoke Boy Scouts of America. A Republican, Dr. Lecher is possessed of a considerable political influence, and when he chooses to use it is in a position to do so with effect, through the agency of his friends, quietly. He is active in all civic affairs, as is his father and was his grandfather before him in Nanticoke and, as they, is a communicant of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Dr. Lecher married (first) Alice Finch, of Wilkes-Barre, member of a family old in the history of the Wyoming Valley. She died in 1920, leaving one child, Jean. Dr. Lecher married (second) Estelle Edwards, who was a teacher in the public schools of Nanticoke. Mrs. Lecher is active in the Craftsmen's Auxillary, and in the Protestant Episcopal Church. The family residence is at No. 636 East Main Street, Nanticoke.

**HAROLD KRAPF**—As proprietor of the Krapf Baking, Confectionery, and Ice Cream Establishment, at Nos. 61-63 South Wyoming Street, Harold Krapf directs the affairs of one of the finest and most successful concerns in Hazleton. On his own premises Mr. Krapf does all his baking, manufactures ice cream, and a fair share of his candies, employing in this work some ten people. The uniform high quality of his products is assured by the care with which he selects his ingredients, and the personal supervision which he gives to every department of his organization. Mr. Krapf caters only to the highest type of patronage, serving weddings, church fairs, festivals, parties and similar affairs.

Mr. Krapf was born June 13, 1896, at Cranberry, Pennsylvania, a son of John Krapf, born in Harwood, Pennsylvania, and

of Barbara (Hempel) Krapf, born in Saxony, Germany. His father, who died in 1906, at the age of thirty-four, was a talented violinist, who gave instruction in playing this instrument for many years and played in several orchestras. In the family there were five children: Harold, of whom further Myrtle, Edna, Raymond, and Barbara.

Harold Krapf was educated in the public schools of West Hazleton, Pennsylvania, and at the age of twelve first took up the baker's trade. Before he was sixteen, he was accounted a master of his craft, and until the period of the World War he worked as a journeyman baker. In 1918 Mr. Krapf enlisted in the United States Army, but soon thereafter the Armistice was signed, limiting his activities in the service to a period in training camp at Pennsylvania State College. The following year Mr. Krapf went into business independently in Hazleton, as a successor to E. D. Snyder, whose bakery was located at Broad and Locust streets, and for four years he devoted himself to this enterprise with complete success. In 1923 he was able to purchase the business of G. O. Praetorius, at No. 40 East Broad Street, Hazleton, which had been established at that time for thirty-one years. Mr. Krapf's two ventures were merged under his direction, his fine energy and executive ability, together with his thorough knowledge of every detail of the baking and allied trades, resulting in a constantly increasing volume of business. Finally, on April 1, 1928, he moved to new quarters on South Wyoming Street, where he has installed complete equipment of the most modern type, and is continuing the excellent service which he has made available to the community.

Mr. Krapf has always been active in the various phases of Hazleton life, and is highly esteemed by his fellow-townsmen as a public-spirited citizen. He is affiliated fraternally with Azalia Lodge, No. 687, of the Free and Accepted Masons, and is also a member of the executive committee of the American Legion. Mr. Krapf is a director of the Young Men's Christian Association, and is prominent in the work of this organization. He and his family attend Christ Memorial Reformed Church, of Hazleton.

On September 1, 1917, Harold Krapf married Cora Zimmerman of Nuremberg, Pennsylvania, and of this marriage there are four children: John Harold, William Henry, Jean Ruth, and Robert James. Mrs. Krapf is also active in community affairs, and is a member of the Auxillary of the American Legion.

**WALTER E. MacNEAL, D. D. S.**—The rugged landscape of the State of Pennsylvania has attracted a very large number of Scotch families, and they and their descendants have added an element of strength and of sturdy righteousness to the character of the general population. Among the many descendants of Scotch ancestors in Luzerne County is Dr. Walter E. MacNeal, who has been engaged in general dental practice in Nanticoke since 1913. Dr. MacNeal takes care of the dental needs of a prosperous and numerous patronage, and his offices at No. 16 East Main Street are busy the year round. Prominent and active in the Masonic Order, he is a Shriner, and he and his forebears are, and have been, vital factors in the development of this part of the county.

The MacNeal family, as has already been stated, is an old one in Luzerne County. Wallace MacNeal, grandfather of Dr. MacNeal, was for many years an engineer on the Lehigh Valley Railroad. He was a

soldier in the Civil War, and was an honored citizen of this county to the time of his death. Among the children of Wallace and Phoebe (Sager) MacNeal was William MacNeal, father of Dr. Walter E. MacNeal.

William MacNeal, son of Wallace and Phoebe (Sager) MacNeal, was born in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, and spent his life in this county. For many years he was engaged in the drug business in Hazleton, Pennsylvania, and while successfully conducting his business, he also found time for efficient civic service. As a member of the local school board he was interested and zealous in securing the best possible educational advantages for his district, and in general local affairs he displayed sound judgment and genuine public spirit. Fraternally, he was a member of the Blue Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; also of the local Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; and he was a man whom his associates honored and respected. He married Emma Roth.

Dr. Walter E. MacNeal, son of William and Emma (Roth) MacNeal, was born in Hazleton, Pennsylvania, August 16, 1890, and attended the local public schools. When he decided to prepare himself for the dental profession, he began study in Medico-Chirurgical College, at Philadelphia, and completed the course there, graduating in 1912 with the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery. After graduation he spent one year in Forest City, Pennsylvania, and then, in 1913, came to Nanticoke, where he has since been engaged in general dental practice. He is a member of the county, State and national dental associations, and is well known among his professional colleagues in this section of the State. Fraternally, he is identified with Nanticoke Lodge, No. 541, Free and Accepted Masons; also with Keystone Consistory, at Scranton; and with Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. His religious affiliation is with the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Dr. Walter E. MacNeal was married, in 1913, to Edith Myers, of Hazleton, Pennsylvania, and they are the parents of two children: 1. William M. 2. Douglas M. The family reside on Tilbury Terrace, West Nanticoke.

**MORRIS JUDKOVICS**—Industry, ambition and meticulous attention to business have, within a comparatively brief period, placed Morris Judkovics, of Luzerne, in a high position in the business and financial fields here. Still a young man, filled with energy and devoted to his enterprises, honorable in all his dealings, the future holds much for him and his advance will be looked upon with satisfaction by the multitude of friends he has made during his life and activities here.

He was born in Austria, October 12, 1890, a son of Niel and Dora Judkovics, both natives of that country, and there received an elementary education, working on his father's farm until he was sixteen years of age, when he emigrated to America and located in Scranton, Pennsylvania. He obtained work in a store there and remained for five years, then going to Exeter to work in a meat market for two years, and finally coming to Luzerne in May, 1914, and establishing a meat and grocery business under the title of the Standard Cash Store. This he conducted for seven years, when he opened his present store at No. 59 Main Street. He is a Republican in politics and an attendant at the Jewish synagogue. He is a director of the West Side Mortgage & Loan Company of Kingston, and of the Merchants' & Miners' Bank of Luzerne.

Morris Judkovics married, in June, 1916, Kate Dattner, daughter of Adolph and Fanny Dattner, of Luzerne. Their children are: 1. Marvin, born in 1917. 2. Selma, born in 1921. 3. Harold, born in 1927.

**JOHN PHILLIPS DEWITT**—Meat dealers in the Wyoming Valley of Pennsylvania number in the membership of that occupation no more enterprising individual than John Phillips DeWitt, who is carrying on the business where his father laid it down at the call of death and who in every detail is maintaining the traditions of the elder in guiding his commercial craft safely through the waters of competition to a successful position. He is a young merchant of high ability, absolute integrity, indefatigable industry and a pleasing personality that wins friends and draws a prosperous clientele to his doors.

He was born in Wyoming, Pennsylvania, February 15, 1893, a son of Ira DeWitt, a native of Luzerne County, and of Dora (Phillips) DeWitt, of Wyoming. The elder DeWitt was president of the Wyoming Valley Beef Company, an organizer of the First National Bank of Wyoming and a director of that institution, who took his son into the business and left it to him upon his death, January 10, 1925. The mother of John is still living. The son received his education in the public schools here and was graduated from high school, after which he attended Wyoming Seminary and was graduated with the class of 1913. He then entered business with his father in the Wyoming Valley Beef Company, but in a short time established himself independently in a retail meat and provision business under the title of DeWitt's Market. Upon his father's death he took over that enterprise. He is a Republican in politics and a member of the Presbyterian Church. He is fraternally affiliated with the Order of the Free and Accepted Masons, Lodge No. 468, of Wyoming; Valley Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Wyoming Valley Commandery, Knights Templar, and Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a director in the First National Bank of Wyoming and in the Franklin Thrift and Loan Corporation, of Pittston, Pennsylvania.

John Phillips DeWitt married in November, 1916, Elizabeth Howell, daughter of Thomas W. and Elizabeth Howell, of West Pittston. They have one child: John Phillips, Jr., born May 1, 1919.

**ANTHONY A. SINCAVAGE** — Advancing with certain strides to a ranking position among his fellow dental practitioners in Plymouth is Anthony A. Sincavage, who has been professionally established here since 1925. In undertaking his career he prepared carefully under instructors of tried merit, who have given years to their tasks, and has brought into the field a proportionate degree of skill which should increase as his practice develops. Aside from his professional labors he takes a great interest in the civic activities of the community and in fraternal and other organizations and is held in esteem by a large circle of friends and patients.

Dr. Sincavage was born in Sugar Notch, Pennsylvania, April 16, 1901, a son of Anthony, a miner, and Rose (Slaunckas) Sincavage, both natives of Lithuania, and both living (1928). He acquired his elementary education in the public schools of his birthplace and was graduated from the high school of Hanover Township in the class of 1921. He then took the course in the dental college





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of Georgetown University, from which he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery in 1925. Coming to Plymouth at that time, he established himself in general practice and has his offices at No. 50 East Main Street, his residence at No. 753 Main Street, Sugar Notch. He is a member of the American Dental Association and of the Pennsylvania State and the county societies. He is a Democrat in politics and belongs to the Roman Catholic Church of Sts. Peter and Paul. His fraternal memberships include the Xi Psi Phi Fraternity, Knights of Columbus, and Fraternal Order of Eagles.

**JOHN MASEL**—Following the family tradition, John Masel became a baker by profession and is today one of the leaders in that line in the Wyoming Valley of Pennsylvania, where he has conducted his own establishment for upward of twenty-five years, at No. 31 West Eighth Street, Wyoming. From early manhood here he has taken a deep interest in vital affairs of the community and has been of great assistance in organization and building up. He has been frequently called to office of honor and responsibility and has acquitted himself with credit to the judgment of his fellow-citizens. He is a man of great industry, of unimpeachable integrity, with a code of business ethics that places him high in the regard of all with whom he negotiates.

He was born in Germany, November 13, 1863, a son of George Masel, a baker by trade, and Margaret (Kopp) Masel, the first named deceased in April, 1926, the second in June, 1925, both having been natives of Germany. He was educated in the elementary schools of his native land and when twenty years of age came to America and settled in Pittston, where he attended Wood's Business College, afterward engaging in the baker's trade there under the title of Vienna Baking Company. This he conducted for five years, then selling out and removing to Scranton, where he became foreman for the Pennsylvania Baking Company and held that post for seven years, when he resigned and came to Wyoming. Here he established his present bakery, which he has since conducted with success. In politics a Republican, he has been very active in civic affairs, having been a member of the Borough Council for eleven years, and once having been appointed burgess, after which, in 1926, he was elected to the office to serve a four-year term. He is chairman of the building committee that erected the Wyoming Hose House No. 1 and has been president of that company, having been an active fireman since 1902. He is a member of the Pennsylvania State Firemen's Association and is affiliated with Lodge, No. 228, Improved Order of Red Men; Wyoming Lodge No. 887, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Monument Lodge, Fraternal Order of Eagles; Shannon Lodge, No. 382, of Wilkes-Barre, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and Owls, No. 1871, of which he has been treasurer for six years, its headquarters being at Edwardsville. His church is the Presbyterian.

John Masel married, in 1893, Lena Houck, of Wilkes-Barre, daughter of Jacob and Margaret Houck. They have one child: Margueretta A.

**STEPHEN S. KRAJEWSKI, M. D.**—Varied indeed have been the experiences of Stephen S. Krajewski, physician and surgeon, practicing in Nanticoke. He was born in 1880, Christmas Day, December 25, in Poland, a son of Frank and Justina Krajewski. When Stephen S. was one year old the parents

immigrated with their children to the United States, and established residence in Nanticoke. Frank Krajewski secured employment, as a laborer, with the Susquehanna Coal Company, worked as miner for several years, and finally, in association with his eldest son, John, went into the mercantile business. It was Frank Krajewski who established the family name among those most respected in the circles where known in Nanticoke; and his sons have made it known and respected in Nanticoke at large, in Luzerne County widely, and elsewhere. Frank Krajewski died at the age of eighty-seven years; his wife at eighty-four. They were the parents of six children: John, Teofila, Louis, Stephen S., Rosie and Michael.

The experiences of Stephen S. Krajewski may be said to have begun at the age of one year, with his crossing the Atlantic Ocean. In Nanticoke he entered the public schools, and at the age of eight, during summer vacation, went to work as breaker boy in the mines. This he continued for several summers, then became a newsboy, and almost at once secured work in the offices of the Nanticoke "News," when it was first established. Here he made himself useful in all capacities peculiar to newspapers; and all of this transpired before he had completed the eighth grade in public school. When he had done so, at the age of fifteen, he abandoned the newspaper offices to become a salesman for the Raphael Clothing Company. For three years he sold clothing, shoes and gents' furnishings, then matriculated in Stanislaus College, in Chicago, Illinois, where he pursued the arts courses, and graduated in 1902, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Thus fortified in the possession of the academic diploma he undertook further study of philosophy, which interested him intensely, and for a year was a student in St. Bernard Seminary. He was then, in 1905, twenty-five years of age, had already enjoyed a wealth of diversified experience such as might not accrue to a man twice his age under more prosaic circumstances, but had not yet, apparently, decided upon any certain career. So it happened that he returned to Chicago, and secured a place in a shoe store, and for two years was its manager. During that two years he had decided definitely on his career: it would be the medical profession. He entered the Medico-Chirurgical College of Philadelphia in 1907, applied himself diligently to anatomy and all other courses, and received the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1911. The year following he spent as interne in the Medico-Chirurgical Hospital, of Philadelphia, and in 1912, thirty-two years of age, returned to Nanticoke to practice his profession, with offices at No. 60 West Green Street, where he has since made his headquarters, which have been known to an ever increasing clientele. While his work is of a general range, he specializes in proctology, and for this is recognized widely in the medical fraternity as a man of skill. He is on the staff of Nanticoke State Hospital; for two years he lectured in the hospital on diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, and for two years lectured on nervous diseases. He is a member of the county, State and national medical organizations, of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Maccabees, the Polish Union, Z. M. P., and the Polish National Alliance. He is a member of the Roman Catholic Church, and since the organization of the Polish Orphanage has served continuously as its health instructor and physician. Dr. Krajewski is active in all charitable undertakings of the community.

In the World War he was unsparingly devoted to the cause of the country, and served tirelessly on boards and committees of war work, as well as to beneficial effect in the Liberty Loan campaigns. Of him it is said, that he is a patriot, proud of and loyal to his country; that he is high in his profession, and will rise still higher in it; and that he is most honorable in his practice and in his private dealings of all sorts.

On April 29, 1906, Dr. Krajewski was united in marriage with Kathrin Smith, native of Pennsylvania; and they are the parents of five children: Mary, Stephen, Jr., John, Eugene, and Henry. Mrs. Krajewski is prominently identified with various women's clubs and organizations.

#### MICHAEL LUKAC—MARTIN LUKAC—

Modern civilization daily makes greater demands for experts in the various fields of inventive progress, none of which is of more importance to humanity than electrical knowledge. This demand has been met in the district of Pennsylvania of which Freeland is the center in the instance of Michael Lukac, whose training has well fitted him for the enterprise he conducts of electrical contracting and distribution of electrical accessories. This education was acquired in private enterprises and under the efficient tutelage of instructors in the employ of the United States Army, a double assurance of the finished acquaintance he has with the intricacies of the trade of electrical expert. Nor has Mr. Lukac forgotten the other duties that a good citizen owes his fellows, for he has mingled with them in fraternal, civic and social matters and devoted himself to valuable religious work. These things make for sound citizenship, a quality which he possesses in noteworthy degree and which keeps his name high on the rolls of those who are making the important history of the Wyoming Valley.

Mr. Lukac was born in Bohemia, now a province of Czecho-Slovakia and formerly of the Austrian Empire, January 17, 1889, a son of Michael and Elizabeth (Chernak) Lukac, and was brought to the United States when he was five years of age by his mother, his father having preceded them here and located at Hazleton, where he was employed as an engineer by Cox Brothers first and the Freeland Brewing Company. His death occurred in 1925, his wife having died in 1907. They had a family of seven children, all residents of the United States: 1. Michael, of whom further. 2. John A. (see a following biography). 3. August, an electrician in Freeland. 4. Christina, a graduate nurse, now employed at the Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, District of Columbia. 5. Mary. 6. Martin associated with his brother, Michael in business. 7. Theodora, assistant in the establishment of her brothers.

Michael Lukac was educated in the local public schools and in the Mining and Mechanical Institute at Freeland, also taking courses in a correspondence school. When he was nineteen years of age he enlisted in the American Army for service in the World War and was detailed to the electric division and sent to Philadelphia for training. From there he was sent to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, where he was trained for the Signal Corps and then attached to the 5th Battalion, which was encamped at Franklin, Maryland, until the close of the war. On January 29, 1919, he was mustered out of the service with the rank of master signal electrician, having passed an examination with highest marks. Following his military service he was an instructor in his profession

until he established his business in 1919, in association with his brother, Martin. The house is located at No. 631 Center Street, Freeland, and, in addition to general electrical contracting, carries a complete line of all electric devices and accessories and claims to do the largest business in this district of the State.

Mr. Lukac is a member of the American Legion; Freeland Rotary Club; Lodge No. 1145, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Business Men's Organization and Young Men's Christian Association. He is a member of the Lutheran Church and active in its Sunday school. In 1927 he was a delegate to the convention in Paris of the American Legion.

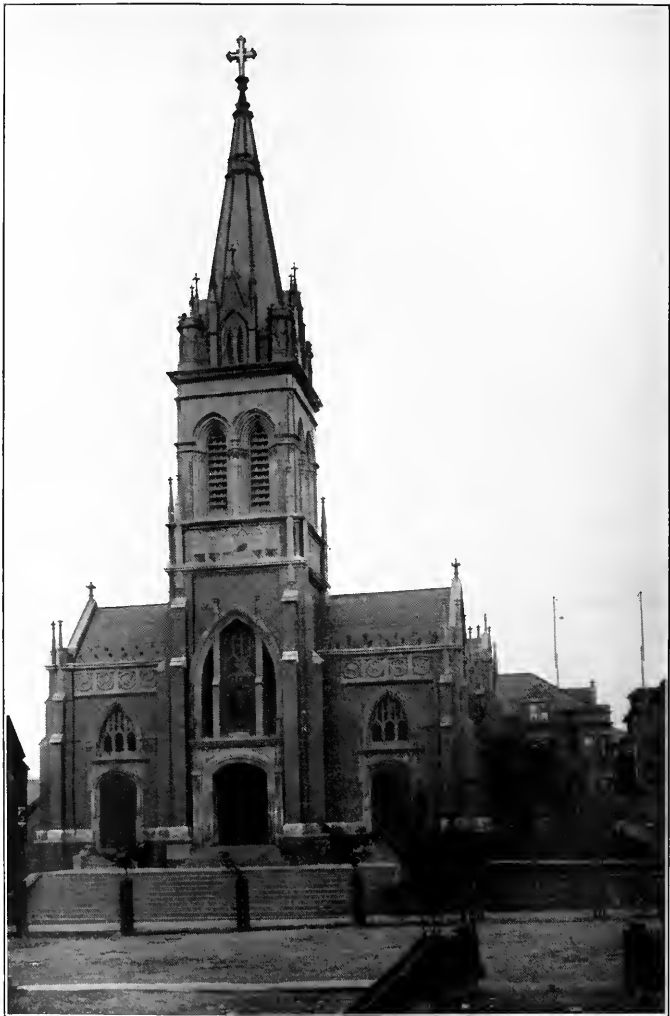
**JOHN A. LUCAS** is now assistant manager of the Memphis District Office of the United States Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce. He was born in Hazleton, Pennsylvania, May 24, 1896, the son of Michael and Elizabeth (Chernak) Lukac (notice the different spelling) and he is the brother of Michael and Martin Lukac, of Freeland, Pennsylvania, (see a preceding biography). He received his education in the local public schools, the Mining and Mechanical Institute, Freeland, Pennsylvania, and graduated from State Teachers' College, East Stroudsburg, in 1917. He then completed a two-year course in foreign trade in 1923 at Georgetown University, School of Foreign Service, and in 1924 received his Bachelor of Arts degree from George Washington University.

In 1919 Mr. Lucas became a high school teacher, and in 1920 he changed his position to that of specialty salesman. In 1921 he entered the government service as research assistant in the Bureau of Plant Industry, Department of Agriculture, Washington, District of Columbia. Subsequently he resigned this position and on April 16, 1923, he was appointed special agent in the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, Department of Commerce, and was assigned to the Textile Division. While in this division he prepared special reports for cotton exporters, manufacturers, etc., on the production, consumption and distribution of raw cotton from a world standpoint; and on July 1, 1926, he was appointed assistant manager in the new District Office of the Bureau at Memphis, Tennessee, created by Congress to assist growers, exporters, manufacturers and others to find foreign markets for their goods; also to assist in the development of domestic commerce. This position he successfully fulfills at the present time (1928).

During the World War Mr. Lucas enlisted and was a non-commissioned officer in Company D of the 145th Infantry, 37th Division, and saw active service in France and Belgium in the following battles: Baccarat Sector, St. Mihiel, Meuse-Argonne, and Ypres-Lys. He was honorably discharged at Camp Dix, New Jersey, May 28, 1919.

**STANLEY T. MONAHAN, M. D.**—Active at all times in the care of the sick and injured of the community, Dr. Stanley T. Monahan has achieved a position of genuine importance in Hudson, since he began his practice here soon after 1920. In carrying out his professional duties, Dr. Monahan's personal convenience and safety is regarded by him as unworthy of consideration, and this generous attitude together with his general activity in Hudson affairs, has won him the affection and esteem of his fellow-townsmen in an unusual degree.





SACRED HEART ROMAN CATHOLIC SLOVAK CHURCH

Background: Wireless Laboratory and Aerial Station  
WILKES-BARRE, PA.



SACRED HEART SLOVAK PAROCHIAL SCHOOL  
WILKES-BARRE, PA.







*Rev. Jos. Murgas.*



Dr. Monahan was born in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, June 17, 1896, a son of John H. Monahan, a school teacher, born in Ireland in 1843, died in 1923, and of Anne (McDonough) Monahan, who was born in White Haven, Pennsylvania, and is still living. His father was active in educational work in and about Wilkes-Barre for a period of fifty years. Stanley T. Monahan attended the public schools of Wilkes-Barre, and was graduated from the high school in 1914. For two years thereafter, he attended Fordham University, in New York City, after which he entered Jefferson Medical College, in Philadelphia, and was there graduated in 1920, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. Returning soon afterwards to Wilkes-Barre, he became an interne in the Mercy Hospital of that city, and when his period of service there was completed, he began the practice of his profession in Hudson, to which he has since devoted himself with complete success.

Dr. Monahan is a member of the Luzerne County and Pennsylvania State medical societies, and a member of the American Medical Association. Politically he supports the principles and candidates of the Republican party, and he is affiliated fraternally with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, in which organization he is a member of Lodge No. 109. He is a member and now secretary, of the board of health of Plains Township. He worships in the faith of the Roman Catholic Church, and has been for some years a member of the Church of the Sacred Heart, in Hudson. Dr. Monahan is unmarried. His residence is at No. 66 Oak Street, Hudson.

**REV. M. F. STANKIEWICZ**—As the eleventh pastor of the St. Casimir's Polish Catholic Church, of Freeland, Pennsylvania, Rev. M. F. Stankiewicz has for the past four years been steadily advancing the interests of the parish. He has greatly built up the spiritual life of the church, has re-modelled the rectory, and has given careful attention to the various societies of the parish. Father Stankiewicz is a graduate of St. Stanislaus College, Chicago; and of St. Joseph's Seminary, in Dunwoodie, New York, and had been in active ministry for a period of four years before coming to Freeland. He is deeply revered by his parishioners and is performing a worthy service here.

Rev. M. F. Stankiewicz was born in Forest City, Pennsylvania, November 11, 1892, son of Cajetan and Margaret Stankiewicz, both natives of Poland, the father now deceased (1928). After completing the courses of the public schools of Forest City, including the high school, he entered St. Stanislaus College, in Chicago, Illinois, from which he was graduated with the class of 1915. Before this time he had chosen the service of the church as his life work, and in order to prepare for Holy Orders he entered St. Joseph's Seminary, at Dunwoodie, New York, where he completed his preparation and took orders. He was ordained July 18, 1920 by the late Bishop M. J. Hoban, and received his first appointment as assistant at St. Hedwig's Church, at Kingston, Pennsylvania. From there he was assigned to St. Mary's Church, at Dickson City, still serving as assistant. He then was transferred to St. Mary's Church, at Blossburg as pastor, and after rendering able service there he came to Freeland, taking charge of St. Casimir's Polish Catholic Church here November 11, 1924.

St. Casimir's Parish was organized early in 1886 and the present church building was erected that same year, with a seating capacity of four hundred and fifty. At the time

of the founding of the parish there were only about fifty Polish Catholic families in Freeland and vicinity, but since that time the number of families included in this parish has increased to three hundred, and the activities and the general prosperity of the church have increased accordingly. The first pastor, Rev. A. Warnagiris, spared no effort in the task of laying firm foundations for future growth, and when he was transferred to another field he was succeeded by Rev. M. Yodyshop. Since the close of the term of service of the last-mentioned pastor the following men have aided in the work of bringing St. Casimir's Parish to its present flourishing condition: Rev. P. Abromaitys, Rev. J. Morosotis, Rev. J. Delinikajtys, Rev. L. Suckowski, Rev. E. Walter, Rev. J. Karsakaitis, Rev. George Inczura, and Rev. C. Strimaitis. The last-named was followed by the present pastor, Rev. M. F. Stankiewicz, who has now been in charge here for nearly four years. Since taking charge he has devoted himself to the advancement of the spiritual and material interests of the Parish, has remodelled the rectory, and has greatly stimulated the activities of the various organizations and societies of the parish. He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of Elmira, New York, also of the Polish Union, and of numerous other organizations, and takes a very active interest in civic affairs here in Freeland. He is a member of the A. A. A., and his many points of contact with the various organizations with which he is identified are helpful to him in his ministry as a pastor, bringing him better understanding of the general problems of his parishioners, and giving him viewpoints which are valuable in helping and advising his parishioners.

Father Stankiewicz has the respect of the community in general, as well as of the members of his parish, and is doing a valuable work here in Freeland.

**REV. JOSEPH MURGAS**—A leader in the religious life of Northeastern Pennsylvania, an artist and scientist of distinguished attainments, the Rev. Joseph Murgas is one of Wilkes-Barre's outstanding citizens and beloved and esteemed as pastor of Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Slovak Church.

Father Murgas came to Wilkes-Barre in 1896 and since that time has labored without ceasing in the interests of his fellow-countrymen who have sought their fortunes in this land of opportunity, bringing with them the contribution of their art, culture, love of industry and substantial citizenship, all of which are splendid assets to American civilization. Father Murgas' entire career has been a visible proof that science can advance hand in hand with religion; many years ago he was one of the pioneers in wireless telegraphy and won the acclamation of the scientific world through his invention of a system of musical tone signal transmission in spark telegraphy that proved a revolutionizing influence in the field of wireless. In his artistic work he is an accomplished painter of sacred subjects and landscapes, and the products of his brush have received the praise of foremost critics, examples of his work being found in his church where practically all the pictures have been done by him.

Father Murgas was born in Tajov, Czechoslovakia (formerly Austria-Hungary), February 17, 1864, son of John and Susan Murgas. He received his elementary education in the schools of Tajov and studied at institutions of higher learning in Banska-Bystrica, Bratislava, Ostrihom, and Eudapest, in Austria-

Hungary, attending the Academy of Art in Munich, Germany. On November 10, 1888, he was ordained to the priesthood in Banska-Bystrica, and for some time thereafter served as assistant pastor in various churches, devoting his spare time to painting. He presented to his Bishop in ordinary a picture "Christ before Pilate" which so impressed His Grace that he wished to develop the young priest's artistic talents and, accordingly, in 1889, sent him to the school of art in Budapest, and in the following year to the Academy of Art at Munich, where he was the first scholar to acquire the distinction of receiving in his first year two certificates, one in drawing and one in painting. Shortly after this he painted for his benefactor, the Bishop, a beautiful original composition of St. Elizabeth of Hungary. His coming to the United States came about as the result of his artistic ability, for he was sought by powerful political factors of Hungary to give his opinion on their national canvas, "Honfoglalás," which translated means "Occupation of Country," and exhibited in the Parliament in Budapest, the work of the famous painter, Munkacsí, depicting the historic occupancy of Slovakia in the tenth century. An ardent patriot at all times, Father Murgas was loyal to the cause of his people's freedom and independence and fearlessly criticized the picture as untrue to history and art, for which statement he was persecuted so that in 1896 he emigrated from his native land to the more friendly shores of the United States.

Locating in Wilkes-Barre, he first built a frame church for the Catholic Slovaks of this vicinity, and there started the nucleus of the parish which has expanded into such a large, progressive organization, erecting the beautiful church edifice in 1906-08, and a modern school building which was completed in 1925, under the care of the teaching nuns. He is a member of the first Catholic Slovak Union of America, the Pennsylvania Roman and Greek Catholic Union of the United States, the Slovak League of America, and the Czecho-Slovak National Council. His activities in art and science have earned for him membership in the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, the Wyoming Historical and Geological Society, the American Society for Psychical Research, Incorporated, and the National Geographic Society, and the United States Sportsmen of Pennsylvania, while he is also active in all leading civic organizations and is connected with different sportsmen clubs.

While Father Murgas has kept up with his artistic talents, customs and conditions in the United States did not permit or warrant his devoting as much of his time to his art as he would have preferred, so he therefore turned his attention to science. When he was a student at Ostrihom, he was an ardent experimenter in electricity and was allowed to spend his free time in experimentation in the Seminary Laboratory, in addition to which he studied every treatise or publication concerning this mystifying science. Here in Wilkes-Barre he arranged a small laboratory in his parish house where he discovered an essential improvement applicable to wireless telegraphy and on October 2, 1903, applied to the United States Patent Office for a patent for his first invention, which was granted under date of May 10, 1904. He devised a system of sound transmission by means of two musical tones differing in pitch, one tone forming the dot, the other the dash, in common to the Morse Code. The Universal Aether Company of Philadelphia at first supported

Father Murgas after witnessing a successful

test, but on becoming the sole owners of his patent letters, neglected to promote the system for public use, so that in the meantime, the Marconi and Fessenden organizations developed more elaborate machinery, but limited to only one tone for signaling. During the recent World War, he greatly aided the cause of the United States and the Allies by his deep influence and enthusiastic efforts among the people under his care, and afterwards, in aiding the cause for the independence of Czecho-Slovakia, he personally headed the campaign which brought in more than half a million dollars.

The Czecho-Slovak Republic in commemorating its tenth anniversary in 1923, found it fit according to the decree of the National Assembly to honor the founders who had been instrumental in laying the foundation of that Republic. Father Murgas, in recognition of services rendered the Czech and Slovak people during the World War in their struggle for independence, was awarded a Revolutionary Medal of Honor, which was issued by the Assembly at Prague. The presentation was made by Dr. Jan Papanek, of the Czecho-Slovak Legation at Washington, District of Columbia, on the occasion of a testimonial dinner tendered Rev. Murgas, February 13, 1928, in the school auditorium in Wilkes-Barre, celebrating his fortieth year in the priesthood, and thirty-third year as pastor of the Sacred Heart Slovak Church.

Rev. Murgas is not only a leader of the Slovak peoples, but also a tried and true adopted son of the United States, for whose development and prosperity he is a valuable worker, with his splendid foresight and great ability as an adviser and leader in the solution of construction problems.

**ALOIS KNOLL, D. D. S.**—During less than four years in active practice in Nanticoke, Dr. Alois Knoll, among the younger practitioners of dental surgery in this district, is rising rapidly in his profession and gives ample promise of reaching a position of fame.

He was born in Nanticoke, Pennsylvania, November 15, 1900, a son of C. J. and Appolonia (Kitlowski) Knoll, both living at No. 653 East Main Street, Nanticoke, where the son also resides. C. J. Knoll is engaged in the coal industry.

Alois Knoll acquired his early education in the public elementary and high schools of Nanticoke, graduating from the last-named in 1919. He then entered the University of Pittsburgh, at Pittsburgh, taking the dental course, from which he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery in the class of 1924. He then established himself in general practice in Nanticoke, where he has since remained. He attends the Roman Catholic Church of St. Stanislaus and holds membership in the County, State and National Dental associations.

**ALFRED M. FRIEDMAN**—A very large number of people in Nanticoke have learned through experience that they can always find a full stock, quality goods, and superior service at Al's Square Deal Clothes Shop, located at No. 48 East Main Street. The square deal is always in evidence, and no merchant knows better than Alfred M. Friedman that honest service is a paying proposition. Long association with his father, who is engaged in the same business in Taylor, Pennsylvania, as well as his own experience gained through several years spent as manager of his father's store, have taught him that lesson most thoroughly, and though





ST. NICHOLAS ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH  
WILKES-BARRE, PA.

Al's Square Deal Clothes Shop has been in operation only since August 1925, it is supplying the needs of a very large group of customers. While specializing in men's clothing, Mr. Friedman carries a full line of boys' clothing, and the accessories of male attire.

Born in Taylor, Alleghany County, Pennsylvania, August 21, 1901, Alfred M. Friedman is a son of S. M. and Ethel Friedman, resident of Taylor, where the father has been successfully engaged in mercantile business for the past thirty years. Mr. Friedman attended the public schools of Taylor, and early became associated with his father in the conduct of the latter's prosperous business in Taylor. Under his father's able tutelage he learned the clothing business, as well as the principles of successful mercantile practice, and for several years he served as manager of his father's store. In August, 1925, he opened his own establishment in Nanticoke, under the name of Al's Square Deal Clothing Shop, specializing in men's clothing. He carries a full line of men's and boys' clothing, and of all the various accessories of the wardrobe of the well-dressed man, and has built up, during the few years which have passed since the establishment of his business, a most satisfactory patronage. His store, twenty by one hundred feet, gives him a floor space of two thousand square feet, and his location is a good one. His long association with and his thorough training in this particular line of business, as well as his natural ability, have enabled him to attain financial success at an early age, and though he is one of the younger merchants of the place, he is numbered among the thoroughly well established business men of Nanticoke. In fraternal affairs, as in his business, Mr. Friedman is one who is constructive and faithful. He is a member of Acacia Lodge, No. 579, Free and Accepted Masons; of Scranton Forest, Tall Cedars of Lebanon; Knights of Pythias; and of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics. His religious membership is with the Jewish Temple of Wilkes-Barre.

Alfred M. Friedman was married, January 19, 1926, to Jean Cross, of Glenlyon, Pennsylvania, and they are the parents of one daughter, Shirley. The family home is located at No. 129 East Broad Street, in Nanticoke.

**CHARLES M. EPSTEIN** — The Liberty Throwing Company, Inc., of Nanticoke, filed articles of incorporation in the capitol of Pennsylvania in 1918, with a charter entitling it to spin silks on commission. Initial capitalization was for \$150,000, but since 1918 this has been increased to \$375,000. On an average, the year through, one year after another, the company gives employment to some two hundred and fifty workers, and represents one of the important industrial institutions of Nanticoke and the Wyoming Valley. He who is at the head of this powerful organization is Charles M. Epstein, its founder. Under him is the co-founder, Malcolm E. Levi, who holds office as vice-president. In addition to his duties as president of the Liberty Throwing Company, Mr. Epstein is its general manager, and is assisted by Mr. Levi, as assistant manager. Conduct of all operations, however, is under the direct control of the former. As a dominant industrialist and man of finance, Mr. Epstein fills an important rôle in the commercial spheres not only in Nanticoke but in this part of Pennsylvania; and in Nanticoke is outstanding also as a citizen, of good and loyal public spirit, constantly identified

in name and effort with worthy enterprises directed toward the general welfare.

Mr. Epstein was born in Paducah, Kentucky, May 20, 1882, son of Morris and Bertha (Levy) Epstein. He received his school training in Louisville, Kentucky, there graduated from high school with advanced distinction in studies, and afterward matriculated in Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut, from which he was graduated in 1905, at the age of twenty-three years, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Soon thereafter he became interested in distilling, in which his family had for many years been prominently identified; but in 1916 he began to cast about him for another connection. It followed that in 1917 Mr. Epstein decided after careful deliberation to enter the silk industry; and always a man of method and plan, first took a training course in textiles, better to understand them in theory and in practical making, and supplemented this with experience in the mills. In the fall of 1918 he joined in association with Mr. Levi, as recounted. They caused to be built a capacious plant in Nanticoke, with a floor space totaling 30,000 square feet. The Liberty Throwing Company now bears an enviable reputation and credit unimpaired; it is important to the silk trade of the United States, and as its head Mr. Epstein is a figure of importance and dignity. He is chairman of the executive committee of the Eastern District of the Silk Association of America, and elsewhere in the industry has been accorded distinction. He is active in all civic affairs of Nanticoke, as well as in philanthropic endeavor, giving liberally to all appeals of merit, without thought of race or creed benefiting. Fraternally Mr. Epstein is affiliated with St. George Lodge, No. 14, Free and Accepted Masons, of Louisville; Keystone Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; and Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a member of the Fox Hill and Irem Country clubs, and active in both.

On December 15, 1913, Mr. Epstein was united in marriage with Helen Levi, of Wilkes-Barre, daughter of Benjamin and Dora Levi; and they are the parents of two children: Charles M. Jr., and Dorothy Betty. The family residence is at No. 327 South River Street, Wilkes-Barre.

**ST. NICHOLAS ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH** — St. Nicholas Roman Catholic Parish of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, was organized about 1856, the congregation consisting at that time of only a few German families, being cared for by priests from Honesdale. Two years later, in November, 1858, Peter Conrad Nagel who had come from Germany a year before, was ordained in Philadelphia by the Rt. Rev. John Nepomucene Neumann, Bishop of that diocese. At that time the Philadelphia Diocese comprised the whole State of Pennsylvania. Father Nagel was given charge of all the German Catholic congregations in Northeastern Pennsylvania, with the privilege of locating where he pleased. He chose Wilkes-Barre, at that time a town with a population of only four thousand. He was the first resident pastor of the St. Nicholas Church, and from here attended also, churches at Pittston, Scranton, Honesdale, and Hazleton, for a number of years.

The first church of St. Nicholas was built at the northeast corner of Washington and South streets, the parochial school being conducted for some years in the basement of the church. The school soon outgrew its small

quarters and a frame schoolhouse was erected on South Street near Pennsylvania Avenue. Later, in 1868, the old building was moved to the rear and a three-story brick building erected in its place. In 1881, the frame building was removed entirely and a three-story brick addition built, which more than doubled the capacity of the school. From 1858 to 1873, the school was in charge of lay teachers. In the latter year the Sisters of Christian Charity took charge and up to present time (1929) have conducted the school, which has an enrollment of about six hundred and forty pupils.

The present St. Nicholas Roman Catholic Church, having a seating capacity of twelve hundred people, had its corner stone laid in the fall of 1883, and was dedicated January 16, 1887, by the Rt. Rev. William O'Hara, D. D., the first Bishop of the Diocese of Scranton. It is built of hard red stone, is of Gothic type of architecture and designed by a Mr. Schickel, of New York. The church is sixty-seven feet wide and one hundred and sixty-five feet long, with a tower one hundred and eighty-six feet high, the tallest tower in the Wyoming Valley. It is considered one of the most beautiful and artistic churches in Northeastern Pennsylvania, the tower being considered by the architect himself, to be his masterpiece. On October 15, 1905, the church was solemnly consecrated by the Rt. Rev. M. J. Hoban, D. D., the second Bishop of Scranton. The Papal Delegate, Archbishop Falconio, was present for the auspicious occasion. Father Nagel had been raised during his pastorate of St. Nicholas Church to the dignity of a Papal Prelate with the title of Monsignor, and he served this church until his death on March 12, 1911. He was succeeded in his charge by Rev. Charles J. Goeckel (q. v.), a son of the parish, whom he had baptized in 1866. On the 30th of December, 1928, Father Goeckel was invested as a Papal Chamberlain, with the title of Very Rev. Monsignor, by the Rt. Rev. Thomas Charles O'Reilly, D. D., the present Bishop of Scranton. The congregation now numbers thirty-five hundred people, and Monsignor Goeckel is being assisted in his parish work by Rev. T. Otto Borr and Rev. John Neuenhaus. In 1912, under Father Goeckel's pastorate, ground was broken for the present beautiful high school building of St. Nicholas Parish, it being dedicated January 2, 1916.

**THE VERY REVEREND MONSIGNOR CHARLES JOSEPH GOECKEL**, pastor in charge of the St. Nicholas Roman Catholic Church in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, and one of the most highly esteemed men in his calling, was born July 13, 1866, at No. 403 South Main Street, Wilkes-Barre. Monsignor Goeckel is a son of John and Rosina (Roth) Goeckel, both of whom are now deceased. They came to this country from Germany, settling in Wilkes-Barre during the year 1853, and married here the following year. John Goeckel, the father, was an iron worker by trade, and followed this type of endeavor for twelve years the major portion of which work was performed at the foundry of Lanning & Marshall, of Wilkes-Barre. He later conducted a hotel at No. 403 South Main Street in Wilkes-Barre, and it was here that most of his family was born and reared. He died June 22, 1880, at the age of fifty-two years. He was the father of eight children: 1. Mary Elizabeth, who was born February 14, 1855, and who died January 4, 1921. 2. Sabina, who was born August 20, 1856, and

who married Charles Blaum of Wilkes-Barre. 3. Emma, who was born January 21, 1859, and who died April 28, 1897. She was a member of the Sisters of Christian Charity, and was known as Sister Feliciana, of the Wilkes-Barre Convent. 4. Rose, who was born August 11, 1861, and who died December 3, 1920. She was also a member of the Sisters of Christian Charity, and was known as Sister Alexis. 5. John, born October 13, 1863; died in childhood, during the month of August, 1865. 6. The Very Reverend Monsignor Charles Joseph, of whom more follows. 7. Mary Louise, who was born November 18, 1868, and who died March 30, 1914. She was also a member of the Sisters of Christian Charity, and was known as Sister Frances De Chantal. 8. William J., who was born September 3, 1871, and who died November 1, 1922. He was a member of the Luzerne County Bar, and was spoken of as a most brilliant lawyer.

The Very Reverend Monsignor Charles Joseph Goeckel received his early education in the St. Nicholas Parochial School in Wilkes-Barre. In the year 1880 he went to work in the insurance office of Orr & Kunkle, of Wilkes-Barre. In the year 1881 he entered the St. Lawrence College at Mount Calvary, Wisconsin, from which, in the year 1882, he entered Canisius College at Buffalo, New York. He graduated from this latter institution with the class of 1887, when he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts. In the fall of that same year, 1887, he journeyed to Baltimore, Maryland, and there entered St. Mary's Seminary, where he studied theology over a period of three years, completing this work in the spring of 1890. On October 17, 1890, he was ordained as a priest at Scranton, Pennsylvania, by the Right Reverend William O'Hara. He then was made assistant to the Reverend John Koepfer, then pastor of the St. Boniface Church at Williamsport, Pennsylvania, and served thus until the month of June, of the year 1897, when he was appointed pastor of the newly created Parish of St. Boniface, on Blackman Street, Wilkes-Barre. After some fourteen years' service at the above church he was appointed pastor of the St. Nicholas Church at No. 226 South Washington Street, April 1, 1911. This church is one of the largest and most beautiful edifices of its kind in the Scranton Diocese. The congregation has a membership of more than thirty-five hundred souls, and under the competent and loving care of Monsignor Goeckel, is steadily growing. Indeed, Monsignor Goeckel is spoken of as one of the most able men in his cloth, beloved by those who know him well and respected by all with whom he comes in contact.

His brother, William John Goeckel, was reared in Wilkes-Barre, and he spent some eight years as a student in the St. Nicholas Parochial School. He then attended the Canisius College at Buffalo (1885-92), graduating from there with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He then enrolled as a student in the Law College of the University of Pennsylvania, and graduated with the class of 1896, when he received his degree, Bachelor of Laws. He was also a talented musician and studied harmony for one year under Professor Clark of the University of Pennsylvania. He was a member of the Glee Club of that university, and it was he who composed the official song of the university, "The Red and the Blue." He was director of the St. Nicholas choir from 1911 until his death in 1922. This Mr. Goeckel was also an athlete of no mean ability, making an especial mark



*Charles J. Gorkel*





for himself in the sport of baseball, both in college and afterwards. He was a member of the Wilkes-Barre Baseball Club, and for one year he was its manager. He finished his baseball career as a member of the Philadelphia National League team, in the year 1899, after which he returned to Wilkes-Barre and there took up the practice of his profession as a lawyer, a type of endeavor in which he continued until the time of his death. Mr. Goeckel was a member of the Knights of Columbus, of Wilkes-Barre, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, No. 109, and the St. Conrad's Society of St. Nicholas Parish.

William John Goeckel had married, October 30, 1901, at Wilkes-Barre, Louise M. Schappert, a daughter of Peter and Sophia (Schmitt) Schappert, of that city. Mr. and Mrs. Goeckel became the parents of four children: 1. Marion Louise, who was born December 24, 1902, and who married Eugene Naith Mulligan, of Wilkes-Barre. 2. William Louis, who was born February 16, 1905, and who is now a graduate of the Wharton School of Finance at the University of Pennsylvania. 3. Catherine, who was born June 19, 1910. 4. Louise, who was born September 20, 1914. As has been stated, William John Goeckel, the father of the foregoing children, and the brother of the Very Reverend Monsignor Charles Joseph Goeckel, died November 1, 1922.

**ISAAC HUMPHREY, M. D.**—Medical circles of Nanticoke have welcomed to their ranks another brilliant practitioner in the person of Isaac Humphrey, who although one of the youngest of the profession in active practice in the town, has already shown a rare ability and gives promise of unusual achievement in the science which he ornaments.

He was born in Nanticoke, Pennsylvania, January 25, 1898, a son of Isaac and Mary A. (Davies) Humphrey. His father is a mechanic and a native of Luzerne County; his mother was born in Wales.

Issac Humphrey, the son, was educated in the public schools of Nanticoke, graduating from high school in the class of 1916. For a time he continued his studies at Bucknell College, but the World War interrupted this and he enlisted in the army, being assigned to the Medical Corps. He served at Fort Slocum, Fort Hamilton and at Carlisle, Pennsylvania, and was discharged from service on November 4, 1919. He returned to Bucknell, from which he was graduated in the class of 1922 with the degree of Bachelor of Science. In the fall of that year he matriculated at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, and was graduated therefrom in the class of 1926 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He then served as an interne in the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital and in 1927 established himself in general practice in Nanticoke. He is a member of the American Legion, the Kappa Sigma Fraternity, and of the State, County and American Medical societies.

**JOHN A. GRONTKOWSKI**—Born in Plymouth, Pennsylvania, June 10, 1897, son of Michael and Anna Grontkowski, both of whom are deceased, John A. Grontkowski has, in the comparatively few years of his active career, advanced to a position of prominence in the community matters of Nanticoke, as funeral director and tombstone manufacturer, with mortuary parlors and stone cutting establishment located at No. 57 West Green Street. Mr. Grontkowski's enterprises are equipped for all sorts of work

in monuments; he maintains in them a completely appointed morgue, arrangements for embalming, and high powered ambulance cars for services. Both in his profession and as a citizen he is accorded the sincere esteem of associates.

Michael and Anna Grontkowski were born in Poland, and soon after their marriage came to the United States, locating in Luzerne County. For many years, in Plymouth, until the time of his death, Michael Grontkowski was engaged in the livery business. He was a member of the Roman Catholic Church, a man exemplary in his private conduct, kindly, devoted to his wife and family. Michael and Anna Grontkowski were the parents of thirteen children, of whom eight are now (1928) living: Michael J., Catharine, Stanley J., Francis C., John A. (of whom further), Anna, Margie, and Frank A.

John A. Grontkowski received his academic training in the public schools of his native city, Plymouth, and studied embalming in the Eckels School. In 1921 he passed the examinations of the State Board of Embalmers, and opened in business in Nanticoke. In 1926 he added the monument works and has since continued the profession and the stone manufactory jointly. He is a member of the Luzerne County Funeral Directors' Association, and also of Ksiaska Kwitowa Lodge, and the Stanislaus Roman Catholic Church. While the greater part of his time is of necessity devoted to the direction of funerals and to management of his business in monuments, Mr. Grontkowski does not neglect the matters of general significance to Nanticoke, and is known as one of the community's most public-spirited citizens. He is possessed of a considerable political influence in the organizations of which he is a member, or with which he has contact through acquaintances, and employs it quietly, always to the welfare of the people at large, and especially to the interests of those of Polish extraction, among whom he has numbers of friends, and is a leader. Toward charity his heart is large. He gives liberally to all worthy causes, both in money and in personal effort.

On June 10, 1923, Mr. Grontkowski was united in marriage with Josephine Shipowski; and they are the parents of two children: John A., Jr., and Dorothy. The family residence is on West Green Street, Nanticoke.

**ORION LEVI VAN AKEN**, assistant postmaster of Freeland, answered the insistent call to civic service, a response which has proved of benefit to the community. Business men concede that no department of public service is of greater importance to trade and general commercial progress than the post office, while those enterprises of this district that have had the cooperation of the local office gratefully acknowledge the beneficial part in the system played by the assistant postmaster. For more than twenty years he has been associated with the office in Freeland, filling the offices of clerk and carrier and eventually rising, by virtue of his qualifications, to the position as right hand man to the postmaster. He is a citizen whose interests always have been directed toward the administration of sound government, the maintenance of law and the general progress of the body politic, attributes that have drawn to him the wholesome regard of his fellows in governmental association and the high esteem of the community. Also, he has found time and taken pleasure to affiliate himself with religious and recreational work, thus enlarging his

circle of admirers and friends, which embraces a heavy majority of the citizenry of this district.

Mr. Van Aken was born in Mongaup, New York, August 15, 1884, a son of Albert C. and Netta J. (Stroh) Van Aken, both deceased. His father was a quarryman in New York State, and in 1899 removed with his family to Pennsylvania, settling in Freeland, where he became engaged in the insurance business, following this for the balance of his life. He took an active interest in civic affairs here, served as health officer and was a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. His death occurred in Freeland in 1908 in his fifty-sixth year, his widow following him May 27, 1912, at the age of fifty-three years. They were the parents of two children, the daughter, Mabel, who was born in 1886, dying at the age of fourteen years. The only son was educated in the public schools, graduating with the first class to be graduated from Freeland High School in 1902 and then attended the Mining and Mechanical Institute, followed by a two-year course in the law school of the University of Pennsylvania. In the summer of 1905 he entered the service of the Federal Government as a clerk in the Freeland post office, where he worked in various capacities until 1916, when he was appointed assistant to the postmaster and so continues. He is president of Boys' Welfare Council of Freeland, Pennsylvania; a director of the Freeland Building and Loan Association; vice-president of the board of directors of the Young Men's Christian Association; secretary-treasurer of James G. Brookmire Camp, No. 188, Sons of Veterans of the Civil War; secretary of the official board of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and superintendent of its Sunday school, as well as teacher of its young ladies' class.

Orion L. Van Aken married, September 23, 1913, Ethel Phillips, of Freeland, daughter of David Phillips. Their children are: Muriel and Charles Orion. Mrs. Van Aken is treasurer of the Ladies Aid Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church and a member of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Young Men's Christian Association and of the Civic Club. Their residence is at No. 609 Main Street, Freeland.

**MARIO PERUZZI**—Success in the development of a big business enterprise presupposes ability and more than average energy, but to establish a concern which manufactures for a world-wide market also requires vision and foresight as well as executive and administrative ability. As secretary and treasurer of the Planters Nut and Chocolate Company Mario Peruzzi is officially connected with a concern which, though its market is world-wide, was established only twenty-two years ago, a concern which was founded by Mr. Peruzzi and A. Obici, as partners, and which now has large factories in various parts of the United States, and in Canada; and has branch plants and offices in the four largest cities in this country and in England. The Planters Nut and Chocolate Company manufacturers peanut specialties, such as peanut candy, salted peanuts, and the various chocolate and peanut combinations. Mr. Peruzzi is also a director of the Wyoming Valley Trust Company at Wilkes-Barre.

Mario Peruzzi was born in Italy in 1875. He received his education in his native land, and then, in 1894, when he was nineteen years of age, left his native land and came to this country, locating in Hazleton, Pennsylvania. For a few years he was variously employed, but he steadily looked forward to

the establishment of a business of his own. Opportunity for the realization of his dream came in 1906 with the formation of a partnership with A. Obici for the purpose of manufacturing peanut specialties. The business was begun in a small way, manufacturing small quantities of peanut candy, salted peanuts, chocolate coated peanuts, and various peanut and chocolate combinations. The company now operates large plants and factories, in addition to the parent plant at Wilkes-Barre, in Suffolk, Virginia; San Francisco, California, and in Toronto, Canada, and also has branch offices and plants in New York City, Chicago, Illinois; Boston, Massachusetts; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and in Manchester, England. The concern employs two thousand people and sends its products to all parts of the civilized world, doing an annual business in \$12,000,000. The present personnel is as follows: President, A. Obici, who conducts the large plant at Suffolk, Virginia; vice-president, D. A. Driscoll, who is in charge of the San Francisco plant; secretary and treasurer, M. Peruzzi, who is manager of the Wilkes-Barre plant. The members of the board of directors, in addition to the officials named above, are W. B. Shaffer, who is president of the Wyoming Valley Trust Company, of Wilkes-Barre; and Edward B. Morgan, city solicitor of Wilkes-Barre. Mr. Peruzzi is well known as one of the most able business men of this city and he has long been one of the public-spirited citizens of the community, giving his support to all progressive movements for municipal welfare. Politically, he gives his support to the principles and candidates of the Republican party and his fraternal affiliation is with Wilkes-Barre Lodge, No. 109, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. His club is the Rotary Club. In addition to his responsibilities as secretary and treasurer of the Planters Nut and Chocolate Company, of Wilkes-Barre, Mr. Peruzzi is also a member of the board of directors of the Wyoming Valley Trust Company, of Wilkes-Barre.

Mario Peruzzi is married to Elizabeth C. Obici, and has two children: 1. Mario Peruzzi, Jr., who is a salesman in the employ of the Planters Nut and Chocolate Company. 2. Rita, who married Dr. Earl Ridgeway, a physician of Trenton, New Jersey. They have one son, Mario.

**MORRIS MARTIN REAGAN**—Few men take a more lively interest in the development of their community and its institutions than does Morris Martin Reagan, who for years has been a blacksmith in the shops of the Temple Coal Company, of Swoyersville, Pennsylvania. In the many years in which he has lived and worked in this region, he has acquired a wide circle of friends and acquaintances, who hold him in the highest esteem and consider him a valuable member of the community, both for his services performed in the course of his daily work and for the public offices which he fills in Swoyersville.

He was born in Pittston, Pennsylvania, May 29, 1873, a son of Martin and Bridgett (Hughes) Reagan, both of whom were natives of Ireland. The father came to the United States, and spent his life as a farmer. He died in 1890. The mother, Bridgett (Hughes) Reagan, died September 21, 1926. Morris M. Reagan received very little education, and at an early age learned the blacksmith's trade. In 1889 he went with the Temple Coal Company, which at that time was known as the Swoyer Coal Company, working for this organization in the capac-



*M. Peruzzi*



ity of blacksmith. For the last eighteen years, he has been foreman in the shops of this company, and has at all times performed his duties in a way that has won the praises and admiration of his fellowmen.

Busy as Mr. Reagan has been with his own work, however, he has never failed to take an active part in the life of Swoyersville. In fact, he has shown himself ready ever to aid in any movements which he has believed designed to improve conditions here and to increase the prosperity of the community. His political affiliation is with the Democratic party, whose policies and candidates he regularly supports. He has been a school director here since 1900, and always has been keenly interested in the development of educational facilities in the local public schools. He also is active in the business life of Swoyersville, being a director of the Merchants' and Miners' Bank, in Luzerne, Pennsylvania. His religious affiliation is with the Holy Name Church, his faith being that of the Roman Catholic.

In 1907, Morris M. Reagan married Katherine Moran, of Parsons, Pennsylvania, daughter of John and Margaret Moran. By this marriage there were three children, two of whom are living: 1. Maurice, born June 22, 1909. 2. Mary, born December 8, 1913.

**DELBERT BARNEY, M. D.**—For more than forty-two years Dr. Delbert Barney, descendant of one of the oldest families in the United States, has practiced medicine in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, devoting the greater part of his life to the advancement of his profession and the leadership of medical affairs in his part of the State.

The Barney and Carey families, from which Dr. Barney's father was descended, go back to the days of the "Mayflower" and the early Puritan settlements of Massachusetts. Wilkes-Barre today bears an indelible print of the early lives and influence of these families. Dr. Barney's great-great-grandfather, John Carey, lived at Careytown, now a part of Wilkes-Barre; and Carey Avenue, in Wilkes-Barre, was named after him. Nathan Barney, Dr. Barney's paternal great-grandfather, came from New England and settled in Plymouth, but after his marriage with Hannah Carey, daughter of John Carey, he remained in Wilkes-Barre for the rest of his life. Milan Barney, oldest son of Nathan Barney, was a blacksmith and the father of a large family. From him Barney Street, Wilkes-Barre, received its name. His oldest son, John Carey Barney, father of Dr. Delbert Barney, also was a blacksmith, who married Sarah Van Dermark, of Newport, Hanover Township, Pennsylvania. They had four children: 1. Elberta, later the wife of Harrison Garinger, of Wilkes-Barre. 2. Oren Wade, now a machinist employed by the Hazard Manufacturing Company of Wilkes-Barre. 3. Mary E., who married Niles Rozelle. 4. Dr. Delbert Barney, of whom further.

In a house on the Public Square of Wilkes-Barre, Dr. Barney was born, November 29, 1859, next to the old building of the Wilkes-Barre Deposit & Savings Bank. He went to the public schools and grew to manhood in his native city. He was graduated from the high school in 1878 and taught two years after leaving high school. He then entered Lafayette College, graduating with the class of 1884 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and three years later received the degree of Masters of Arts from his alma mater. He then matriculated in the University of Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated

with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in the class of 1887. He returned to Wilkes-Barre, and served as interne for a year in the Wilkes-Barre City Hospital. In the spring of 1888 he began a general practice of his profession, which he has continued ever since, with unusual success. He is regarded today as one of the city's most learned physicians and has served on the medical staff of the City Hospital, later called the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital, for many years, and is still a member of the staff.

He has always taken an active part in the development of his profession and is a former president, and previous to being president, was secretary for twelve years, of the Luzerne County Medical Society; he is a member of the Pennsylvania Medical Society and a Fellow of the American Medical Association. He has always been deeply interested in civic affairs.

On November 3, 1909, Dr. Barney married Mrs. Margaret (Moore) Enterline, daughter of Henry L. and Lavinia (Dickover) Moore, members of two of the oldest and most highly respected families in Wilkes-Barre. Dr. and Mrs. Barney have a son, Delbert Barney, Jr., now a student in Lafayette College. Mrs. Barney, by her former marriage, has a son, Henry Moore Enterline, chemical engineer, with the City Service Corporation, living at Elizabeth, New Jersey. The family home is at No. 55 North Washington Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

**HALE SEWARD COUGHLIN**—As a junior member of the insurance firm of Shaw and Coughlin, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, Hale Seward Coughlin is one of the most capable and active life insurance men in this community. He is the fourth son of James Martin Coughlin, whose record as superintendent of schools in both Luzerne County and the city of Wilkes-Barre and whose further fame as an educator is identified with the history of Wyoming Valley.

The ancestors of Hale Seward Coughlin occupied places of usefulness and influence in their respective communities. His paternal grandfather, John Coughlin, son of Dennis and Mary (O'Brien) Coughlin, of Irish lineage, was born in Kilrich, County of Clare, Ireland, in 1810. He was reared and educated in his native land. At the age of nineteen years John Coughlin came to the United States and located in the State of Pennsylvania. For some time he was in the employ of Titus Seward, a contractor for the Lehigh Valley Railroad, and later married Diana Seward, daughter of Titus Seward and Clarissa (Forbes) Seward, and granddaughter of Caroline (Hale) Forbes. He also dealt in real estate, buying and selling farm lands. John and Diana (Seward) Coughlin moved to Huntington Township where he engaged in agricultural pursuits and worked as fireman and engineer of the various sawmills in that part of the State. They had eight children: 1. Mary Anne. 2. Caroline. 3. Titus, died in infancy. 4. James Martin. 5. Clarissa. 6. Dennis O'Brien. 7. Henrietta. 8. Nan Silvia.

During the Civil War John Coughlin served under Captain Hughes in Company I, 153d Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers. After two years of active military service he was honorably discharged with a sergeant's certificate.

James Martin Coughlin, eldest son of John and Diana (Seward) Coughlin, and father of Hale Seward Coughlin, was born at Red Rock, Fairmont County, Pennsylvania, November 12, 1848. Although his early instruction was limited to the public schools of his

native village before the days when village public schools were equipped as they are today, he qualified for a teacher's certificate at the age of twenty years. He began his career as a teacher in Montgomery and Mossville schools of Fairmont County. The long list of public and private schools Mr. Coughlin taught includes schools at Red Rock, McHenry, Union Township, Butler Township, Muhlenburg, Kingston, and Bennett grammar school. He was also principal of New Columbus Academy.

In 1878 Mr. Coughlin was elected superintendent of the schools of Luzerne County, which position he held by reelection for twelve years. The jurisdiction of superintendent of schools at that time extended over what is now Luzerne and Lackawanna counties. Eight hundred schools came under his supervision. During the years 1890-91 Mr. Coughlin was vice-principal of the Bloomsburg State Normal School and professor of civics and history. He resigned this position to become superintendent of the Wilkes-Barre Public Schools. During the following years he delivered a course of lectures at Lebanon Valley College and addressed educational assemblages in New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, North Carolina, Ohio, Nebraska and Pennsylvania. He served as president of the State Teachers' Association of Governors Hastings, Stone and Pennypacker. He was also a member of the commission appointed by the Governor of Pennsylvania to revise and codify the school laws of that State. James Martin Coughlin received the degree of Doctor of Pedagogy from Grove City College and an honorary degree of Ph. D. from Bucknell University. He was a member of the Order of Free and Accepted Masons and of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Wilkes-Barre. On December 26, 1878, Mr. Coughlin married Mary Esther Welter, daughter of Joseph Fulkerson and Barbara (Laurence) Welter. They had eight children: 1. Ellen Martin. 2. Florence Rowena, deceased. 3. Clarence D. 4. James Martin, Jr. 5. Joseph Welter, deceased. 6. Mildred Marion. 7. Hale Seward. 8. Robert Lawrence.

Hale Seward Coughlin, fourth son of James Martin Coughlin, was born at New Columbus, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, September 5, 1895. He was reared in Wilkes-Barre and was graduated from the high school in 1911. He entered Pennsylvania State College in the fall of 1913; volunteered in the World War in the spring of 1918 and was overseas thirteen months, assigned to the 20th Engineers. After receiving an honorable discharge, Mr. Coughlin returned to State College and graduated in 1920. In 1921 he entered the insurance business and is now one of the leading men in that line in Luzerne County. In 1926 he became the sole agent of the firm of Shaw and Coughlin. His territory covered twenty-seven counties in Northeastern Pennsylvania. Mr. Coughlin is also district general agent of the Connecticut General Life Insurance Company. He is a member of Landmark Lodge, No. 442, Free and Accepted Masons, Dieu le Veut Commandery, Knights Templar, Irem Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of Wilkes-Barre, and a member of Kingston Post, No. 395, American Legion. He is a Republican and a member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Wilkes-Barre.

On June 5, 1922, Hale Seward Coughlin married Margaret A. Hoffa, daughter of John Hoffa of Wilkes-Barre. They have two children, Marilyn Hoffa and Hale Seward, Jr.

**EMIL MALINOWSKI**—No history of this section would be complete without recording something of the achievements of Emil Malinowski, who for many years has made his home at Nanticoke, and its vicinity. He is a native of Poland. His parents, John and Catherine Malinowski, owned and operated a farm in Poland where they always made their home.

Emil Malinowski was born in Poland, December 6, 1860. He attended the village school situated near his father's farm until he was about twelve years of age when he started to work in a machine shop. He served his full term as an apprentice and thus learned the trade of a machinist. In 1883, at the age of twenty-three years, he emigrated from Poland to the United States and settled in Nanticoke, where he took a position with the Susquehanna Coal Company. He held the position until he became accustomed to the new country and its ways and then started, in a moderate way, a manufacturing enterprise where he made mining machinery and wagons. This was in 1888, five years after he had come to this country. He conducted this business until 1902, when he became interested in the Hanover Brewing Company at Danville, Pennsylvania. He was made president of this company and retained that office until 1911 when he disposed of his interests and built the Franklin Brewery in Hanover Township, near Wilkes-Barre. In his operation of this plant he was notably successful and enjoyed an extensive business. He is not only a successful business man, but is well known for his active interest in political, civic and charitable organizations. He served as councilman in Nanticoke for the term of 1901-02. And in all matters pertaining to civic improvement or public welfare, he has taken a keen interest. His fame in these matters is not limited to his residential locality, but he is known by his public activities throughout the entire State. He is a member of the Press Club of Wilkes-Barre and a director of the Wilkes-Barre Deposit & Savings Bank. He is trustee of the Nanticoke State Hospital and he is president of the Polish Union of America, a national organization. He is founder and president of the Miners' Trust Company of Nanticoke, one of the powerful financial institutions in the eastern part of the State of Pennsylvania.

In September, 1882, before leaving Poland, Emil Malinowski married Sofia Zybluski. They have seven children and eight grandchildren. The children: 1. Mary, at home. 2. Blanche, married T. A. Krzywicki, of Wilkes-Barre; children: Thaddus, Edward, John and Emil. 3. Helen, married Edward Wasilewski. 4. Sophia, married George Klingis, and they have one child, Emil. 5. John. 6. Frank, married Mary Schmidt; children: Emil, Anna and John. 7. Stanley.

**ALLISON BOWMAN MILLER, D. D. S.**—For over thirty-five years a resident of Kingston, Pennsylvania, Dr. Allison E. Miller is recognized as one of the leading dentists of the Wyoming Valley. Unusually skillful in his profession, he built up a successful practice soon after his arrival in Kingston as a young man, and to this practice he has since devoted all his time. Dr. Miller is a valuable member of his community in many ways, and a leader in local Masonic circles.

He was born on October 24, 1870, in Danville, Montour County, Pennsylvania, a son of Samuel N. and Sarah (Bowman) Miller, both members of old Pennsylvania families. David Miller, Dr. Miller's grandfather, was



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a farmer, and a father of a family. His son, Samuel N. Miller, was a merchant for many years at Nescopeck, Pennsylvania. He and his wife were the parents of five children: 1. Allison Bowman, of this sketch. 2. Robert E., who lives at Kingston. 3. Fannie, who married J. F. Wein, of Philadelphia. 4. Susan, married Stanley W. Bogart, of Cleveland, Ohio. 5. Estelle, married H. B. Thurston, of Cleveland, Ohio.

When Allison B. Miller was still a small child, his parents moved to Nescopeck, and here he attended the local public schools. Later he entered the Bloomsburg State Normal School at Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania, and then entered the Dental School of the University of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia, where he was graduated in 1894, with the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery. The same year, he began the practice of his profession at Buffalo, New York, remaining until 1896, at which time he came to Kingston, Pennsylvania, where he quickly reached a position of importance in the community, and where he has since remained.

Politically, Dr. Miller is a member of the Republican party. He is a member of the Luzerne County Dental Association, serving as president for two years; the Pennsylvania Dental Association, which he served as treasurer for nine years; and of the American Dental Association. He is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, in which organization he is a member of Kingston Lodge, No. 395; Shekinah Chapter, No. 182, Royal Arch Masons; Dieu le Veut Commandery, No. 45, Knights Templar; and Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at Wilkes-Barre. He is also a member of the Shrine Country Club and the Franklin Club. Dr. and Mrs. Miller are members of the Kingston Methodist Episcopal Church, where the doctor is a member of the official board.

On October 25, 1894, at Nescopeck, Pennsylvania, Dr. Miller married Anna Harter, a daughter of John Harter, who died February 11, 1927, aged eighty-nine years, and of Elizabeth (Bond) Harter, who died at Nescopeck, January 6, 1928, aged eighty-eight years. Dr. and Mrs. Miller are the parents of one son, Allison Harter, born September 23, 1898, now associated with his father in the practice of dentistry, at Kingston, Pennsylvania.

Born in Kingston, Allison Harter Miller attended the public schools there and was graduated from the Wyoming Seminary, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, and the Dental College of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, from which latter institution he was graduated in 1923, with the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery. He is a member of the Luzerne County, Pennsylvania State and American Dental societies. He is (1929) president of the Luzerne County Dental Society; a director of the Blind Association, of Wilkes-Barre, and a member of the Lions Club of Wilkes-Barre. Politically, he supports the Republican party, and in his fraternal affiliations is a member of Kingston Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; is a thirty-second degree Mason, member of Bloomsburg Consistory, Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and of the Irem Country Club.

Mrs. Miller is president of the West Side Woman's Club. She has always been active in hospital work and in all charitable institutions, having served as president of the Kingston Auxiliary of the Memorial Hospital for nine years, and takes an active

prominent part in the work of her church, the Kingston Methodist Episcopal Church.

**FREDERICK C. SCHULTZ**—For many years Frederick C. Schultz has occupied an important place in the life of Wilkes-Barre, of which he has long been a resident. In addition to his position with the Wilkes-Barre Lace Manufacturing Company, he is interested financially in several local enterprises to which his services have proved of great value, while in the civic life of the community and in church affairs, he has been equally prominent.

Mr. Schultz was born at Wilkes-Barre, on September 10, 1884, a son of Moritz and Johanna (Frick) Schultz. His father, a merchant, was born in Germany in 1854, and died in 1892, while the mother, also born in Germany, in 1851, died in April, 1927.

Frederick C. Schultz was educated in the local public schools, attending Wilkes-Barre High School, from which he was graduated in 1899. Later he entered the Wharton School, at the University of Pennsylvania, and from this institution was graduated in 1916. Meanwhile his business career was well under way. In 1899 he entered the employ of the Wilkes-Barre Lace Manufacturing Company, as a clerk in their office, but his obvious ability and strict attention to the task at hand soon won him promotion, and he advanced through various positions in several departments, to places of confidence and trust. As head of the production department of the company, he is now in responsible charge of the entire output of the plant, supervising all details in a very efficient manner. In addition to his work with the Wilkes-Barre Lace Manufacturing Company, Mr. Schultz is a director of the North End State Bank, of this city, in whose organization he assisted, and also serves at present as secretary of the discount committee of this institution. He is a director of the Keystone Building and Loan Association, another important enterprise in the community.

Politically Mr. Schultz supports the principles and candidates of the Republican party, while he is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, in which order he is a member of Landmark Lodge, No. 442, and Worshipful Master of the Lodge; a member of Keystone Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, at Scranton; and also Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Mr. Schultz is affiliated with several movements for the advancement of the community welfare, and holds membership in the Craftsman's Club. He and his family worship in the faith of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and Mr. Schultz is treasurer of Calvary Church of that denomination at Wilkes-Barre. He is also president of Wyoming Valley Laymen's Association of the Episcopal Church.

In 1898, Frederick C. Schultz married Sarah Louise Jones, of Wellsboro, Pennsylvania, daughter of Eleazer and Sarah Ann (Estep) Jones, of that place. Mr. and Mrs. Schultz are the parents of one daughter, Sarah Louise.

**SHELDON JONES**—As efficiency expert for the Lehigh Valley Coal Company, at Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, Sheldon Jones occupies a position of economic importance in the community and contributes much to the prosperous development of the rich coal industry. He was born in Columbia County, Pennsylvania, October 8, 1886, son of Ashbel W. and Mary Elizabeth (McGuire) Jones. The

father was for many years a merchant at Jonestown, Columbia County, and was the son of James and Matilda Jones. The maternal grandfather of Sheldon Jones was Robert McGuire, who came from Ireland to West Pittston when he was only seventeen years old, and who was one of the early coal miners of the section. The subject of this record had a brother and sister; Adria Louise, wife of Ernest D. Kline, of Berwick, Pennsylvania; and Ashbel W. Jones, of Wilkes-Barre.

Sheldon Jones, oldest of the children, grew up in Columbia County and attended the public schools, graduating from high school in 1904. When he was eighteen, he took a position as a chain boy in the Engineering Corps of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company at Wilkes-Barre, and worked there from 1905 to 1912. He was then made assistant district superintendent of the Prospect Colliery, at Plains, Luzerne County. Two years later, in 1914, his ability won still further recognition when he was made district superintendent of the Mineral Springs, Franklin, and Warrior Run Collieries, of Luzerne County. Again came a promotion in 1918 to the office of Division Superintendent of the Lackawanna Division. It was April 15, 1924, that Mr. Jones was made efficiency expert of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company, with offices at the main building in Wilkes-Barre. This outstanding success crowns years of faithful effort and proves the community worth of Mr. Jones. He also holds a directorship in the West Side Bank, West Pittston, Pennsylvania.

He is a Republican in politics and a communicant of the West Pittston Methodist Episcopal Church, on the official board of which he serves. His fraternal affiliations are with the Rolling Mill Hill Lodge, No. 87, Knights of Pythias; and Valley Lodge, No. 499, Free and Accepted Masons, of Pittston; Pittston Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Wyoming Valley Commandery, No. 57, Knights Templar; Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of Wilkes-Barre. He belongs to the Shrine Country Club, the Fox Hill Country Club, the Pittston Chamber of Commerce, and the Craftsmen's Club.

In March, 1909, Sheldon Jones married Emily Irene Yost, of Columbia County, Pennsylvania, daughter of Clarence W. and Ida May (DeWitt) Yost. Mrs. Jones died May 5, 1926. Children: Harlan Yost, Sheldon, Jr., Clarence Wilson, Adria Mary, and Marion.

**REV. P. B. PAUKSTIS**—One of the active men of the church of Wilkes-Barre, is the Rev. P. B. Paukstis, who is the priest of the Lithuanian Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church, of this city, a parish which originally was founded in 1891, although the present large and beautiful church was built in 1909. The congregation has shown a rapid growth, especially in recent years, and now consists of about four thousand members. Father Paukstis, who devotes his time and energies unsparsingly to the welfare of the church and its people, is one of the leading citizens of this section of Pennsylvania, taking an active part in all matters that have to do with the promotion of public welfare. He is a member of several clubs and of organizations of different types, and is highly loved and esteemed, not only by the members of his own parish, but by all who have occasion to come into contact with him or to see the character of his work.

He was born in Edwardsville, in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, May 10, 1889, a son of Sylvester and Magdalen Paukstis, both of

whom are now deceased. His parents, who were natives of Lithuania, came to the United States early in their lives. As a boy, Father Paukstis attended the public schools of Luzerne County, in Edwardsville, his native town, and was graduated from the high school in Edwardsville in the class of 1905. Then he spent seven years at St. Vincent's College, from which he was graduated in the class of 1912 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts; and next he became a student at Mount St. Mary's College, in Emmitsburg, Maryland, where he took work in the theological department, from which institution he was graduated in the class of 1915 with the degree of Master of Arts. In Edwardsville, Luzerne County, on May 22, 1915, he was ordained in St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church by the Right Rev. M. J. Hoben. His first appointment was as rector of St. Francis' Parish, in Miners' Mills, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, where he continued to serve until July, 1917, when he was appointed to his present charge in Wilkes-Barre.

His work in the vicinity of Pennsylvania was interrupted for a time by the World War; for in August, 1917, he volunteered his services to the United States Army, which he joined as a private, serving at Camp Taylor, Kentucky. There he was commissioned as a first lieutenant in the capacity of Army Chaplain of the 116th Infantry of the 29th Division; and he sailed for France, where he served at the front with the military forces of his country from October, 1917, until November, 1918. He returned to the United States in May, 1919, and was mustered out of the service with the rank of captain. He is now a member of the American Legion, in which he is chaplain of the Black Diamond Post, No. 132; and he also is chaplain in the society known as the General John Pershing Post Veterans of Foreign Wars. He is unusually active in clubs and societies of different sorts in Wilkes-Barre and vicinity, having been the founder and organizer of the Lithuanian Doughboys' Club, of Wilkes-Barre; and being a member of the Knights of Columbus, in which he is identified with Council No. 302, of Wilkes-Barre; and also being an active member of the Pen and Pencil Club and Press Club. He is one of the foremost priests in Wilkes-Barre, and the work that he has accomplished in the Lithuanian Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church has been a valued one.

**THOMAS JEFFERSON GROVER**—For the most satisfactory degree of success that has come to Thomas Jefferson Grover in the course of his professional career, he is indebted to his own personal efforts and his thorough training during the period of his preparation for his life work, as well as for his well-recognized gifts as a pleader in the Luzerne County courts, and as a legal advisor in the business that he has readily built up in this section of the State.

Thomas Jefferson Grover was born July 30, 1873, in Hollenbeck Township, a son of Joshua and Eleanor (Shortz) Grover, both parents now deceased. Joshua Grover, a farmer throughout his life, was a son of Daniel and Sally Ann (Smith) Grover, also farming people, and whose forebears were among early settlers in the county. Joshua and Eleanor (Shortz) Grover were the parents of eleven children, all of whom grew to manhood and womanhood; Marshall Grover, of Wilkes-Barre; Jennie Grover, who married Frank Shobert; Elmer, who is postmaster at Wapwallopen; Dallas, a judge in Kansas; Mary, married Frank E. Everard, of Wap-

wallopen; Minnie, married C. L. Baucher, of Wilkes-Barre; Sallie, married Dr. R. O. Davis, of Berwick, Pennsylvania; Daniel, deceased, was a telegraph operator; Thomas Jefferson, of whom further; Lawrence, who resides in Berwick, Pennsylvania; Jane, married Robert Morton, of Yonkers, New York.

Thomas Jefferson Grover spent his early life on the farm at Hollenbeck, and after attending the public schools in that section of the county, he took a course at Wyoming Seminary, Kingston. Meantime, he was active in various occupations in order to pay his way through college, and he was eventually enabled to graduate at the Dickinson Law School at Carlisle, with the class of 1910. In political matters, Mr. Grover is a Democrat, and he votes the ticket of that party, though he has not sought public office. He is a member of the Luzerne County Bar, with offices in the Lanning Building, Wilkes-Barre.

Thomas Jefferson Grover married, February 10, 1914, Coraline E. Elliott, of Carlisle, daughter of John J. and Sarah (Strohm) Elliott; and they have one son, Robert Elliott.

**EDWARD J. BRENNER**—For almost twenty years, Edward J. Brenner has been freight agent for the Delaware and Hudson Railroad, at Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, discharging all the duties of his position in a very efficient manner and to the complete satisfaction of both his executive officers, and the community which he serves. Mr. Brenner has taken a prominent part in many Wilkes-Barre activities, and is highly regarded throughout the community as a public-spirited citizen.

Born at Pottsville, in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, on September 21, 1881, Mr. Brenner is a son of Henry S. Brenner, born at Pottsville in 1845, died on January 25, 1904, and of Annie (Robinson) Brenner, who was also born at Pottsville, and who died on March 31, 1917. The father was foreman of the Vulcan Iron Works' Wyoming Valley Shops for many years.

Edward J. Brenner attended the public schools of Wilkes-Barre and following graduation from the local high school, began his business career as office boy for the Delaware and Hudson Railroad. From the date of his first employment with this company he has remained associated with them until the present time, a period of more than thirty-three years. His strict attention to the tasks which came to him, and the ability which he displayed in his work won him gradual advancement through various clerical positions until in January, 1905, he was made chief clerk of the freight department. This position he was well qualified to fill by previous training and experience and for five years he rendered highly satisfactory service in his capacity as chief clerk. As a reward for loyal efforts continued through a long period, Mr. Brenner received further promotion in 1910, becoming freight agent at Wilkes-Barre on October 17, of that year. To the work of this office he has since devoted all his time and attention and it is a commonplace among Delaware and Hudson men that a task assigned to Mr. Brenner will be well and speedily performed.

In politics he supports Republican principles and candidates, maintaining a constant interest in civic affairs and the problems of government, and contributing liberally to many worthy movements for advance. He is affiliated fraternally with Wilkes-Barre Lodge, No. 109, of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, with Byars Council of the Junior Order of United American

Mechanics; and Wilkes-Barre Council of the Royal Arcanum. Mr. Brenner is Pennsylvania division vice-president of the Delaware and Hudson Company Freight and Ticket Agents' Association; also of the Veterans' Association. He is a member of the Wilkes-Barre-Wyoming Valley Chamber of Commerce, and of the Concordia Society.

**CHARLES MINER AYLESWORTH**—A successful attorney and one who had achieved his position against odds is Charles Miner Aylesworth. After graduating from the Nanticoke High School in 1913 he found it necessary to work for two years as a fireman on the Delaware and Hudson Railroad in order to secure funds to further his education. This hard and enervating labor failed to crush his youthful ardor for self betterment, and neither did the interruption in his collegiate career caused by service in the World War more than temporarily stop his progress.

The Aylesworths are an old Rhode Island family, a member of which settled in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, in the very early days. Robert Aylesworth of Ross Township, the paternal grandfather of Charles M. Aylesworth, was a farmer. His son, Reuben N., married Fannie M. Lyons, and their only child, Charles Miner, was born June 18, 1895, in Nanticoke, where the father was a carpenter contractor. The son grew to manhood in his native town, and in 1915 entered Dickinson Law School at Carlisle where he remained two years, enlisting in the autumn of 1917 in the 311th Field Artillery. He was assigned to Camp Meade, Maryland, where he remained until July 22, 1918, when the organization was ordered to embark for France. They landed in Liverpool, England, August 3, 1918, and August 8 at Cherbourg, France, where he was transferred to the 79th Division and stationed at La Couronne, remaining at this place until the close of the war at which time he went to Paris with the soldier-student contingent. July 9, 1919, he returned to the United States and resumed his studies at Dickinson from which he was graduated in the class of 1920 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws.

September 7, 1920 he was admitted to the Luzerne County Bar and opened an office at 502 Miners' Bank Building in Wilkes-Barre. He is a member of the Luzerne County Bar Association; the Delta Theta Phi law fraternity; Nanticoke Lodge, No. 541, Free and Accepted Masons; Keystone Consistory, of Scranton; thirty-second degree Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Masonry; Nanticoke Lodge, No. 137, Knights of Pythias (Past Chancellor, Commander and treasurer); and Nanticoke Post No. 350, American Legion of which he is Past Post Commander. He is a member of the Commercial Law League of America, the Craftsmen's Club, and the Young Men's Christian Association Chess Club. He is affiliated with the First Presbyterian Church of Nanticoke and in politics is a Republican.

Charles Miner Aylesworth married August 29, 1923, Elizabeth Luft, daughter of William H. and Elizabeth (Dilg) Luft of Wilkes-Barre. They reside in Nanticoke.

**JOHN B. RICKARD**—As a member of the firm known as the North Branch Lumber Company, John B. Rickard is one of the outstanding business men of Wilkes-Barre and vicinity. He has spent all of his life in Luzerne County, so that he is well known in this part of Pennsylvania.

He was born in Plymouth, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, on September 7, 1867, a son of

Dr. A. G. and Liva Albertina (Smith) Rickard. Dr. Rickard, the father, was a physician in Plymouth for many years, and was a son of John and Elizabeth (Gould) Rickard, whose ancestors were among the early families of Luzerne County. Liva Albertina (Smith) Rickard is a daughter of the late Hon. John E. Smith, who was a member of Congress from the Luzerne County district more than fifty years ago and was one of the leading citizens of this community in his day. Dr. and Mrs. A. G. Rickard were the parents of five children: 1. John E., of further mention in this article. 2. Stella, who is the wife of H. A. Hurschburger, of Kingston, Pennsylvania. 3. Daisy R., who is the wife of Allen B. Dungan, of Kingston. 4. Emma, the wife of Harry W. Ruggles, a Kingston lumber merchant. 5. May Virginia, who is unmarried.

John E. Rickard grew to manhood in the town of his birth, Plymouth. He attended as a boy the public schools, went later to the Harry Hillman Academy, and Bucknell University. When he completed his academic education, he engaged in the drug business in Plymouth, and for eighteen years continued in this line of work. Then, in 1907, he sold out the drug enterprise, and entered the wholesale lumber business, which since that time has occupied the greater part of his attentions. This company, one of the leading firms of its kind in Luzerne County, handles all kinds of lumber, specializing in Idaho white pine, yellow pine, Pacific coast lumber products and hard woods. Mr. Rickard has worked hard to build up this company into what it is today; and, because of his diligence and natural business talents, is today enjoying the fruits of his labors. He maintains offices at the company's headquarters, No. 37 Bennett Building, Wilkes-Barre.

Although he is very busy with his own business interests, Mr. Rickard takes time to be active in the public and civic affairs of his community, and is always ready to support wholeheartedly any movement which he believes will bring about in some way or other the betterment of Wilkes-Barre or Luzerne County. In his political outlook, he is a Republican, and supports the principles and candidates of that party. He is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which order he is affiliated with the Plymouth Lodge, No. 332; Chapter, No. 214 of the Royal Arch Masons; the Dieu le Veut Commandery, No. 45, Knights Templar; Irem Temple Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; and the Irem Temple Country Club. His religious affiliation is with the Presbyterian Church, of Kingston.

In 1888 John E. Rickard was married to Edith L. Major, a daughter of Abram G. Major, of Plymouth. By this marriage there are two children: 1. Helen, who married Harradon H. Smith, of Kingston, by which marriage there are two children, May Virginia and Edith Rickard Smith. 2. Albertina, who married Harry Melvin Vivian, of Kingston, by which marriage there are two children, John Rickard and Harry Melvin. Mr. and Mrs. Rickard reside at No. 201 Pierce Street, in Kingston.

**MICHAEL JOHN TORLINSKI**—Poles and descendants of natives of Poland, emulating the example of their gallant Kosciuszko, have always fought for liberty wherever they have gone throughout the world, and for the preservation of democratic institutions from spoliation by selfish, designing men. As a descendant of representative Polish gentry Michael John Torlinski, lawyer, at 822-26

Miners' Bank Building, Wilkes-Barre, has imbibed the spirit of freedom, and on two occasions has embarked on crusades to glorify the American flag—as an officer of the United States Navy in the world-cruise of the battleship fleet in 1908, and again with the sea forces in the World War struggle to conquer the German military machine. Mr. Torlinski is a graduate of the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland, and of the Law School of the University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia. After having spent eight years in the naval service, during which time he was promoted several times, he resigned to study law, and practiced several years prior to the outbreak of the World War, in which he reentered the naval service as an officer. He rose to the rank of lieutenant-commander, and for his exceptional accomplishments received special letters of appreciation from his immediate superiors in rank, and was awarded the Victory medal. At the conclusion of the war he again sheathed his sword and returned to the practice of the law at Wilkes-Barre, where he had won for himself an enviable place among his associates and contemporaries.

Michael John Torlinski was born August 31, 1885, at Wanamie, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, son of John A. Torlinski, a well-known merchant of Nanticoke, Luzerne County, and Mary Torlinski, who is deceased. From 1891 to 1903 he attended the public schools of Nanticoke, after which, in 1903, he matriculated at the naval school, from which institution he was graduated with his class in 1907. From 1903 to 1907 he was of the rank of Midshipman of the United States Naval Academy, but on going to sea was advanced to Passed Midshipman, United States Navy. In 1907 he began his career as a naval officer when he was assigned to duty aboard a battleship of the Atlantic Fleet, which was then preparing for its notable cruise around the world under orders from the Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy, Theodore Roosevelt. On board the battleship "New Jersey" he completed the cruise around the world, an experience no one who went will ever forget. In 1909, having completed the required theoretical and practical course afloat, he was commissioned an ensign by President Taft, who had succeeded Mr. Roosevelt in the Presidency. In 1911, feeling that his opportunities lay in the law ashore, he resigned his commission and it was accepted by the Bureau of Navigation; this action was not taken, however, until after he had taken part in a revolution in Honduras in conjunction with his shipmates stationed in that section. In 1911 he entered the Law School of the University of Pennsylvania, and graduated three years later with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. In 1914 he was admitted to the bar, including the right to practice before the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania and the various subordinate courts and in June, 1919, he was admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States. After he resigned from the Navy he took an active interest in the work of the National Guard of Pennsylvania, which he served during 1912-13, and in which he attained the rank of lieutenant, when he resigned his commission to devote more attention to the practice of the law. When the World War involved the United States in 1917 he was commissioned a lieutenant (junior grade) in the Navy as a volunteer, and was assigned to duty under Admiral Leigh C. Palmer, chief of the Bureau of Navigation, Navy Department, at Washington, District of Columbia, in connection with the organization and administration, of



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the personnel of the United States Naval Reserve Force, particularly in formulating and executing policies involving the entry of commissioned officers and their promotion. In 1918 he received from Admiral Palmer (who later became president of the Emergency Fleet Corporation of the Shipping Board) special letters of appreciation for his valuable work in the Bureau of Navigation in training officers and men; a special letter in 1919 from the Chief of the Bureau of Navigation for his service in the Bureau involving his active and directing part in the organization and administration of the Naval Reserve Force during the World War; other letters of appreciation on various phases of his service in World War duty. From lieutenant (junior grade) he was advanced to senior grade lieutenant, and thence to the rank of Lieutenant-Commander, which he bears at this time as a member of the United States Naval Reserve Force.

In 1916 Mr. Torlinski became general counsel and member of the Supreme Board of the Polish Union of the United States of North America, a fraternal benefit society with principal offices at Wilkes-Barre; and he continues to hold these offices to the present time. From 1920 to 1924 he served capably as assistant district attorney of Luzerne County, and since 1923 has been solicitor of the Miners' Trust Company. From 1924 to 1925 he was solicitor of the School Board of the City of Nanticoke, and from 1926 has been solicitor of the city of Nanticoke, a city of 26,000 persons.

Mr. Torlinski enjoys a deserved popularity and prominence as a member of the following clubs and other organizations: the Polish Union of the United States of North America, Wilkes-Barre; the Polish National Alliance of the United States of North America, of Chicago, Illinois; the Army and Navy Club, Washington, District of Columbia; the United States Naval Institute, Annapolis, Maryland; the Wyoming Valley Country Club, Wilkes-Barre; the American Legion, Nanticoke; the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Wilkes-Barre; the Navy Athletic Association, Annapolis; the Association of the Class of 1907 of the United States Naval Academy; the Wilkes-Barre Law and Library Association; the Miller Law Club, University of Pennsylvania; the Delta Theta Phi legal fraternity; the Pennsylvania Bar Association; the United States Naval Academy Alumni Association; the Wyoming Valley Motor Club, Wilkes-Barre.

Mr. Torlinski married, November 24, 1919, Nancy Reynolds, native of the State of Georgia, and a daughter of Fletcher and Isabella (Hillyer) Reynolds. Mrs. Torlinski on her maternal side is a direct descendant of Oliver Wolcott, former Colonial Governor of Connecticut and one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, and on her paternal side, also of old American stock, she is descended from Purmedus Reynolds, her grandfather, judge of the Supreme Court of Georgia. Mr. and Mrs. Torlinski are the parents of two children: Nancy Reynolds, born in 1922, and Eunice Ames, born in 1927.

**GEORGE J. LLEWELLYN**—A story well worthy of record is that of George J. Llewellyn, who since 1902 has been successfully engaged in legal practice in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, with offices at No. 21 South Franklin Street. Mr. Llewellyn is an exceptional man in many respects, especially so in the fact that from the time he was fourteen years of age he has made his own way in life, and that after more than thirty years of active business life he began the study

of law and not only passed the examinations for admission to the bar, but has achieved success in his profession.

George J. Llewellyn was born in Wales, British Isles, September 24, 1856, and when he was fourteen years of age came to this country and located at Pittston, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, where he secured employment in the coal mines. For six years he continued steadfastly at that laborious and heavy work, and then secured a position as printer's "devil" on one of the Pittston papers. Later he learned the stone cutter's trade, which he followed for twenty years. At the end of that time he made another change, this time engaging in the plumbing and heating and general merchandise business, in which line he continued for seven years. In 1894 Mr. Llewellyn was elected, on the Republican ticket, prothonotary of Luzerne County, in which office he served for three years. From 1900 to 1903 he was warden for the Luzerne County prison. In the meantime, however, he had been studying law in the office of John T. Lenahan, and in 1902 had been admitted to the Luzerne County Bar. Since that time he has been successfully engaged in practice in Wilkes-Barre, where he has built up a very satisfactory clientele. Though he was forty-six years of age when he was admitted to the bar, he has brought to his professional work all the enthusiasm and interest that are sometimes ascribed only to the earlier years of life, and the success which he has achieved is conclusive evidence of the fact that ability, hard work, determination, and persistence are winning factors in the game of life, both during the early years and when the supposedly more difficult years of middle life have been reached. Mr. Llewellyn is a member of the Luzerne County Bar Association, and keeps well in touch with the developments of his profession throughout the State and Nation. It is a long way from the newly arrived immigrant boy working in the mines at Pittston to the law office of George J. Llewellyn, in Wilkes-Barre, but Llewellyn traveled that long road without the aid of influence or money other than that which he won by his own effort, and the record of his achievement is one of inspiration for those who find that the way to their "heart's desire" is blocked by difficulties. Fraternally Mr. Llewellyn is affiliated with Pittston Lodge, No. 332, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and he is a life member of the Pittston Lodge, Fraternal Order of Eagles. He is also a member of the Pittston Hose Company, and at one time was chief of the Pittston Fire Department. He is also a member of the Knights of Pythias. Mr. Llewellyn was secretary of the State League of Republican Club of Pennsylvania for fifteen years, and during that period attended as a delegate the National League, held in other States.

George J. Llewellyn was married, in 1879, to Mary A. Williams, and they are the parents of two children: 1. Mary, who married E. G. Hollister, of Chicago. 2. Samuel G., of Chicago.

**REESE D. HUGHES**—Auditor of Pennsylvania Millers Mutual Fire Insurance Company. His residence is at No. 52 Pierce Street, Kingston, Pennsylvania. He was born in Wilkes-Barre, April 25, 1894, son of John and Mary Jane (Davis) Hughes. He was educated in the public schools of Wilkes-Barre and the Wharton School of Commerce and Finance of the University of Pennsylvania. He was associated with Hazard Manufacturing Company from 1910 to 1917. He

moved to Bluefield, West Virginia, in 1917, where he was connected with Superior Supply Company; returning to Wilkes-Barre in 1920 to become auditor of Pennsylvania Millers Mutual Fire Insurance Company. During the World War he served as a sergeant in the Camp Adjutant's Detachment, Camp Headquarters, Camp Lee, Virginia.

Mr. Hughes was married on December 25, 1917, to Helen R. George, daughter of John R. and Margaret (Roberts) George. They have two children: Helen Elizabeth and Ruth Jane.

**JOSEPH JAMES KOCYAN, M. D.**—A member of the medical staff of the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital and president of the Liberty State Bank and Trust Company, Dr. Joseph James Kocyan, specialist in gynecology and an outstanding citizen in affairs of the community and county, maintains two offices in the exercise of his profession, one at No. 123 South Franklin Street, Wilkes-Barre, and the other at Plains, Luzerne County.

Joseph James Kocyan was born at Baltimore, Maryland, February 16, 1884, a son of John and Mary (Cott) Kocyan, who were the parents of eight children: Joseph James, of whom further; Antoinette, wife of J. T. Leyko, of Baltimore, Maryland; Frank, of Baltimore; Anna, married, of Baltimore; Catherine, unmarried, a trained nurse in the United States Army; George, of Kingston, Pennsylvania; Louise; and Andrew, who died in childhood.

Joseph James Kocyan, while a boy, worked on a farm in Baltimore County, Maryland, and received his early education in the public and parochial schools and at Loyola College at Baltimore, later matriculating in the College of Physicians and Surgeons, which institution is now (1929) incorporated in the University of Maryland, and took his degree as Doctor of Medicine with the class of 1911. The latter part of 1911 he spent in the soft coal regions near DuBois, Pennsylvania, and in the year 1912 took up post-graduate work in New York City. He then came to Luzerne County (1913) and opened an office at Plains, where he has continued during the years since specializing in diseases of women and in obstetrics; and in this field has established a high reputation. Dr. Kocyan was commissioned first lieutenant in the Medical Corps, United States Army, in June, 1917; he attended the Medical School at Washington, District of Columbia, later transferred to Fort Oglethorpe Training Camp. In July, 1918, he was advanced to rank of major and sailed overseas with the Base Hospital Unit, located at Juit and Paris. Shortly after, he was assigned to Evacuation Hospital No. 5, at the Argonne Drive, as surgeon, and also in Belgium. After the Armistice he returned to Paris and joined Base Hospital, No. 57, as chief surgeon, and sailed for the United States in March, 1919.

Dr. Kocyan is a member of the Luzerne County Medical Society, the Lehigh Medical Society, and the American Medical Association. He is a member of SS. Peter and Paul's Roman Catholic Church at Plains, and in political disposition a Democrat. Among his affiliations are the Wyoming Valley Club and the Municipal Golf Club. Although Dr. Kocyan devotes the greater portion of his time to gynecological practice and is an earnest devotee to various other aspects of medicine and surgery, which he studies assiduously, he is always in the forefront of new developments relating even remotely to his own specialty; and at the same time, through his

circle of acquaintances, including as his friends the most prominent men in Wilkes-Barre and Plains, he has developed extra professional contacts taking him into the business life of both communities. Perhaps the principal financial office for which he is known is the directorship in the Liberty State Bank and Trust Company of Wilkes-Barre, where he served as secretary of the directorate, and in 1929 was elected president of that institution.

Dr. Joseph James Kocyan married, on August 5, 1912, Marie S. de Nesterowicz, of Toledo, Ohio, daughter of Stephen and Melania Habdank-Bialohrzeska Nesterowicz. Dr. and Mrs. Kocyan have three children: Marie M., Josephine Barbara, and Jeanne Halina.

**GEORGE E. GWILLIAM**—One of the most popular and efficient of the officials of Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, is George E. Gwilliam, county recorder of deeds, who has taken a conspicuous part in the civic and fraternal developments of the community.

Born in Plymouth, Luzerne County, October 15, 1883, he was the son of George Evans and Annie (Lewis) Gwilliam, now deceased. Both were natives of Wales and the elder Gwilliam, who had been a coal miner in the old country, was engaged in the mines of Pennsylvania for many years, but late in life went into the insurance business. Mrs. Gwilliam died at the age of sixty-four, but her husband lived until he was seventy-three. There were nine children in the family, of whom five reached maturity: Thomas F., a member of the Luzerne County Bar, now deceased; John, also now deceased; May, who married A. J. Young, of Plymouth; Carolyn, who married Dr. W. C. Stiff, of Plymouth; and George E., the youngest of the nine, of whom further.

Educated in the public schools, and at Wyoming Academy, George E. Gwilliam joined his father in the insurance business at Plymouth, Pennsylvania, upon leaving school. Mr. Gwilliam was appointed a justice of the peace in Plymouth Borough, on July 14, 1916, during Governor Brumbaugh's administration. Instead of coming out for reelection to this office in 1918, he ran for Burgess of Plymouth, and won the latter office with both major party nominations, something which had never been precedent. Mr. Gwilliam also had the honor of being the youngest Burgess in the history of the borough. Some time later Mr. Gwilliam was appointed a county detective in the office of the Hon. Arthur H. James. While in this position he was nominated and reflected to the Burgess office for the second term. In 1923 he was a candidate for the office of Recorder of Deeds of Luzerne County, was nominated and elected, and in 1927, was a candidate to succeed himself and was reflected, winning both major party nominations, Republican and Democratic.

Mr. Gwilliam is a member of Fidelity Lodge, No. 655, Free and Accepted Masons of Wilkes-Barre, of Keystone Consistory at Scranton, and has attained the thirty-second degree in the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, and is a member of the Wilkes-Barre Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and Shrine Country Club; Patriotic Order Sons of America; Junior Order United American Mechanics; Loyal Order of Moose; Fraternal Order of Eagles, and Knights of Pythias lodges.

On May 5, 1920, Mr. Gwilliam married Laura Hughes, daughter of Evan and Laura (Jones) Hughes, of Plymouth. They have one son, George E. Gwilliam, III.

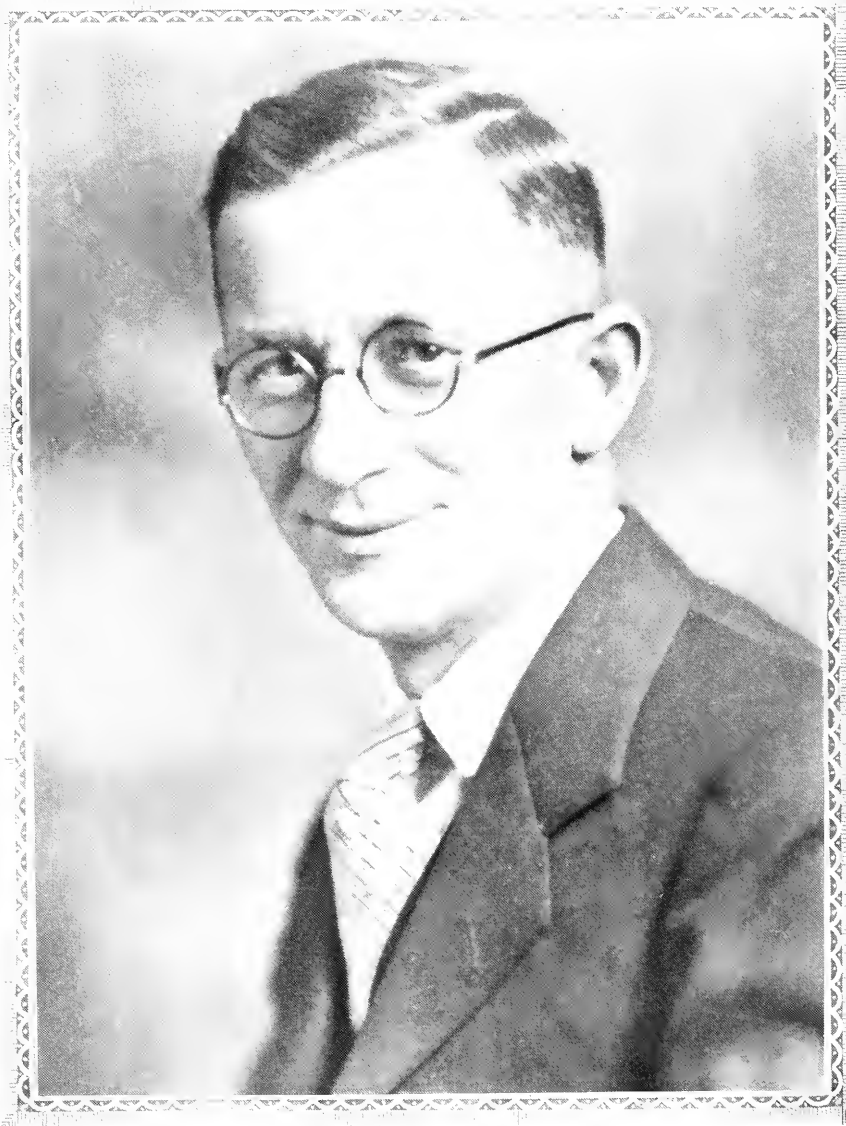




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**WILLIAM H. FREY—QUINTUS G. FREY**—Though natives of Northampton County, both William H. and Quintus G. Frey have been residents of Wilkes-Barre the greater part of their lives, having come there in their early youth. Having entered within a year of each other the employ of the late A. G. Hull, they learned in a very thorough manner all branches of the shoe finding and leather business. Later they acquired ownership of the business, which has since then been known as Frey Brothers and which has become one of the leading firms of its kind in that part of Pennsylvania. During their long association in one and the same business, covering a period of more than four decades, the two brothers have built up not only a very large and prosperous trade, but have also made for themselves an enviable reputation for fair dealing, keen judgment and progressiveness. Both are rated amongst the substantial and influential business men of the city and take an active part in its fraternal and religious life.

William H. Frey was born in Northampton County, Pennsylvania, July 11, 1869, the older son of William H. and Elizabeth (Roth) Frey. His father, who was born in Northampton County, in 1837, and who died in Wilkes-Barre, Luzerne County, in March, 1918, came to Wilkes-Barre in 1887, and for many years was connected with the Hazard Rope Works of Wilkes-Barre. His mother likewise was born in Northampton County, in 1839, and died in Wilkes-Barre in October, 1918. Mr. Frey was educated in the public schools of Northampton County and came to Wilkes-Barre in 1886, entering at that time the employ of the late A. G. Hull, who conducted then a shoe finding and leather business on North Main Street. He continued with him and with his successor, H. A. Jacoby, until 1894, when, together with his younger brother, Quintus G. Frey, of whom further, he purchased the business, which the two brothers have since then conducted under the firm name of Frey Brothers. Under their able management the business has been greatly expanded and today is not only one of the oldest, but also one of the most substantial of its type in Luzerne County. For many years active in Masonic affairs, he is a member of Lodge No. 61, Free and Accepted Masons, and of several other Masonic bodies, up to and including Caldwell Consistory, of Bloomsburg, thirty-second degree, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, as well as of Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. His religious affiliations are with the Lutheran Church and more particularly with St. John's Lutheran Church of Wilkes-Barre, of the official board of which he was a member for several years.

Mr. Frey married in April, 1895, Henrietta Brenner of Wilkes-Barre, a daughter of Henry and Mary (Besteder) Brenner. Mr. and Mrs. Frey were the parents of one son, Robert H. Frey, who was born in 1896 and who died in 1909. The family home is located at No. 31 Terrace Street, Wilkes-Barre.

Quintus G. Frey was born in Northampton County, Pennsylvania, December 11, 1871, the younger son of William H. and Elizabeth (Roth) Frey, a short record of whose lives has already been given in the previous account of their older son. He was educated in the public schools of his native county and of Wilkes-Barre, to which city he came with his parents in 1887. In the same year he accepted employment with the late A. G. Hull, engaged in the shoe finding and leather business, with whom his older brother had begun work the year before. Since that time Quintus G. Frey has always been associated

in business with his brother, first for several years in the employ of Mr. Hull and of the latter's successor, H. A. Jacoby, and later, since 1894, as a partner with his brother in the firm of Frey Brothers. In the building up of this concern to its present state of influence and prosperity he has fully shared with his older brother, and like him he is considered one of the substantial business men of Wilkes-Barre and Luzerne County. He is a member of Lodge No. 61, Free and Accepted Masons; Shekinah Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Dieu le Veut Commandery, Knights Templar; Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; Lodge No. 109, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of which he was the presiding officer in 1928; Fraternal Order of Eagles; Wilkes-Barre Rotary Club; Craftsmen's Club; and Junior Order United American Mechanics of the United States of North America. His religious affiliations are with the Lutheran Church and more particularly with St. John's Lutheran Church of Wilkes-Barre, of the official board and the board of trustees of which he is a member.

Mr. Frey married, in February, 1896, Josephine Brenner, a daughter of Henry and Mary (Besteder) Brenner, of Wilkes-Barre, and a sister of his brother's wife. Mr. and Mrs. Frey are the parents of two sons: Earl DeWitt, born in Wilkes-Barre in June, 1898, and Willard Allen Frey, born in Wilkes-Barre, November 16, 1900. The family residence is located at No. 41 North Franklin Street, Wilkes-Barre.

The firm of Frey Brothers, consisting of William H. and Quintus G. Frey, was founded in 1894, though its history dates back to 1876. In that year the late A. G. Hull established a shoe finding business on North Main Street, Wilkes-Barre, which he continued to carry on until 1887. In that year he was succeeded by his son-in-law, H. A. Jacoby, who continued in its ownership until 1894, when its present owners, William H. and Quintus G. Frey, bought out Mr. Jacoby, after having been in the employ of both Mr. Hull and Mr. Jacoby for a number of years. In 1894 the firm name was changed to its present form. Since April 1, 1927, the business has been located in its present fine and modern headquarters at No. 41 East Northampton Street, Wilkes-Barre. The firm carries on a very extensive business in shoe findings, saddlery goods, all kinds of leather and leather goods and employs some twenty-two people. It has the distinction of being the oldest business of its kind carried on continuously in Luzerne County.

**CHARLES ALBERT MALPASS**—Although a native of England and a resident of that country until he was twenty-five years of age, Charles Albert Malpass came to America about seventeen years ago and, following the trade he had learned in his native land, has prospered steadily until now (1928) he is sole proprietor of one of the best known contracting firms in Luzerne County, specializing in the erection of brick and stone buildings. Mr. Malpass first learned brick-laying, later familiarized himself with other mason work, and thus attained to his present standing thoroughly qualified. His experience includes a period of employment in New York City and other large centers of population, where he was able to learn the most modern methods of masonry. Since locating in this section, he has entered wholeheartedly into many other circles, including finance, fraternal organizations, social clubs, and political affairs.

Mr. Malpass was born at Stourbridge, Eng-

land, April 9, 1886, son of James and Annie (Roddy) Malpass, both natives of England, the mother having passed away in 1901. James Malpass, who was born in 1860, is a contracting mason in the land of his birth.

After completing the studies required in the public schools of England, Charles Albert Malpass took up the vocation of his father, and apprenticed himself to the brick-layers' trade in 1899. He was so engaged in England until 1911, when he came to the United States. For a year after arriving in this country Mr. Malpass worked as a mason in New York City, and then removed to Wilkes-Barre, going to work there in 1913 as a mason in the contracting firm of Saba & Malpass. This association continued for a period of five years, at the end of which Mr. Malpass formed a partnership with Ernest E. Watkins, with the title of Watkins & Malpass, and they functioned as contracting masons until 1923. In the last-named year Mr. Malpass became sole owner of the enterprise, and since has conducted it under his own name, with offices in Kingston, since 1922. He has had a part in the industrial development of this county, and many structures of the first class were erected by this firm, which employs about twenty-five men.

As his business expanded, Mr. Malpass naturally was drawn into further commercial enterprises of this section and is a member of the board of directors of the West Side Trust Building & Loan Association. He is a Democrat and usually is found supporting the tenets and candidates of that party, wherein he exercises considerable influence, although he has refused to accept public office. Among social organizations with which he affiliates may be mentioned Lodge No. 109, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; the Knights of Columbus, and the Exchange Club. Mr. Malpass is a Catholic in religious belief and has contributed materially—physically, morally, and financially to this denomination, being a member of the Holy Name Church.

Charles Albert Malpass married, in June, 1913, Eliza Dallimore, native of Forest City, Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania, and a daughter of Harry and Jane Dallimore. Mr. and Mrs. Malpass have six children: Evelyn, Charles, Harry, Donald, Thomas and Robert. The Malpass family resides at No. 1041 Wyoming Avenue, Forty Fort, while Mr. Malpass has his offices in the Kingston Corner Building, Kingston.

**WESLEY ADAMS STEELMAN**—Succeeding to a well-established business founded by his father, Mr. Steelman has carried it on ably, developing its contacts and widening its field and scope, until it may be counted as one of the outstanding industries of the State. Wesley A. Steelman was born in Philadelphia on March 25, 1897, a son of Walter E. and Mary E. (Duxbury) Steelman, the latter born in Philadelphia in 1869 and died in Wilkes-Barre in February, 1928. The elder Steelman was born at Ocean View, Cape May County, New Jersey, in 1871, and came to Wilkes-Barre in 1903 and was, at one time, president of the Board of Trade here. In 1917, he established the W. E. Steelman Company, which sold insulations, pipe coverings and asbestos shingles. He was a man of spirited force of character, undeviating ideals of probity and business energy, and his business was a most successful one. He was president of the Franklin Club and an ardent disciple of the out-of-door life, particularly keen about hunting and fishing. He died on April 17, 1922, and his son has carried on his business.

Wesley A. Steelman was educated in the public schools of Wilkes-Barre, graduating from the high school and then taking two years at the Pennsylvania State College. After these collegiate years, he went into his father's business as a salesman, continuing in this capacity until his father's demise, when he assumed the reins of control and took his father's place at the head of the firm, retaining, however, the same name. Responding to an industrial demand, the business was changed more specifically into a roofing contracting and roofing material sales organization, and the name changed to the Steelman Roofing Company, with Wesley Steelman as sole owner. It employs on an average eighteen or twenty workers and has been an eminently prosperous concern. Mr. Steelman holds membership in Lodge No. 61, of Free and Accepted Masons; the Chapter of Royal Arch Masons; Dieu le Veut Commandery of Knights Templar; and Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is an active member of the Kiwanis and of the Franklin clubs and president of the Pennsylvania State College Alumni of Wilkes-Barre.

On February 23, 1921, Wesley Steelman married Anna Jean Van Loon, daughter of Charles and Gussie (Zimmerman) Van Loon, of this city. They have one daughter, Martha Jean. Mr. Steelman and family reside in a very pleasant home in Trucksville, a few miles outside of Wilkes-Barre.

**CHARLES DUNCAN BROWN**—The entire active career of Charles Duncan Brown, to the present time (1929) has been associated with the American Railway Express Company, first in Rutland, Vermont, then Albany, New York, later in Scranton, Pennsylvania, and during the World War at Plattsburgh, New York. Since 1919 he has been located in Wilkes-Barre as agent for the Wilkes-Barre district, which includes Kingston.

Lewis F. Brown, father of Mr. Brown, is a son of Charles Brown, descendant of an old American family dating back to Colonial times. He married Harriett Perkins, and they became the parents of three children: Lewis, who died in infancy; Clarence Alvin, of Rutland, Rutland County, Vermont; and Charles Duncan, of further mention.

Charles Duncan Brown, son of Lewis F. and Harriett (Perkins) Brown, was born in Rutland, Vermont, November 15, 1881, and received his education in the public schools of his birthplace, graduating from Rutland High School with the class of 1898. After graduation from high school he took a course in the Rutland Business College, and then entered the employ of the American Railway Express Company as clerk, at Rutland. Here he remained for a period of three years, after which he was transferred to Albany, New York, where he remained until 1914. In that year he was promoted to the position of money clerk and again transferred, this time to Scranton, Pennsylvania, where he was located until the entrance of the United States into the World War in 1917. At that time he was transferred to the Officers' Training Camp, at Plattsburg, New York, and there he remained until after the close of the war. On January 1, 1919, he was transferred to Wilkes-Barre as agent for the Wilkes-Barre district, which includes Kingston, and here he has continued to give expert service to the present time (1929). Mr. Brown is thoroughly familiar with all the phases of the work in which he is employed, and gives his careful and undivided attention to the faithful discharge of his duties in this connection. He is a member





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of the Wilkes-Barre-Wyoming Valley Chamber of Commerce, and is well known among the business men of the city. Politically, he supports the principles and the candidates of the Republican party, and his club is the Rotary Club. His religious membership is with the Congregational Church, and his fraternal affiliation is with the Modern Woodmen of America.

Charles Duncan Brown was married, April 26, 1905, to Belle Keenholts, of Albany, New York, daughter of J. V. O. and Mary (Winne) Keenholts. Mr. and Mrs. Brown have two children: Harold and Duncan.

**ANDREW J. ZAWOISKI** has since September, 1920, been engaged in general legal practice in Wilkes-Barre, where he has his offices at No. 715 in the Miners Bank Building. Mr. Zawoiski is a graduate of Dickinson Law School, from which he was graduated in September, 1920, but he is also a veteran of the World War, which service interrupted his college course, taking him away in the spring of his second year. Mr. Zawoiski is solicitor of the Borough of Plains, where he resides, and is also a member of the Plains School Board and its secretary, and attorney for the Plains State Bank.

John Zawoiski, father of Mr. Zawoiski, is a retired coal miner who resides at Plains, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, and he and his wife, Anna, are the parents of eight children: Andrew J., of further mention; John and Michael, who died in childhood; Mary, who is unmarried; Frank, who was killed by a railroad train at the age of ten years; Catherine; Paul; and Stephen.

Andrew J. Zawoiski, son of John and Anna Zawoiski, was born at Plymouth, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, November 23, 1893, but while he was still an infant he was taken to Plains, Luzerne County, by his parents. There he grew up, attending the public schools and graduating from Plains High School with the class of 1910. He then became a student in the State Normal School at East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania, where he graduated with the class of 1913. For two years after the completion of his normal course he worked in a grocery store at Plains, and in the fall of 1915 entered Dickinson Law School, at Carlisle, Pennsylvania. Upon the entrance of the United States into the World War, he enlisted for service, being mustered into the 61st Infantry at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, in May, 1917, and was sent to Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, where he was assigned to the Officers' Training Camp. On November 23, 1917, he was commissioned a second lieutenant of Field Artillery and was sent to Camp Jackson with the 81st Division. On July 1, 1918, he was ordered overseas with his division, which landed at Liverpool, England, and then went to France. Upon arriving in France Mr. Zawoiski was transferred to the 15th Balloon Company, as an artillery observer in the St. Mihiel Sector, and here he remained until the signing of the Armistice, in November, 1918. While serving with the Field Artillery he was commissioned a first lieutenant. He arrived in this country April 19, 1919, and returned to Dickinson Law School, where he was graduated with the class of 1920, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Laws. He was admitted to the Luzerne County bar, September 20, 1920, and since that time has been successfully engaged in general legal practice here. In addition to the care of his large private practice, Mr. Zawoiski is attorney for the Plains State Bank, at Plains, and a director of Liberty State Bank and Trust Company of Wilkes-Barre. Politically, he gives his support to

the principles and the candidates of the Republican party, and he is active in local public affairs, giving freely of his time and his ability, also of his professional knowledge for the advancement of the general welfare. He is secretary of the Plains Township School Board, and solicitor for the township of Plains, and he is one of the generous and earnest supporters of all civic welfare work. His religious affiliation is with the Greek Catholic Church.

Andrew J. Zawoiski was married, June 10, 1924, to Florence M. Wallace, of Wilkes-Barre, and they have two sons: Andrew J., Jr., and Eugene J.

**GEORGE S. BRAY**—Raised on a Pennsylvania farm, where he worked hard all summer after attending school all winter, leaving that occupation to learn the plumbing trade, which he followed for twenty-six years. George S. Bray finally found himself and today is a leader of the commercial, social and fraternal life of Kingston. Here is a case of a poor boy, whose father had been a miner in his native Cornwall, England, and who took up farming in this country as an easier occupation, starting life without a penny and rising by his own efforts to a commanding eminence within a comparatively short time. He possessed in large measure a pleasing personality, coupled with an inherited and cultivated industry, a perseverance not to be diverted and a faith in himself that could not fail to bring its reward. He has made a host of friends and won a reputation for integrity, sincerity, loyalty and earnestness in his business and civic duties.

George S. Bray was born near Honesdale, March 25, 1875. His father was Walter Bray, and his mother, Mary (Bryant) Bray, deceased. Both were natives of Cornwall and came to the United States about 1852. They settled near Honesdale and Walter Bray undertook to rear his family by farming. The couple became the parents of fourteen children, seven of whom grew to maturity: Thomas, of Jermy, Lackawanna County; William P., of Honesdale; John E., of Lackawanna County, who died in 1926; Sarah, who became the wife of Theodore Spettigue, both now deceased; Ella, who married Walter Pryor, of Lackawanna County; Walter A., who died in Hazleton, Pennsylvania, in 1922, and George S. Bray, of whom further.

George S. Bray was educated in the public schools in Wayne and Lackawanna counties, and helped his father on the farm until he was sixteen years of age, when he decided to learn the plumbing trade and business, continuing it for ten years, when he gave it up and transferred his business interests to the automobile and associate enterprises. For ten years he was located at No. 172 South Washington Street, Wilkes-Barre, but in 1926 built his present handsome building in Kingston, of which he is sole owner. Located at the corner of Gates Avenue and Market Street, it houses the Keystone Motor Car Company, dealing principally in Oldsmobile passenger cars. It is one of the finest and most completely equipped buildings devoted to automobile service in the entire State of Pennsylvania. It has a frontage of ninety-four feet and a depth of two hundred feet, is constructed of white enameled brick and terra cotta over a steel skeleton, and is ornamented with one of the handsomest of great clocks, its dial being eleven feet in diameter. An ornate gas and oil station in

front adds to its architectural attractiveness. Mr. Bray is a Republican in politics and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. His fraternal affiliations include membership in the George M. Dallas Lodge, No. 531, Free and Accepted Masons; Shekinah Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Dieu le Veut Commandery, No. 45, Knights Templar, of Wilkes-Barre; Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He also is a member of the Irem Temple Country Club. He has served as president of the Master Plumbers' Local and was for one term State president of the Master Plumbers' Association. He also belongs to the Pennsylvania Automobile Association, of which he was president in 1926.

Mr. Bray married, in February, 1898, Bessie Kemp, of Kingston Township, a daughter of Harry and Elizabeth (Wellington) Kemp. Their children are: 1. Myrtle Mary, now the wife of Marcus Slade, of Bay Shore, New York. 2. George Thomas, associated with his father in the automobile business. 3. Harry, also with his father. 4. Elizabeth, at home.

**CHARLES L. ALBERT**—His native instincts for business organization, combined with a valued scholastic training and experience, have made for the pronounced success that has made itself evident in Charles L. Albert's career in the insurance world, particularly in the constructive results obtained in his large field at Wilkes-Barre. In the important duties of his district management, Mr. Albert has proven a most useful servant to the company he represents; while his interest in civic expansion and improvement is seen in his association with many of the leading organizations of township and county.

Charles L. Albert was born October 25, 1885, in Waynesboro, Franklin County, son of Charles H. and Anna (Bell) Albert, residing at Bloomsburg, Charles H. Albert having been for thirty-five years a teacher in the Bloomsburg State Normal School; both Mr. Albert and Mrs. Albert are members of long-established Pennsylvania and Maryland families, and they are the parents of five children: Keller Albert, of Reading, Pennsylvania; Mary Ellen Albert, who married Jesse Glenn, of New York City; Charles L. Albert, of whom further; R. Bruce Albert, of Bloomsburg; and Ruth M. Albert, who married Rev. Dallas Bair, a clergyman of the Lutheran Church.

Charles L. Albert attended Bloomsburg State Normal School and was graduated with the class of 1903. Matriculating at Lafayette College, at Easton, he was graduated there in 1908 with the degree Bachelor of Arts; and returning to Bloomsburg, he taught history and civics for three years. Removing to Wilkes-Barre, he taught for three years in the City High School; and then relinquishing his educational work, he entered upon the activities of life insurance, as district manager of the North Western Mutual Life Insurance Company, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, with local offices at No. 615 Miners Building, Wilkes-Barre, and is known as one of the most hustling men in the country in his line.

A Republican in the political field, Mr. Albert with his vote and influence supports the principles of that party. Fraternally, he is affiliated with Bloomsburg Lodge, No. 265, Free and Accepted Masons; Caldwell Consistory, of Bloomsburg, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, in the thirty-second degree; and Irem Temple, of Wilkes-Barre, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of the Franklin Club

and Craftsmen's Club; member of the board of directors' of the Y's Men's Club, of the Young Men's Christian Association; was secretary of the Nuangola Lake Association, a summer cottage resort in the Pocono Mountains; member of the board of directors of the Wilkes-Barre Life Underwriters' Association; secretary and treasurer of the Lafayette Alumni Association of Northeastern Pennsylvania; and member of the Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce. He is affiliated with the Kingston Presbyterian Church.

Charles L. Albert married, in April, 1917, Jannette Davis, of Scranton, daughter of John and Annie (Leyshon) Davis, and they have two children: Charles L., Jr., and Mary Elizabeth. The family residence is at Overbrook, Dallas Township, Pennsylvania.

**STANLEY WALTER BLAZEJEWSKI, M. D.**

—One of the skillful doctors of medicine in Wilkes-Barre and vicinity, is Dr. Stanley Walter Blazejewski, who specializes in the diseases of the eye, ear, nose, and throat. Although originally he intended to study theology, he is now a careful and successful practicing physician, with offices at No. 46 South Washington Street. Dr. Blazejewski, who comes of Polish ancestry, enjoys a lucrative and enviable practice in Wilkes-Barre, where he counts among his patients and those who come to him for advice an especially large number of members of the city's Polish population.

He was born in Poland on April 6, 1880, the son of George and Catherine Blazejewski, the former of whom is a retired merchant of Plains, Luzerne County. Mrs. Blazejewski died January 8, 1929. He and his wife became the parents of five children: 1. Dr. Stanley W., of whom further. 2. Frances, now deceased; she married Stanley Chocki. 3. John A., who conducted the grocery store at his father's old stand at Plains, Pennsylvania, and now employed by Eureka Vacuum Cleaner Company. 4. Michael, who is traveling salesman, of Kingston. 5. Mary, who is the wife of Louis Witczak, of Cleveland, Ohio.

Stanley W. Blazejewski was only four years old when his parents came to Luzerne County, settling in the town of Wilkes-Barre. Here he attended both the public and the parochial schools, and later became a student at the Polish Seminary, in Detroit, Michigan, where he was preparing for the study of theology. Then he changed his plans, and, in 1903, he entered the Baltimore Medical College, from which he was graduated in the class of 1907 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine, after which he served as interne in the Maryland General Hospital six months. He first practiced his profession in Shenandoah, Pennsylvania, where he remained for eight years, and was a Board of Health physician in 1911. In 1915, he went to Philadelphia, where he took a post-graduate course at the Philadelphia Polyclinic, making a special study of the eye, ear, nose, and throat. He also took a special course at the Wills Eye Hospital, in Philadelphia, then went to New York City, where he took post-graduate work at the Manhattan Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Hospital, and also in the New York Post-Graduate Hospital. In 1916 he returned to Luzerne County, settling in Wilkes-Barre, where he has practiced his profession since that time. Active in the organizations of his colleagues in the medical profession, Dr. Blazejewski is a member of the American Medical Association, the Pennsylvania Medical Society, the Luzerne County Medical Society, and the Wilkes-Barre Ophthalmological Society; also



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the Polish Medical and Dental Association, a National organization. He is a member of the surgical staff of the Hudson Coal Company, and also of the staff of the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital. During the World War he was medical examiner in the draft exemption service for District No. 3, which constituted Luzerne County. Taking a prominent part in the fraternal life of his community and in the organizations of Polish-American citizens, Dr. Blazewski is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, in which he is affiliated with Lodge No. 109, of Wilkes-Barre; the Polish National Alliance of America; the Tatra Club, of Wilkes-Barre; and is affiliated with St. Mary's Polish Catholic Church.

On October 4, 1910, Dr. Blazewski married Anna N. Radziewicz, of Shenandoah, Pennsylvania, daughter of Charles and Dorothy (Karczewski) Radziewicz. They have two children: Anna Helen A. and Stanley Walter, Jr.

**WILLIAM ASTON**—A member of the Aston Brothers Construction Company, at Wilkes-Barre, William Aston occupies an executive position in one of the most successful enterprises of its kind in the State. The company has built the Poll and Majestic theaters, at Wilkes-Barre, the recent addition to St. Stephen's Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church in Forty Fort, and are now general contractors for the Elmer L. Meyers High School, in Wilkes-Barre, the largest high school in the State with the exception of those in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. This work is distinguished, in general, by the excellence of its design and the honesty of its materials, and is a distinct credit to its builders as well as an asset to the communities in which it stands.

William Aston was born in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, on February 6, 1884, a son of Job B. Aston, a brick layer by trade, who was born in England in 1845 and died in 1903, and of Jamimma (Titley) Aston, also born in England, in 1849, and died in 1911.

As a boy William Aston attended the Wilkes-Barre public schools, and was graduated from the Harry Hillman Academy. Later he entered Lafayette College, at Easton, Pennsylvania, and from this institution was graduated in 1911 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Mr. Aston decided to adopt the profession of educator, and in 1916 received the degree of Master of Arts from Lafayette College. In all, he taught for a period of eight years, dividing this time between the Wilkes-Barre High School, and Lafayette College, discharging the duties of each position in a very successful way. In 1919, however, he became a partner in the firm of W. and E. Aston, mason contractors, at Wilkes-Barre, this arrangement continuing until 1927, when the business was consolidated with the Aston Brothers Construction Company, established in 1906 by Richard and Albert Aston, the former of whom died in April, 1927. The new venture was immediately successful, and has gained wide reputation for its work throughout the Wilkes-Barre section, employing at present sixty to seventy men. They have done work on many important buildings, and their engagement in the construction of the Elmer L. Meyers High School, which will cost approximately \$2,500,000, was thoroughly well merited by the consistently high quality which they have previously shown. As secretary and treasurer of the company, the other officers of which are Albert Aston, president, and Ernest Aston, vice-president (see following biog-

raphy), William Aston has contributed in no small degree to its sound financial condition and continued prosperity, and he is regarded as one of Wilkes-Barre's most able business men.

Mr. Aston makes his home at Kingston, and both here and in Wilkes-Barre, he has been active in the community life. He is a member of the Wilkes-Barre Rotary Club, and his hearty support can always be counted on for worthy civic and benevolent enterprises. Mr. Aston is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, and in this order is a member of Lodge No. 61, Shekinah Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons, Dieu le Veut Commandery, No. 45, of the Knights Templar, and Irem Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He also belongs to Irem Temple Country Club. Mr. Aston is president of the local chapter, Associated General Contractors. In political affairs, Mr. Aston supports the principles and candidates of the Republican party. He with his family worship in the faith of the Presbyterian Church, and is a member of the Westminster Church of Wilkes-Barre, of which he is one of the trustees.

In 1913, William Aston married Blanche Dodson, of Wilkes-Barre, daughter of William E. and Alice (Chapin) Dodson, of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Aston are the parents of one son, William, Jr., who was born on February 16, 1924. The family residence at Kingston is situated on Westmoreland Avenue.

**ERNEST ASTON**—A resident of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, for many years, Ernest Aston is widely known as a mason and contractor, a member of the Aston Brothers Construction Company, and a progressive business man. He has devoted himself entirely to work in the building and construction field, and his long experience and genuine ability have proved of the greatest value to his company, of which he is the vice-president.

Mr. Aston was born on September 22, 1886, at Wilkes-Barre. His father, Job B. Aston, born in England in 1845, died in 1903, was also engaged in building work, being a brick layer by trade. The mother before her marriage was Jamimma Titley, born in England in 1849, and died in 1911.

Ernest Aston attended the Wilkes-Barre public schools, and when he completed his education, learned the mason's trade in which he has since been engaged. In 1921, in association with his brother, William Aston, (see preceding biography), he established the firm of W. and E. Aston, mason contractors, who did a very successful business under this name in Wilkes-Barre for a period of six years. At the end of this time, in 1927, this company merged with the Aston Brothers Construction Company, established by Richard and Albert Aston in 1906, and of the new firm Ernest Aston became vice-president, in which position he has since remained. As a man of long experience in the work, his advice on matters of policy and on specific problems which arise, carries extreme weight in the company's council, in which he plays a prominent part.

Politically, Mr. Aston is a member of the Republican party, while he and his family attend Firwood Methodist Episcopal Church, at Wilkes-Barre. Among his fellow-townsmen he is highly esteemed as a public-spirited citizen, who may be counted upon to support movements in the best interest of the community.

In 1910, Ernest Aston married Myrtle Barn-

hardt, of Ashley, Pennsylvania, daughter of William and Ida Barnhardt, of that place. Of this marriage two children have been born: 1. Marie, born in 1911. 2. Catherine, who was born in 1914. The Aston home is situated at No. 71 New Alexander Street, Wilkes-Barre.

**JOSEPH B. GABRIO**—In the educational field of Luzerne County the name of Joseph B. Gabrio is well and favorably known, for Mr. Gabrio has secured for himself the highest degree of respect and esteem, not only for his attributes as a scholar but also for the fact that he has attained his present high position by his own unaided efforts.

Mr. Gabrio was born in Avondale, Luzerne County, March 7, 1870, the son of Joseph E. and Charity A. (Sites) Gabrio, both natives of Luzerne County. The founder of the family in this country was Francis Gabrio, the grandfather of Joseph B. Gabrio of this record, who came to this country from Canada in the early years of the last century. He located at Eckley, Luzerne County, where he operated a blacksmith shop. He served in the Mexican War and in the Civil War, in which latter struggle he was wounded. He held a commission as captain, and his three sons served with him throughout the campaign. Upon his return to Luzerne County after the war he was appointed a justice of the peace. His son, Joseph E. Gabrio, the father of Joseph B., of this record, spent his life in Luzerne County, working at his trade of blacksmith, and becoming one of the solid men of his community. He had a family of six children, as follows: 1. William P. 2. Hattie M. 3. George L. 4. Joseph B. 5. Frank P. 6. Rhoda L. He died at the age of forty-eight years as a result of heart trouble due to his exertions in the Civil War. He had served continuously for three years and three months.

Joseph B. Gabrio was obliged to give up his educational aims in his early life, owing to the death of his father, and at the age of eleven years he started out as a "breaker boy." When he was fourteen years of age he was admitted into the Soldiers' Orphanage, where he remained for two years, eagerly absorbing all the knowledge he could acquire. On leaving the orphanage he worked at various occupations, spending all his leisure time in study and at night school. When but seventeen years of age he went before the school board and applied for a license as a teacher. This was granted to him and he began to teach in the district schools of Luzerne County and in the adjoining county of Carbon. He served for six years as a teacher in the schools of Hazle Township, and previously in other schools until on June 1, 1895, he took over the superintendency of the school of Foster Township, to which office he had been elected. In June, 1899 he was elected superintendent of Hazle Township schools and this position of responsibility and trust he now holds, having been elected to the office eight times and is now serving his thirty-fourth year as a commission superintendent by the State of Pennsylvania, and his commission extends until July, 1930. He is without doubt the dean of all school superintendents in the State of Pennsylvania, and has ever had the fullest support and encouragement from his school board. He is a member of the National Education Association, as well as of the Pennsylvania State Educational Association.

Mr. Gabrio is a Past Exalted Ruler of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, being affiliated with Hazleton Lodge, No. 200;

is a Past Chancellor of the Knights of Pythias; and a member of Aerie, No. 193, of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. He is a member of the Travel Club of New York, and a trustee and member of the board of the Hazleton Public Library, of which he was one of the organizers. He served as a member of the Hazleton City Council as well as of the State Board of Examiners of several of the State Normal Schools of Pennsylvania. His religious affiliations are with St. Peter's Episcopal Church, of Hazleton.

**REUBEN H. HOFFMAN**, partner in the realty firm of Goeringer and Hoffman, developers of the Hillcrest View subdivision at Shavertown, is one of the public-spirited citizens about Wilkes-Barre, who has had much to do with the development and progress of Luzerne County in recent years. Intensely interested in civic progress, Mr. Hoffman does not hesitate to expend his time and talents freely upon projects looking toward community betterment. He has a wide acquaintance throughout the county, especially among members of fraternal orders in which he has held office and occupied a significant place for many years.

Born in Gowen, Luzerne County, April 26, 1882, Mr. Hoffman is the son of Reuben and Grace (McGlinn) Hoffman, the latter born at Hazleton, Pennsylvania, in 1858. The father was born in Blackcreek Township, Luzerne County, in 1857, and was engaged in business as a rock contractor in Glen Lyon, Pennsylvania, until his death in 1916. Their son, Reuben H. Hoffman, attended the public grade and high schools of Newport Township, graduating from the latter with the class of 1902. He was employed in the coal breaker and in the mines until he was twenty-one years of age, meanwhile pursuing further studies in the Wilkes-Barre Extension School of the Wharton School of Accounting and Finance. A member of the first class to be graduated by the school in 1916, Mr. Hoffman did clerical work for several Wilkes-Barre concerns until 1922, when he and Harry Goeringer formed a partnership to conduct a real estate and insurance business with offices in the Liberty Bank Building. They have handled numerous transactions, with the Hillcrest View development as their outstanding accomplishment. Republican in politics, Mr. Hoffman is fraternally affiliated with Nanticoke Lodge, No. 541, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is Past Master; also Justice Council, No. 307, at Glen Lyon, Junior Order United American Mechanics, of which he is a Past Councilor, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks. Mr. Hoffman is an active and interested member of St. Clements Episcopal Church, in which he is president of the Laymen's Association.

In February, 1907, Mr. Hoffman married Mary G. Lohman, daughter of Whitney and Elizabeth (Mellon) Lohman. They became the parents of two children: 1. Leonard P., born in February, 1908, who is now associated with the Pennsylvania Tobacco Company. 2. Robert J., born in September, 1910; is in the City Engineering Department of the city of Wilkes-Barre.

**HARRY WILLIAM MONTZ**—Member of a family having its antecedents in Switzerland and for somewhat more than two hundred years established in Pennsylvania, Harry W. Montz is now (1929) mining engineer for the Lehigh Valley Coal Company, with offices in Wilkes-Barre.

Harry W. Montz was born at Lehighon,



Joseph B. Gabrig,





Carbon County, Pennsylvania, on January 12, 1885, a son of William H. and Susan (Dilcher) Montz, the father living aged eighty-five, the mother deceased. The Montz family is one of the old families of Pennsylvania, having come from Switzerland to Pennsylvania in 1726, settling in Northampton County. William H. Montz was general foreman of railroad shops at Lehighton for many years, and was the father of five children: Anzionette, married George E. Gray, of Lehighton; Carolina and Mary, who died in infancy; Harry William, of whom further; and Cleophas A., who resides in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Harry W. Montz attended the public schools of Lehighton, and afterwards entered Pennsylvania State College, where he graduated in 1907 with the degree of Bachelor of Science. Soon after his graduation from college he entered the employ of the H. C. Frick Coke and Coal Company, at Scottsdale, Pennsylvania, and later became associated with the same company located at Uniontown, Fayette County, Pennsylvania. He left the Frick company to join the engineering corps of the Kingston Coal Company, at Wilkes-Barre. On April 1, 1909, he left the Kingston company and entered the engineering corps of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company, and in 1912 became division engineer of the Wyoming Division of that organization. He was division engineer until 1916, when he was made mining engineer; and in 1917 became division superintendent of the company's Hazleton unit, Luzerne County. In 1921 he was transferred to Wilkes-Barre as assistant general manager, which office he occupied until 1923, when he became the company's chief mining engineer. Mr. Montz's interests are in the main scientific, and he is a very active member of the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers; he was a director of the Freeland Mining and Mechanical Institute from 1918 to 1928, when he resigned; he also has great attachment for Wilkes-Barre, and is a member and director of the Wilkes-Barre-Wyoming Valley Chamber of Commerce, and the Wilkes-Barre Rotary Club, of which he was president 1928-29. During 1916 and 1917 he was a member of the City Planning Commission. Fraternally, he is affiliated with Lehighton Lodge, No. 621, Free and Accepted Masons, Hazle Chapter, No. 277, Royal Arch Masons, Mount Vernon Commandery, No. 73, Knights Templar at Hazleton, and Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of Wilkes-Barre; he is a member of the Irem Temple Country Club, the Franklin Club, the Hazleton Country Club, Wilkes-Barre Craftsmen's Club, and from 1924 until 1926 was president of the Alumni Association of Pennsylvania State College. In 1916 and 1917, while living in Luzerne Borough, he was a member of the school board, which membership was terminated by his transfer to Hazleton, and while at Hazleton in the employ of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company he became a charter member of the Hazleton Rotary Club, which membership also was terminated when he returned to Wilkes-Barre in 1921.

Harry W. Montz married, on June 23, 1909, Laura M. Honeywell, of Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, daughter of Nelson and Frances (Nafus) Honeywell. Mrs. Montz is a descendant of an old family who settled in Pennsylvania in the 1700's. She is a member of the West Side Woman's Club and was secretary at its inception; a member of the Wilkes-Barre Woman's Club; and is an active member and treasurer of the West Side Visiting Nurse Association. Mr. and Mrs.

Montz are the parents of two children, William Curtis and Robert Wayne. Both Mr. and Mrs. Montz are affiliated with the Presbyterian Church of Kingston.

**FRANK L. SCOTT**—Introduced to the business life of Wilkes-Barre at the age of sixteen, when he was office boy in the employ of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company, Frank L. Scott in 1918 became purchasing agent for that organization, and at the present (1929) has served it for thirty-nine years, being in point of period of service one of the oldest men in the company.

Frank L. Scott was born at Plains, Luzerne County, on January 17, 1875, a son of John W. and Alice (McNeil) Scott, deceased, both born in Luzerne County. John W. and Alice (McNeil) Scott were the parents of nine children: Luella; Frank L., of whom later; Bessie, deceased; William, deceased; Burton; H. Lee; John W.; Harry; and Helen.

Frank L. Scott received his education in the public schools of Plains, employing his time between terms and many of his hours before and after classes morning and night in working on the farm. On December 13, 1891, he secured a place as office boy with the Lehigh Valley Coal Company, and during the years that have since passed has served in various capacities, through the merit of ability advancing to the post of purchasing agent. In Wilkes-Barre and in Forty Fort, Luzerne County, where he resides with his wife, Mr. Scott has many friends who esteem him for his record in business, for his success with the Lehigh Valley Coal Company, and for the principles underlying his character that have made possible this success. In politics he is a Republican; he is a Protestant; a member of the Franklin Club and of the Fox Hill Country Club.

Frank L. Scott married, on September 14, 1907, Jean F. Menzies, a native of Scotland, and they are the parents of two children: Isabelle Menzies, unmarried, a graduate of the Wyoming Seminary at Kingston, Pennsylvania; and Margaret Menzies, a graduate of Wyoming Seminary, and now a student at Middleburg College.

**WILLIAM SWAN McLEAN**—As a typical product of the old school of successful business gentlemen, William Swan McLean, of Wilkes-Barre, stands out prominently. Mr. McLean has served as president of the First National Bank of Wilkes-Barre since 1889, during which time he has greatly enriched the annals of finance; and since 1910 he has served with distinction as the president of the Wilkes-Barre Clearing House Association, a sort of post-graduate honor supplementing his other achievements in banking circles. Mr. McLean has long been noted as a long-headed business man on whose judgment depended the fate of vast enterprises and hundreds of individuals with investments at stake under his personal, or official care, and that he has guided his affairs so as to produce a maximum of contentment and a minimum of loss has constituted a fine tribute to his creative and conserving genius. But one must look beyond such achievements to properly appraise the man, for it was in the realm of the law that he first launched his bark and entered upon a period of foundation building fit for his superstructure of later years. For more than half a century he has practiced his profession at Wilkes-Barre, always with great dignity, learning and success, during twenty-four years of which he was solicitor of the City Court

while attending to a large private practice at the same time. He has found time to engage in political struggles as a staunch Democrat, and his neighbors and associates at the bar and in the field of finance have brought him signal honors. It is by such close estimates of him that his character and ability must be judged, and it assays well from any angle.

William Swan McLean was born at Summit Hill, Carbon County, Pennsylvania, May 27, 1841, the son of Alexander McLean, a Scotch-Irishman born at Fernlaestra, on the banks of the River Bann, in Londonderry, Ireland. Alexander McLean, head of this branch of the McLean family in the United States, came to this country in 1820 and settled at Mauch Chunk, Pennsylvania, where he engaged in coal mining ventures. His capital consisted of one hundred pounds sterling, in this day the equivalent of perhaps \$2,500 by depreciated purchasing power values. He was a progressive man, and shortly after he arrived on the scene he entered into a contract with the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company to transport coal mined at Summit Hill to Mauch Chunk, delivering coal by teams and wagons to the boats that were accustomed to float it downstream to Philadelphia. He made good time while this contract lasted, until someone else invented the "gravity road" that made his process useless, at which time he made another contract with the same company to mine its coal, and it happened that he was the first man to thus enter into such an agreement with the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company. Until 1848 he continued his mining contracts, then removed with his family to a farm he had bought in 1839 on the old Careytown Road. There he built a fine Colonial mansion, and there resided until his death in 1868 at the age of sixty-eight, the date of his birth having been 1800. The corporate limits of the city of Wilkes-Barre now include this famous farm. Alexander McLean was a rugged pioneer in a rough country, and he took up his abode in a sort of wilderness before the last redskin's moccasin had faded from the sand to be transplanted on the prairies of the West. He became a man of wisdom and judgment to whom his neighbors looked for wise counsel, and took great interest in planting those milestones of civilization and hanging out those beacon lights to guide the steps of those who came after him. For many years he served as president of the Central Poor District of Luzerne County, and was one of the moving spirits in the organization of the First National Bank of Wilkes-Barre and became one of its first directors, while his son, James, was made the first president, and his son, William S., having stood in the line of succession, this bank having become the thirtieth national bank organized in the United States. Other leaders in the foundation were Thomas Long, son-in-law of Alexander McLean, and Joseph Brown. On June 1, 1863, the stockholders elected as directors, Alexander McLean, James McLean, Joseph Brown, Alexander Gray and Thomas Long. On the same day James McLean, then extensively engaged in the coal mining business at Summit Hill, and thirty-eight years of age, was named president of the board; he died January 29, 1864, as the result of a railroad accident. Alexander Gray was the second president, having been elected February 10, 1864, and having resigned September 22, of the same year; he had been superintendent of the old Baltimore Coal Company for many

years, and on his own account interested extensively in the coal business. Charles Parrish, prominently identified with activities in Wyoming Valley, succeeded him, having been elected president September 22, 1864; he resigned July 27, 1885, and was succeeded by Former State Senator E. C. Wadhams, who enjoyed the confidence of the entire community; Mr. Wadhams was elected president July 27, 1885, and served until his death January 19, 1889; and thereupon William S. McLean, member of the Luzerne County Bar, took over the duties of president, a fitting sequel to the work of his honored father, Alexander McLean, and his brilliant brother, James McLean; the date of his accession was on January 20.

Mr. McLean began his education in the public schools, after which he prepared for college at Dana's Academy, at Wilkes-Barre, where he made a most creditable record. Then he matriculated at LaFayette College at Easton, from which institution he was graduated with honors in 1865 and delivered the class oration at commencement as valedictorian; three years later, on receipt of his Master's degree, he delivered the Master's oration by election of the faculty. Deciding to take up the pursuit of the law, he studied under the preceptorship of B. G. Nicholson, of Wilkes-Barre, and in 1867, on passing the requisite examinations, was admitted to practice before the Luzerne County Bar. He immediately entered upon the practice of his profession, and was eventually admitted to all the courts. For many years he carried on his practice, which became more important and lucrative as the years went by, and gradually developed extensive banking and business interests, but never let commercial pursuits interfere with his professional status. On the death of George S. Bennett in 1910 Mr. McLean was chosen president of the Wilkes-Barre Clearing House Association, a fitting tribute to his ability and integrity by his fellow members of the financial circle, whose cordial cooperation with him in the work of this office and in his collateral activities has always been a source of the greatest inspiration.

Mr. McLean yielded to the importunities of friends in 1879 and again in 1895 to become a candidate for judge of Luzerne County on the Democratic ticket; although eminently fitted for the position and backed strongly, factional complications in his own party encompassed his defeat, yet he led his ticket by some 2,000 votes, this fact carrying its own testimonial of his personal popularity. During the Civil War while still quite young and in school, he served with Pennsylvania troops, ranking as corporal. He is a member of the Landmark Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Shekinah Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; and Dieu le Veut Commandery, Knights Templar. In club circles he is a member of the Westmoreland Club of Wilkes-Barre, and in religious affairs an attendant upon the Presbyterian Church, and has been a trustee for many years.

Mr. McLean married, November 21, 1871, Anne S. Roberts, daughter of George H. and Margaret B. Roberts, of Philadelphia, representatives of old families, and she died June 7, 1906. Their children were: 1. George R. McLean, a leading member of the Luzerne County Bar. 2. Elizabeth Swan McLean, died in childhood. 3. Margaret Swan McLean, single, and living at home with her father, who is now eighty-seven years of age. 4.





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William Swan McLean, Jr., associate justice of the Eleventh Pennsylvania Judicial District, comprising Luzerne County. 5. Percy Craig McLean.

**GEORGE R. McLEAN**—A distinguished member of the Luzerne County bar, and an important figure in the financial and civic life of the city of Wilkes-Barre, George R. McLean has built up an excellent practice as a corporation lawyer and consultant. He is a man of versatile talents who has given much time to various movements in the public interest in Wilkes-Barre, and served in his country's cause during the Spanish-American War and the more recent World War, in which he played an important part.

Mr. McLean was born at Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, on January 24, 1873, a son of William Swan and Anne S. (Roberts) McLean, and grandson of Alexander McLean, a pioneer anthracite coal operator, for some account of whom and other ancestral references the accompanying biography of William Swan McLean should be consulted.

George R. McLean attended the public schools of his birthplace, the Wilkes-Barre Academy, and finished his preparatory education at Cheltenham Military Academy. He thereupon attended Lafayette College, at Easton, Pennsylvania, his father's university, and graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1895. With the completion of his academic training, he returned to Wilkes-Barre and took up the study of law in the offices of his father, then one of the leading members of the bar and president of the First National Bank. In the following year he was admitted to the Luzerne County Bar and began the practice of his profession. At the outbreak of the Spanish-American War, Mr. McLean immediately enlisted as a member of Company F, Ninth Pennsylvania Regiment of Volunteer Infantry, saw considerable service before the end of the conflict, and was honorably discharged with the rank of first lieutenant.

This experience was very valuable to him in quite another field, when in 1905 he explored the Alaskan wilderness for many months as a member of the McKenzie Expedition. During this period much territory was covered in Northern and Central Alaska which had never previously been explored by any white man, and much information was obtained of great scientific value. Again at the outbreak of the World War Mr. McLean had occasion to visit the far places of the earth. Although considerably above the military age at this time, he volunteered in the Army, was commissioned major, and served for several months at certain of the concentration camps. He was then ordered to join the American Expeditionary Forces in Siberia after the overthrow of the Czarist Government, and was appointed and served for some months as Judge Advocate General of the American Expeditionary Forces in Russia and Siberia. These experiences, aside from their immediate practical importance, were beneficial in contributing to the varied background of knowledge which is necessary in the formation of a sound and catholic judgment.

Meanwhile, at Wilkes-Barre, he had advanced to the front rank of his profession as the demands on his services constantly increased, and to the various duties of his practice he gave most of his time and attention. His advice was frequently sought, how-

ever, and highly regarded by the largest financial interests, and in addition to his legal work, he is a stockholder, officer and director in a number of important financial and industrial institutions. Among these may be mentioned the Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre Coal Company and the First National Bank, in both of which he is a director. His professional activities and business connections were never permitted to interfere with his devotion to the tasks of ameliorating the condition of the poor and needy, the aged and children, for Mr. McLean has been a consistent supporter of and leader in all charitable, social and welfare movements in his community. In politics Mr. McLean has usually allied himself with the Democratic party in his State, but has been consistently independent. He was elected controller of Luzerne County in 1901, while in 1917 he was chairman of the State Democratic Committee, resigning to enter the World War. In 1911 he was the Democratic candidate for Congress, and successfully contested the election of his Republican opponent before the House of Representatives of the United States. Since coming to the bar, Mr. McLean has taken a great interest in many of the charitable institutions and welfare movements of the community, and to these various causes he has contributed generously of his effort, time and substance. For a number of years he was president of the Community Welfare Federation, while he is now president of the Wyoming Valley Homeopathic Hospital, trustee of the Home for Friendless Children, and of many other benevolent organizations. He is also a trustee of Wyoming Seminary.

Fraternally Mr. McLean is affiliated with Landmark Lodge, No. 442, of the Free and Accepted Masons, and in this order he is also a member of Shekinah Chapter, No. 182, of the Royal Arch Masons, Dieu le Veut Commandery, No. 45, of the Knights Templar, a member of all bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, including the thirty-second degree of the Consistory, and a member of Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. In a professional way Mr. McLean is identified with the Pennsylvania State Bar and the American Bar associations, while his clubs include the Westmoreland Club and the Wyoming Valley Country Club. He is a Presbyterian and attends the First Church of this denomination at Wilkes-Barre, where he is a member, and officially connected with the church boards.

Through his ancestors on both sides of the family, Mr. McLean is qualified for membership in various Colonial and Revolutionary societies, and in this connection it is especially interesting to note that his mother, Anne S. (Roberts) McLean, is a lineal descendant of Captain John Roberts, close friend and adviser of William Penn and a companion when the Quaker Colony in Pennsylvania was founded.

On April 2, 1902, George R. McLean married Mary Barber, daughter of Colonel Albert P. and Helen (Jenkins) Barber, and a direct descendant of Colonel John Jenkins of Luzerne County fame. Mr. and Mrs. McLean became the parents of five children: 1. William Swan McLean, III, a graduate of Lafayette College and the Law School of Harvard University, and a member of the bar of Luzerne County. 2. Theodore Barber, who was fatally injured in an accident in 1923 while a student at Choate School, Wallingford, Connecticut. 3. Roberts, who died in childhood.

4. Alexander, a student at Wyoming Seminary, Kingston, Pennsylvania. 5. George Roberts, Jr., a student at Phillips Academy, Andover, Massachusetts.

**JUDGE WILLIAM SWAN McLEAN, JR.**—It is the privilege of some sons to break away from the trail of the father in life's journey, the pleasure of others to walk in it. Family independence may be dictated by contrary courses in certain cases, and family solidarity may demand that the members of a flock who are temperamentally alike should religiously follow the leader. The leader of the unified family of McLean of Wilkes-Barre, Luzerne County, Alexander McLean, a native of Ireland, was a trail blazer of rare energy and ability; and his descendants, while capable of barking their own trees, have found his leadership so wise that their preference has been to follow his general course; the same may be said of the present generations with respect to the activities of William Swan McLean, Sr., father of the William Swan McLean, who is described herein. Alexander McLean, in the first place, was a man of originality, imagination and courage, qualities which have passed on down in generous measure; he was an excellent business man, and this quality has shown no lack of propagation. He was a director and one of the organizers of the First National Bank of Wilkes-Barre his son James became the first president of this bank; his son, William Swan (q. v.) was the fifth president of it, and still serves it; while his grandson, George R. McLean (q. v.), is a director of it. William Swan McLean, Sr., was a member of the Democratic party and the Presbyterian Church, and a graduate of Lafayette College at Easton, and his sons, George R. and William Swan McLean, Jr., have followed him through these three steps. Furthermore, both sons have come after him in the law and he has been the worthy tutor of both as they studied in his law office in preference to taking a law school course. William S. McLean, Sr., received his law schooling under a preceptor, and he always thought this was the best way; in the case of his sons, to say the least, his judgment has been amply vindicated. In general, the club and secret order affiliations of father and sons have been the same. In wars the father served during the Civil War, while George R. McLean served in the Spanish-American and World wars, and William S. McLean, Jr., in the World War. There is finally another parallel which completes this interesting picture; the parallel being broken into perpendicular form, to make use of such a figure of speech, to the extent that the son succeeded in an ambition the father never attained; the father aspired to become judge of the Eleventh Judicial District of Pennsylvania, embracing Luzerne County, and was twice defeated, whereas William Swan McLean, Jr., coming along a good many years later, retrieved his father's lost laurels in a race for the associate judgeship of the enlarged court, a place he has held several years and with great credit to himself and his contemporaries. It is small wonder, therefore, that at eighty-five years of age William Swan McLean, Sr., can withdraw in retirement into that inner shrine of contentment and contemplation of a well-spent life and a glorious future for the family name.

William Swan McLean, Jr., was born December 17, 1877, at Wilkes-Barre. (For a

more extensive account of his genesis, the reader should consult the accompanying sketches of William S. McLean, Sr., and George R. McLean). He attended the public schools of Wilkes-Barre, where he proved his right to the name of diligent pupil, and the Harry Hillman Academy of the same city, where he gained the reputation of being a rare young scholar. Entering Lafayette College at Easton in 1894, he was graduated with the class of 1898 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and continuing his studies in a search after the deeper springs of knowledge, he graduated with the degree of Master of Arts. Repairing to Wilkes-Barre, he studied law in the office of his father and his older brother, George R. McLean, and on successfully standing the bar examinations in 1901 he was admitted to practice at the Luzerne County Bar. He straightway entered upon the practice of the law from his father's office, and succeeded beyond his fondest expectations until President Wilson called upon Congress in April, 1917, for a declaration of war against Germany, when he offered his sword to his country's cause. He had previously had military experience, including service in 1900 with the old Pennsylvania National Guard, and then in 1916 as captain of one of the companies which went to the Mexican Border to quell disturbances there. He was quickly accepted to join one of the American Expeditionary Force Regiments, and was made captain and adjutant of the command. After a sufficient period of training he sailed in April, 1918, for France, and was soon afterward sent to the French front for active service, and underwent an experience which was highly meritorious but necessarily similar to that of thousands of his fellow countrymen. He returned to the United States on a transport and arrived in the United States in May, 1919, and was soon afterward mustered out. Going home, he picked up the broken ends of his law practice and soon had his pre-war clientele well reconstituted and adding to his fame and purse. In 1922 he was elected as a Democratic candidate to the associate judgeship of Luzerne County, now as presiding judge, a position he holds with dignity, ability and grace. He is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Wilkes-Barre in religious affairs. In secret order circles he is a member of Landmark Lodge, No. 442, of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he was preceded by his father and his brother, George; and he maintains an alumni connection with the Zeta Psi Fraternity, one of the oldest Greek letter societies in the country, having been founded in 1846 at Yale University, and the local chapter of which he joined as a student at Lafayette College.

Judge McLean married, January 27, 1921, Frances Leigh Ricketts, a daughter of Colonel R. Bruce Ricketts and Elizabeth (Reynolds) Ricketts, of Wilkes-Barre, representatives of an old family of culture and achievement; and their union has been blessed with a daughter, Elizabeth Swan McLean. The wedding was solemnized, it may be remarked, a little more than a year before Judge McLean was elevated to the bench.

Two qualities may be said to have obtruded themselves in the career of Judge McLean: first, an innate ability which to a large extent was inherited from conquering ancestors, and second, the determination to succeed over all obstacles, by the exercise of patience, tact and progressiveness. Judge McLean was





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above the service age in the World War, so that his enlistment was entirely voluntary; but he is still in the prime of life, and his friends are predicting that higher political preferment is reserved for him in the near future.

**PERCY C. McLEAN**—A review of the life history and accomplishments of the late Percy C. McLean touches a business and social leadership in the thriving city of Wilkes-Barre, toward whose advancement he so greatly contributed. A widely known and universally respected representative of various leading insurance companies, he had qualities of mind and character and ideals which fitted him for his great profession. Rank among the wealthiest and most progressive fields of modern American business enterprise belongs by right to general insurance. The man to promote it is the man of vision, of broad humanitarian interests, of keen business ability, the believer in the great virtues of thrift and a sense of responsibility. Such a man in every sense of the word was Percy C. McLean.

The family was founded by Alexander McLean, of Scotch-Irish lineage, born in Ireland, and a trail blazer of rare energy and ability. He handed down to his descendants not only his prominent place in the community, but also his originality, imagination and courage, and his business ability. He was a director and organizer of the First National Bank of Wilkes-Barre; his son, James McLean, became the first president of the bank; and his son, William Swan McLean, Sr., the fifth president of the institution, still serves it. A grandson, George R. McLean (q. v.), is its vice-president and served on its board of directors. William Swan McLean, Sr., served his country during the Civil War, after graduating from Lafayette College, at Easton, Pennsylvania. He was an influential member of the Democratic party and supporter of the Presbyterian Church. A lawyer of note, he aspired for a place on the bench and lived to see the goal attained by his son, William Swan McLean, Jr. (q. v.), president judge of the Luzerne County courts, William Swan McLean, Sr., married Anne Stevens Roberts, of Philadelphia, and the following children born to them reached manhood and womanhood: George R. McLean, Margaret S. McLean, William Swan McLean, Jr., and Percy C. McLean, of further mention.

Percy C. McLean was born in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, September 16, 1885, son of William Swan and Anne S. (Roberts) McLean. The father is now in his eighty-ninth year, and the mother deceased. The son grew up in his native city and was educated in the Harry Hillman Academy of Wilkes-Barre, and the Chestnut Hill Academy of Philadelphia. His entire business career was concerned with the general insurance business. As a representative of the leading companies in England and America, he maintained imposing offices in the Coal Exchange Building of Wilkes-Barre. He was president of McLean and Quick, Incorporated, general insurance brokers of Philadelphia.

In political and religious affiliations, Mr. McLean followed the family tradition in supporting the Democratic party and the Presbyterian Church. He also belonged to the Wilkes-Barre Lodge, No. 109, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

September 21, 1917, Percy C. McLean married Emily D. McCoy, of New York City,

daughter of Charles E. McCoy, and they became the parents of three children: William Swan McLean, 4th; Craig McLean; and Anne Roberts McLean.

When he was at the height of his success and powers, Mr. McLean died, February 29, 1928, at the age of forty-two. Words seem cold and lifeless when set over against the abounding life and warmth of Mr. McLean's personality. He was a man of great heart, fine mind, and much personal charm. His unselfish devotion to the welfare of others, his cordiality, and his capacity for affection were noteworthy. Not only his family and friends but an entire community mourns his death.

**WILBUR HENRY FLECK**—One of the active figures in the educational circles in this State is Wilbur Henry Fleck, Dean of Wyoming Seminary. During his teaching career Dean Fleck has held a number of responsible positions. He came to Wyoming Seminary in 1911 as instructor in the Department of Latin, and because of the acceptable manner with which he filled the requirements of this position, he was elected to the office of Dean in 1917.

Dean Fleck was born in Tyrone, Blair County, the son of Abram L. and Martha (Cryder) Fleck, both of whom were natives of Blair County and who are now deceased. Abram L. Fleck was the son of Jacob and Susan (Hostler) Fleck. Jacob Fleck was the grandson of Conrad Fleck who was a soldier in the Revolutionary War under General Washington. The Fleck family is one of the oldest and most influential families in Blair County, the original ancestral home being at the present time (1929) in the possession of the fifth generation, having been continuously the property of the family for one hundred and thirty-five years. Abram L. Fleck was engaged all his life in agriculture, and he and Mrs. Fleck were the parents of seven children: 1. Margaret, married A. C. Sorrick, of Hollidaysburg. 2. Anna, married Hudson Irwin, of Bellwood. 3. Frances, married the Rev. L. H. Waring, Ph. D., of Washington, District of Columbia. 4. Ada, unmarried, deceased. 5. Wilbur Henry, of whom further. 6. Forrest R., a merchant at Juniata, now deceased. 7. A. Ross, who owns and occupies the original Fleck homestead in Tyrone Township, Blair County.

Wilbur Henry Fleck spent the early years of his life on his father's farm, during which time he assisted with the farm work and attended the local public schools. At the age of seventeen he became a teacher in one of the nearby schools, remaining in this position for three years. He then entered Grove City Academy where he prepared for Gettysburg College, from which latter institution he was graduated with the class of 1902, receiving his degree of Bachelor of Arts. Renewing his career as an educator, he accepted the appointment as vice-principal of the high school at Hazleton, where he was a popular figure for several years. Removing to Philadelphia in 1907, he taught in private schools in that city, and in the meantime took a post-graduate course at the University of Pennsylvania, from which he received the degree of Master of Arts in 1909. Two years later he became a member of the faculty in the school of which he is now Dean, and his executive ability being recognized and appreciated, he was chosen to fill his present responsible and important position.

Dean Fleck has always received the esteem and respect of his entire student body and the

earnest coöperation of all the faculty. In politics, he is an Independent, preferring to judge the merits of each particular candidate rather than align himself with any definite political party. In civic affairs he takes an active part and is ever deeply concerned with the welfare and advancement of his fellow-citizens. Fraternally, he is identified with Hazle Lodge, No. 327, Free and Accepted Masons, of Hazleton; he is a member of the Royal Arch Masons and of Pi Gamma Mu honorary scholastic fraternity. He is a leading member of the Kiwanis Club of Wilkes-Barre and in his religious affiliations is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Kingston, serving on the official church board, and for several years has also been teacher of the Men's Bible Class. For three years he served as a member of Sheridan Troop, Pennsylvania Cavalry of the National Guard.

Wilbur Henry Fleck married, on June 14, 1905, Evelyn Heine, of Montoursville, daughter of J. R. and Vinetta (Hartman) Heine.

**ALBERT MEREDITH THOMAS, M. D.**—Service to people in a large area of the anthracite coal-mining region continues to be rendered in an efficient manner and with the touch of sympathy by Dr. Albert M. Thomas, a skillful practitioner of the younger group of physicians and surgeons, who is well known throughout Luzerne County. To his practice in Wanamie he gives close attention, while also serving in a professional capacity in hospital, at coal collieries and in the public schools. An overseas medical officer of both American and British forces, he achieved a praiseworthy record for duty in action near the front lines, and returned with a commission as captain. He enjoys good standing with the organized bodies of his profession.

Born in Newport Township, Luzerne County, January 21, 1893, Dr. Albert Meredith Thomas is the son of John J. and Hannah (Meredith) Thomas, his father a native of South Wales, later a mine foreman at the Susquehanna Collieries, Wanamie, died in November, 1925; his mother, born in South Wales also, survived her husband at his death. The son, Albert Meredith, received his early education in the public schools of Newport Township, and was graduated from the high school there in 1911. For some time he had been conscious of a compelling desire to be a physician and surgeon, since he saw in that profession aims and purposes that fitted in with his ideas of service to the greatest number possible. He entered Jefferson Medical College, from which he was graduated in the class of 1915 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. His internship of sixteen months was served in the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Dr. Thomas began practice in his own name at Glen Lyon and later at Wanamie, where he has ever since ministered to an increasing number of patients with the exception of his period of enlistment in the World War. The British armies and the American Expeditionary Forces were fortunate in being enabled to command Dr. Thomas' services during the World War. With the commission of captain he performed heroic and efficient work on several fronts with the troops in heavy action. All told, he was overseas for twenty-two months, and received his honorable discharge, June 16, 1919. Resuming his general practice where the war interrupted it, he has risen to a place of high esteem and in the professional regard of his contemporaries. He

holds the post of surgeon to the Lehigh & Wilkes-Barre coal collieries Nos. 18 and 19. As medical inspector of the schools of Wanamie he renders a fine service in the cause of education, and he is also a member of the staff of Nanticoke Hospital. He served as deputy coroner of Luzerne County for eight years. His affiliation with professional organizations includes the American Medical Association, the Luzerne County Medical Society and the Pennsylvania State Medical Society.

He is a director of the Glen Lyon National Bank. In politics he votes with the Republicans, and is accounted a strong member of his party organization. His fraternal alliances are with Cauldwell Consistory Scottish Rite Freemasonry, of Bloomsburg; Nanticoke Lodge, No. 541, Free and Accepted Masons; Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; Glen Lyon Lodge, Knights of Pythias; and the Junior Order United American Mechanics. His religious fellowship is with the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Dr. Albert M. Thomas married, June, 1924, Eunice Evelyn Hilgert, of Scranton, daughter of Charles and Electa Hilgert, a well-known and highly esteemed family of that city.

**SPENCER E. ARNOLD**—One of the most prominent and alert business men of Wilkes-Barre, Mr. Arnold may be said to be a constructive force in the interests of the growth and prosperity of the city. His real estate operations have added greatly to the beauty of the environs of the city and have been carried out with unusual breadth of vision and judgment. Mr. Arnold was born in Wilkes-Barre on November 3, 1889, a son of Clayton T. and Caroline (Hand) Arnold. The family on both sides dates back to early pioneer days of Wyoming Valley. Caroline (Hand) Arnold was born in Lancaster, in England, in 1870 and was brought over here as a child. Her father, Alfred Hand, had a large share in developing the county and was city engineer for many years and the name of Alfred Hand is still spoken of in civic memorials. Clayton T. Arnold was born in White Haven, Luzerne County, in 1863 and died in 1923. He was a carpenter and diamond driller by trade and was also of the old settler stock that founded and developed the county. Mary Arnold, mother of Clayton T. Arnold, was postmistress at Forty Fort, Pennsylvania, at one time.

Spencer E. Arnold was educated in the public schools of the city and supplemented this education with courses at the Wilkes-Barre Business College, entering the office of the Pennsylvania Railroad on completion of his studies. He held a clerical position with that company for three years and a stenographic position with the Lehigh Valley Coal Company in the real estate department, for four years; following this with a connection in the sales department with the Hazard Manufacturing Company and later was associated with the real estate firm of Freedman and Dattner, as salesman. Always gathering valuable sales experience, and knowledge of the real estate potentialities of the city and its surroundings has been the basis of his present widely disseminated operations. Mr. Arnold when he first went into business for himself, entered into partnership with Leslie A. Steele, and as Arnold and Steele were active realtors for two years, when Mr. Arnold sold his interest in the company and formed the organization of Spencer E. Arnold, Incorporated, with Mr.





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Arnold as president. This company, formed in 1925, deals almost exclusively with the development of sub-divisions and is responsible for some of the lovely suburbs that are being formed around the outskirts, and the officers are experienced realtors whose integrity and sound judgment has gained for them in a distinct measure, the public's confidence, without which no exploitation can survive. With the highest civic ideals and with a personal reputation of honorable dealing throughout his business career, Mr. Arnold's company promises to become eventually one of the sound financial props of the economic structure of the city. Mr. Arnold outside of his own wide business interests, is one of the directors and one of the organizers of the Anthracite Mutual Building and Loan Association; one of the founders of the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church at Kingston, and a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, the Shekinah Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons; and of the Dieu le Veut Commandery, Knights Templar. For some time he belonged to the drum corps and was president of the group.

In 1912, Spencer E. Arnold married Florence Walters, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Walters, of Wilkes-Barre. They have had two children, Luther D., born in June, 1915, and Spencer W. who was born in June, 1917.

**EDWARD STANLEY SHEPHERD**—A descendant of Matthew Shepherd who came to this country from England, before the American Revolution, Edward Stanley Shepherd of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, stands today as a notable representative of that family whose history is so interwoven with the history of the State of Pennsylvania. When Matthew Shepherd first came to this country, he settled in Philadelphia and established himself in trade there. His descendants were noted for good fighting in the cause of liberty and for good trading in the commercial side of the building of the country. The records of individuals of this family are worthy of note for in all things they have proved themselves thorough, painstaking, persevering and successful men. Matthew Shepherd was a linen weaver and in 1773, on March 13, he married Jane Johnson. They had eight children, from whom come the various branches of the family.

Matthew Shepherd, the third child of Matthew and Jane (Johnson) Shepherd, married Anna Yeager, a member of one of the oldest and most highly respected German families in the State of Pennsylvania. They had four children, the youngest, William Henry Shepherd, of whom further, was the father of Edward Stanley Shepherd.

William Henry Shepherd founded the Shepherd Construction Company which, since 1870, has been well known throughout all North-eastern Pennsylvania. He was noted as a remarkably versatile man who disproved the old saying that a Jack of all trades is good at none, for he was successful at his many trades. He was a school teacher, an accountant and a mechanic. Among his accomplishments was the knowledge of gas-fitting and it is said that he was probably the first one versed in this craft in Wilkes-Barre, where he came to live in 1855. His contracting business was first established under the name of Shepherd and Dalley, but after a year, he became sole owner and later took into partnership his two sons, William C. and Harry C. Shepherd, and the business was known as W. H. Shepherd and Sons. He was a Republican in politics and a Past Master of the Landmark Lodge, No. 442, Free and

Accepted Masons; a thirty-second degree member of the Caldwell Consistory of Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania; and of the Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; and a member of the Wilkes-Barre Board of Trade. During the Civil War, Mr. Shepherd was active in military service in Company E, 1st Regiment, Gray Reserves, of Philadelphia. His example of citizenship, loyalty, and business acumen have ever been an inspiration to his sons who are diligent in carrying on the business their father founded. In January, 1859, William Henry Shepherd married Lydia A. Ziegler, daughter of Amos Ziegler, of Zieglerville, Pennsylvania. They had seven children.

Edward Stanley Shepherd, fifth child of William Henry and Lydia A. (Ziegler) Shepherd, was born in Wilkes-Barre, June 19, 1871. Both parents are now deceased. His early education was in the Franklin Grammar School of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, until the age of fifteen years, when he entered the Harry Hillman Academy and graduated from there in 1889. After finishing his school education, he learned the trade of a carpenter in his father's establishment and followed this line of work for three and one half years. At the end of this time, he was taken into the office in a confidential capacity and has continued in the executive end of the business ever since. For thirty-five years he has been paymaster and secretary of the business and has cooperated with his brothers in keeping it up to the standard which his father set in all work done by his company. He is an earnest and zealous Republican and votes a straight ticket in favor of all nominees of his party. For many years he was very active in the organization of Patriotic Order Sons of America. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church and is one of the most highly respected and esteemed citizens of Wilkes-Barre.

In Montrose, Pennsylvania, Edward Stanley Shepherd married Helen Newton Aitken, daughter of James and Fanny (Stark) Aitken, the marriage occurring on May 19, 1897. Mrs. Shepherd's father, James Aitken, descended from one of the earliest Scotch families to settle in Susquehanna County. They had four children, two of whom are living: 1. Ruth Aitken, wife of James Malcolm Hutchison, of Wilkes-Barre. 2. Stanley Aitken, educated in the public and high schools of Wilkes-Barre, followed by a commercial course in the Wyoming Seminary at Kingston, Pennsylvania, and later he had one year at Syracuse University of New York State. He served in the United States Army during the World War and now holds a responsible position with the Wilkes-Barre Deposits and Savings Bank of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. He married Myrtle Keiser, daughter of R. M. Keiser of Wilkes-Barre, and they have two children, Louise and Roberta.

**JOHN BENNETT VAUGHN**—A prominent member of a distinguished family, his ancestors having come to Kingston, Pennsylvania, from New England in 1828, John Bennett Vaughn is also one of the leading citizens of the State of Pennsylvania, holding a heritage of New England high Christian ideals. His father, Stephen Buckingham Vaughn, was a descendant of distinguished Connecticut and Rhode Island ancestors, notable in Revolutionary, civic, church and educational affairs. The first of the family, Jonathan Vaughn, came from England in 1638 and was granted land and built his home at Newport, Rhode Island.

Stephen Buckingham Vaughn was the only child of Stephen and Fanny (Buckingham) Vaughn, born in Kingston, Pennsylvania, September 15, 1833. He died in Kingston, June 26, 1905. He married, December 5, 1866, Marion Wallace Preston, daughter of Colonel Joseph Tyson Preston and Sarah Ann (Espy) Preston, of Philadelphia and Kingston. Stephen Buckingham Vaughn lost his mother when he was four months old and was reared by his aunt, Matilda (Buckingham) Bennett, wife of John Bennett. He received his education at Presbyterian Institute, Luzerne Academy at Troy also at Wyoming Seminary. For more than thirty years he was a director of the Central Poor District of Luzerne County, receiving no compensation for the work during all the years in which he administered it. For more than twenty years he was a director of the Forty Fort Cemetery Association. He was a member of the Dorranceton Council from its organization. He was a director of the Wilkes-Barre and Kingston Bridge Company, and director and vice-president of the Wilkes-Barre and West Side Railway Company until it was merged with the Traction Company. He was a member of Kingston Lodge of Masons; was Past Eminent Commander, Dieu le Veut Commandery, of Knights Templar, and had attained a Masonic thirty-second degree. He was for years one of the managers of the Luzerne County Humane Association and belonged to the Malt and Westmoreland clubs. He was a man of great heart, an unflinching friend of rich or poor, with an ever open hand for the needy or suffering, a Christian gentleman of unflinching rectitude, and courtesy of demeanor. John Bennett, the uncle of Stephen Buckingham Vaughn, for whom John Bennett Vaughn is named, was born April 25, 1790, a son of Andrew, and grandson of Thomas Bennett, who came with his family to Kingston in 1769, as one of the forty settlers who founded and built Forty Fort. Thomas Bennett with his son, Andrew, and Lebbus Hammond, was captured by the Indians after the battle July 3, 1778, and was carried away. The three arose one night, killed their captors and took away with them arms of the savages. John Bennett was of splendid physique, tall and commanding presence, with great vitality and endurance. He owned an extensive farm and was a practical surveyor, a fine mathematician and a member of the Masons. He was a canal commissioner of Pennsylvania and built the North Branch Canal from Sunbury to Wilkes-Barre. His death occurred February 10, 1863.

John Bennett Vaughn born in Kingston, Pennsylvania, March 7, 1873, is the son of Stephen Buckingham and Marion Wallace (Preston) Vaughn. He received his education at Miss Widnall's School in Kingston, Wilkes-Barre Academy in Wilkes-Barre, the Pennsylvania Military College, in Chester, Pennsylvania, and Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey, class of 1895. Since college he has been engaged in various enterprises here. In 1901 he opened the first New York Stock Exchange brokerage office in Wilkes-Barre, disposing of same in 1906 and has since been active in the conduct of Vaughn Lumber Company, with headquarters at No. 700 Wyoming Avenue, Kingston, also conducting a hardware business at the same place and under the same name. He is a director, and secretary of the board of the Second National Bank of Wilkes-Barre, a director of the Vulcan Iron Works, manufacturers of loco-

motive and mine machinery, a director of the United Charities and Luzerne County Humane Association, a trustee and secretary and treasurer of the Forty Fort Cemetery Association, a director of the Wilkes-Barre Branch of the Pennsylvania Association for the Blind, a trustee and a vice-president of the Nesbitt Memorial Hospital. He is a deacon and a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Wilkes-Barre. He is a member of the Westmoreland Club and the North Mountain Club of Wilkes-Barre, and the Princeton Club, of New York. His real estate and insurance business in which he is now engaged is one of the most important in the city. His home is in the old Vaughn homestead at No. 834 Wyoming Avenue, Kingston.

**W. H. SPANGLER**—While he has been a resident of Wilkes-Barre for only a few years, W. H. Spangler, treasurer of the Wyoming Valley Trust Company, is a native Pennsylvanian and comes of an old American family. Probably few men in the State have the wide personal acquaintance among bankers that he enjoys; and his experience as Federal and State examiner has given him a broad insight into banking theory, methods and practice that few men can hope to attain. Such knowledge is of great value to any community, and Mr. Spangler's coming to Wilkes-Barre was hailed as a most important acquisition to its group of able financiers.

W. H. Spangler was born on a farm on the Gettysburg battlefield, near the town of that name, June 17, 1892, son of John C. and Sarah Alice (Slaybough) Spangler. Anyone who looks up the early lives of those men who are entitled to representation in "Who's Who" is struck at once with the large proportion of them who began their lives on farms. At a very early age the farmer's boy is taught to depend upon his own initiative; by precept and example he is taught the lessons of industry; his mind is not distracted by the many frivolities that clamor for the city lad's attention, and he learns to think, to meditate and consider—all a valuable preparation for those conditions of mature life to which the term "battle" is not misapplied. Mr. Spangler was the second in a family of three children, his sisters being Wilda M., wife of J. H. Bowman, Jr., a contractor of Harrisburg, and E. Belle, who is unmarried and resides on the homestead with her parents.

Young Spangler grew up on the home farm, doing, when not attending school, his share of the work according to his years and strength. After completing the courses in the public schools of Adams County he got his elementary business training in a commercial college. Thus prepared he secured a position with the Pembroke National Bank, at Pembroke. That was on October 31, 1910. He remained there until January 5, 1914, and during those years filled the positions of clerk and bookkeeper. On the date last mentioned he accepted a position as teller with the Merchant's National Bank in Harrisburg and continued in that capacity until March 1, 1917, when he received an appointment as an assistant National bank examiner for the Third Federal Reserve District with headquarters at Philadelphia. It was not long after that that the United States entered the world war, and on September 20, 1917, Mr. Spangler joined the 316th Infantry of the 79th Division and was located at Camp Mead until July 7 of the following year. He was then sent overseas and served on the front at







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the Meuse-Argonne offensive and in the St. Mihiel sector. On November 1 Mr. Spangler was sent to the hospital, where he remained until December 18, 1918, when he sailed for home and was mustered out at Camp Dix on January 30, 1919. He then returned to Philadelphia to take up again the duties of his old position as assistant National bank examiner. His excellent work and courteous methods in this position earned for him a wide and favorable reputation, and brought from his old employer, the Merchant's National Bank in Harrisburg, an invitation to become its cashier. The offer was accepted and Mr. Spangler assumed his duties on November 15, 1919. He remained in that position just over four years, resigning on December 1, 1923 to become State examiner for the Pennsylvania Banking Department. Later he was advanced to the position of chief examiner for the then new Wilkes-Barre District. Mr. Spangler continued in that office until July 1, 1927 when he became treasurer of the Wyoming Valley Trust Company in Wilkes-Barre.

Mr. Spangler is a Scottish Rite Mason of the thirty-second degree, holding membership in Robert Burns Lodge, No. 464, Free and Accepted Masons of Harrisburg and Harrisburg Consistory. He is a member of the Lions' Club of Wilkes-Barre. He is identified with the Republican party.

On November 15, 1919, Mr. Spangler married Helen Donecker, daughter of W. K. Donecker of Downingtown. This union has been blessed with a daughter, Beatrice Helen.

**J. B. TAMBLYN**—For twenty-seven years J. B. Tamblyn has been identified with the Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre Coal Company, of Wilkes-Barre, and during that time he has held numerous responsible positions. Since January, 1928, he has been assistant general manager of the concern, and in that place of trust he is proving that he is well able to meet the demands of his special province. Mr. Tamblyn is well known in the Masonic Order and is a member of the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers.

Thomas Tamblyn, father of Mr. Tamblyn, was for many years a postman in Wilkes-Barre. He and his wife, Jane, now deceased, were the parents of two sons: 1. J. B., of further mention; and Ronald W., who is in the employ of the Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre Coal Company, of Wilkes-Barre.

J. B. Tamblyn was born in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, July 26, 1882. He attended the public schools of Wilkes-Barre, graduating from the high school with the class of 1898, and then secured a position as bookkeeper in the employ of Gannon and Millett, of Wilkes-Barre. Meantime, he was studying engineering under the direction of International Correspondence Night Schools, at Wilkes-Barre, and in 1901 he began his long connection with the Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre Coal Company, with whom he has remained continuously. His first position was as surveyor. Later, he was made division engineer, then superintendent of the colliery, and finally, in January, 1928, he was appointed assistant general manager of the plant. He is a member of the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers, and is known as a man of more than average ability in his field. His long connection of more than twenty-seven years of continuous service with this company has made him skilled in many departments of its work, and his loyalty to the company and its interests has

been much appreciated. Fraternally, he is identified with Lodge No. 61, Free and Accepted Masons, of Wilkes-Barre; Shekinah Chapter, No. 182, Royal Arch Masons; Dieu le Veut Commandery, No. 45, Knights Templar; Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; and with Irem Country Club. He is also a member of the Craftsmen's Club. A good citizen and a loyal friend, Mr. Tamblyn has won the respect and esteem of all with whom he has been associated, and he is one of the many successful men of this city who have begun at the lowest round of the ladder of success and made his own way in life.

J. B. Tamblyn was married, November 4, 1903, to Blanche Palmer, who died January 16, 1925. Mrs. Tamblyn was a woman of devout Christian character, much loved by her many friends, and greatly devoted to her family. Mr. and Mrs. Tamblyn became the parents of three children: Ralph, Leonard, and Jack. Mr. Tamblyn lives with his family at No. 179 South Grant Street, in Wilkes-Barre. His place of business is at No. 16 South River Street.

**WILLIAM JOSEPH PECK**—One of the most influential men of the Wyoming Valley is William Joseph Peck, publisher, owner and editor of the Pittston "Daily Gazette." As controller of this worthy publication he is in a position to accomplish great good to the community; he owns to broad influence, and exercises it judicially, honestly, and effectively, for the general welfare. To write of his record is inspiring, and to reflect upon it is to realize an admiration for the man whom it concerns.

William Joseph Peck was born in Scranton, Pennsylvania, January 24, 1874, eldest son of William H. and Armina (Kyte) Peck. He attended the public schools of his native city, prepared for college in the School of the Lackawanna, and matriculated in Syracuse University, whence he was graduated in 1896, at the age of twenty-two years, with the classical degree, Bachelor of Arts. While a student in the university he acquired his first experience in journalistic work, as business manager of the college newspaper, although preparing for banking as his life's occupation and working in a bank during his vacation. From the time of his graduation until 1898, however, his experience was of another sort; as junior member of the firm of Millar & Peck, in the conduct of China Hall, selling china, glass and crockery at wholesale and retail, in Scranton. In this connection he learned much of business methods that has since been of practical use, and, incidentally, became expert in the merchandising and packing of chinaware. It was in August, 1898, that Mr. Peck came to Pittston, and here joined the staff of the "Gazette," his father-in-law, the Hon. Theodorus Hart, having at that time been the paper's publisher and owner. In December of the same year he was appointed deputy postmaster of Pittston, under Mr. Hart, and upon Mr. Hart's death became acting postmaster, in April, 1901. That same year he was commissioned postmaster in his own right, by President McKinley; in 1902 was appointed for a full term, by President Roosevelt, and in 1906 was re-appointed by Mr. Roosevelt. Also, following the death of Mr. Hart, Mr. Peck became owner of the "Gazette," May 7, 1901. Here his natural taste for machinery came of real use, for it was necessary immediately to

overhaul the printing plant, and to equip it with needed modern appliances. New machines were installed, including linotypes and perfecting press. In 1909 he built the Gazette Building on Broad Street. This building, for the exclusive use of the newspaper, is thoroughly modern and up-to-date in every respect. From the four-page paper of 1901 the "Gazette" increased in size and circulation, and the number of pages now (1930) varies between eight and sixteen daily. In publishing what is acknowledged to be one of the best newspapers in Northeastern Pennsylvania, Mr. Peck takes a justified pride. Its typographical improvement is his constant study and determination, and a clean, wholesome newspaper upholding the best in American citizenship. The "Gazette's" editorial policy has been Republican since the founding of the party, and Mr. Peck, being a staunch Republican and loyal to the party's principles of government, gives through its columns a hearty support and guiding hand, quick to condemn wrongdoing within the ranks of Republicans as within those of Democrats. A large and completely outfitted commercial printing plant is conducted in conjunction with the paper.

Having inherited a strong love of nature, Mr. Peck at an early age displayed a great fondness for flowers, and when but a boy grew pansy plants for the market. His liking for floriculture has been manifest in recent years, at one time in the fine collection of pond lilies of varied sort and hue grown in a cement pool at his home at West Pittston. He is an enthusiastic amateur color photographer and a member of the Garden Club of Wyoming Valley. He is an official member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of West Pittston. In his fraternal affiliations Mr. Peck is a member of St. John's Lodge, No. 233, Free and Accepted Masons, of Pittston; Keystone Consistory of Scranton, having attained the thirty-second degree; a member of Irem Temple, of Wilkes-Barre, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is affiliated with Washington Camp, No. 577, Patriotic Order Sons of America, of Pittston. He is a life member of the college fraternity Delta Upsilon, and a member of the New York Delta Upsilon Club, a member of the Wyoming Valley Historical Society, a member and past president of the New England Society of Northeastern Pennsylvania, the National Editorial Association, the Pennsylvania Newspaper Publishers' Association, the American Newspaper Publishers' Association, and one of the incorporators and a president of the Fox Hill Country Club. Mr. Peck served as a delegate to the 1904 convention of the National Editorial Association, held in St. Louis, Missouri. He organized the Pittston Chapter of the American Red Cross, was its first president, and served for six years in this capacity. During his term of office the membership reached ten thousand. Mr. Peck takes a helpful and constructive interest in civic affairs; has headed various civic campaigns and is always ready to cooperate in every endeavor for the good of the city. He serves on the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce, the American Red Cross, the United Charities, Salvation Army, and the Young Men's Christian Association, having been on the board of the last named organization for thirty years, and being head of the "Y" Boys Camp Committee and having a large part in the development of the splendid camp at Vosburg, along the

Susquehanna River. He is also a member of the Pittston Rotary Club.

William Joseph Peck married (first), October 6, 1897, Lawson Dymond Hart, only child of the late Hon. Theodorus Hart, above mentioned. To this union were born the following children: 1. Angela, born December 31, 1898, died January 3, 1899. 2. Mary Hart, born February 17, 1903, died August 3, 1905. 3. Theodorus Hart, born May 16, 1906; educated in Syracuse University and the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, a graduate of the latter university with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and a certificate in Journalism, class of 1928, and now (1930) editor of the Monroe (Michigan) "Evening News." He married Helen Cleary, of Wyandotte, Michigan. Mr. Peck married (second), Mrs. Lottie Dennison Protheroe, of West Pittston, Pennsylvania, the twelfth child of Richard Dennison. Mrs. Peck has a son, Willard Dennison Protheroe, a graduate of Syracuse University. Mr. Peck maintains a town home at No. 220 Washington Street, West Pittston, while his summer home is at Peck's Orchards, in Moscow, Pennsylvania.

**COLONEL FRANCK G. DARTE**—As a councillor at law Franck G. Darte, of Wilkes-Barre has achieved a worthy place among his fellow-members of the bar, while in military affairs he has patriotically served his State and Nation, notably during the Spanish-American War, and in essential home service during the recent World War. But in financial and social affairs as well has he taken an outstanding part, and in every way he has gained the name of a good citizen.

Mr. Darte was born in Philadelphia, April 12, 1873. He is the son of Professor George Leonard Franck and Alwina (Eckert) Franck, the former being at the time of his death Professor of Civil and Dynamic Engineering in the University of Pennsylvania. After the sudden death of his parents he was adopted at the age of three by Alfred Darte and Caroline (Seely) Darte. His father, Alfred Darte, was born in Dundaff, Pennsylvania, and was for many years a leading attorney in this State, and served as judge of the Orphans' Court of Luzerne County; during the Civil War he fought for the Union with the Fourth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry, and was severely wounded at Trevilian Station, Virginia; his mother, also the representative of ancestors of culture and accomplishment, was a native of Kingston, Pennsylvania, and died in 1892.

The education of Mr. Darte started in the Kingston Public Schools, and he made rapid progress as a student. He later attended Wyoming Seminary, at Kingston, where he continued this record, and entered Yale University at New Haven, Connecticut, from which institution he was graduated with the class of 1896, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Instead of taking a law course at college, he followed the plan of several others before and since this time of entering the law office of Honorable Henry A. Fuller of Wilkes-Barre, which he found to be a most excellent school, with Judge Fuller himself as preceptor; Judge Fuller later became a judge of the Court of Common Pleas. Under the tutelage and friendly ministrations of this distinguished man Mr. Darte made rapid strides, getting a foundation that it would have been difficult to duplicate in any law school, and passed the bar examinations in 1899, whereupon he soon left Judge Fuller's



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the first railroads in the State of Indiana. He married Mary Branham, now deceased, and they were the parents of five children: Cynthia, deceased; George, a resident of Mattoon, Coles County, Illinois; John M., of further mention; and Samuel H., of San Antonio, Texas.

John M. Cobb, son of Samuel H. and Mary (Branham) Cobb, was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, and received his education in the public schools of that place. After leaving high school, he entered the employ of the National Cash Register Company at Indianapolis, in 1895, and his connection with that concern has been continuous ever since that time, a period of thirty-two years. During that period he has represented the company in various cities of the Middle West, including, Grand Rapids, Michigan; St. Louis and Kansas City, in Missouri; Port Wayne, in Indiana; and Cleveland, in Ohio. In 1911, he came to Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, from which center he has represented the Wilkes-Barre district for the past seventeen years. His district covers Northeastern Pennsylvania and his office and sales room, as previously stated, are at No. 49 South Washington Street, Wilkes-Barre. In his political affiliations, Mr. Cobb is a Republican and he is a Protestant in religious faith. He is well known in club circles here, being a member of the Wilkes-Barre Rotary Club, Westmoreland Club, Wyoming Valley Country Club and the Wilkes-Barre Motor Club. As a member of the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce, he is active and interested in the advancement of the civic and economic welfare of the city and contributes freely of his business experience and of his general ability.

John Malcolm Cobb was married to Jane Cotten, of Indianapolis, Indiana, daughter of Perry Cotten. Mr. and Mrs. Cobb are the parents of two children: 1. John Malcolm, Jr., who married Margaret Hoffman, of Scranton, Pennsylvania, and has two children, Jane and John M. Cobb, 3d. 2. Elizabeth, who is unmarried. It is interesting to the historian to record the fact that the estate on which the Cobb house was built came into the possession of the Cobb family some time during the middle of the fourteenth century, by the marriage of one of the Cobb daughters to an heir of one, John Rivlet. This house was built by William Cobb, of New Church in 1542 and was repaired about twenty years ago by the present owner, the "Prince of Wales," with very little alteration of its original state. This information is found in the Cobb records from 1324 to 1686.

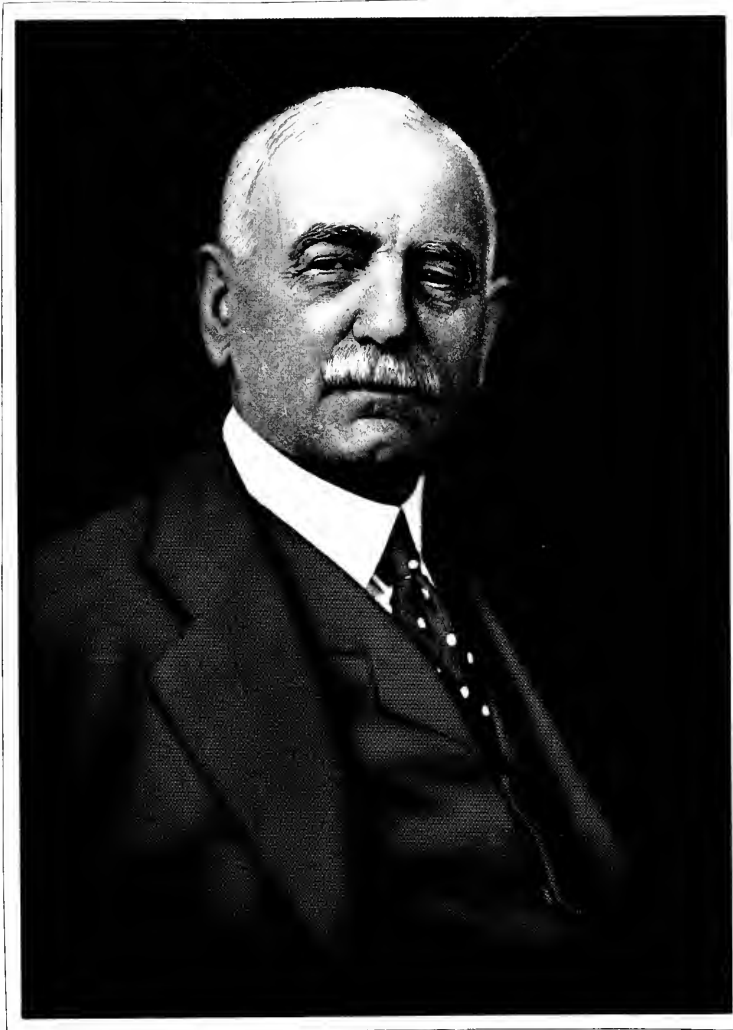
**ELMER L. MEYERS, A. B., A. M., M. D., F. A. C. S.**, a practicing physician in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, was born near Bangor, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, on October 29, 1864. He was the third child of Peter G. and Margaret (Stocker) Meyers, to whom eight children were born, four boys and four girls, all of whom are living at this date, 1930. Both of his parents were descended from Moravian stock, his paternal ancestors having settled near Easton, Pennsylvania, early in the eighteenth century. His maternal ancestors came from Switzerland in about 1730 and settled at Stockertown, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, which town was named after the Stocker family.

Dr. Meyers spent his boyhood days on his father's farm near Bangor, Pennsylvania, and for a few winter months each year in early

youth attended the community school. After reaching young manhood, he prepared himself for a business career by taking a commercial course in a private business school at Easton, Pennsylvania. During the year 1886 he held a position in his home town as a clerk and bookkeeper in a general store. During the school session of 1887-88 he taught a grammar school at South Easton, now a part of the city of Easton, Pennsylvania, and while thus engaged in the teaching profession, he prepared himself for college, with the aid of a private tutor. In September, 1888, he matriculated as a student at Lafayette College, Easton, Pennsylvania, where he became a member of the Theta Delta Chi Greek letter fraternity. He spent two years at this institution, and in September, 1890, he transferred to Princeton University where he pursued a course preparatory to studying law. He was graduated from Princeton in June, 1892, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. The same institution conferred upon him the Master of Arts degree in 1895.

During the two years after graduating from Princeton, Dr. Meyers held the position of supervising principal of the public schools in the Borough of White Haven, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania. While thus engaged he registered as a student at law in 1893 in the office of Edwin Shortz, Sr., of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. In order that he might have better advantages in the prosecution of his law studies, he accepted the position as head of the College Preparatory Department in the Wilkes-Barre High School in 1894, where he spent three years.

The legal profession not appealing to him as he had anticipated, in 1897, he resigned his teaching position, and in September of that same year, he registered as a medical student in the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. While in medical school Dr. Meyers held many positions of honor and trust. He was chairman of the Student Advisory Committee in his senior year, was the editor-in-chief of the annual year book of his class, and was voted by his classmates the best all round man among them. He was a charter member of Phi Alpha Sigma Fraternity, the first Greek letter society established at Jefferson in 1898. The most distinguishing feature of his medical course was the fact that he completed his course in three years, finishing in 1900. Directly after completing his medical studies at Jefferson, he entered the office of Dr. D. Braden Kyle as his private assistant. Dr. Kyle was at that time the professor of diseases of the nose and throat at Jefferson. During the time of his association with Dr. Kyle, Dr. Meyers did research work in the cause and treatment of hay fever. In 1901 he was made assistant demonstrator of anatomy and at the same time was associated in the department of surgery under Dr. W. W. Keen and the department of obstetrics under Dr. Edward P. Davis. Both of these men were professors in Jefferson Medical College at that time. These positions Dr. Meyers held until the spring of 1902, when he resigned these several different appointments and located in Wilkes-Barre, where he opened an office on April 15, engaging in the practice of general medicine, but gradually devoting most of his time to obstetrics and the diseases of children. In 1908 he was appointed a member of the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital Staff where he organized the Department of Ob-



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stetrics. He was the chief of this department until 1925 when he resigned from his active duties on the Staff, and was made an honorary attending physician. He is now, 1930, a member of the Board of Directors with the title of consulting physician on the staff.

He has held many positions of honor and responsibility both in his profession and in civic life. He has been secretary and is now, 1930, president of the Staff of the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital, and a member of the Board of Directors of the Kirby Health Center, now in course of construction. Dr. Meyers has served continuously since 1908 as a member of the United States Pension Board in Luzerne County, and has been the president of this board from the beginning of his appointment. He has for a long period of years been a surgeon for the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company and surgeon for the Bell Telephone Company. He was president of the Luzerne County Medical Society during the World War, 1917, and its secretary for three years, 1919-23. In addition to the local County Medical Society, he holds membership in many other medical organizations, among them: The Lehigh Valley Medical Association, the New England and New York Association of Railway Surgeons, the American Medical Association, the Philadelphia Obstetric Society, the Philadelphia Pediatric Society, the Philadelphia Medical Club, and the Medical Society of the State of Pennsylvania, and he is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. He is now, 1930, the president of his medical class 1900, and president of the general Alumni Association of Jefferson Medical College.

In civic life he was formerly a director of the Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce, and has been a member of the Wilkes-Barre City School Board since 1911 to this date 1930. On this board he has served at different times as its president. A new high school in Wilkes-Barre in course of construction, which is to cost upwards of two million dollars, has been named by his fellow directors, "The Elmer L. Meyers High School."

Dr. Meyers has contributed numerous articles to medical literature and is the inventor of the "Meyers" obstetrical forceps, which instrument is extensively used by the medical profession.

Dr. Elmer L. Meyers married, April 22, 1903, at Wilkes-Barre, Grace H. Morgan, who was native-born to Luzerne County, a daughter of Edward S. Morgan of Wilkes-Barre. Dr. and Mrs. Meyers are now the parents of two children, both of whom are daughters: 1. Margaret Foulke, who was graduated from Vassar College with the class of 1926. 2. Helen Wells, who was graduated from the Baldwin School, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, in 1927, and is now, 1930, a student at New York University. Dr. Meyers maintains his principal residence in Wilkes-Barre, and is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of that city.

**FRANK BARRY BROWN**—To his steadily increasing practice of law in Wilkes-Barre and throughout Luzerne County, Frank Barry Brown has brought a decided inclination for the profession for which he obtained through his own incentive and effort a thorough training. Politically active, he has for a quarter of a century moved in the executive front rank of the Democratic interests of the county, with an influence that has made it-

self evident in all matters for public betterment and general progress.

Frank Barry Brown was born August 23, 1876, in Plymouth, Luzerne County, a son of Daniel and Susan (Barry) Brown, both parents now deceased. Daniel Brown, a native of Ireland, and a son of George and Ellen (Maloney) Brown, came to the United States when he was only fifteen years old, and for three years he was employed on the Shaker Farms at Ayer, Massachusetts. When he was about eighteen years old, he joined the 5th Massachusetts Battery, and he was among the early troops in the field of active service at the beginning of the Civil War, and took part in the Battles of Second Bull Run, Cedar Creek, and South Mountain, and was engaged at Antietam that was fought at Sharpsburg, Maryland, September 16-17, 1862. After his service of a year in the Army, Mr. Brown returned to Massachusetts for a while, and in 1863 he came to Luzerne County in the employ of the Boston Coal Company that operated the Grand Tunnel Mines at Plymouth. Afterwards he engaged in contracting, conducted a livery stable, and managed a grocery business. He died in 1917, at the age of seventy-one years; his wife died at the age of seventy years. They were the parents of eight children, only three of whom grew to maturity: George K. Brown, a member of the Board of Overseers of the Poor for Luzerne County; Frank Barry Brown, of whom further; and Annie C. Brown, who married James H. Kenney, of Wilkes-Barre.

Frank Barry Brown attended the public schools at Plymouth, and was graduated from Wyoming Seminary, at Kingston, in the class of 1887. He then joined the clerical force of the Delaware and Hudson Railroad at Wilkes-Barre, and was afterwards a clerk in the office of the Pennsylvania Railroad at Pittsburgh. Returning to Wilkes-Barre, Mr. Brown entered upon his law studies in the office of Edward C. Hoyt, and he was admitted to the Luzerne County Bar in 1901. He is one of the most active men in his profession in this part of the State.

A staunch Democrat in his political views, Mr. Brown was elected on the ticket of that party as an alderman from the Eighth Ward of Wilkes-Barre, and he has held that office for twenty-five years; and, continuing therein from the same ward his present term will expire in 1930. He is a member of the Luzerne County Bar Association, Wyoming Valley Country Club, and Fox Hill Country Club. He is a communicant of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, of Wilkes-Barre.

Frank Barry Brown married Agnes Lenahan, daughter of Patrick and Elizabeth (Duffy) Lenahan, both parents now deceased, and sister of John T. and James L. Lenahan, both of whom were for twenty-five years leading attorneys of the Luzerne County Bar. Mr. and Mrs. Brown are the parents of three children: Mary Elizabeth, educated at Mount St. Vincent Academy on The Hudson, New York; James Lenahan Brown; and George Barry Brown.

**JULIAN M. SHOEMAKER**—From the time he was sixteen years of age Julian M. Shoemaker has been engaged in the insurance business, and in January, 1924, became superintendent of claims for the Wilkes-Barre district of the Ocean Accident and Guarantee Corporation of London, England, and New York City.

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stetrics. He was the chief of this department until 1925 when he resigned from his active duties on the Staff, and was made an honorary attending physician. He is now, 1930, a member of the Board of Directors with the title of consulting physician on the staff.

He has held many positions of honor and responsibility both in his profession and in civic life. He has been secretary and is now, 1930, president of the Staff of the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital, and a member of the Board of Directors of the Kirby Health Center, now in course of construction. Dr. Meyers has served continuously since 1908 as a member of the United States Pension Board in Luzerne County, and has been the president of this board from the beginning of his appointment. He has for a long period of years been a surgeon for the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company and surgeon for the Bell Telephone Company. He was president of the Luzerne County Medical Society during the World War, 1917, and its secretary for three years, 1919-23. In addition to the local County Medical Society, he holds membership in many other medical organizations, among them: The Lehigh Valley Medical Association, the New England and New York Association of Railway Surgeons, the American Medical Association, the Philadelphia Obstetric Society, the Philadelphia Pediatric Society, the Philadelphia Medical Club, and the Medical Society of the State of Pennsylvania, and he is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. He is now, 1930, the president of his medical class 1900, and president of the general Alumni Association of Jefferson Medical College.

In civic life he was formerly a director of the Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce, and has been a member of the Wilkes-Barre City School Board since 1911 to this date 1930. On this board he has served at different times as its president. A new high school in Wilkes-Barre in course of construction, which is to cost upwards of two million dollars, has been named by his fellow directors, "The Elmer L. Meyers High School."

Dr. Meyers has contributed numerous articles to medical literature and is the inventor of the "Meyers" obstetrical forceps, which instrument is extensively used by the medical profession.

Dr. Elmer L. Meyers married, April 22, 1903, at Wilkes-Barre, Grace H. Morgan, who was native-born to Luzerne County, a daughter of Edward S. Morgan of Wilkes-Barre. Dr. and Mrs. Meyers are now the parents of two children, both of whom are daughters: 1. Margaret Foulke, who was graduated from Vassar College with the class of 1926. 2. Helen Wells, who was graduated from the Baldwin School, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, in 1927, and is now, 1930, a student at New York University. Dr. Meyers maintains his principal residence in Wilkes-Barre, and is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of that city.

**FRANK BARRY BROWN**—To his steadily increasing practice of law in Wilkes-Barre and throughout Luzerne County, Frank Barry Brown has brought a decided inclination for the profession for which he obtained through his own incentive and effort a thorough training. Politically active, he has for a quarter of a century moved in the executive front rank of the Democratic interests of the county, with an influence that has made it-

self evident in all matters for public betterment and general progress.

Frank Barry Brown was born August 23, 1876, in Plymouth, Luzerne County, a son of Daniel and Susan (Barry) Brown, both parents now deceased. Daniel Brown, a native of Ireland, and a son of George and Ellen (Maloney) Brown, came to the United States when he was only fifteen years old, and for three years he was employed on the Shaker Farms at Ayer, Massachusetts. When he was about eighteen years old, he joined the 5th Massachusetts Battery, and he was among the early troops in the field of active service at the beginning of the Civil War, and took part in the Battles of Second Bull Run, Cedar Creek, and South Mountain, and the engagement at Antietam that was fought at Sharpsburg, Maryland, September 16-17, 1862. After his service of a year in the Army, Mr. Brown returned to Massachusetts for a while, and in 1863 he came to Luzerne County in the employ of the Boston Coal Company that operated the Grand Tunnel Mines at Plymouth. Afterwards he engaged in contracting, conducted a livery stable, and managed a grocery business. He died in 1917, at the age of seventy-one years; his wife died at the age of seventy years. They were the parents of eight children, only three of whom grew to maturity: George K. Brown, a member of the Board of Overseers of the Poor for Luzerne County; Frank Barry Brown, of whom further; and Annie C. Brown, who married James H. Kenney, of Wilkes-Barre.

Frank Barry Brown attended the public schools at Plymouth, and was graduated from Wyoming Seminary, at Kingston, in the class of 1887. He then joined the clerical force of the Delaware and Hudson Railroad at Wilkes-Barre, and was afterwards a clerk in the office of the Pennsylvania Railroad at Pittsburgh. Returning to Wilkes-Barre, Mr. Brown entered upon his law studies in the office of Edward C. Hoyt, and he was admitted to the Luzerne County Bar in 1901. He is one of the most active men in his profession in this part of the State.

A staunch Democrat in his political views, Mr. Brown was elected on the ticket of that party as an alderman from the Eighth Ward of Wilkes-Barre, and he has held that office for twenty-five years; and, continuing therein from the same ward his present term will expire in 1930. He is a member of the Luzerne County Bar Association, Wyoming Valley Country Club, and Fox Hill Country Club. He is a communicant of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, of Wilkes-Barre.

Frank Barry Brown married Agnes Lenahan, daughter of Patrick and Elizabeth (Duffy) Lenahan, both parents now deceased, and sister of John T. and James L. Lenahan, both of whom were for twenty-five years leading attorneys of the Luzerne County Bar. Mr. and Mrs. Brown are the parents of three children: Mary Elizabeth, educated at Mount St. Vincent Academy on The Hudson, New York; James Lenahan Brown; and George Barry Brown.

**JULIAN M. SHOEMAKER**—From the time he was sixteen years of age Julian M. Shoemaker has been engaged in the insurance business, and in January, 1924, became superintendent of claims for the Wilkes-Barre district of the Ocean Accident and Guarantee Corporation of London, England, and New York City.

The paternal grandfather of Mr. Shoemaker

was George Shoemaker of Luzerne County, and his maternal grandfather was Henry Boyed, of Wilkes-Barre, both old families in this region.

George M. Shoemaker, father of Mr. Shoemaker, died in 1916, and his wife, Edith (Boyed) Shoemaker, resides with her son, Julian M. Shoemaker, at No. 28 West Pittston Street, Forty Fort, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania. They were the parents of five children: Ethel, married George Ingraham, of Cleveland, Ohio; Jesse, married David M. Titus, of East Orange, New Jersey; Grace M., married Arthur M. Clark, of New Jersey; Henry B., who makes his home at Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania; Millard A., of New York City; and Julian M., of further mention.

Julian M. Shoemaker was born in Scranton, Pennsylvania, July 27, 1900, and received his education in the public schools of that city and in the schools of New York City. When he was sixteen years of age he began his long connection with the insurance business, and eight years later was made superintendent of the claims department of the Wilkes-Barre District, in the employ of the Ocean Accident and Guarantee Corporation of London, England, and New York City. Mr. Shoemaker is a member of Scranton Lodge, No. 291, Free and Accepted Masons; and of all the York Rite bodies of that Order; also of Keystone Consistory, of Scranton; also holds the thirty-second degree, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Masons; and is a member of Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Wilkes-Barre. He is a member of Irem Country Club, of the Craftsmen's Club, and his religious affiliation is with the Presbyterian Church. Politically, he gives his support to the Republican party. Mr. Shoemaker has many friends in Wilkes-Barre, and is well liked by his business associates.

**FRANCIS J. MURRAY**, one of the most promising members of the Luzerne County Bar Association since his admission to practice in 1922, with offices at No. 550 Miners Bank Building, Wilkes-Barre, was born in this city December 20, 1898, the son of P. W. and Catherine (Loftus) Murray. The strides he has made in such a short space of time indicate that the future years hold for him the highest honors and the most generous measure of prosperity.

P. W. Murray has been one of the best known and most popular shoe merchants of Wilkes-Barre for nearly fifty years and is one of the oldest and best established merchants in the Wyoming Valley. He is a son of Martin and Catherine (McLaughlin) Murray, both of whom were representatives of families of culture and accomplishment, whose members represented the best traditions of the life of America and the European countries, whence the original settlers proceeded. On the maternal side Francis J. Murray is the grandson of Thomas J. and Cecelia (McRone) Loftus. The parents of his father and of his mother, the grandparents of Mr. Murray, were buried from the same house in Wilkes-Barre. P. W. Murray, the father, is a loyal member of the Democratic party. In religious matters he adheres to the faith of the St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church. He is the father of two children, M. Irene, married to Joseph F. O'Brien, of Wilkes-Barre, and Francis J., of whom further mention. In the early eighties Mr. Murray was the owner and the proprietor of a

sporting newspaper which he published at Wilkes-Barre under the name and style of "The Merry World." He added much to the enjoyment of the citizenship, and his publication possessed real literary merit.

Francis J. Murray began his education at the splendid Wilkes-Barre public schools; he was graduated with a fine record from the local high school in the class of 1916, and then matriculated at Villa Nova College at Villa Nova, a suburb of Philadelphia. He applied himself diligently at this institution, and was graduated with the class of 1920 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Desiring to further equip himself for the battle of life, he took up the study of law at the Law School of the University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Laws in the class of 1922. In this same year he was admitted to the Luzerne County Bar, and ever since has engaged in the general practice of law. At the outbreak of the World War, Mr. Murray enlisted in the United States Navy, and saw active service for a period of eighteen months.

Mr. Murray is a consistent member of the Republican party, whose candidates he loyally supports in consonance with the wishes of the organization. His religious affiliation is with the St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, of Wilkes-Barre. He belongs to the Knights of Columbus and the Fraternal Order of Eagles. His military organization is the Black Diamond Post of the American Legion, of Philadelphia. He is a leading and enthusiastic member of the Luzerne County Bar Association; is secretary to the Luzerne County Law Examining Board; president of the Lawyer's Club of Luzerne County; and is eligible to the various legal societies whose advantage and facilities are at the disposal of the members of the profession. Mr. Murray was the organizer and prime mover in the Pennsylvania Lawyers Title Company, and is the author of "Brief of Title to Luzerne and Lackawanna Counties."

Francis J. Murray married Sadie C. Kelly, of Hughstown, Luzerne County, a daughter of Edward L. and Catherine (Carey) Kelly, and they are the parents of a daughter, Frances E. Murray.

**J. ROBERT HOMER**—A reliable and successful business man and native of Wilkes-Barre is J. Robert Homer, senior member of the Duncan-Homer Company, one of the leading department stores in the city, known as "The Globe." Starting with slight financial backing he had served a long apprenticeship as store clerk and at last got control of a business accorded the distinction of being one of the most profitable in Wilkes-Barre. His biography is an inspiration to many young men.

J. Robert Homer was born in Wilkes-Barre, December 9, 1882, the son of Robert J. and Mary M. (Boughner) Homer, his father, now deceased, having been a boiler maker by trade. J. Robert Homer was one of four children, the others being: Myrtle E., wife of J. J. Newberry of New York City; Ruth C., unmarried; and Helen L., also unmarried.

J. Robert Homer graduated from the Wilkes-Barre High School with the class of 1898, and immediately entered the employ of Fowler, Dick and Walker, operating the "Boston Store." Here he remained for fifteen years, withdrawing in 1912, owning stock in the company and its treasurer. That







*W. J. Laughlin*

same year he organized the Duncan-Homer Company, outfitting the new store with stock purchased from Langfeld Brothers. He located at Nos. 53 to 57, on the south side of the Public Square, which site the store has occupied ever since, though meanwhile it has doubled in size and business has increased five-fold. On January 1, 1927, Mr. Duncan disposed of his interest to Mr. Homer, who did not, nevertheless, change the firm name. It is said of Mr. Homer by his mercantile associates that "he started life without a dollar, and made good." They say further that he is a first-class competitor and one of the public-spirited citizens of Wilkes-Barre. He is a Republican, member of the Memorial Presbyterian Church, and has a number of fraternal connections, including membership in Landmark Lodge, No. 442, of the Free and Accepted Masons; Shekinah Chapter, No. 82, Royal Arch Masons; Dieu le Veut Commandery, No. 45, Knights Templar; Keystone Consistory of Scranton, Pennsylvania, the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Masons of the thirty-second degree; Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; the Shrine County Club, the Craftsmen's Club, and the Franklin Club.

J. Robert Homer married, on April 17, 1907, Nellie McClay, of Wilkes-Barre, daughter of Edward McClay. The marriage has resulted in four children: Virginia Edith, J. Robert, Jr., Elizabeth Ivy, and Edward Duncan.

**MICHAEL J. McLAUGHLIN**—A business man of long standing in Wilkes-Barre, Michael J. McLaughlin is descended from a family well known throughout Luzerne County, and has served as a member of the Board of County Commissioners for some time.

Michael J. McLaughlin was born at Wilkes-Barre on May 14, 1872, son of Patrick McLaughlin of Glen Daoun, Ireland, and Catherine (O'Toole) McLaughlin of Belena, Ireland, his father having been a mining contractor, and later engaging in the grocery and livery business. He died at the age of fifty-two years, leaving Mrs. McLaughlin, who died at the age of ninety-two. Patrick McLaughlin was a lifelong adherent to the Democratic party, and a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church. He was the father of six children: 1. Edward A., who conducts a grocery store in Wilkes-Barre. 2. William P., deceased, who was in the grocery business with his brother Edward. 3. Charles F., deceased, a lieutenant on the Wilkes-Barre police force, drowned at Glen Summit Lake while fishing. 4. Patrick A., an eye, ear, nose and throat specialist, of Wilkes-Barre. 5. Thomas V., well known practicing physician of Wilkes-Barre. 6. Michael J., of whom further.

Michael J. McLaughlin attended the public schools of Wilkes-Barre. At an early age he began working in the grocery store owned by his brothers, remaining there until twenty-one years old, when he engaged in the milk and confectionery business for three years. Tiring of this he enrolled as a student of undertaking, at Baltimore, then returned to Wilkes-Barre, where he went into that business for himself, at No. 124 South Washington Street. He continued at that address for the next thirty years, until now, 1929, the firm name is M. J. McLaughlin Company, Inc. Like his father, Michael McLaughlin is a Democrat and member of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church. He is also affiliated with the

Knights of Columbus (fourth degree); Wilkes-Barre Lodge No. 109, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Ancient Order of Hibernians. Mr. McLaughlin's interests are now extensive, including the fraternal societies listed, the directorship of the Pennsylvania Bank and Trust Company of Wilkes-Barre, the Liberty Market Company, and various other posts of importance. He was one of the first men in Wyoming Valley to be appointed by President Woodrow Wilson to serve on the Draft Board until the close of the World War. Mr. McLaughlin was elected to the Wilkes-Barre Common Council in 1912, and was elected county commissioner of Luzerne County in 1915, serving four years; but in 1920 he met defeat together with all of his party's ticket, but was again elected in November, 1922. He was a delegate to the National Democratic Convention which met in San Francisco and nominated Governor Cox of Ohio for President of the United States. Through his commercial, fraternal and political connections, Mr. McLaughlin has made himself one of the best-known and most highly esteemed figures in Wilkes-Barre.

Michael J. McLaughlin married, on October 3, 1900, Alice M. O'Neill, of Richmond, Virginia, daughter of William Moore and Mary (Healey) O'Neill, who were natives of Pittston, Luzerne County. The union has resulted in six children: 1. Michael J., Jr., who is a graduate of Lafayette College, and now managing the undertaking business established by his father. 2. Mary, the wife of Paul Conlon, of Kingston, Luzerne County, and mother of one son, Paul, Jr. 3. Alice, a student in Georgian Court College, at Lakewood, New Jersey. 4. Catherine, a student in the University of Paris, at Paris, France. 5. Ruth, a student at the Wilkes-Barre Institute. 6. Robert J., a student in the Wyoming Seminary.

**REV. EDWARD J. GAFFNEY**—Resident pastor of St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church at White Haven since 1922. Father Edward J. Gaffney has devoted himself to the works of his church throughout his pastorate in a manner that has brought him commendation, both from his superiors and from members of his parish. This church, which at first had about one hundred and thirty-five families, now has more than two hundred and fifty, much of this growth being due to Father Gaffney.

Father Edward J. Gaffney was born May 30, 1874, at Freeland, Pennsylvania, son of Thomas and Mary (Boyle) Gaffney. Thomas Gaffney, a native of Ireland, born in 1843, was a miner throughout his life, but is now living retired. Mary (Boyle) Gaffney, also a native of Ireland, was born in 1845.

The first resident pastor of St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church was M. J. Bergrath, and a cornerstone to the present church was laid in 1869, with a pastor at Eckling, Pennsylvania. Rev. Father Bergrath erected the parochial school in 1879, and also the pastor's residence. He served this parish as pastor for thirty-three years and was succeeded by Father Driscoll, now deceased. Other pastors in the order of their service here were: Father J. F. Holmes, Father J. E. Lynott, and beginning in February, 1922, the present occupant, Rev. Edward J. Gaffney. This church, with a seating capacity of about seven hundred, maintains a most successful school, with about one hundred and twenty-five

pupils enrolled therein. As heretofore noted, the parish growth has been quite remarkable, increasing from one hundred and thirty-five families to two hundred and fifty.

Rev. Edward J. Gaffney obtained his preliminary education in the public schools of Freeland, and at the completion of his studies there, matriculated at Holy Cross College, Worcester, Massachusetts. Holy Cross graduated him in 1899, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and he then entered St. Mary's Seminary of Baltimore, Maryland, being graduated therefrom in 1903. Ordained July 4, 1903, by the Rt. Rev. M. J. Hoban, at St. Mary's Church, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. Rev. Gaffney, for the ensuing two years was assistant pastor at Blossburg. Then followed a period of ten years during which he served in a similar capacity at Minoaka, Pennsylvania, and this was followed by four years as assistant at Freeland, Pennsylvania. Father Gaffney's appointment to St. Patrick's at White Haven, was preceded immediately by four years as pastor at Elkland, Pennsylvania. Since coming to White Haven, Father Gaffney has not only labored zealously for his parish, but has been identified with other spheres of activity in this town. During the World War he was quite active in aiding his government in bringing this conflict to a successful conclusion, at that time being located at Elkland. He is a Democrat and a member of the Knights of Columbus, his advice and counsel being highly appreciated in this last-named organization. Father Gaffney resides at No. 580 Elmira Street, White Haven.

**HENRY W. EIDAM** is among the business men of Hazleton who have built up an enterprise which promises continued growth. He is the son of Henry and Martha (Mast) Eidam, both natives of Germany who came to this country when very young and for a time settled in Batavia, New York, and later came to Hazleton, where Mr. Eidam engaged in the carpenter's trade. He was employed in this line for many years and, being very fond of music, he taught himself to play both string and brass instruments. He also took an interest in taxidermy as a sideline and in that he became very proficient, doing quite a lucrative business in addition to carpentry. At the age of forty years, he took a position with the city as a fireman helping to install the electric fire-alarm system of which he was placed in charge, also being janitor at the City Hall. He continued in this service until the time of his death, at about sixty-five years. He was a member of the Reformed Church and for many years active in Sunday school work. His wife died several years prior to his death.

Henry W. Eidam was born in Hazleton, Pennsylvania, July 19, 1882. After finishing his education in the public schools, he worked for the Lehigh Traction Company, where he learned the trade of coach painter and for eight years was in charge of the Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre Railway paint shops, as well as the painting and upkeep of the properties of this company. In 1908, he resigned from this position and with his brother opened a garage, but did not give all of his time to the new business until 1922. In that year, he began to devote his entire attention to the garage, which has the agency for Willys-Knight and Whippet motor cars. Salesroom and service station are at the corner of Broad and Vine streets,

with space for forty cars in a public garage. Mr. Eidam is a member of the Pennsylvania Automobile Association; the Hazleton Motor Club; the Patriotic Order Sons of America and the Presbyterian Church.

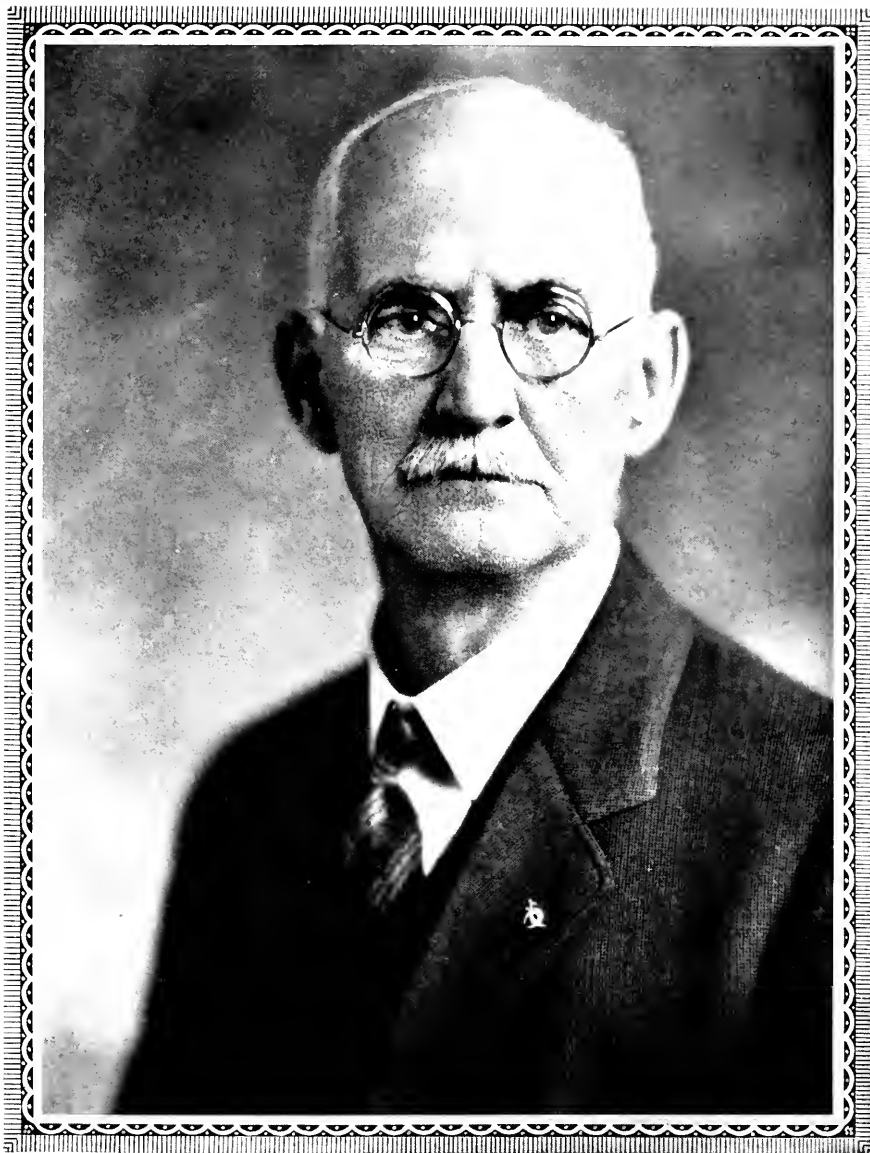
Henry W. Eidam married, in 1908, Carrie A. Yeager, of Hazleton. She died in 1925, leaving a daughter, Frances Louise, who is now a student at Teachers' College, Westchester, Pennsylvania. Mr. Eidam resides in the Bacham Apartments, West Maple Street, Hazleton, Pennsylvania.

**FERDINAND SYLVESTER FOWLER** was born February 25, 1857, at Catawissa, Columbia County, Pennsylvania, son of Elijah Abbott Fowler, a highly respected farmer, who died in 1869, and Maria (Hoffman) Fowler, a woman of great strength of character and personality, who passed away in the same year as her husband. Mr. Fowler first attended the public schools of Shamokin. He then entered an apprenticeship in printing with his brother, who was publishing the "Shamokin Herald"; but Mr. Fowler soon saw that the best business possibilities lay in job printing and binding, and before long he formed a connection with E. B. Yordy, who in 1870 had established a small plant on West Market Street. The business was acquired in 1900 by Mr. Fowler and George F. Coddington, and they continued in partnership until 1922, when the firm was incorporated. Mr. Yordy, meantime, had died, in 1901. In 1916 William N. Schang was admitted to the partnership. The officers are now Mr. Fowler, president; Mrs. George F. Coddington, vice-president; and Mr. Schang, secretary and treasurer. Mr. Fowler's grandfather, Daniel Fowler, was one of the early settlers of Columbia County, along with his father, Elijah Abbott Fowler, a tanner by trade and later a farmer. Elijah A. Fowler and his wife became the parents of: Clark, deceased, a veteran of the Civil War on the Union side; Alice, deceased; Owen, a veteran of the Civil War and a printer by trade; Ferdinand S., of whom further mention is made; May, deceased; William; Abraham Lincoln, of Williamsport; Elijah A., Jr., of Berwick, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Fowler is a member of Wilkes-Barre Lodge, No. 61, of the Free and Accepted Masons; Shekinah Chapter, No. 182, Royal Arch Masons; Mount Horeb Council, Royal and Select Masters; Dieu le Vaut Commandery No. 45, Knights Templar; Caldwell Consistory of the Scottish Rite Masons, thirty-second degree, of Bloomsburg; and Irem Temple, of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; also Wilkes-Barre Lodge No. 147, of the Knights of Pythias. He is Past Master by service of Lodge No. 61, of Masons. He is a member of the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce, the Press Club and the Craftsman's Club.

Mr. Fowler is the proud owner of a fine country place at Pine View, ten miles from Wilkes-Barre, and here he recreates himself and friends in season, where he has a fine garden and beautiful vistas of the surrounding country.

Mr. Fowler married, in 1879, Emma L. Shipp, of Shamokin, daughter of John and Mary (Zerne) Shipp, and they have become the parents of five children: 1. Charlotte M., married P. F. Best. 2. Nellie A., married L. C. Searfoss. 3. Robert H., married Myrtle E. Johns. 4. Horace Shipp, a graduate of Lehigh University, South Bethlehem, with the degree of Mechanical Engineer; served in the Ord-



*Ferdinand S. Fowler*



nance Department of the United States Army at Washington during the World War, and married Olga Groschke. 5. Minnie R., at home. Mr. and Mrs. Fowler have fourteen grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

**GUY W. MOORE** is a native of Pennsylvania, and since he was about a year old has lived in Luzerne County. Born in Carbon County, March 30, 1868, his father, deceased, was Mason C. Moore, member of a family old in the history of the Commonwealth, a farmer, and man of some prominence in the communities of his residence. His mother, Margaret (Tinklepaugh) Moore, is also deceased. Both parents were natives of Luzerne, and in 1870 returned to this county, where they spent the balance of their days.

It was in Kingston that Mr. Moore secured his instruction in the public schools. For four years, the time always required since the printing craft has become well organized in America, he served as an apprentice in the composing room of the "Record," learning the cases, how to stick type and justify forms, et cetera, throughout the long list of things that are to be learned by members of the guild; and at eighteen years of age found himself established on the rolls of his paper's compositors. Eventually he became foreman of composition. It is of interest to note at this point that the linotype machine—typesetting machine operated from a keyboard similar to that of a typewriter—had not come into general usage, due to the impracticability of early models together with reluctance of newspaper proprietors to spend the money involved. When Mr. Moore was fourteen, and for some years after, all type matter was set up by hand, in a stick, from the cases. It was many years before typesetting machines were so fully developed as materially to reduce the number of hand compositors regularly employed. Improvements in composition, improvements in press mechanisms, improvements in newspaper direction and evolution of editorial methods—Mr. Moore has seen them all, as an active participant.

Had Mr. Moore not possessed executive ability he could not have become foreman of the composing room, and from that position was promoted to the office of business manager. He was named the paper's business chief in 1903, at the age of thirty-five years. From that point onward his progress, or rather his position, was guaranteed through proven ability along managerial lines. It was in 1915, twelve years after having assumed the business managership of the "Record," that he was given the post of general manager, carrying with it the greatest authority owned by any man in the publication's employ. Long association with the "Record" and with the people of the Wilkes-Barre area have given Mr. Moore a thorough comprehension of all fundamentals in the district's progress, and he has constantly served as an active agent toward this progress, rendering valued service to the people at large. The paper is one of the largest in all Northeastern Pennsylvania, having, accordingly, a broad influence, its circulation, influence and service being retroactive one upon the other, strengthened in each separate aspect as the complementary aspects become stronger. The reward to the paper is seen in part in the new building and equipment, the plant being one of the finest in the State, and one of the largest when the size of the city seat is taken into consideration.

Aside from his career as newspaper man,

Mr. Moore has wide financial, fraternal and political interests. He is vice-president and secretary of the Wyoming Valley Trust Company of Wilkes-Barre; a director of the Luzerne National Bank of Luzerne and director of the Jackson Telephone Company, of Jackson, Tennessee. He gives his support to the principles and candidates of the Republican party, and is of prominence in its ranks locally. In 1916 he was a delegate at large from Pennsylvania to the Republican National Convention that met in Chicago. Mr. Moore was appointed by Governor Pinchot a member of the Committee of Seventy-Six to study and recommend revision of the election laws of Pennsylvania and was made a member of the executive organization of the committee and also chairman of its fact-finding branch. He was appointed by Governor Fisher in 1927 a member of the Pennsylvania election law commission consisting of nine members from the State at large. He is a director of the Wyoming Valley Homeopathic Hospital. Fraternally, he is identified with Kingston Lodge, No. 395, Free and Accepted Masons; Shekinah Chapter, No. 182, Royal Arch Masons, of Wilkes-Barre; Dieu le Veut Commandery, Knights Templar, No. 45, of Wilkes-Barre; also a member of Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Wilkes-Barre, and one of the board of governors of its country club. He belongs to the Westmoreland Club and Franklin Club, to the Scranton Club of Scranton, and to others.

Mr. Moore married, July 30, 1897, Esther Parry, daughter of John and Mary (Jones) Parry, of Kingston. They have a son, John Mason, graduate of Harvard University, class of 1925.

It can readily be seen from the account that has gone before that Mr. Moore is termed a "self-made" man. This is the case, and today he is one of the dominant figures of his community and the Wyoming Valley. The new and beautiful newspaper plant housing the "Record" and belonging to its publishing organization, the Record Publishing Company, is testimony of his devotion to the newspaper, the community and that portion of the State which he has served so well, and which he continues to serve with ever-increasing good. A fitting monument, indeed, for one of the newspaper business.

**ROBERT LAWRENCE SEITZINGER**—One of the best pharmacies in Luzerne County is the one owned and operated by Robert Lawrence Seitzinger, in Freeland. Mr. Seitzinger established this business soon after his discharge from service in the World War, locating first at No. 623 Center Street, in 1919, but later he removed to Nos. 608-10 Center Street, where he is now conducting a thoroughly modern pharmacy, carrying a full line of drugs and all the specialties usually found in an up-to-date drug store. His place has become very popular in Freeland, and Mr. Seitzinger is one who knows how to hold his trade. Quality goods, expert and interested service, together with sound business principles and methods, have brought him a rapidly growing patronage, and his progressiveness and initiative have kept him well in the front ranks of those who handle pharmaceutical wares. Mr. Seitzinger is a graduate of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, and has been operating his drug store since May, 1919.

Robert Lawrence Seitzinger was born in Gordon, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, November 23, 1890, son of William O. and Margaret Elizabeth (Koppenhover) Seitzinger.

zinger. The family, on the paternal side, were located here before the Revolution and Mr. Seitzinger's paternal great-great-grandfather was a soldier in that conflict. The family has produced many members of the various professions, successful men in various lines of business activity, and some statesmen. In the communities in which they have lived they have been among the progressive and public-spirited citizens, and men of force of character. Mr. Seitzinger received his early and preparatory education in the public schools and after graduating from Gordon High School with the class of 1908 taught in the public schools for one year. When the school year was over he became a clerk in the drug store owned and operated by his sister, Mrs. G. G. Hubler, of Gordon, Pennsylvania, and in this connection he became interested in the drug business. After two years of experience in his sister's store, he decided to fully prepare himself for the pharmaceutical profession, and entered the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, from which he was graduated in 1916 with the degree of Graduate Pharmacist. After graduation he came to Freeland as manager of C. A. Welsh's pharmacy. Later he entered the employ of the Hazle Drug Company, of Hazleton, with whom he remained until his enlistment for service in the World War in 1918, as a member of the 54th Infantry. Later he was a member of the 58th and still later of the 39th Infantry, and eventually he was transferred to the Medical Department, and stationed at Camp Stewart, Hampton, Virginia, where he remained until he was mustered out of service in March, 1919. On May 30, 1919, he opened his own pharmacy in Freeland, at No. 623 Center Street, but later he removed to his present location on the same street. His establishment is a thoroughly up-to-date one, and he sees to it that his stock is always kept full and so selected as to meet the special demands of his public. Full lines of the usual pharmaceutical products and also of the specialties usually found in modern drug stores, attractive displays, and excellent service have made his store a popular one, and Mr. Seitzinger is well able to hold his large patronage. He is a member of the Luzerne County Pharmaceutical Association, of the Pennsylvania State Pharmaceutical Association, and of the American Pharmaceutical Association, and is well known among his colleagues of the pharmaceutical profession. In addition to the successful management of his prosperous business Mr. Seitzinger finds time for numerous fraternal and other affiliations. He is actively interested in civic affairs, is a member of the Business Men's Association. He is a Past Commander of the American Legion, and active in its affairs. His numerous fraternal affiliations include membership in Arbutus Lodge, No. 611, Free and Accepted Masons, in which order he is also a member of Caldwell Consistory, at Bloomsburg; and of Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Patriotic Order Sons of America; also of the "40 and 8." His religious membership is with the Lutheran Church, of Freeland, which he serves as a member of its council.

Robert Lawrence Seitzinger was married, June 3, 1918, to Hilda H. Fox, of Freeland, Pennsylvania, and they have four children: Esther Fox; Robert Lawrence, Jr.; Jean Louise; and William O. Mrs. Seitzinger is

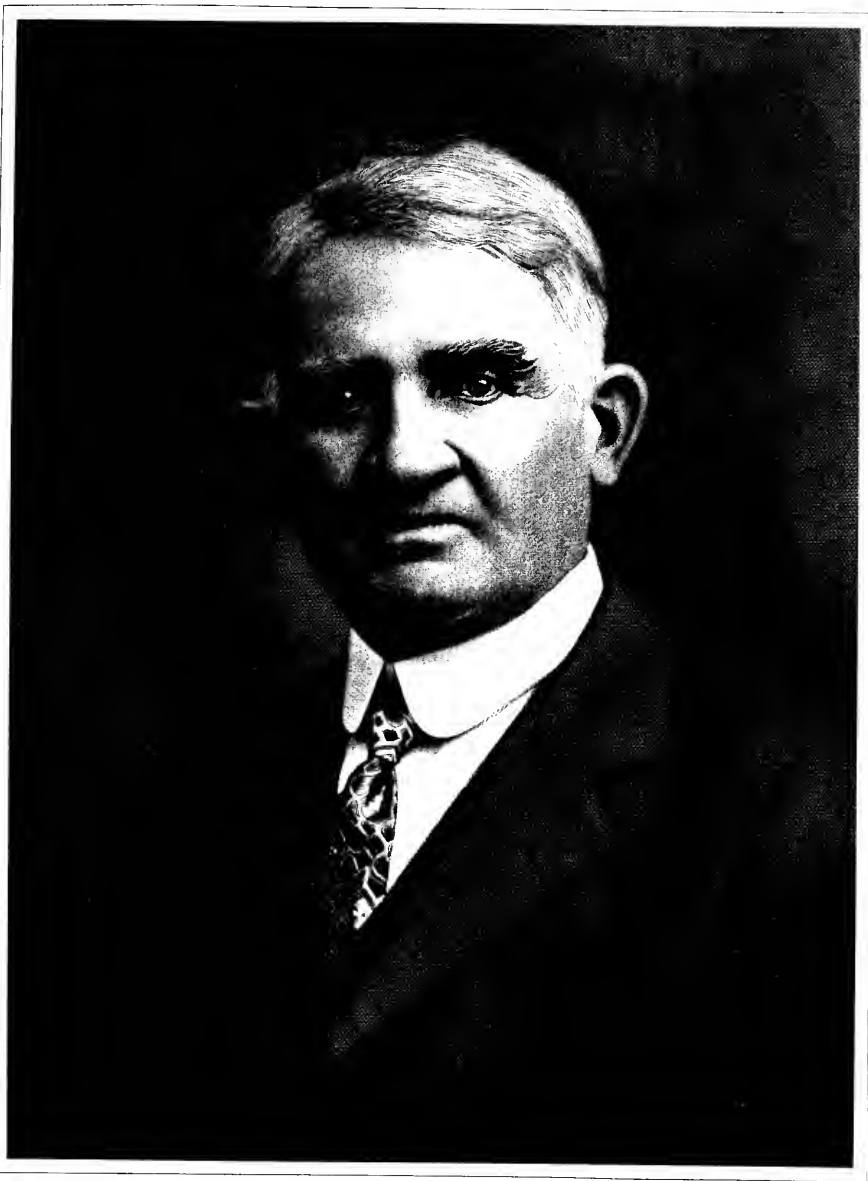
a member and was the first president of the local lodge of the Woman's Auxiliary of the American Legion, and she is interested in civic and philanthropic affairs in Freeland. Mr. and Mrs. Seitzinger make their home at No. 608-10 Center Street, in Freeland, where Mr. Seitzinger's pharmacy is located.

**JOHN CONLON**—In the life of Hudson, Pennsylvania, and the surrounding regions of the Wyoming Valley, John Conlon has taken an important part in the coal industry and in business affairs generally, now holding the position of a coal operator and producer. From small beginnings he has worked his way upward to this place, having started his association with the mines here in the capacity of breaker boy and having risen through the various stages in the mining industry to a superintendency, and then to actual ownership. Keenly interested in the development of his community's best civic interests, Mr. Conlon takes an active part in public affairs and lends his support to whatever movements he believes designed to increase the prosperity of Hudson and Luzerne County.

A son of Myles and Bridget (Riley) Conlon, he is descended from an old Irish family, his parents having been natives of County Roscommon, Ireland, having come to the United States and settled in New York City, only to remove a little later to Ashland, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, where Myles Conlon was employed in the coal mines, and having gone in the early fifties to live in Scranton, Pennsylvania. There he remained until the period of the Civil War, when he removed to Hudson, Luzerne County, which was his home thereafter. He continued as a mine worker throughout his life, and died in 1887. He is buried in Parsons Cemetery, Hudson, Pennsylvania. Both he and his wife were members of the Roman Catholic Church. They were the parents of ten children: James, Thomas, Winifred, Myles, Cornelius, Mary Ann, John, of whom this is a record; William, Peter, who for twenty years was principal of schools at Plains, Pennsylvania; and Annie, who became the wife of Edward J. Cochran, of Plains, Pennsylvania.

Of these, John Conlon was born in Scranton, Pennsylvania, on May 5, 1862. For a time he attended school in the log school-house at Plains, but the financial condition of his family made it necessary for him and his brothers to become wage earners at an early age; and so it was that John Conlon started work as a breaker boy at the Mill Creek Mine, and a little later obtained work in the mine. As he became an expert miner, he won promotions from time to time until he became assistant superintendent of the Pine Ridge Mine, which was owned and operated by the Delaware and Hudson Company. From that time, 1880, he held the position of assistant superintendent for twelve years, until at length, in 1892, he was made superintendent. In this new capacity he showed excellent ability, and fulfilled his duties to the satisfaction of the mine owners. He resigned in 1913, however, and bought a tract of one hundred and sixty-five acres of coal-bearing land from the Fairmount Land Company. It was then that he opened up a slope and became a producing coal operator. The work at his own mine met with success from the outset, so that today, situated in Hudson in the heart of this State's anthracite region, it is one of the leading mines of the vicinity, and John Conlon, its owner, one of the substantial operators of his time.

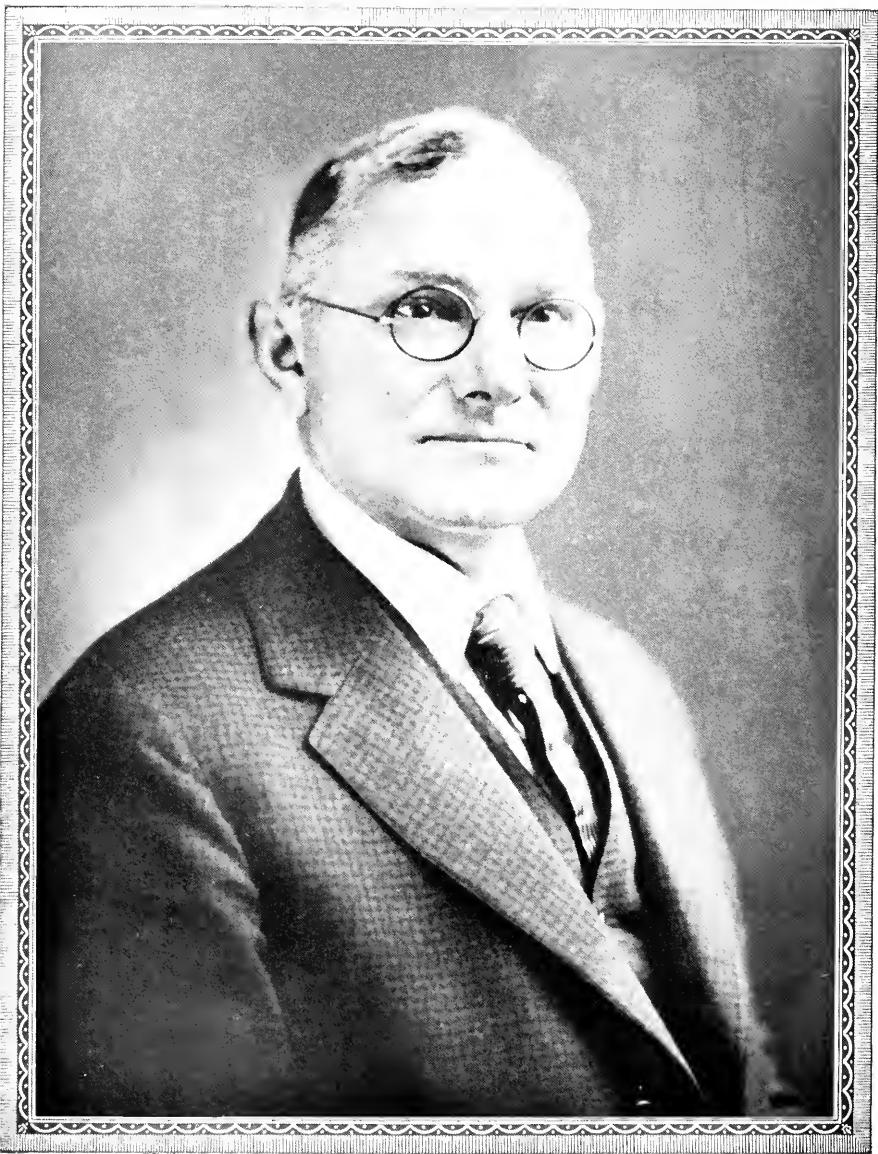




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*Doctor H. Leaver*

In addition to his work in all phases of the mining industry, Mr. Conlon has taken part extensively in the life of his community and Luzerne County. Highly respected and popular in Hudson, he served for more than two decades as a member of the local school board, and was at different periods its president and treasurer. He is also a member of the board of directors of the Dime Deposit Bank, of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. A close observer of political developments and State affairs, he is, in his own views, identified with the Democratic party, whose policies and candidates he regularly supports. His religious faith is that of the Roman Catholic Church, and he is a member of the Sacred Heart Parish.

On December 1, 1885, Mr. Conlon married Mary Clarke, born at Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania, April 8, 1865, daughter of John and Mary (Carey) Clarke. Her father was a native of County Roscommon, Ireland; and he and Mary (Carey) Clarke were the parents of these children, John, James, Michael, Mary (Mrs. John Conlon), Margaret, now deceased, who married James Dunleavy, of Wilkes-Barre; Peter; and Eugene, deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Conlon became the parents of eleven children: 1. William, born February 4, 1887, married Catherine Featherston, of Wilkes-Barre, a teacher. 2. Mary, a graduate nurse. 3. Margaret, a teacher of languages at the Plains High School. 4. Gertrude, a graduate of Mansfield State Normal School. 5. Joseph, born August 6, 1896, a graduate of Mansfield State Normal School, now in the service of his country, holding the rank of corporal of Battery D, 311th Field Artillery, United States Army. 6. Peter, and 7. Paul, twins, born August 22, 1899, now in real estate business in Wilkes-Barre. 8. John, born May 13, 1903. 9. Julia. 10. Alice. 11. Charles Myles, born November 9, 1907.

**BOLTON G. COON**—Engaged in the general contracting in Luzerne, being the head of one of the oldest establishments of its kind in Luzerne County, Bolton G. Coon employs many men, as did his father before him, and has his headquarters at No. 274 Union Street, in the town of Luzerne. There is no phase of the life of Wilkes-Barre in which he is not keenly interested, and the part that he plays in civic and social affairs is an extensive one. He belongs to a number of organizations which lead in the work of this city and Wilkes-Barre and are active throughout the county and the whole Wyoming Valley.

Mr. Coon was born in Kingston, where he still makes his home, on March 28, 1866, son of Alfred Henry and Lorinda (Marcy) Coon. His father, A. H. Coon, was born in Honesdale, Wayne County, Pennsylvania, in 1826, and came to Luzerne County with his father in 1846, having the contract to construct the Lackawanna Railroad from Nanticoke to Shickshinny. Alfred Henry Coon and Colonel Hendrick E. Wright together built and operated the first steamboat that ran between Nanticoke and Wilkes-Barre. A. H. Coon and his brother built the Kingston and Wilkes-Barre Street Railway about 1865, a horse-car line, and they operated the first water works in Kingston. He himself built and was one of the directors of the old turnpike between Dallas and Luzerne, Pennsylvania. Mr. Coon and his son, Bolton G., have built about forty-five complete water plants for boroughs and towns in different parts of the country. A. H. Coon died in April, 1913. His wife, Lorinda (Marcy) Coon, was a daughter of Reuben Marcy, and was

born in Kingston, Pennsylvania; she was one of the first students of Wyoming Seminary, and is now deceased. Reuben Marcy was born in Marcy Township, Pennsylvania, and was a prominent building contractor. Reuben Marcy's grandfather was a governor of Massachusetts.

Bolton G. Coon, of whom this is a record, received his early education in the public schools in Kingston, his birthplace, and then attended the Wyoming Seminary. He entered the general contracting business with his father, Alfred H. Coon, in the firm of A. H. Coon and Sons, with which he continued to be associated until 1907, when B. G. Coon formed his own construction company under the name of B. G. Coon Construction Company, which has continued as one of the leading organizations of its kind since that time. It is engaged in a general contracting business, which extends into several different fields, including water works, roads, railroad work and general heavy construction, sewerage disposal plants, and sewers, and employs an average of seventy-five men. It is, as is stated above, one of the oldest businesses of its kind in Luzerne County, the Coon family having been engaged in construction work continuously for more than ninety years.

In addition to his work as head of the B. G. Coon Construction Company, Mr. Coon is active in the affairs of Kingston, as well as those of the town and county of Luzerne. He is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which his affiliation is with Lodge No. 395, of Kingston, and in which he also belongs to the Shekinah Chapter of Royal Arch Masons; the Dieu le Veut Commandery No. 45, of Knights Templar; the Caldwell Consistory of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite at Bloomsburg; and Irem Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He also holds memberships in the Franklin Club, of Wilkes-Barre, and the Kiwanis Club. His religious faith is that of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he is a member of the Kingston parish. He is a director in the Beneficial Loan Association of Wilkes-Barre. Thus it may be seen that Mr. Coon plays a part in practically all phases of the business and social life of Wilkes-Barre and Luzerne County, and that the organizations with which he is affiliated are those which stand for all that is sound and conservative in the affairs of city, State and Nation.

Bolton G. Coon married, in 1895, Edith Marcy Harden, of Kingston, Pennsylvania, daughter of John M. and Mary (Marcy) Harden. Her father, John M. Harden, was a very prominent mining engineer. By this marriage Bolton G. and Edith M. (Harden) Coon have become the parents of three children: 1. Alfred Harden, a biography of whom follows this. 2. Harold Bolton, born in 1899, died in 1918, while a student at Pennsylvania State College. 3. John M., born in 1903, now a senior (1930) in Princeton University.

**ALFRED HARDEN COON**—A leader in the contracting and construction business, as have been both his father and grandfather, Alfred Harden Coon has been continuously associated with the B. G. Coon Construction Company, which bears the name of his father, since boyhood. He began working during the summer months with this organization when he was only fourteen years old, and has long been active in its affairs.

Mr. Coon was born at Kingston, Pennsylvania, on July 18, 1896, son of Bolton G.

and Edith Marcy (Harden) Coon and grandson on the paternal side of his house of Alfred Henry and Lorinda (Marcy) Coon and on the maternal side of John M. and Mary (Marcy) Harden. A brief review of his grandparents' activities is found in the preceding sketch of his father, Bolton G. Coon.

Alfred Harden Coon received his early education in the public schools, and was graduated in 1912 from the Dorranceton High School, and two years later from Wyoming Seminary. He then spent three years at the Pennsylvania State College, where he studied civil and sanitary engineering, and where he remained until, in May, 1917, he left to enter the 1st Reserve Officers' Training Corps, at Madison Barracks, New York. On August 15, that year, he became a second lieutenant of Field Artillery in that corps; and on December 31, 1917, he was elevated to the rank of first lieutenant. On August 19, 1918, he was made a captain in the Field Artillery of the United States Army. From May, 1918, to May, 1919, he served with the American Expeditionary Forces, in the 309th Field Artillery, 75th Division, in which he was regimental adjutant. Since the conclusion of the World War, too, Captain Coon has continued his military labors, having been, from January 1, 1920, to September, 1927, captain in the 109th Field Artillery of the Pennsylvania National Guard. Since the war, he has been engaged continuously in executive work attending the affairs of the E. G. Coon Construction Company, with the exception of a three-month period, in which, in 1922, he was with the New Mexico Construction Company, in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Since 1919 he has been, with the Coon company, timekeeper, foreman, bookkeeper, superintendent and general manager of the organization, and has performed a most useful function in these different posts. He is also secretary of this company, which has completed several million dollars' worth of engineering construction projects, including roads, bridges, sewers, reservoirs, building foundations and the like.

Along with his labors in this connection, Mr. Coon has acted as a director in the Clark Lumber and Supply Company, of Plymouth, Pennsylvania. He also is active in fraternal and social circles, having joined, in his student days, the Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity and the Lions' Paw Senior Society of Pennsylvania State College, and having been elected to the Tau Beta Pi, an honorary engineering fraternity. He is a member, too, of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which order he is affiliated with Irem Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a leader in professional quarters, taking an active part in the Engineers' Society of Northeastern Pennsylvania and its work. He also belongs to the Lions' Club, of Wilkes-Barre, and the Methodist Episcopal Church, of Kingston. Just as Mr. Coon rendered valuable service as a division executive in his army work, "demonstrating excellent administrative and instructional ability," as his superior officer, Lieutenant Colonel F. S. Clark, wrote of him, so he has contributed to the business affairs with which he has had to do.

Alfred Harden Coon has been twice married: (first), on October 28, 1919, at Jackson, Mississippi, to Ada Green, who died August 20, 1922, daughter of Marcellus and Lucy (Edelen) Green, of that place, the former an attorney; and (second), on January 27, 1925, at Plymouth, Pennsylvania, to Marjorie Lindsay, daughter of George P. and

Annie (Jones) Lindsay, of Plymouth, where the father was a coal operator. The children of Alfred Harden Coon have been three in number, two of whom are now living: By the first marriage, 1. Alfred Harden, Jr., born July 26, 1921. By the second marriage, 2. Bolton G., 2d, born July 22, 1926, died January 19, 1928. 3. Marjorie Lindsay, born May 20, 1928.

**JAMES F. O'BOYLE**—It is one of the perplexities of human thinking to expect the son of a successful man to begin where his father left off and to judge the son by the matured achievements of the sire. Such was the handicap under which James F. O'Boyle began his business career: for the elder O'Boyle was a business man well known for his outstanding abilities. However, the son is proving himself well worthy of his father's mantle; for by his own acumen, aggressiveness and sound business judgment, he is carrying forward with increasing success enterprises founded by his father as well as important organizations established by himself through competition, complexities and perplexities unknown to an earlier day.

James F. O'Boyle, president of the Pittston Coal Mining Company, was born in that city, December 26, 1882, son of Michael and Bridget (O'Donnell) O'Boyle. The elder O'Boyle, who is now deceased was a native of Scranton. His wife was born in Pittston. Michael O'Boyle was a man of exceptional business ability which was employed chiefly in the mining industry. He was a director of the Miners' Bank of Pittston, and took an active part in everything that concerned the welfare of the city. His death occurred in January, 1924, at the age of seventy-two. He and his wife had a family of six children: James F., of whom further; Ellen, wife of E. A. Cusick; Charles M., manufacturer of railway appliances, New York City; Mary C., wife of W. E. Connolly. Two children died young.

James F. O'Boyle prepared for college in the public schools of his native city. He then matriculated at Holy Cross College, Worcester, Massachusetts, from which he was graduated in the class of 1904, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. In 1926, his *alma mater*, in recognition of his achievements since leaving college, honored him with the degree of Bachelor of Science. Immediately upon graduation Mr. O'Boyle plunged into the coal mining business, at first in connection with the Pittston Coal Company, which had been organized by his father on the 21st of April of the previous year. As he became more familiar with the business Mr. O'Boyle extended his operations. Among his interests may be especially mentioned the Hadleigh Colliery at Sugar Notch, which he operates and which gives employment to four hundred people. He is also treasurer of the Pittston Coal Sales Company; director of the Miners' Bank of Pittston; president of the St. Lawrence Importing and Distributing Company of Toronto and Montreal.

He is keenly alive to all that affects the welfare of Pittston, and while a staunch adherent of the Democratic party, and believing fully in every citizen performing his civic duties, he feels that he can best serve the interests of the community in a quiet personal manner rather than in the glare of public office. Mr. O'Boyle is a member of a number of fraternal orders and clubs, including the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Columbus, the Fox Hill Country Club, the Valley Club, Scranton Club, and the Whitehall and Cath-





*J. M. Conniff*



olic clubs of New York City. He is a member of the board of directors of the Kislin School for Boys.

James F. O'Boyle married, February 4, 1914, Margaret Dillon of Binghamton, New York, and they have been blessed with a family of seven children: James F., Jr.; Michael W.; John O'Donnell; Eugene D.; Robert D.; Margaret; and Catherine. The family are members of St. John's Roman Catholic Church. The family residence, where a genial hospitality is dispensed on many occasions, is located at No. 802 Susquehanna Avenue, Pittston.

**JAMES P. COSTELLO**, attorney at law with offices in the Hazleton National Bank Building, Hazleton, is the son of Owen and Ann (Donlin) Costello, and was born at Branchdale, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, on December 15, 1865. He began his education in the parochial school of St. Gabriel's parish and then attended the public school of Hazle Township. After this he went to the Bloomsburg Normal School, where he graduated in the class of 1891. After this, for fifteen years, he taught in the public schools in Luzerne County and for four years he was principal of the Hazle Township schools. During part of this time he was reading law, and in 1897 he completed a course in Dickinson College and was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. Admitted to the bar in the same year, he began the practice in Luzerne County which he has continued ever since, with the exception of two years as a professor in the Law Department of Notre Dame University, Indiana. He carries on general professional work, having been admitted to practice in all the courts of the State. He has served as a member of the Select Council of Hazleton, is a Democrat in political affiliations, and is a confirmed temperance advocate, personally a total abstainer. He is a member of the County Bar Association, the Knights of Columbus, and St. Gabriel's Roman Catholic Church.

James P. Costello married, in 1892, Teresa G. Carr, a graduate of the Bloomsburg Normal School, who taught as a member of the faculty of the Newport Township High School. She is an active member of St. Gabriel's Roman Catholic Church and the Council of Catholic Women. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Costello are: 1. Aloysius, a practicing attorney in Washington, District of Columbia. He is a graduate of Georgetown University and entered the World War in the Ambulance Corps, being among the first to enlist. He was overseas in France for most of the war. 2. Joseph, a physician in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He graduated from the Jefferson Medical College in 1917, enlisted for service in the World War in the Medical Corps of the United States Army and was commissioned lieutenant, serving overseas. 3. Annie, a graduate of Bloomsburg State Normal School, employed in the Government service in Washington, District of Columbia, during the World War, after which she returned to Hazleton and resumed teaching. She married Joseph McGeihan. 4. James P., Jr., a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and of Cornell University, Bachelor of Laws. He now lives and practices in Philadelphia. He was in military training when the World War came to a close. 5. Francis A., a graduate of Mount St. Mary's, Maryland, where he completed his classical course, and Allegheny

Seminary; was ordained a priest in June, 1927. He is now assistant at St. Vincent's parish at Plymouth, Pennsylvania. 6. John, at the age of seventeen, as a senior in the high school, passed civil service examinations and was called to Washington, where he was employed by the Government. At the close of the war, he entered the Coast Guard service and served there for five years. He is a student in the law department of Dickinson College, class of 1929.

**EDWARD K. CONRAD**—Energetic son of a vital father, who was one of the leading business men of Northeastern Pennsylvania, Edward K. Conrad, of Kingston, is carrying on a great business that shows increasing success with every day of its operation. Still in his early manhood, he has already attained to high estate in the commercial world and in the esteem of his fellow-citizens. Those who know him well and who also knew his father are of undivided faith in his ability, while his friends number all with whom he comes in contact, either in business or social meeting.

Edward K. Conrad was born in Scranton, September 30, 1894, received his education in the public schools and was graduated from the Scranton High School with the class of 1912. His father was Edward, and his mother, Clara (Woodhouse) Conrad, Edward K. being the second of four children of the couple. The father, Edward Conrad, founded and organized, at Scranton, in 1909, the Lackawanna Automobile Company, with headquarters at Scranton. This company became sales and distributing agents, April 28, 1910, for the Packard automobile for Columbia, Lackawanna, Monroe, Wayne, Wyoming, Pike and Luzerne counties, in Pennsylvania. Edward Conrad was an energetic business man and a natural organizer of trade relations, well and favorably known all over Northeastern Pennsylvania. He came of old Pennsylvania stock, being a son of Andrew and Catherine Conrad, of Pottsville. His death occurred in Scranton, September 23, 1927, in his sixty-second year. Up to that time he had built up a business in automobile distribution of great value to himself and the manufacturers, his being the third oldest Packard distributing agency in the United States. He was a staunch Republican and a member of the Baptist Church.

Edward K. Conrad, upon his graduation from school, became associated with his father in the industry his parent had founded, and rose rapidly. He is now vice-president of the Lackawanna Automobile Company, in charge of the Greater Wilkes-Barre office, at No. 580 Market Street, Kingston. In politics he is a Republican, in religion a Baptist. He belongs to Kingston Lodge, No. 395, Free and Accepted Masons; the Franklin Club, the Westmoreland Club and the Wyoming Valley Country Club.

Mr. Conrad married, October 7, 1918, Dorothy Page, of Scranton, daughter of John Page of that city.

**THADDEUS M. CONNIFF**—Two great professions—that of teaching and that of the law—have claimed the attention of Thaddeus M. Conniff, of Plains. Through long years he engaged as teacher, and made of his career in that direction a large success, attaining to high distinctions. And of years more recent he has practiced the law, this change from one profession to another hav-

ing come about gradually, through extended interest in law and personal capacity for its practice. He is counted prominent among leading citizens of his community.

Native of Ireland, Mr. Conniff was born August 9, 1854, son of Patrick and Elizabeth (McKeon) Conniff. His father, native of Ireland, was born in 1800, was a school teacher and farmer, and died in 1863. His mother, also a native of Ireland, was born in 1819, and died in 1891, at Plains. In the schools of Ireland Thaddeus M. Conniff secured his basic academic instruction, studying thereafter in St. Patrick's College and later still in New York Normal School, New York City. From the Holy Cross College, Worcester, Massachusetts, he received the degree of Master of Arts. Mr. Conniff studied law and was prepared for admission to the bar in 1880, but preferred his vocation of educational work. He later was admitted to the bar. For eight years he taught school at Plains, then served as superintendent of schools at Pittston, for a year, being the first superintendent over the Pittston schools. Returning then to Plains, he acted as supervising principal of schools here, and held that post until 1924 at which time he resigned. Since 1924 he has engaged in the practice of law, independently, having been admitted to the bar several years prior thereto. A Democrat, he has filled responsible positions of trust, and was seven years prison commissioner by appointment by the County Court, and served as president of the prison commission for the whole period. In temperance work, long before national prohibition, Mr. Conniff was active. He is Senior Past Grand Knight of Wilkes-Barre Council No. 302, Knights of Columbus, in which he received the fourth degree (the first one to receive this degree), and for four years was treasurer of the State Council. He is a member and one of the organizers of the Schoolmasters' Club in Plains. He is a communicant of Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church.

Mr. Conniff married, in 1876, Amanda Armstrong, of Plains, daughter of Robert and Margaret (Mulligan) Armstrong. Of this union were born eleven children, of whom six survive: 1. Augustine P., a lawyer, of Wilkes-Barre. 2. James N., a representative of the Taxpayers' Association of Plains. 3. Mary, wife of B. O. Baldwin, of Scranton. 4. Jean, wife of John J. Walsh, of Plains. 5. Frances E., at home. 6. Agnes M., teacher in high school, Nutley, New Jersey. Mr. and Mrs. Conniff have seventeen grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

#### FRANCIS EDWARD DONNELLY, M. D.—

Since his discharge from the United States Army, in July, 1919, after active service overseas as a member of the Medical Corps, Dr. Francis Edward Donnelly has been located in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, where he has his office at No. 8 Lee Park Avenue. Dr. Donnelly is a graduate of Jefferson Medical College, in Philadelphia, and served his internships in Mercy Hospital here in Wilkes-Barre and in New York City Lying-In-Hospital. He served in the World War with the rank of captain, and located in Wilkes-Barre immediately after receiving his honorable discharge from the service.

Born in Plymouth, Pennsylvania, December 14, 1888, Dr. Francis E. Donnelly is a son of Joseph F. Donnelly, who was born in Scranton, Pennsylvania, in 1842, and who was engaged throughout his active life as a contract miner, his death occurring in 1889, and of Rose Anna (Rooney) Donnelly, who was born in Pottsville, Pennsylvania, in 1856,

and who is still living (1930). Dr. Donnelly attended the public schools of Plymouth and of Larksville, Pennsylvania, graduating from the Larksville High School with the class of 1910. After one year spent in Wyoming Seminary, at Kingston, Pennsylvania, he began his four years of professional study in Jefferson Medical College, in Philadelphia, where he finished his course in 1915, receiving the degree of Doctor of Medicine the same year. For one year after his graduation he served as an interne in Mercy Hospital, in Wilkes-Barre, and then, wishing to more thoroughly prepare himself for the heavy duties and responsibilities of his chosen life work, he spent another year in the Lying-In-Hospital in New York City. When this country entered the World War Dr. Donnelly was one of the many young physicians who were eager to serve overseas, and he was one of those who succeeded in gaining what they desired. As a member of the Medical Corps he served throughout the remainder of the conflict, going over with Base Hospital No. 63, but later being detached and assigned to Evacuation Hospital No. 13, in the St. Mihiel sector, where he was in active service. He was discharged with the rank of captain, July 7, 1919, and returned to Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, where he has since been engaged in general practice. Dr. Donnelly is a member of the medical staff of Mercy Hospital, and holds membership in the Luzerne County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania State Medical Society, and the American Medical Association. In his political faith he is a Democrat, and his religious affiliation is with the Roman Catholic Church. Among his colleagues, Dr. Donnelly has long been known as one of the very able and successful men of his profession, and his genial, friendly personality attracts many friends. He is a director of the Lincoln Bank and Trust Company.

Dr. Francis Edward Donnelly was married, in 1920, to Anna Coyle, of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, daughter of John and Bridget (Brennan) Coyle, and they are the parents of two sons: 1. Joseph, born in March, 1923. 2. Robert, born in September, 1926.

**JAMES GIBBON**—Business man representing the Warner-Quinlan Company, as asphalt division, of New York City, formerly city commissioner and member of the Pennsylvania State Legislature, Mr. Gibbon was born at Drifton, Luzerne County, November 27, 1882, son of Owen and Margaret (Jones) Gibbon, the father living retired in Wilkes-Barre, aged seventy-five years. His mother died, aged seventy-three years. Of Welsh origin, Owen Gibbon in his early life was a coal miner, and later, in Wilkes-Barre, a grocer. He was born in Wales, coming to the United States when six months old, with his parents, his father, Benjamin F. Gibbon, removing to his country with his family. Mrs. Gibbon, mother of James Gibbon, taught Sunday school in the Baptist Church for fifty years. Owen and Margaret (Jones) Gibbon were the parents of three children: 1. Reese, of Wilkes-Barre, foreman in the Street Department. 2. James, of whom later. 3. Benjamin F., of New York City.

When James Gibbon was six years of age his parents left Wilkes-Barre to locate in Buck Mountain, near Mahanoy City, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, and there he attended the public school until 1898, when he came to Wilkes-Barre, occupying himself as clerk in several stores. He acquired a sound experience in retailing by means of these clerkships and before long opened a store of





*F. W. Stark*

his own, at No. 62 South Main Street, dealing in shoes for the retail trade. Mr. Gibbon conducted this business until 1914, then took charge of the Wilkes-Barre office of the Wales Adding Machine Company, directing the company's activities in the Wyoming Valley territory until October 4, 1926. While young in years he entered politics, and his first office was to the Wilkes-Barre City Council representing the Twelfth Ward in 1912, and 1913, and after serving on the council for two years, proving himself level headed and possessed of both imagination and executive ability, was elected to Legislature as member from the Seventh Luzerne County District. He filled out two years, 1921-22, in the Legislature and was elected to succeed himself in the fall of 1922. In 1923 he was chosen city commissioner of Wilkes-Barre for a term of four years. Always he has been a loyal Republican, but in local affairs permits politics to play no part, constantly holding the interests and welfare of the municipality at large as his first duty. He is a member of the Parrish Street Baptist Church; of Lodge No. 61, of the Free and Accepted Masons; Keystone Consistory, Scranton, Pennsylvania, of the Ancient Scottish Rite Masons of the thirty-second degree; Irem Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Wilkes-Barre; the Irem Country Club; he is Past Exalted Ruler of Wilkes-Barre Lodge, No. 109, of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, a member of the Eagles, the Franklin Club, the Concordia Club, and the Orpheus Club.

James Gibbon married (first), in 1906, Mignonette Wallace, daughter of George and Emma (Weiss) Wallace. Mrs. Gibbon died in 1918, leaving two children, James Wallace Gibbon, who died at the State College, where he was a student, August 8, 1918, in his twenty-first year, and Margaret Wallace Gibbon, at home. Mr. Gibbon married (second), in 1921, Mrs. Evelyn (Gruver) Mooney, daughter of Murray Lee and Clara Margaret (Nobel) Gruver, and she has two children by her first marriage, Margaret and Helen Mooney.

**FREDERIC WAGNER STARK**—The Stark family, of which Frederic Wagner Stark, well known business man of Wilkes-Barre, was a member, is believed to have proceeded from Aaron Stark, who was identified with affairs in Hartford, Connecticut, in 1639, and probably came out of England. He is said to have been born between 1602 and 1608, and it is known that he died in New London, Connecticut, in 1685. At least four generations of the Stark family have resided in Luzerne County, having been descended from the New Hampshire and Vermont Starks, and among the most prominent of them, from whom Frederic Wagner Stark was descended, was Cornelius Stark.

Cornelius Stark was born in Luzerne (now Susquehanna) County, and married Louisa Wagner. About 1840 he removed to the vicinity of West Pittston, and opened a livery business, in which many gentlemen were engaged in that day. He became possessed of considerable of the land thereabout, but soon exchanged his holdings for farm land in Susquehanna County, and removed there. Eventually he removed to Wilkes-Barre and died there in 1878.

Lieutenant-Colonel Benjamin Franklin Stark, son of Cornelius and Louisa (Wagner) Stark, was born July 15, 1845, at Montrose, Susquehanna County, and died in Wilkes-Barre in 1893. He took a keen interest in military

affairs and became lieutenant-colonel of the Ninth Regiment, National Guard of Pennsylvania, and attained prominence as well in business and Masonic affairs. He removed to the Wyoming Valley and ran a general store, was a candidate for mayor of Wilkes-Barre, and became prominent in State National Guard affairs. He married, in 1868, Mary Frances Warner, native of Montrose, daughter of General Dimock D. Warner and Mary A. (Raynsford) Warner, natives of Connecticut. The children of their union were Frederic Wagner, of whom further; Helen W., Jared W., M. Louise, and Harold R. Stark.

Frederic Wagner Stark was born at Montrose, Susquehanna County, April 30, 1870, and received his early education at the Harry Hillman Academy and Wilkes-Barre Business College. After leaving school he was associated with his father in business from 1888 to 1893. In 1894 he was in the employ of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company. In 1895 he became the agent of the Forcite Powder Company, and in 1904 engaged in the same business for the DuPont Powder Company; he remained with the DuPont people until 1913, at which time he became one of the directors of the Hercules Powder Company, of Wilmington, Delaware, which position he held until his death. He was also vice-president and director of the Wyoming National Bank, and was prominently identified with civic and business organizations of Wilkes-Barre. He was a self-made man who had attained gratifying popularity and a high place among his neighbors and business associates. He was a member of the Wyoming Valley Country Club, the North Mountain Club, and the Westmoreland Club, of Wilkes-Barre; the Wilmington City Club, the Vic Meade Hunt Club, and the Wilmington Country Club, of Wilmington, Delaware; Valley Country Club, of Hazleton, Pennsylvania; and the Bankers' Club and the Pennsylvania Society of New York City. He was junior warden and vestryman of St. Peter's Episcopal Church of Hazleton.

Mr. Stark married, October 27, 1897, Claire Louise Warbrick, of New York City, daughter of William and Martha (Crumm) Warbrick, and they had the following children: Robert Warbrick Stark, with the Hercules Powder Company, Hazleton, this State; he married Luise Wolf, and they have children: Frederick Wagner and Mollie McMasters; and Elizabeth, wife of William L. Morse, of Hazleton.

**REV. EBENEZER FLACK, D. D.**—Scotch-Irish by birth, American by adoption, the Rev. Ebenezer Flack, D. D., of Kingston, has been for more than thirty-five years a dominant factor in the Presbyterian Church in this section of the country. He has made the influence of this church felt far beyond the radius of his own immediate activities, through the offices in its structure which he has been called upon to administer, as well as by the example of his personal high position as a citizen of the community. Highly educated and the fortunate possessor of a happy personality, a devoted representative of the principles of civil and religious liberty, a staunch friend, a wise counsellor, an unflinching champion of the right, he has made a multitude of friends and never lost one. By his home life, as well as by his public labors he has achieved the esteem of all classes and all religious sects, who universally hold him to be a nobleman of the cloth, a citizen of character beyond question.

Ebenezer Flack was born in the North of

Ireland, December 7, 1869. His father was Hugh Flack, and his mother, Agnes (Nelson) Flack, both now deceased. Ebenezer Flack was educated in the common schools and Royal Academical Institution, Belfast, and then attended the Royal University, at Dublin, and Queen's College, Belfast. From the Royal University he received his degree of Bachelor of Arts. When twenty-two years of age he came to America, took the course at Princeton Theological Seminary and was graduated in the class of 1892. From Franklin College he received his degree of Doctor of Divinity. His first pastorate was with the Presbyterian Church of White Haven, Pennsylvania, where he labored for four years. He then went, successively, to Plymouth, Luzerne County, for five years; thence to Latrobe, for six years, then to Scranton for ten years. His last pastorate before coming to Kingston was in Newburgh, New York, where he was pastor for three years. The Kingston Presbyterian Church then called him and he has served here for ten years. In politics he is Independent-Republican. He is a member of the Scranton Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons; and of the Lackawanna Presbytery, and the Pennsylvania Synod. Of the first named church organization he was president of the trustees for five years. He also is a trustee of Wilson College, Chambersburg, and is chairman of the Curriculum Committee. He has served as Moderator of the Pennsylvania Synod (1910-11) and has been for years one of the most active ministers of his faith in this section of the country. He has been a trustee of Presbyterian Home of Central Pennsylvania since it was opened three years ago, a home for aged women.

Rev. Dr. Flack married, March 28, 1894, Sarah Jane Hutcheson, of New York City, a daughter of Robert and Henrietta (Snowden) Hutcheson. The couple have five children: 1. Henrietta R. H., a graduate of Bucknell University and Wilson College, and a teacher in the Wilkes-Barre public schools, 2. Agnes Nelson, a graduate of Wilson College and the Women's College of Medicine, of Philadelphia, and a practicing physician of Kingston. 3. Harold E., a salesman for the Caldwell Lawn Mower Company. 4. Robert K., a graduate of Wyoming Seminary, and of Wharton School of Commerce; was for four years with the Kingston Bank and Trust Company; now employed by J. H. Brooks and Company, brokers. 5. George W., a graduate of Wyoming Seminary, Kingston, and a student in Washington and Lee University, Virginia.

**COLONEL JAMES ALFRED DEWEY**—Considerable achievement of varied character is recorded in the career of James Alfred Dewey, of Wilkes-Barre, the present district representative of the State Workmen's Insurance Fund, an office of the State of Pennsylvania. As an educator and a soldier he performed his duties with sincerity and skill, as a public servant he has made an estimable record and as a citizen his activities have ever been for the best in the interests of the community as a whole. He is a man of great affability and personal charm, is devoted to his work in life and to the operations of all worthy organizations that appeal to the progressive element, an able unit in the commercial, civic and social fabric that comprises the population of this district of the State, with a legion of sincere friends throughout a broad area.

He was born in Bradford County, Pennsyl-

vania, November 10, 1860, a son of Addison and Amy A. (Ripley) Dewey, the father born in 1832, in Tioga County, Pennsylvania, died in 1913; he was an educator and later in life a farmer; his mother was born in Bradford County, Pennsylvania, in 1840, died in 1915. The grandfather, James B. Dewey, came to Pennsylvania when he was a young man and settled in Tioga County. He was born in Feeding Hills, in 1805, died in 1890; he married Asenath Harding, of Rutland, Massachusetts.

James Alfred Dewey acquired his early education in the public schools and attended Mansfield State Normal School, from which he was graduated with the class of 1882. He then took a course of one year at the University of Michigan and later matriculated at Taylor University, Upland, Indiana, from which he was graduated with the degrees of Bachelor of Philosophy and Master of Arts. During 1882 and until May, 1883, he taught school in Fall Brook, Pennsylvania, coming to Wilkes-Barre in 1884, remained here until 1890 and then moved to Wanamie, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania. In 1902 he returned to Wilkes-Barre. In Wanamie he taught school, where he became district superintendent. From 1902 until 1905 he was representative of the Taxpayers' Association, in the last named year being appointed deputy county controller under James M. Norris, in which office he served until 1912. He was then appointed deputy sheriff under Sheriff Lewis P. Kniffen, under whom he served for four years, then serving two more under George Buss. He became an instructor of mathematics in the Coughlin High School, where he remained until 1928, when he was appointed to his present post, as noted.

Since May 6, 1889, he has been associated with the State National Guard, having enlisted on that date in Company A, 9th Regiment. He was promoted a corporal July 15, 1889, and to sergeant May 1, 1890. Upon the call of President McKinley for volunteers in 1898 he organized a company at Wanamie and offered its services through Governor Hastings. This contingent of troops for service in the Spanish-American War was mustered into the National Guard, June 25, 1898, and its organizer elected and commissioned a captain on that date, his command having been Company F, 7th Regiment, 3d Brigade, Pennsylvania National Guard. This company in 1899 was transferred to the 9th Regiment and renamed Company L. In this regiment Captain Dewey was promoted to major and later to lieutenant-colonel, in which latter rank he served on the Mexican border in 1916 and 1917, where he commanded a battalion which had been equipped as artillery instead of its original status as infantry. In 1922 he was retired with the rank of lieutenant-colonel. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and on its official board and was superintendent of its Sunday school for a long period. Fraternally, he is affiliated with Camp No. 271, Patriotic Order Sons of America; Wanamie Council, Junior Order United American Mechanics, of which he is Past Councillor; Nanticoke Lodge, No. 541, Free and Accepted Masons (Past Master); Valley Chapter, No. 214, Royal Arch Masons, of Plymouth (Past High Priest); Mt. Horeb Council, Royal and Select Masters (Past Master); Dieu le Veut Commandery, No. 45, Knights Templar (Past Commander); and Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order





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Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of the Craftsmen's Club.

Colonel James Alfred Dewey married, June 21, 1883, Fannie Barnes, of Wilkes-Barre, daughter of Joseph and Mary Ann (Barnum) Barnes, representatives of pioneer families of this district. Colonel and Mrs. Dewey are the parents of one daughter. Mrs. Dewey died in June, 1919.

**WILLIAM STARK TOMPKINS**—Successfully engaged in the coal mining industry for the greater part of his long career, both in Pennsylvania and in West Virginia, Mr. Tompkins has been known for many years as an authority on coal mining. He is also widely known for his scientific research work and has always continued his interest in the mining industry, frequently serving as a consulting specialist in examining properties for owners and prospective purchasers of coal mines, though of late he has devoted the greater part of his time to the life insurance business. In this field, too, Mr. Tompkins has met with marked success and for many years he has been one of the leading men in the insurance business in Northeastern Pennsylvania. His business affairs, of course, have at all times required and received the major share of his attention. However, Mr. Tompkins has never permitted them to absorb all of his time and energy, but throughout his active career has been effectively interested in various other directions. Ever since he had reached voting age, he has been prominent in the affairs of the Republican party and at different times has taken a very active part in several political campaigns. He is also greatly interested in religious work and for a long period has served as an officer of his church. Another field, in which he has been greatly interested, is that of history and he is a member of several historical societies.

Through his connection with Dixon, Clary, Stark and Adams families, Mr. Tompkins traces his descent from a number of ancient New England families of high standing. His great-grandfather, Joseph Tompkins, was one of the original grantees of land in Jenkins Township, Luzerne County, and one of the pioneer settlers of Pittston. He married Phoebe Osborne, a native of Connecticut, who died in Pittston at the home of her son, William Tompkins, in 1831, aged about ninety years. Joseph Tompkins was a miller by trade and at one time worked in one of the Hollenback mills on Mill Creek, near Wilkes-Barre. He lived near Laffin, Jenkins Township, which was, at that time, known as White Oak Hollow, where he sold land in 1794.

William Tompkins, the grandfather of William Stark Tompkins, was born July 10, 1788 or 1789, a son of Joseph and Phoebe (Osborne) Tompkins. During the earlier part of his life he was a resident of White Oak Hollow, now Laffin, from where he removed to Pittston prior to 1820, continuing to reside in that town until his death, which occurred August 5, 1876. His home was on South Main Street. At the fork of the road near his home he operated, until 1851 or 1852, the first sawmill in Pittston, and he also built the first frame house in Pittston. He was deeply interested in education and did everything in his power to increase and improve the educational advantages of his days. He was also active in politics, being first a supporter of the Whig party and later of the Republican party. William Tompkins married (first)

Hannah Van Fleet, who was born August 9, 1800, and who died May 18, 1830. She was a daughter of Abraham and Sarah (Brown) Van Fleet, of Pittston, who came to the Wyoming Valley from Orange County, New York, in 1786. Her father was a Revolutionary pensioner. The Van Fleet family came to this country from Holland about 1662-63, the family name then being spelled Van Vleit, Van Fleit and Van der Vleit. William and Hannah (Van Fleet) Tompkins were the parents of four children: 1. Sarah Van Fleet, who became a member of the first faculty of Wyoming Seminary and who married Horace P. Messenger. She died at West Pittston. 2. James Harvey Tompkins, who married Elizabeth Dawson Tracy, of Wilkes-Barre, a daughter of Sidney and Elizabeth (Sinton) Tracy, and who died at West Pittston, in November, 1898. 3. George Tompkins, who died at Pittston in 1846, at the age of twenty-one years, being unmarried. 4. Alva Tompkins, of whom further. William Tompkins married (second) Ann Miller, of Parsons, and (third) a Mrs. Knight.

Alva Tompkins, the father of William Stark Tompkins, and the youngest son and child of William and Hannah (Van Fleet) Tompkins, was born in Pittston Township, now within the limits of the city of Pittston, May 20, 1827. He was educated in the schools of his native region and at Wyoming Seminary and in his youth worked in his father's sawmill and assisted in conducting the parental farm. About 1851 he embarked in the coal business, which he continued to follow with success for thirty-four years. He sank the second shaft and built the second coal breaker in Pittston, but for about eight years prior to this he mined and shipped coal in lump. Prior to 1861 most of the coal shipped went by boat on the river and canal, but later a track was built by the Lackawanna & Bloomsburg Railroad to the Tompkins breaker, and Alva Tompkins was coal agent for the Lackawanna & Bloomsburg Railroad at this time. At one time he was associated in business with Jarvis Langdon of Elmira, New York, father-in-law of S. M. Clements (Mark Twain) and with M. C. and H. S. Mercur of Towanda, Pennsylvania. The business at that time was conducted under the name of Mercur & Company and operated, in addition to the Tompkins breaker, also the twin shafts in Upper Pittston. In 1863 Mr. Tompkins also owned in his own name the Sweatland mine at Plymouth and later leased the Eagle mine, adjoining the Tompkins breaker. He established and successfully maintained coal yards in Elmira, Auburn, Geneva, Rochester and Buffalo, New York; Detroit, Michigan, and at Chicago, Illinois. After retiring from the coal business Mr. Tompkins devoted himself to agriculture, in which he found a useful outlet for his energy and experience, as well as an enjoyable means of recreation. He was for many years a director of the First National Bank and of the Water Street Bridge Company, both of Pittston. Throughout his life he was greatly interested in the cause of education and during a long period he was a member of the Board of School Directors of Pittston and a trustee of the West Pittston Seminary. Beginning with about 1870, Mr. Tompkins sustained for many years a private school in South Pittston, to the faculty of which he attracted many ladies trained in some of the best institutions of that day. His religious affiliations were with the Methodist Episcopal Church, which he joined in

1858 and of which he was for many years a trustee and the superintendent and a teacher in the Sunday School. He was also a member of the Order of Good Templars, of which he was one of the first officers in Pittston. In politics he was a supporter of the Republican party. Mr. Tompkins died at Eatonville, Wyoming County, May 14, 1919, within six days of his ninety-second birthday. He married, June 14, 1854, Dorothy Calista Stark, a daughter of William and Ruth (Clary) Stark. Mrs. Tompkins was born in Wyoming County and died at Eatonville, Wyoming County, October 24, 1919. Her father was a veteran of the War of 1812 and in recognition of his services during that conflict had received a grant of land in Illinois. He was a farmer and lumberman and spent most of his life in Lemon Township, Wyoming County. Mrs. Tompkins' paternal grandparents were Nathan and Dorcas (Dixon) Stark, of Tunkhannock Creek. Her grandmother, Dorcas (Dixon) Stark, was the daughter of John and Hannah (Marshall) Dixon, of Connecticut. Her own mother, Ruth (Clary) Stark, was born in New Hampshire, a daughter of John and Dorothy (Fletcher) Clary, a granddaughter of Peter and Ruth (Adams) Fletcher and a great-granddaughter of Joseph and Dorothy (Merriam) Adams, of Concord, Massachusetts. Alva and Dorothy Calista (Stark) Tompkins were the parents of seven children: 1. Adelaide Ruth. 2. William Stark, of whom further. 3. Edwin Webster, who married Anna Frost of Cobleskill, New York, and is the father of one son, Edwin Frost Tompkins. 4. Lewis Alva, who married Ruth Conyngham Butler, of Port Gibson, Mississippi, a daughter of Lord John and Kate (Humphreys) Butler, by which marriage he is the father of five children, John Butler, Lewis Alva Tompkins, Jr., Ruth Calista, Kathryn Humphrey and Robert Van Fleet. 5. Mary Fletcher, unmarried. 6. Harry Clay, married Jennie Davis, of Neath, Pennsylvania, and they have three children: Mary Elizabeth, Dorothy Calista, and Annette. 7. Martha Dorothy, librarian at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

William Stark Tompkins was born at Pittston, Luzerne County, January 14, 1859, the oldest son and second child of Alva and Dorothy Calista (Stark) Tompkins. He received his early education in a private school established by his father at Pittston and later attended Cazenovia Seminary, Cazenovia, New York, and Wyoming Seminary, Kingston, Pennsylvania, as well as the Fort Edward Collegiate Institute, Fort Edward, New York, from which latter he was graduated in 1882. Though he went to work in his father's mines at the age of fourteen years, he spent only half of each year at this occupation, devoting the other six months to attending school. At the early age of nineteen years he was placed in charge of the Tompkins breaker at Pittston. Later he became interested in coal mines in West Virginia. Mr. Tompkins continued in the coal business until 1896, when he engaged in the life insurance business. For a number of years he has represented the Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Company of California as manager for Northeastern Pennsylvania. He maintains offices in Suite 50-51 Wells Building, Wilkes-Barre, and enjoys a very high standing in insurance and business circles. For three years he was a member of the executive committee of the National Association of Life Underwriters.

Mr. Tompkins, though no longer actively engaged in the coal mining industry, is recognized as an authority in that field and still

devotes considerable time to scientific research on mining problems and to work as a consulting specialist. Governor Brumbaugh, in his last message to the Legislature, referred to the help he had received from Mr. Tompkins in mining questions that came before him as Governor.

Alva Tompkins, father of William Stark Tompkins, sunk the second shaft in Pittston, and was the only native of Pittston who as a pioneer entered the coal industry. He also had the distinction of having been probably the first mining man in this country to make use of methane for the purpose of ventilating a coal mine. An abandoned portion of his mine was sealed off and the methane thus accumulated was conducted by means of pipes to the upcast shaft where it was lighted. In this manner advantage was taken of certain fundamental laws of mine ventilation. The heat produced by the methane rarified the air in the upcast shaft to an extent sufficient to create a very substantial motive column, and as a result of which the mine was thoroughly ventilated. This was before the days of mine fans.

In politics Mr. Tompkins has been a supporter of the Republican party since his early manhood. He was elected to a State Republican Convention in the same year in which he became of age, an unusual procedure. The following year he served as a senatorial delegate. In 1895 he became chairman of the Republican County Committee. He was also chairman of the Second Legislative District of Luzerne County for several years. In 1912 he followed the late President Roosevelt's leadership and became chairman of the Roosevelt Campaign Committee for Luzerne County, when President Roosevelt was a candidate for the Republican nomination for President against Mr. Taft. Mr. Tompkins is an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and is a steward of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Wilkes-Barre. He has also been identified with Sunday school work, having served throughout the greater part of his adult life as a teacher and superintendent. His interest in public questions finds expression in his membership in the American Academy of Political and Social Science, while as a result of his interest in history he maintains membership in the Wyoming Historical Association and in the Wyoming Monument Association. The Randolph County Historical Society of Randolph County, West Virginia, has made him an honorary member. He is also a member of the Wilkes-Barre Exchange Club.

William Stark Tompkins married, June 24, 1913, Elizabeth Waller Ayres, a daughter of Lyndon L. and Mary (Horton) Ayres. Mr. and Mrs. Tompkins have no children and make their home at No. 116 Hanover Street, Wilkes-Barre, a property for many generations in the possession of Mrs. Tompkins' family, the original grant to her ancestors having been made by the Commonwealth of Connecticut. Mrs. Tompkins is prominently active in civic, social, charitable and religious organizations in Wilkes-Barre. She is a member of the boards of directors of the Home for Homeless Women and of the Young Women's Christian Association. She is also a member and Vice-Regent of Wyoming Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, and a member of the Wyoming Historical Society and the Wyoming Valley Women's Club. Her religious affiliations, like those of her husband, are with the first Methodist Episcopal Church of Wilkes-Barre, in the

work of which she has taken a very active and helpful part.

Mrs. Tompkins is a member of an old Wyoming Valley family, her ancestors having been among the early settlers of that part of Pennsylvania. On her mother's side she is a direct descendant of Lieutenant John Horton, who served as an officer in the Revolutionary War and held the rank of lieutenant in the Battle of Wyoming in 1778. He was descended from Barnabas Horton, who was born in England in 1600 and who came to this country on the ship "Swallow" in 1635, settling in Connecticut. Mrs. Tompkins' maternal great-grandfather was Miller Horton, a son of Lieutenant John Horton, who married Elizabeth Waller. Their son, Nathan Miller Horton, Mrs. Tompkins' maternal grandfather, was for many years a stage line proprietor and the owner of considerable and substantial four-horse coaches carrying passengers and mail from Baltimore, Maryland, to Owego, New York, by way of Harrisburg, Sunbury, Wilkes-Barre and Montrose, and from Philadelphia to Wilkes-Barre, via Easton. His coaches also carried mail from New York City to Montrose by way of Newark and Morristown, New Jersey, and Milford, Pennsylvania. He was also a successful contractor, handling much work for the town, county and State authorities. A member of the first board of directors of the Wyoming National Bank, he served for two terms, and throughout his entire career was regarded as one of the most representative and substantial citizens.

**R. DELBERT CRAIG**—During the participation of the United States in the World War, R. Delbert Craig, of Kingston, Pennsylvania, not only served his country but at the same time held political office to which he had been elected before he volunteered in the Navy. This record merely illustrates an energy that has been the means of lifting this young man to the front rank among the commercial enterprises of this section. His other attributes include a deep interest in all civic and fraternal affairs and an attractive personality, all of which make for him a multitude of friends and guarantee his future success in business, in social, fraternal and civic life.

He was born in Nanticoke, Pennsylvania, September 12, 1893, a son of William E. and Margaret (Adams) Craig. He is the eldest child of the family, the others being Wilbur A., of Nanticoke; Lawrence D., of Nanticoke; Ruth and Florence, also living in Nanticoke.

R. Delbert Craig received his education in the public schools of his native town, after which he took a course at the Wilkes-Barre Business College and another at the Wharton Extension Night School, of Wilkes-Barre. Upon leaving his school work he became associated with the general merchandise store of Davis Brothers, in Nanticoke, as manager, where he remained until 1918. He had been elected treasurer of Nanticoke Borough in 1916 and was serving when the United States entered the World War. Notwithstanding, he promptly enlisted in the Navy as a third class storekeeper and served throughout the war, being from time to time promoted and finally being mustered out in March, 1919, with the rank of ensign. He then returned to Wilkes-Barre and became general manager of the Davis Brothers stores, seven years later becoming a member of the firm of Davis-Craig Company, Inc., in

which establishment he serves as secretary, treasurer and general manager. He is a thirty-second degree member of the order of Free and Accepted Masons, holding membership in Lodge No. 541, of Nanticoke. He also belongs to the Keystone Lodge and to the Consistory, Scottish Rite Masons, of Scranton, and to Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a member of the Irem Temple Country Club; of Black Diamond Post No. 395, American Legion, of Kingston; the Navy Club; the West Side Business Men's Association; and the Wilkes-Barre-Wyoming Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Craig married Sylvia L. Kearney, of Pittston, Pennsylvania, in February, 1919, daughter of John P. and Mary Ann (Loughney) Kearney. Mr. and Mrs. Craig have two children: William E., 2d., and R. Delbert, Jr.

**WILLIAM ESAU EVANS**—Probably no citizen of Forty Fort, Pennsylvania, is more widely known than William Esau Evans who, in addition to being proprietor of one of the best drug stores thereabouts, handles the sub-postal station. And few have attained the place in the affections and esteem of fellow-townsmen that Mr. Evans has won through his efficient handling of the public's interests as a member of the Board of Health since 1913, and in various other public capacities. He is an earnest church worker, contributing his services as a member of the official board for the Presbyterian congregation in Forty Fort, and is a man with numerous fraternal affiliations.

Mr. Evans was born at Danville, Pennsylvania, January 2, 1874, the son of John J. Evans, ore miner at Danville of Welsh descent, whose death occurred in 1879, and Sarah (Esau) Evans, native of Danville. William E. Evans attended the public schools, then clerked for three years in a grocery store. There followed three years more as clerk in the Danville post office, following which he came to Edwardsville where he spent six years as a grocery clerk. He entered a drug store to learn pharmacy and for ten years was in the drug business in an employed capacity. In 1907, Mr. Evans opened first a drug store of his own in Maltby, where for five years he retailed drugs, selling the Maltby business in July, 1912, to open up amid the larger opportunities offered at Forty Fort. The following year Mr. Evans' store was made a sub-post office of the Wilkes-Barre office, and he has since continued in the dual capacity of postmaster and druggist. In February, 1929, he opened another drug store at Breslau, Pennsylvania, of which his son, Floyd, is manager. Mr. Evans is a member of the Knights of Pythias, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Patriotic Order Sons of America; and Masonic units that include: Lodge No. 395, Free and Accepted Masons; Shekinah Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Dieu le Veut Commandery, No. 45, Knights Templar; Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Mr. Evans is secretary of the Board of Health of Forty Fort and is treasurer of the Forty Fort Fire Department. For fifteen years he has served on the official board of the Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Evans married, in 1901, Sarah Jones, of Edwardsville, daughter of John R. and Frances (Williams) Jones. Their four children are: 1. Floyd E., who attended the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, now manager

of the Breslau store. 2. William E., now at the same college, and was president of the class of 1929. 3. Frances Sarah. 4. Russell Lee.

**CHARLES E. FLYNN**—One of the thoroughly reliable funeral directors of the Wyoming Valley who stands high in the ranks of his chosen profession is Charles E. Flynn, formerly of Plymouth, now engaged in this line of activity in Wilkes-Barre, where he has established a fine chapel and showroom and carries a complete modern equipment. Highly esteemed by his fellow-citizens, Mr. Flynn participates to a considerable extent in the social and fraternal life of his community, where he has lived practically all his life.

He was born in Avondale, Pennsylvania, a son of John and Ann (Gillespie) Flynn, both of whom were highly respected residents of that place and were also widely known throughout other cities and towns of Luzerne County. His father was born in Avondale, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, in 1858, and is now engaged as a mine section foreman; while the mother, Ann (Gillespie) Flynn, was born in Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania, in 1860, and died on March 25, 1928.

His early education, Charles E. Flynn received in the public schools of Plymouth, and later he studied at Wyoming Seminary, from which he was graduated in the class of 1916. His first work was with the undertaking business, for which he had prepared himself by studies at the Eckels School of Embalming, in Philadelphia, of which he was a graduate. He became associated with Moore Brothers and Company, of Plymouth, and remained with them until April, 1925, when he purchased their business and continued it in Plymouth under his own name. There he continued until March 1, 1928, when he removed his business to Wilkes-Barre, making his quarters at No. 79 South Washington Street, where he has every possible convenience and modern equipment provided for undertakers, including a beautiful chapel, fine display rooms and comfortable carriages, all selected in the very best and quietest of dignified artistic taste. The cars are Cadillacs, and they insure the utmost in comfort and ease that is obtainable. Mr. Flynn himself has acquired a large number of friends throughout the various parts of Luzerne County and the Wyoming Valley, people attracted by his pleasing personality and the character of the work that he performs.

In addition to his work as undertaker, Mr. Flynn is keenly interested in political developments, especially in the Democratic party, whose policies and candidates he supports by his vote and influence. He is a member of the Luzerne County Funeral Directors Association; the Knights of Columbus; and the Loyal Order of Moose. His religious faith is that of the Roman Catholic Church, in which he is affiliated with St. Mary's parish.

**WILLIAM E. DORON**—In his practice of the profession of mortician, William E. Doron, managing proprietor of one of the oldest funeral establishments in Wilkes-Barre, is worthily continuing as the successor of his father, who was engaged in the same profession for more than half a century. Mr. Doron and his assistants move with sympathetic ease and professional finesse among the families that in their extremity must call

upon them for their ministrations for those they love and have lost awhile. In the civic affairs of Wilkes-Barre Mr. Doron finds time to give the proper consideration due from a citizen of his standing and personal desire for the community's general advance.

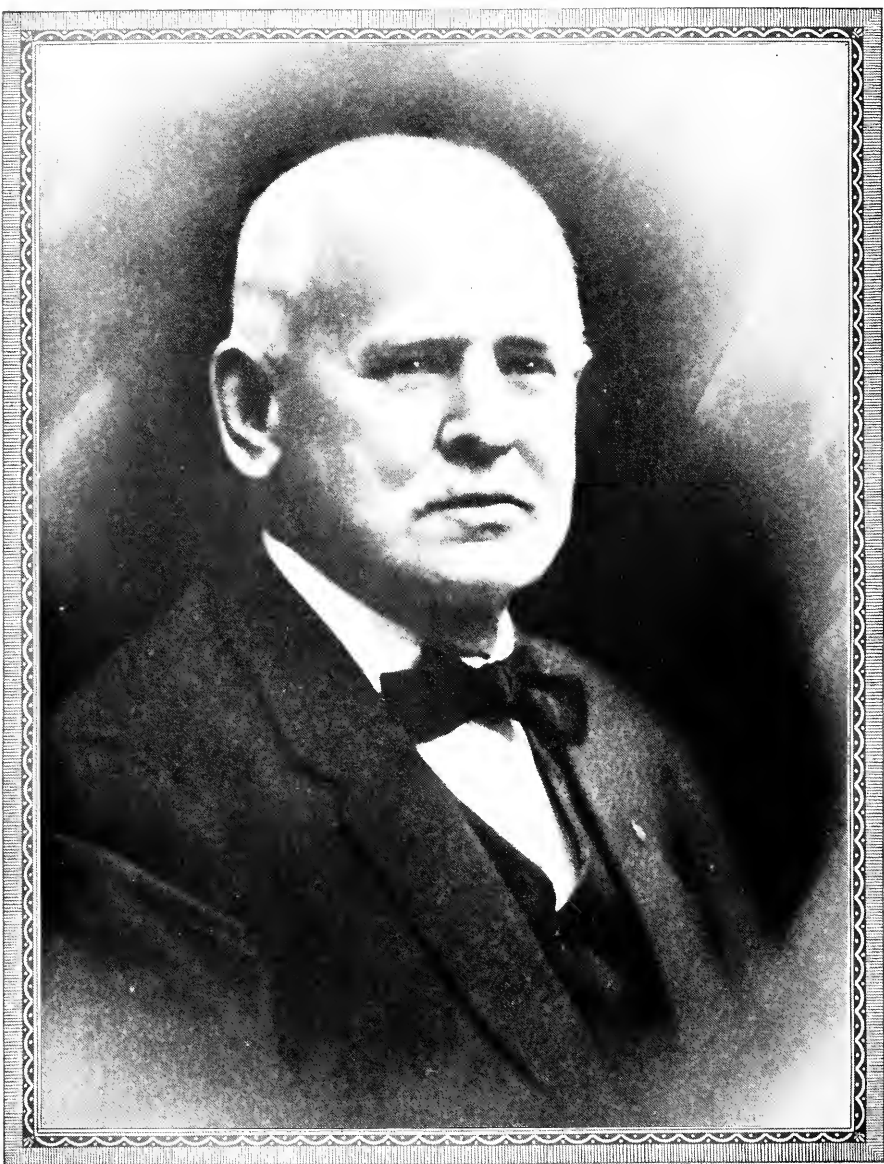
William E. Doron, Sr., was born in Mount Holly, New Jersey. He was farmed out as a boy at a wage of twelve dollars a year and had only such education as he could gather himself. He ran away and enlisted in the Civil War, serving as a private in the Union Army as a member of the 23d New Jersey Infantry. He afterwards located in Plains, Pennsylvania, where he was employed in the company store. He was prominent in the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic. He eventually settled in Wilkes-Barre, where he was a funeral director, following that profession for more than fifty years. He was very highly esteemed by the people of the city whom he had served so faithfully on occasion and with such rare courtesy and skill. He was also active in the civic movements of the city. He married Elizabeth Barnes, a member of an esteemed family long resident in Luzerne County, and now deceased.

William E. Doron, son of William E., Sr., and Elizabeth (Barnes) Doron, was born in Plains, Luzerne County, April 8, 1883. His education was received in the public schools of Wilkes-Barre, graduating from the high school in the class of 1902. Directly from the classroom he became associated with his father and under his able preceptorship familiarized himself with the details of application of the mortician's profession. He continued as an assistant to his father until the latter's death, which occurred July 23, 1919. In the meantime he became very proficient in the different departments and practice of the establishment, so that it was an easy and logical matter for him to become the sole proprietor and managing director following his father's decease. He has modernized the equipment and brought the service up to the last word in the profession's vocabulary, inclusive of a funeral home, the use of which is deeply appreciated by those who have occasion to meet there.

Mr. Doron's political affiliations are with the Republican party, and his support of that organization's candidates and principles has been constant through all the years of his majority. He is prominent in fraternal activities, being a member of Lodge No. 442, Free and Accepted Masons; Shekinah Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Dieu le Veut Commandery, No. 45, Knights Templar; Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; Lodge No. 109, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Lodge No. 39, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and Columbia Council, No. 43, Junior Order United American Mechanics, and the Knights of Pythias. He is a member of the Exchange Club and the Presbyterian Church.

William E. Doron married, in 1911, Bernice A. Tiffany, daughter of Delbert and Jennie (Titus) Tiffany, of Ashley, and they are the parents of a daughter, Margaret V. Doron, born March 16, 1918. Mrs. Doron is a direct descendant of Revolutionary stock, Elbridge Gerry, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, was an ancestor. The Doron family residence is at No. 451 North Main Street, Wilkes-Barre.





*Christian Walter*



Edwin L. Walter





**CHRISTIAN WALTER**—Half a century ago the late Christian Walter associated himself with William M. Bennett in establishing the retail shoe store known as Bennett & Walter, and later he came to be the sole owner of one of the most flourishing business enterprises in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. He was a public-spirited man who participated actively and enthusiastically in whatever promised to advance the general community interests. His friendship was highly prized by all who knew him, and his sturdy and independent character, marked by integrity and loyalty, was esteemed throughout the section.

Christian Walter was born in Beischlag, Grand Duchy of Baden, Germany, June 1, 1848, son of David and Magdalena (Esser) Walter. He read and studied continually throughout the years and worked out his own liberal education. He came to Butler Township, Luzerne County, from Germany, when a young man and worked on a farm until he was given charge of a coal company store at Gowen, Pennsylvania, training for which he had acquired as clerk in a general store at Conyngham, where he was employed for a time, in 1867. From Gowen, where he resided in 1872, he came to Wilkes-Barre and served as traveling salesman for William Stoddart and Company, wholesale grocers. It was in July, 1879, seven years after he settled in Wilkes-Barre, that Mr. Walter purchased the interest of J. R. Coolbaugh in the firm of J. R. Coolbaugh & Company, retail shoe merchants. His partner in the new venture was William M. Bennett, and the firm operated successfully under the name of Bennett & Walter until 1897, when Mr. Walter purchased the Bennett interest from Mrs. Bennett. Until 1901, the store was named for the owner, Christian Walter. In that year he admitted to partnership his son, Edwin LeRoy Walter, and the new title was C. Walter & Son. The son and a daughter have shared the ownership of the business since Mr. Walter's death, February 29, 1920. Since 1888 the store has occupied the same location, its present site.

The interests of Mr. Walter were varied. He was one of the original directors of the Luzerne County National Bank, later merged with the Miners' Bank. In 1871 he was first lieutenant of the Conyngham Rifles of the National Guard of Pennsylvania; in 1874 first lieutenant of the 9th Regiment Infantry of the National Guard, with the duty of Quartermaster, and in 1876 commissary of the same company with the rank of captain. In 1872 he was appointed postmaster at Gowen, Pennsylvania. His fraternal affiliations were with the Free and Accepted Masons, Lodge No. 61; the Knights Templar; and Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He was one of the first presidents of the Wilkes-Barre Young Men's Christian Association and its treasurer for many years. He was a communicant of the First Methodist Episcopal Church at Wilkes-Barre.

Christian Walter married (first), September 16, 1872, at Conyngham, Pennsylvania, Mary Alice Knelly, who died in 1886, daughter of George Henry and Molly (Cunius) Knelly. Mr. Walter married (second), in 1887, Margaret LaBar, who died October 20, 1909. Three children were born of the union: Edwin LeRoy Walter, whose record accompanies this; Helen Roxy Walter, who died in infancy; and Arline (Walter) Pulverman.

A long and honorable life was that of Mr. Walter, who lived to be seventy-one years old and who retained his vigor and keen interest in life and people almost as long as he lived.

His was a generous and kindly nature which endeared him to many. To his city he made the lasting contribution of an established business enterprise, which has long meant much to the public comfort and well-being and of continued and helpful support to civic enterprises.

**EDWIN LEROY WALTER**—Walter's Shoe Store in the Welles Building at No. 23 Public Square, is one of the oldest shoe stores in the Wyoming Valley. Prior to the time Christian Walter purchased an interest in this business it had been known as Coolbaugh and Bennett, and was located on the corner of West Market and South Franklin streets, site of the present Miners Bank Building. The firm became Bennett and Walter and in 1888 moved to the present location. Mr. Bennett's interest was purchased in 1896 and the store became the sole property of Christian Walter (see preceding sketch), who conducted it under his own name until 1901, when he sold an interest to his son, Edwin L., popularly known as "Roy," since when it has been operated as Christian Walter and Son. Upon the death of the father in 1920, a daughter, Mrs. Arline (Walter) Pulverman, inherited a share which she retained until January, 1929, when Mrs. Pulverman's interest was purchased by Edwin L. Walter, and a one-fourth interest was sold by Mr. Walter to Julius Long Stern. The business continues under the management of Edwin L. Walter as Walter's Shoe Store.

Edwin LeRoy Walter, known to his friends as "Roy," was born January 25, 1886. He attended the local public schools, graduating from high school in the class of 1897, and soon after took up his duties as a clerk in his father's store. Today he is a director of the Middle Atlantic States Shoe Retailers' Association and active in many phases of the business, civic, fraternal, social and religious life of his native city. He is a director of the Young Men's Christian Association; treasurer of the First Methodist Episcopal Church; past president of the Wilkes-Barre Rotary Club; director of the Miners Bank; a member of Irem Country Club; Lodge No. 61, of Free and Accepted Masons, Shekinah Chapter, No. 182, of Royal Arch Masons; Dieu le Veut Commandery, No. 45, of Knights Templar, Irem Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and of the Concordia Club, which is one of the best local organizations in the United States. He is a Republican in politics.

Edwin L. Walter married, November 5, 1906, Marion Clink, daughter of Frank and Martha (Smith) Clink. Mrs. Walter's parents now reside at Wyalusing, Bradford County. Mr. and Mrs. Walter have three children: 1. Frances Marian, graduate of the Leland Powers School in Boston. 2. Christian, student at Wyoming Seminary, a preparatory school in Kingston. 3. Margaret Alice, student at Wilkes-Barre Institute. The family resides in their beautiful home, No. 25 James Street, Kingston.

**G. GUTHRIE MARVIN**—The florist business of Ira G. Marvin, one of the oldest and leading florist establishments of the Wyoming Valley, was founded by Ira G. Marvin, in 1871, and is now conducted by his two sons, who have retained for the business the original name of Ira G. Marvin. The founder of the business was a native of Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania, who died at Wilkes-Barre in 1916. He married Sophie L. Aalborg, of Wilkes-Barre, and they were the parents of four children: 1. Gertrude Aalborg, who married A.

Allen Woodruff, of Philadelphia. 2. Frederick, who died in infancy. 3. George Guthrie, of whom further. 4. Ira Huston, who married Ernestine Healey of Kingston, Pennsylvania, they have two daughters, Mary Elizabeth and Sophie Louise. Ira H. Marvin is associated with his brother in the florist business. Ira G. Marvin, who founded the business, was a staunch Republican, a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and of the Lutheran Church. At the time of his death, he was one of the highly esteemed and well-known citizens of Wilkes-Barre. He was a business man of sound judgment and the business he established and conducted testifies to his understanding of the principles of progress. He is survived by his widow, who now makes her home in Kingston, Pennsylvania, and by his three children.

George Guthrie Marvin was born in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, on November 24, 1896, and grew up in the city in which he was born. He attended the public school and graduated from the high school in the class of 1915. He then spent one year at the Wyoming Seminary and when his work there was completed, he took a course at the Wharton School of Commerce of the University of Pennsylvania. Like his late father, he is a Republican in politics and a member of the Lutheran Church. He is also a member of Kingston Lodge, No. 395, Free and Accepted Masons; the Wilkes-Barre Kiwanis Club; the Concordia Society; and belongs to John Knox Commandery Knights of Malta, of Wilkes-Barre. He is a member of the Greek letter fraternity, Pi Delta Epsilon, of the University of Pennsylvania.

On October 4, 1921, George Guthrie Marvin married Louise Kidder, daughter of Calvin P. and Emma (Nichols) Kidder, of Wilkes-Barre, both deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Marvin have two children: Louise Amelia, born in 1922, and Gertrude Ahlborn, born in 1925.

**E. BRUCE ROSSER, D. D. S.**—One of the well-known dentists of the Wyoming Valley is Dr. E. Bruce Rosser, who occupies offices on the second floor of the Church Drug Store on Wyoming Avenue, Kingston, Pennsylvania. Dr. Rosser finished his training for his chosen profession in 1917, just as the United States entered the World War, and he immediately enlisted in the service of his country, remaining until after the cessation of hostilities. When he returned to Kingston, in 1919, he quickly won the confidence of his patients and built up a successful practice to which he has since devoted his time.

Dr. Rosser was born on May 22, 1893, at Edwarsville, Pennsylvania, a son of Eli and Marjorie (Prosser) Rosser. Eli Rosser was born in Glyn Neath, Wales, and came to the United States with Morgan Rosser, with whom he developed the Kingston coal mines for Mr. Daniel Edwards. He and his wife are the parents of nine children: 1. Henry, a resident of Wales. 2. Gwen, who married Thomas Davis, of Kingston, Pennsylvania. 3. David, who died at the age of forty-five years. 4. Richard, of Kingston. 5. Edith, the wife of William Morgan, of Kingston. 6. Ida, a teacher in the Wilkes-Barre public schools. 7. Oliver, who is also a teacher in the Wilkes-Barre public schools. 8. E. Bruce, of whom further. 9. Evan R., who lives in Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

E. Bruce Rosser attended the public schools of Kingston, and later entered the

Dental College of the University of Pennsylvania, where he was graduated in 1917 with the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery. It was on September 26, 1917, that he was assigned to the 304th Supply Company of the 79th Division of the United States Army and went to Camp Meade, where he spent eleven months, with the rank of first lieutenant. On July 4, 1918, he sailed with his division for France, serving with distinction with the American Expeditionary Forces until after the close of the war. He was mustered out of the service in May, 1919, with the rank of captain, and shortly afterward returned to Kingston to begin the practice of his profession. He has served six years as dental surgeon to Mental Hospital at Retreat, and two years as the dental surgeon to the Luzerne County Prison.

Dr. Rosser is a member of the Luzerne County Dental Society, the Pennsylvania Dental Society and the American Dental Association. He is a member of Black Diamond Post No. 395 of the American Legion, at Kingston, a reserve officer with the rank of major of the Jefferson Base Hospital No. 38, and is the dentist for the Kingston District of the United States Army Veterans Bureau. Politically, he is a member of the Republican party, and he is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, in which organization he is a member of the Kingston Lodge, No. 395. He attends the local Presbyterian Church.

While Dr. Rosser is a busy man, he is not too busy to support any movement which he considers to be for the best interests of Kingston, and among his fellow-townsmen, he has a wide reputation as a public-spirited citizen.

**RUSSELL E. ANDREAS**—In the personality of the late Russell E. Andreas, of Wilkes-Barre, there were many unusual and attractive qualities. He was endowed with fine business ability and with a kindly nature, a geniality and friendliness in his associations with all that gave him a reputation, throughout the district where he was long and widely known, as a citizen of high character and magnetic individuality. For more than a third of a century he lived in this city and during that long period was pronounced in his contributions to the business, religious, fraternal, civic and social enterprises of Luzerne County. The ease with which he made friends and retained them throughout life was due largely to an unswerving loyalty, a code of business ethics based upon the highest principles of honor and an upright method in every transaction. Throughout the Wyoming Valley of Pennsylvania he was esteemed for these qualities and left a name that will be permanently engraved upon the records of its history.

He was born in Mifflinville, Columbia County, Pennsylvania, August 13, 1866, upon the family farm, a son of Aaron and Elizabeth (Wolfe) Andreas. The family name is an old one in Luzerne County, John Andreas, father of Aaron, having been a large land owner near the present city of Hazleton. His son, Aaron, grew to manhood in this county, where he was born, attained an education in the public schools and at the outbreak of the Civil War enlisted in Company E of the 16th Pennsylvania Cavalry. He attained the rank of lieutenant in that organization and was engaged with it in many of the major conflicts through which it passed.



*Russell E. Anderson*



His son, Russell Emerson Andreas, attended the public schools of the district in which he was born and later learned telegraphy, this taking him into the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company as an operator, an occupation which he followed for a number of years. He then changed to clerical work with the Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre Coal Company in Wilkes-Barre and after acquiring considerable experience in office work accepted a position as head bookkeeper for the Stegmaier Brewing Company. Changing again, he became affiliated with the First National Bank of Wilkes-Barre as note teller, a position he held until he resigned to accept appointment as district manager of the New England Life Insurance Company, of Boston, Massachusetts, a post he held for the balance of his life. He was a valiant supporter of the principles of the Republican party, but never sought public office, and his religious affiliation was with the St. Stephen's Protestant Episcopal Church of Wilkes-Barre. He was widely and favorably known in fraternal circles throughout the Valley, being affiliated with Landmark Lodge, No. 442, Free and Accepted Masons, of Wilkes-Barre, of which he had served as Master; Shekinah Chapter, No. 182, Royal Arch Masons; Dieu le Veut Commandery, No. 45, Knights Templar. His death occurred in this city, March 13, 1929, in the sixty-third year of his age.

Russell E. Andreas married, July 14, 1893, Hattie L. Sloan, of Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania, daughter of Charles P. and Phoebe A. (Lott) Sloan, and they were the parents of one son, Charles Sloan, who died at the age of twenty years in 1915. He was a graduate of Wyoming Seminary and at the time of his death was associated in business with the Lehigh Valley Coal Company.

As a man of high moral character, faultless integrity and great public spirit, Mr. Andreas held the respect and esteem of the entire community. He invariably gave generous support to all activities promoted for the good of the people and it was long a by-word that no man who appealed to him for counsel or material aid ever left his presence disappointed. He was an able and sincerely admired citizen of Luzerne County.

**ABE ALBERT DATTNER, M. D.**—That particular branch of the medical profession which has claimed the attentions of Abe A. Dattner, M. D., is the diagnosis and treatment of children's diseases. Practicing in Wilkes-Barre over a period of several years, Dr. Dattner has created a well deserved reputation for leadership in this kind of medical work, and in it, combining skill with his naturally gentle and patient manner, he has rendered invaluable service to the community in which he has for so many years lived and worked. Also active in the general social life of Wilkes-Barre and Luzerne County, he belongs to a number of important organizations and is held in the highest esteem by his fellowmen.

He was born on December 28, 1891, a son of Adolf and Fannie (Singer) Dattner, in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. His father, a native of Austria, where he was born in 1861, was, when he came to the United States to live, a merchant for many years in Luzerne County; while the mother, Fannie (Singer) Dattner, is also a native of Austria, where she was born in 1863. The son received his early education in the public schools of Luzerne, and attended the high school there,

from which he was graduated in the class of 1910. He then matriculated in Jefferson Medical College, from which he was graduated in the class of 1915 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He then became an interne at St. Mary's Hospital, in Philadelphia, where he remained for one year, until he began his general practice of medicine and surgery in Wilkes-Barre. Here he continued as general physician and surgeon until 1923, when he went to Europe for special study of children's diseases. Upon his return to the United States, he has specialized in this type of disease. Gaining, with the passing years, a wide circle of friends, Dr. Dattner has succeeded in building up his practice to its present enviable state, and in creating in his patients a feeling of complete trust and confidence—a feeling merited by the diligence and skill of this physician.

Dr. Dattner has always taken a prominent part in the affairs of his community and county, as well as in the broader phases of the medical profession. He is a member of the staff of physicians at Mercy Hospital, Wilkes-Barre; and is a member of the Luzerne County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. During the period of American participation in the World War, he served with the Medical Corps from April, 1918, to December of the same year, having been commissioned as first lieutenant. He was stationed at Fort McPherson, Georgia, and Camp Lee, Virginia. In December, 1918, he was honorably discharged from the United States Army, and from that time onward has been practicing his profession in Wilkes-Barre. In addition to his medical work, Dr. Dattner is active in political affairs, being himself affiliated with the Republican party, whose policies and principles he regularly supports; and in fraternal activities, being a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which his connection is with Shekinah Lodge, No. 246, of Philadelphia. He is a member of Temple Israel.

In June, 1916, he married Elizabeth Apfelbaum, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Henry and Rose (Schweiger) Apfelbaum. By this union there have been two children: 1. Charlotte Jean, born July 14, 1919. 2. Alvin Leo, born November 23, 1926.

**MURRAY ALBERT PADDOCK**—An outstanding figure in business circles in Wilkes-Barre, Murray A. Paddock is a leader in the glass industry of this section, being manager of the G. E. Paddock and Son, Inc., of which his father is president. This concern is one of the largest manufacturers and jobbers of glass in Northeastern Pennsylvania, specializing in stained glass church windows, glazed in lead, zinc or copper; plate glass for automobiles; wire and figured glass for building purposes and other varieties in which they excel. Mr. Paddock, through his initiative and keen business ability coupled with a thorough knowledge of his product, has been largely instrumental in developing the business to its present large proportions.

Murray A. Paddock was born in Kingston, January 28, 1885, son of George E. and Virgie C. (Prince) Paddock. George E. Paddock is the son of Lewis Paddock, who was killed during the Civil War at the battle of Reams Station, Virginia. Upon the death of his father, George E. Paddock was placed in an

orphan's home, although shortly after, he was taken into the private home of Elvira Holcomb, who reared him to manhood and gave him the advantages of an excellent, comfortable home. Mr. and Mrs. Paddock are the parents of three children: 1. C. Blanche, married H. H. Schoser, of Kingston. 2. Murray A., of whom further. 3. Grace, married Arthur Williams of Kingston. In politics, G. E. Paddock is a member of the Republican party and in religious affiliation, is a member of the Methodist Church. In his early life, he engaged in the butcher business and later learned the glazier trade in which he became extremely proficient, and in 1906, he opened a stained glass business at Kingston.

Murray A. Paddock received his education in the public schools of Kingston, and while a boy, became a clerk in the hardware store of C. Morgan's Sons at Wilkes-Barre, where he remained for six years, acquiring a splendid reputation for his quick perception and energetic interest in his work. In 1907 he became associated with his father and they formed a concern under the name, G. E. Paddock and Son, for the manufacture of high quality stained glass and other glass products. The excellence of their output created a great demand throughout the country among contractors and various other users, and their motto is truly a fact, that "none can surpass Paddock Glass." Mr. Paddock is a remarkable example of a self-made man, having risen to his present position by his untiring energy and an unshaken determination to succeed. In politics, he is a member of the Republican party and takes a deep and active interest in the affairs of the city. In fraternal connections, he is a member of the Kingston Lodge, No. 395, Free and Accepted Masons; Kingston Lodge, No. 709, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and Lodge, No. 426, United Commercial Travelers of America.

Murray A. Paddock married, on January 10, 1912, Eunice McCall, daughter of Patrick and Mary (Clements) McCall, the father engaged in business in Wilkes-Barre for nearly fifty years. They are the parents of three children: Murray Albert, Jr., died at the age of three years; Robert Clements, and George Murray.

**WILLIAM GWYNNE WEAVER, M. D.**—A notable physician who will long be remembered as one of the ablest and best-loved citizens of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, was the late William Gwynne Weaver, M. D. In addition to his important professional activities, Dr. Weaver served as school director of the city for thirty years, having never been defeated for this office and his service being continuous.

William Gwynne Weaver was born March 11, 1850, in Rush Township, Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, son of Jesse and Elizabeth (Bassett) Weaver, of the same locality, grandson of Henry and Elizabeth (Campbell) Weaver, who lived in the same section, and great-grandson of Michael and Margaret Weaver. The great-grandfather, Michael Weaver, came from Germany about 1769 and settled finally in Northumberland County; he was a captain in the Revolutionary Army, in service for seven and a half years; and he became a man of wealth and much local importance. His son was a substantial farmer, and his son, father of our subject, also followed agricultural pursuits. Jesse Weaver was a Democrat and a prominent Methodist. His second wife, Elizabeth Bassett, was born

in New Jersey but grew up in Rush Township, Northumberland County. The family was of old English stock, and several ancestors participated in the Revolutionary War. To this union were born the following children: Marietta, George B., Luther B., William G. of further mention; John P. and Ruth A.

William Gwynne Weaver spent his early days in his native township and attended the local public schools. The early death of the father had impoverished the family, and the boy limited his schooling to the winter months in order to help on the farm in summer. At seventeen, he began teaching in the country school in Montour County, in order to get money to complete his education. He attended Elysburg Academy, taught during four months of the following winter in Northumberland County, and resumed his studies in the Klines Grove Academy. At twenty he began teaching in Shamokin where he remained until 1872, when he came to Wilkes-Barre and took up the office of principal of a city school.

By the year 1875, when he was twenty-five, the ambitious young man was ready for the study of medicine. He pursued his studies at the University of Pennsylvania, in the medical department, and graduated in 1878. Returning to Wilkes-Barre, he built up a large practice and served as surgeon for the Lehigh Valley Railroad and staff-surgeon for the Wilkes-Barre City and Mercy hospitals. So great was the confidence in his ability that Dr. Weaver was made president of the Nanticoke Light, Heat & Power Company, of which he was also a director.

His participation in civic affairs was active. Dr. Weaver was for eighteen years a member of the 9th Regiment National Guard of Pennsylvania, for seven years with the rank of captain, later becoming regimental surgeon, with the rank of major, and he served as assistant surgeon and acting surgeon of the regiment in the Spanish-American War. His wife, then Miss Abbott, was a volunteer nurse in this war. Dr. Weaver belonged to the American Medical Association, the Pennsylvania State, the Luzerne County, the Lehigh Valley Medical societies, and the Association of Lehigh Valley Railroad Surgeons. His fraternal affiliations were with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Lodge No. 33, of Wilkes-Barre, of which he was a Past Grand, Lodge No. 174, Knights of Pythias; Lodge No. 109, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He was a member also of the Wyoming Historical and Geological Society, the Pennsylvania Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, and the Westmoreland Club. In politics he was a Republican. Dr. Weaver was the original advocate of the consolidation of the separate school districts of the city and a prime worker in the consolidation movement of 1890. He was appointed one of the original trustees of the East Stroudsburg State Normal School at its organization and was reappointed by the superintendent of public instruction for many subsequent terms. He also warmly advocated the change of municipal government from a special to a general charter and had the satisfaction of seeing his efforts successful in 1898. He was a communicant of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Wilkes-Barre.

William Gwynne Weaver married, December 6, 1898, in Carbondale, Pennsylvania, Elizabeth Abbott, daughter of Rev. B. H. and Sarah Elizabeth (Farnham) Abbott, and descendant on both sides of the family from



*William G. Weaver*





old American families. The paternal ancestry was from Massachusetts, the father being an Episcopal minister. To Dr. and Mrs. Weaver were born two children: William Abbott, born April 19, 1906, now a physician of Wilkes-Barre (see following biography); Elizabeth Bassett, born September 21, 1903.

Dr. Weaver died in December, 1908, after a career which was at the same time highly successful and broadly useful. His leadership made itself felt not only in professional progress, but in the general advancement of Wilkes-Barre along educational and municipal lines. His memory will long be a part of the history of the city.

**WILLIAM ABBOTT WEAVER, M. D.**—The son of a physician with traditions of splendid service and highest professional standards to live up to, Wilkes-Barre expects noteworthy achievements from the training and background of William Abbott Weaver. He was born in Wilkes-Barre April 19, 1906, a son of Dr. William Gwynne Weaver (see preceding biography) and Elizabeth (Abbott) Weaver.

William Abbott Weaver received his academic education in the schools of Wilkes-Barre and then at the Wyoming Seminary, graduating from the latter with the class of 1918. He attended Lehigh University, taking his pre-medical course at that institution and followed this with a medical course at the Jefferson Medical College, taking his degree from that institution in 1925. He entered the General Hospital as interne directly after graduation and remained there for a year, and is now on the surgical staff of that hospital. He is also actively interested in other institutional work, being assistant surgeon for the Lehigh Valley Coal Company; physician on the Poor Board of Wilkes-Barre and regimental surgeon of the 109th Field Artillery, Pennsylvania National Guard with the rank of major. This latter post was held by his father for over eighteen years. Dr. Weaver, with all these manifold duties, still finds time and opportunity to develop a private practice. He is affiliated with the important groups that are of significance in his profession, the Luzerne County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania Medical Association and the American Medical Association. He is also affiliated with the Phi Chi medical fraternity, the Kappa Sigma Fraternity, the Pennsylvania Society Sons of the Revolution, and is a member of Wilkes-Barre Post, No. 132, American Legion. He declares himself a Republican in politics and is a Free and Accepted Mason, Wilkes-Barre Lodge, No. 61; Shekinah Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; and Dieu le Veut Commandery, Knights Templar; Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. A member of the Lions Club and of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church.

Dr. William A. Weaver married, February 12, 1929, Ruth S. Mengel, daughter of Dr. Samuel P. and Sarah (Slater) Mengel. A son, William Abbott, Jr., was born to Dr. and Mrs. Weaver, December 28, 1929.

**FRANK GEORGE RECKUS**—Prominent among the successful young business men of Wilkes-Barre is Frank G. Reckus, head of the Frank G. Reckus Company, realtors and insurers, whose offices are at Nos. 442-444 Miners Bank Building. The concern handles all kinds of insurance, buys, sells, and manages real estate, and negotiates mortgage loans. Mr. Reckus is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, and was president

of the Wilkes-Barre Real Estate Exchange in 1928.

Frank G. Reckus was born in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, March 30, 1895, son of William P. and Mary (Koons) Reckus, both of whom are deceased. He was one of six children, namely: Joseph M., who is chief of police for Hanover Township, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania; William P., who is in the employ of the Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre Coal Company; John A., of Uniontown, Pennsylvania; Frank G., of further mention; Annie E., who is teaching in the Hanover Township public schools; and Rose S.

Frank G. Reckus grew to manhood in the city of his birth, attending the public schools and then becoming a student in the Mansfield State Normal School, at Mansfield, Pennsylvania. In July, 1917, soon after the entrance of the United States into the World War, Mr. Reckus enlisted in the Medical Corps of the regular United States Army and was stationed at Columbus, Ohio, then at Fort Riley, Kansas. Later, he was transferred to the Officers' Training School, at Camp Travis, San Antonio, Texas. This transfer was made February 15, 1918, and on June 1, 1918, he was commissioned second lieutenant of infantry and was stationed at Camp Lee, Virginia, where he was promoted to the rank of first lieutenant of infantry in September, 1918. He was mustered out of service September 15, 1919, after twenty-nine months of service. After his return to civilian life he matriculated in the University of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia, from which he was graduated with the class of 1923, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Science, having majored in Economics. Since his graduation he has been interested in real estate and insurance, and as head of the successful concern which operates under his name, he is making an enviable reputation in that field of business activity. He was a most able and efficient president of the Wilkes-Barre Real Estate Exchange in 1928, and is also a member of the Luzerne County Real Estate Exchange. In politics, he supports the principles of the Republican party. He is a member of Wilkes-Barre Post, No. 132, American Legion; the Knights of Columbus, and belongs to the Wilkes-Barre-Wyoming Valley Chamber of Commerce; and his religious affiliation is with the Roman Catholic Church of St. Ignatius, of Kingston, Pennsylvania. During his college years he became identified with Theta Delta Chi college fraternity, and he has continued his membership with that fraternity. He is a member of the North-eastern Pennsylvania Football Association, and was a member of the football and wrestling teams during his college days. Mr. Reckus is one of the very well known young business men of this city, and is very highly regarded by his numerous friends and associates.

Frank G. Reckus was married, November 19, 1925, to Dorothea R. Burke, daughter of Martin F. and Margaret (McGinty) Burke. Mr. and Mrs. Reckus have two children, Jean Marie, and Marguerite. The family home is located at No. 214 Butler Street, Kingston, Pennsylvania.

**FRANCIS TIMOTHY O'DONNELL, M. D.**—One of the younger members of the medical profession in Wilkes-Barre is Dr. Francis Timothy O'Donnell, a graduate of Jefferson Medical College, who has been engaged in general and special practice here since 1923.

His offices are located at No. 345 North Main Street, and in addition to the care of his general practice he makes a specialty of children's diseases. Dr. O'Donnell, though but seven years in practice has already made for himself an assured place in his profession, and his clientele is steadily growing.

Dr. Francis Timothy O'Donnell was born in Parsons, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, December 28, 1898, son of Timothy Francis O'Donnell, a native of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, born in October, 1866, who was a druggist in Parsons for many years and is still living (1930), and of Catherine (Whalen) O'Donnell, who was born in Avoca, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, in April, 1868, also living. Dr. O'Donnell attended St. Mary's parochial school, graduating with the class of 1916, and in the same year passed the State pharmaceutical examination and qualified for assistant pharmacist. He then began his pre-medical course in St. Thomas College, at Scranton, Pennsylvania. When his course there was finished he entered Jefferson Medical College, in Philadelphia, where he was graduated, class of 1922, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. An internship served in Wilkes-Barre General Hospital gave him one year of practical experience preparatory to opening an office of his own, and in 1923 he engaged in general practice here in Wilkes-Barre, where he has since been making himself known as an able physician. Always interested in the hygiene and the diseases of children, Dr. O'Donnell has made a special study of pediatrics, and is pediatrician in the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital. He has been very successful in treating children's diseases, and is steadily adding to his skill and his knowledge in this special field. Dr. O'Donnell is a member of the Luzerne County Medical Society, of the Pennsylvania State Medical Society, and of the American Medical Association; and he is also a member of the Phi Alpha Sigma medical fraternity and an honorary member of the Alpha Omega Alpha Fraternity of Jefferson Medical College, and belongs to the Knights of Columbus. In politics he gives support to the Democratic party, and his religious affiliation is with St. John's Roman Catholic Church.

Dr. Francis Timothy O'Donnell was married, August 8, 1923, to Elizabeth Irene Barnett, of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, daughter of James C. and Stella (Siglin) Barnett. Dr. and Mrs. O'Donnell have four children: 1. George J., who was born July 10, 1924. 2. Francis T., Jr., born November 29, 1925. 3. Raymond J., born June 22, 1927. 4. James, born November 29, 1928.

**EDWARD HENRY KENT**—Financial fraternity of the Wyoming Valley of Pennsylvania have in their membership no more capable man in his line than Edward Henry Kent, resident partner in Wilkes-Barre of the New York Stock Exchange house of Green, Ellis & Anderson, which position he has occupied since the formation of the firm here, February 1, 1922. From boyhood, immediately after leaving school, Mr. Kent has been intimately associated with financial activities, for the last decade of that period having been so engaged in this city, where he long since attained the esteem of his associates and the clientele he drew through his enterprising operations and the success that attended them. Energetic and industrious, keen of mind and equipped with a broad knowledge of the business in which he is

engaged, he has also won the friendly regard of his fellow-citizens through his interest in civic activities and their approbation for the conspicuous part he played in answer to the call of his Country during the period that the United States was engaged in the struggle of the World War. He also has been a staunch churchman and an ideal citizen in his social and fraternal recreations, making him altogether a valuable unit of the progressive community that makes up the population of this district of the State.

Born in North Tarrytown, New York, May 19, 1884, he is a son of Edward Henry Kent, born in New York City in 1842, engaged there in the life insurance business, where his death occurred, January 29, 1905, and Mary Cornelia (Bostwick) Kent, also born in the metropolis, where she died, August 19, 1927. He was educated in the Tarrytown, New York, public schools, after which instruction he began work in a Wall Street bond brokerage house, remaining in the financial mart of the country until the entry of the United States into the World War, when he entered the military service with the 107th Infantry, was commissioned a captain and appointed regimental adjutant and served overseas, having sailed May 13, 1918, with the American Expeditionary Forces, there serving in cooperation with the British Army in the Somme Offensive, and Ypres-Lye Offensive. He had been a member of the original famous Seventh Regiment of New York since January 2, 1906, and during his membership of that organization at the French front received a division citation for excellent record. He was honorably mustered out, April 6, 1919, and the following day found him in Wilkes-Barre, where he represented the bond house of Calloway, Fish & Company. This association continued until February 1, 1922, when he became resident partner of the financial firm already named. In addition to his management of this house he acts as a director of the Haddock Mining Company and the Candlemas Collieries Company. He is director and treasurer of the Red Cross, and director of the Georgetown Settlement. He is a Republican in politics and a member of St. Stephen's Protestant Episcopal Church, where he taught Sunday school for several years. He belongs to the American Legion and the Scranton and Westmoreland clubs.

Edward Henry Kent married, February 21, 1918, Sara C. Evans, of Augusta, Georgia, daughter of Lawton E. and Florence (Campbell) Evans.

**LELAND STANLEY PIERSON**—The name which heads this review represents one of the younger business men of Wilkes-Barre, who with his father, A. L. Pierson, conducts a successful real estate business under the title A. L. Pierson & Son. Leland Stanley Pierson was born April 10, 1881, in Auburn Center, Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania, but at a subsequent date moved with his parents to Luzerne County, where he is making his home. His father, Andrew L. Pierson, is a highly esteemed citizen of the same community, though he was born in Auburn Center in 1856. He is affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, belonging to Fidelity Lodge, No. 655, of Wilkes-Barre. Since coming to Luzerne County, he has spent much of his time in the real estate business. He married Lillian Wilcox, who was also a native of Auburn Center, having been born there in 1859.





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Leland Stanley Pierson was educated in the public schools of Dallas, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania; the Wyoming Seminary, from which he graduated in 1899; and the Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut. His first position was as an accountant with the Lehigh Valley Railroad, and in this capacity he served for a period of two years. Following this, he obtained entrance in the Wyoming Valley Lace Mills, becoming office manager and paymaster, and remained with this company for eight years, when he severed his connection in order that he might assist his father in his large real estate and insurance development business. He has continued with his father to the present time, under the name of A. L. Pierson and Son.

Like his father, Mr. Pierson is a Republican in politics, and is a member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Lodge No. 61; Shekinah Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Dieu le Veut Commandery, No. 45, Knights Templar; and Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. His club memberships include the Franklin and the Wyoming Valley Country.

Mr. Pierson married, in 1908, Helen Kerr, daughter of William H. and Harriet (Perrin) Kerr, of West Pittston. Mrs. Pierson died June 3, 1911, leaving one daughter, E. Harriet, who married Henry W. Kuni, September 18, 1929, and lives in Jackson Heights, Long Island. On November 20, 1913, Mr. Pierson married (second) Ruth McDonnell, of Scranton, Pennsylvania, daughter of W. C. and Lulu (Corson) McDonnell. Of this marriage there were three children. They are: William L., Jane E., and Leland S., Jr. Mr. Pierson and family attend the First Presbyterian Church, of Wilkes-Barre.

**JOHN CRAWFORD HARVEY**—The Harvey family, of which John Crawford Harvey, general agent for the Girard Life Insurance Company of Philadelphia, with offices in the Brooks Building, Wilkes-Barre, is a worthy representative, proceeded originally from England, where the name is synonymous with accomplishment in every worthy field of human activity. The Harveys of England have been of the nobility and of the gentry, while others have been identified with the yeomanry and the middle classes. One of the most noted was Dr. William Harvey, who discovered the circulation of the blood, became a physician about the time of the death of Queen Elizabeth and was made doctor to Sir Francis Bacon and the Earl of Arundel. The Wyoming Valley Harveys came from the New England Harveys, and they from England; the original paternal American ancestor was Thomas Harvey or William Harvey, brothers, sons of Thomas Harvey, of England; they were born in Somersetshire, England, and came to New England in 1636, and first settled in the colony of Dorchester, Massachusetts. Thomas became the progenitor of the Wyoming Valley Harveys; he removed from Dorchester to Taunton, where he died in 1651; his wife was Elizabeth Andrews and their youngest son John had a son John who had a son Benjamin, who made a settlement in the town of Plymouth, in Wyoming Valley, Pennsylvania, in 1772, where he became a man of prominence among the colonists from Connecticut.

John Crawford Harvey was born at the ancestral estate at Harveyville, Huntington Township, Luzerne County, May 6, 1860, a son of Abram Nesbitt and Sarah Maria (Crawford) Harvey, both now deceased. The

name Nesbitt goes back to Sarah Nesbitt, wife of Colonel Elisha Boarnerges Harvey, a native of Harveyville, school teacher and Union officer in the Civil War; he later became a lawyer. Abram Nesbitt Harvey was a son of Benjamin Harvey, who married a Nesbitt. The children of himself and wife were the following: 1. Emma, widow of William B. Cannon, of Wilkes-Barre. 2. Grace, died in childhood. 3. John Crawford, of whom further. 4. Charles, died in childhood. 5. Benjamin Jameson, deceased. 6. Ruth, who is a widow.

Mr. Harvey was reared on the old home place and while a boy worked on the farm and attended the public schools, later attending Dickinson Seminary at Williamsport, from which institution he graduated in the class of 1880. He then returned to Luzerne County and engaged in mercantile pursuits with his father at Harveyville, under the firm name of A. N. Harvey & Son. This partnership continued until 1901, when Mr. Harvey removed to Wilkes-Barre, and has since been engaged successfully in the life insurance business. He has been a strong supporter of Republican party principles for nearly fifty years, and in 1891 was elected to the State Legislature from the Second Luzerne County Legislative District, and was reelected in 1893. In 1895 he made a strong race for the State Senate, but met with defeat. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and of Kingston Lodge, No. 395, of the Free and Accepted Masons.

Mr. Harvey married Myrtle Courson, daughter of Clark and Joanna (Rote) Courson, of Washingtonville, Montour County, and their children are: Benjamin Nesbitt, engaged in the bond brokerage business in this city; Sarah, a trained nurse; John Crawford, Jr., a bookkeeper for the Goff Lumber Company in Wilkes-Barre. Mr. and Mrs. Harvey and family reside at Wilkes-Barre during the winter and spend their summers in the delightful atmosphere of the old Harvey homestead at Harveyville, where his ancestors have lived since the Wyoming Massacre.

**THOMAS I. RAMER**—A native of Snyder County, Pennsylvania, Mr. Ramer has been a resident of Wilkes-Barre since his early manhood, having come to that city at the age of twenty years, immediately after he had completed his education. After having represented for a short time one of the largest life insurance companies, he established himself in the general insurance business under his own name almost two decades ago. He has built up a very large and profitable clientele and, in his particular field, is considered one of the most successful and reliable men. He is prominently active in fraternal and religious affairs and is regarded as one of the most useful and substantial of the younger generation of Wilkes-Barre business men.

Thomas I. Ramer was born at Beaver Springs, Snyder County, Pennsylvania, August 25, 1887, a son of John C. and Louisa (Swartz) Ramer. His father, who was born in Snyder County in 1852 and who died September 15, 1914, was for many years successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits. His mother, likewise born in Snyder County, in 1859, is still living.

Mr. Ramer was educated in the public grammar and high schools of Middleburg, the county seat of Snyder County, and at the Union Seminary at New Berlin, Union County, Pennsylvania, after which he taught school

in Snyder County for two years. He then went to Williamsport, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania, and there took a course in bookkeeping at a local commercial college. In 1907 he came to Wilkes-Barre and for a year and a half represented the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. In 1910 he opened up an office of his own and since then has been engaged in the general insurance business, representing a number of prominent insurance companies of various kinds. In recent years his offices have been located in Suite No. 806, Brooks Building, Wilkes-Barre. He is a member of Fidelity Lodge, No. 655, Free and Accepted Masons; Keystone Consistory, thirty-second degree, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, of Scranton; Irem Temple, No. 71, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Wilkes-Barre; Patriotic Order Sons of America; and Knights of Malta. He also belongs to the Irem Temple and Craftsman's Club. In politics he is a supporter of the Republican party, while his religious affiliations are with the Evangelical Church, of the Sunday school of which he is superintendent and of the board of trustees of which he is a member.

Mr. Ramer married, July 21, 1910, Claire Bowersox, of Wilkes-Barre, a daughter of Francis C. and Harriet Bowersox. Mr. and Mrs. Ramer are the parents of two children, Francis B., born April 28, 1914, and Jean H., born August 31, 1919. The family residence is located at No. 147 Hanover Street, Wilkes-Barre.

**HARVEY H. KEMMERER**—Business establishments of all sorts are so common in every town and hamlet in this advanced industrial age that it is difficult to notice them; but once in a while one encounters an institution that seems to be more than a business enterprise—in fact, almost an essential part of a community. Such is the case with the business of Harvey H. Kemmerer, which was established more than one hundred years ago, and which, since it was founded, has been operating smoothly for decade after decade, changing hands occasionally with the passing of the generations but going on just the same. Under Mr. Kemmerer's management and ownership, this enterprise has continued successful as always, even making little gains here and there. The Kemmerer establishment, founded in 1818, has since that time handled all types of leather goods; and today its stock of trunks, traveling bags, suit cases and telescopes, both domestic and imported, is one of the finest that is to be found in this part of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Kemmerer, the proprietor of this business, is a son of Zachariah and Martha (Grover) Kemmerer, both of whom are now deceased. His father was for many years the proprietor of the Old Mansion Hotel on East Northampton Street, Wilkes-Barre; he died at the age of sixty-two years. He was the father of six children, three of whom were by his second wife, Martha (Grover) Kemmerer. These three children, of whom the first two were twins, were: 1. Harvey H., of further mention, and 2. Harry; and 3. E. G., who is a retired jeweler of Wilkes-Barre.

Harvey H. Kemmerer was born in Luzerne County on November 5, 1865; was educated in the public schools of Wilkes-Barre; at the age of eleven years went to work in Frank Rummell's store, continuing with store work for five years. At the age of sixteen years he went to work in Thomas Taylor's harness and leather store, which was founded by Thomas Taylor in 1818 at the present stand

of the Kemmerer store, No. 40 West Market Street. For more than forty years, both with Mr. Taylor and later in business for himself, Mr. Kemmerer has remained. Upon the death of Mr. Taylor, which occurred in 1906, Mr. Kemmerer bought the business, which he has continued to conduct under his own name.

Mr. Kemmerer's interests and activities are not only with the leather store, however; for he is keenly interested in political and industrial matters generally, especially as they affect the city of Wilkes-Barre and its environs. He is identified politically with the Democratic party, whose principles and candidates he supports. He is an enthusiastic member of the Central Methodist Episcopal Church, of Wilkes-Barre.

On September 30, 1903, Mr. Kemmerer was married to Victoria A. Sickler, of Falls, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Riley and Dora (Mahon) Sickler. This marriage was blessed by the birth of one daughter, Martha Eudora. The Kemmerers reside at No. 92 Academy Street, Wilkes-Barre.

**EDWIN J. REICH**—Through individual efforts and undivided attention to his duties through many years, Edwin J. Reich, a native of the Wyoming Valley of Pennsylvania and a member of one of the oldest families in this region, has reached a position of commercial importance which is a fine tribute to his industry and native ability. As manager of the Kingston Division of the Remington-Rand Accounting Machine Company he has become one of the prominent industrialists of the country, with hundreds of workers under his command and a great responsibility owing his employers. That the owners of the vast enterprise selected well has been illustrated by the work he has accomplished with the little army of mechanics and others engaged in the production of modern office machines at this plant, while to the people of Kingston and neighborhood he is accounted one of the outstanding citizens and a valuable member of the progressive community.

He was born in Easton, Pennsylvania, August 8, 1879, a son of Joseph H. Reich, a telegraph operator in the employ of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company, and Ella (Weisel) Reich, of Easton, deceased in February, 1900. His education was acquired in the local public schools and when he was seventeen years of age he entered the employ of the Ingersoll-Rand Company in Easton, where he remained for ten years. He then went to the Western Electric Company in New York City, remaining for seven years and from 1914 to 1916 was foreman in the manufacturing department, later assuming a similar post in the engineering model shop. He became associated with the Powers concern and until 1921 was superintendent, becoming general superintendent in that year of the Manhattan Electrical Supply Company and holding that place until August, 1926, when he again went to the Powers company as manager of their Kingston plants, and of that at New Brunswick, New Jersey. The present Kingston plant was originally built for the Wales Adding Machine Company, afterward being sold to the Powers Accounting Machine Company, which disposed of it to the present owners and operators. The plant manufactures the well-known tabulating machines that are a part of large office equipment throughout the world and employs an average of five hundred men and women employees. It is one of the some twenty-six or more factories controlled by the Remington-Rand Company of New York. Mr.





Ray Whalen



Reich is a Republican in politics and a member of St. John's Lutheran Church of Easton. He belongs to the Wilkes-Barre Rotary Club, is a member of the Union League Club of Jersey City, and is fraternally affiliated with the Order of the Free and Accepted Masons, with membership in Metropolitan Lodge, No. 273; Ancient Chapter, No. 1, Royal Arch Masons; Columbia Council, No. 1, Royal and Select Masters; Columbia Commandery, No. 1, Knights Templar, and Mecca Temple, New York City, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He also belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, affiliated with a Brooklyn lodge, and is a member of the Wilkes-Barre-Wyoming Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Edwin J. Reich married, in 1903, Mamie Freshman, of New York City.

**RAY WHALEN**—Wilkes-Barre numbers among its successful operators in the automobile trade Ray Whalen, head of Whalen and Company, Inc., which as distributors of the General Cord Tire, is one of the largest in its line in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

Mr. Whalen was born in Avoca, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, on March 10, 1890. He is the son of Michael and Mary (Murray) Whalen. Michael Whalen was killed in the mines of the Glen Alden Coal Company, December 5, 1910, at the age of sixty-six. His wife died November 8, 1927, at the age of eighty-three. Mr. and Mrs. Whalen were the parents of thirteen children, all of whom are living. They are: 1. Catherine, wife of T. F. O'Donnell of Parson, Luzerne County. 2. Joseph, of Wilkes-Barre. 3. Mary, married F. K. Dills of Duryea, Pennsylvania. 4. Elizabeth, married Thomas McKune of Atlantic City. 5. John, of Wilkes-Barre. 6. Michael, of Avoca. 7. Thomas, of Wilkes-Barre. 8. William, of Wilkes-Barre. 9. Anna, married Joseph Murray of Trucksville. 10. Agnes, married Terence Riley of Wilkes-Barre. 11. Theresa, married Alexander Lar-mour of Philadelphia. 12. Leo, of Wilkes-Barre. 13. Ray, of whom further.

The parents of Mr. Whalen brought their son to Wilkes-Barre when he was six years old, and he received his education at St. Mary's Parochial School. When he was fifteen, he went to work in an undertaking establishment owned by M. J. McLaughlin of Wilkes-Barre, remaining in this calling with Mr. McLaughlin during the next sixteen years.

Then he saw the possibilities which lay in the future of the automobile, gave up the undertaking business, and went into the automobile industry. In 1924, Whalen and Company, Inc., occupied its present plant at Kingston, having developed from modest beginnings to an enterprise of local importance. In October, 1929, the company opened its new plant at No. 229 South Main Street, Wilkes-Barre, named "Whalen's." It is the best equipped plant in the State for auto service, the plant covering 85x215 feet. This they occupy as their headquarters or main office. Associated with Mr. Whalen in this firm is David Walksman. The salesrooms of the company are at the corner of Market and Landon Street, Kingston, Pennsylvania, and its service station is at the corner of Carey Avenue and Division Street, Wilkes-Barre.

Mr. Whalen takes an active interest in the civic and religious affairs of the city. He is a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, the Knights of Columbus, fourth degree, and in politics he is a Democrat. Mr. Whalen is also

a member of Wilkes-Barre Lodge, No. 105, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Mr. Whalen married, February 3, 1912, Catherine McLaughlin, of Wilkes-Barre, daughter of Edward A. and Mary (Flaherty) McLaughlin. Mr. and Mrs. Whalen have three children, Mary, Ned and Nancy.

**A. P. COPE**—By an intelligent community which recognized his entire fitness for a shaping part in public progress, Professor A. P. Cope was in 1926 chosen head of the school system of Luzerne County. The superintendent thus performs the responsible task of supervising seventeen hundred teachers and sixty thousand pupils. His ambitious and forceful, yet sympathetic nature, his thorough and well-rounded education, acquired largely by his own efforts, and his broad outlook are characteristics which mark him as the ideal man for this important position.

Professor Cope was born near Shickshinny, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, son of Henry and Susanna (Sult) Cope, now deceased, and descended from a family long established in the county. The father was a farmer. Six children comprised his family: Millard, of Shickshinny; Josiah; William; Ernest; Joseph; and A. P., subject of this record.

A. P. Cope grew up on the farm near Shickshinny, interspersing his attendance at public school in the neighborhood with work on the farm. At the age of nineteen he launched himself on the profession to which he has since adhered—that of teaching. His first school was a one-room building in the rural districts. After a year, he determined on further preparation in pedagogy, and attended the Bloomsburg State Normal School from which he graduated in 1906. His next position was in the Shickshinny High School, where he taught for a year. Advancement then came to him in the shape of appointment to principalship in the Millinsville schools, in Columbia County, Pennsylvania. Returning to his home county, he then was elected principal of the West Nanticoke schools and held the position for a year. In 1904 and 1905 Professor Cope taught in the Wyoming Seminary at Kingston, Luzerne County, and in 1906 found himself in a position to complete his education. He attended Syracuse University, in New York State, and graduated in 1909 with the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy. Supplemental courses in higher education brought him a year later the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. In the fall of 1910 he was chosen supervising principal of Ashley Borough Schools in Luzerne County, where he remained for sixteen years. His record there was so notable as to win for him universal recognition of his ability and character and ideals. Public confidence in him was soon proved by his election to the high office of superintendent of schools of Luzerne County for a term of four years, the largest county division in the State of Pennsylvania. His first year in office has already demonstrated the wisdom which prompted the choice of so zealous and efficient a man for this work.

An independent in politics, the professor is active in every movement looking toward better government. His religious affiliation is with the Presbyterian Church. He is a member of Sylvania Lodge, No. 354, Free and Accepted Masons, Shickshinny, and a holder of the thirty-second degree; of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Ashley, Pennsylvania; the Patriotic Order Sons of America; and the Junior Order of United American Mechanics. He belongs also to the National Scholastic Greek Letter Fraternity, Delta

Tau Delta, to the National Education Association, and the Pennsylvania State Association.

In 1914, A. P. Cope married Ethel May Davis, daughter of Lemuel and Esther (Sassaman) Davis, of Ashley, Pennsylvania, also a teacher in the public schools of Ashley. Children: Virginia Laura and Donald Edgar.

**HENRY MILLS HARDING**—Sales engineer for the Hazard Manufacturing Company, now Hazard Wire Rope Company of Wilkes-Barre, Henry Mills Harding has been connected with this firm for over thirty years assisting materially in its growth and expansion through his able efforts and knowledge of local business conditions. He is also well known in various other phases of the city's life and holds membership in many Wilkes-Barre clubs and associations.

Mr. Harding was born at Wilkes-Barre on July 16, 1862, a son of Garrick Mallery Harding, who was born at Exeter, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, and died in May, 1904, and of Mariah Mills (Slosson) Harding, born in Kent, Connecticut, died in 1872. The father was a well-known lawyer and jurist of Luzerne County, practicing at Wilkes-Barre for many years, and also taking a prominent part in Republican party affairs.

Henry Mills Harding attended the Wilkes-Barre public schools and following graduation from the high school here, studied for two years at Yale University. At the end of this time he began his business career, entering the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad as a clerk in their freight department. After a period of two years, he formed a connection with Ahlborn and Company, wholesale meat packers of Wilkes-Barre, which offered larger opportunities than his earlier work. For a period of eight years he remained with this firm and then, on December 21, 1898, became associated with the Hazard Wire Rope Company. Mr. Harding had acted as clerk and salesman for Ahlborn and Company and he started with the Hazard Company in minor positions "at the bottom of the ladder." His strict attention to the tasks which came to hand, his enthusiasm and loyal services soon won him advancement as he rose through various positions to places of greatest confidence and trust. He played an important part in the building of their insulation department, and eventually became sales engineer, an office which he has filled most efficiently for the past fifteen years.

In politics Mr. Harding is a member of the Republican party, maintaining a constant interest in questions of government and the advancement of the civic welfare. He is a director of the Oak Lawn Cemetery, and a member of several local clubs and associations, including, the Westmoreland Club, the Wyoming Valley Country Club, the Valley Country Club of Hazleton, Pennsylvania, the Scranton City Club, and the Boys' Club of St. Stephen's Church. With his family he attends St. Stephen's Church of Wilkes-Barre.

In 1905, Henry Mills Harding married Adelia Sharpe of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, a daughter of William and Georgianna (West) Sharpe. Mr. and Mrs. Harding are the parents of one daughter, Katharine Sharpe, a graduate of Miss Bard's School, of Orange, New Jersey. The family residence is at No. 77 West Northampton Street, Wilkes-Barre.

**CHARLES FREDERICK TERRY**—Since 1918 Charles F. Terry has been engaged in the mercantile brokerage business under the

name of the Barnes-Terry Company, merchandise brokers. Their offices are located at Nos. 210-11-12 Dime Bank Building, in Wilkes-Barre, where the concern is taking care of a large and steadily growing business. Mr. Terry is a native of Mauch Chunk, Carbon County, Pennsylvania, but has been living in Wilkes-Barre since he was five years of age, with the exception of four years during which he was in the wholesale grocery business in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

Charles F. Terry, father of Mr. Terry, was for many years in the passenger service of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. In 1889 he removed to Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, where he died at the age of sixty-three years. He married Catherine Esser, and they became the parents of five children: Gertrude, who married H. W. Hinterleiter, of Carlisle, Pennsylvania; Frank L., who is in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, located at Philadelphia; J. Edward, a resident of Wilkes-Barre, is a traveling salesman; Charles F., of further mention; and Katheryn, who married Frank G. Heller, of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

Charles F. Terry, son of Charles F. and Catherine (Esser) Terry, was born in Mauch Chunk, Carbon County, Pennsylvania, June 29, 1884, but was brought to Wilkes-Barre with his parents when he was only five years of age. He received his education in the public schools of this city, graduating from Wilkes-Barre High School with the class of 1901, and then became a clerk in the office of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Wilkes-Barre. After four years spent in this connection he made a change and became identified with the Crocker Wholesale Grocery Company of Wilkes-Barre as clerk. Here he remained for a period of eight years, at the end of which time, in 1914, he accepted a position in a wholesale grocery house in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, where he remained until 1918. In that year he returned to Wilkes-Barre and purchased the mercantile brokerage business of the late W. Burt Barnes, and this he has since conducted under the name of Barnes-Terry Company, merchandise brokers. Mr. Terry is one of the well-known and able business men of the city, and is thoroughly familiar with every phase of the wholesale business. In his political faith he is a Republican. He is a member and director of the Wilkes-Barre-Wyoming Valley Chamber of Commerce, and is well known in fraternal and club circles here. He is a member of Landmark Lodge, No. 442, Free and Accepted Masons, of Wilkes-Barre; of Keystone Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, of Scranton, Pennsylvania, in which he holds the thirty-second degree; and of Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of Irem Country Club. He holds membership in Lodge No. 109, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and is also a director of the Wyoming Valley Motor Club; a member of the Franklin Club; and president of the Rotary Club (1929-30). His religious membership is with St. Stephen's Church, of Wilkes-Barre.

Charles F. Terry was married, September 7, 1909, to Nettie Durbin, of Plymouth, Pennsylvania, daughter of George and Caroline (Edgell) Durbin, both deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Terry are the parents of two children: Jean Edgell and Helen Louise. The family home is located at No. 47 Pierce Street, in Kingston.

**JOHN J. WILLIAMS** has been a resident of Forty Fort, Pennsylvania, for the past eleven years, during which time he has taken a



Charles F. Terry.



deep interest in his own community and the community at large, a factor that brings him into substantial favor with the entire progressive body of our population.

He was born in Wales, British Isles, March 18, 1880. His father, Daniel L. Williams, settled in Shenandoah, Pennsylvania, in 1886 where he became a mining contractor and later served the Susquehanna Coal Company as mine foreman at Mt. Carmel, Pennsylvania, for a period of twenty-five years. Daniel L. Williams was a brother of John L. Williams, who was superintendent for the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company and the Susquehanna Coal Company, serving them in this capacity for a period of about thirty years. He was considered one of the best mining men in the anthracite coal fields. Daniel L. Williams' death occurred at Mt. Carmel, in 1923, in his seventy-sixth year. His wife, Elizabeth (Jones) Williams, also a native of Wales, born in 1851, still survives (1930).

John J. Williams received his elementary education in the public schools of Shenandoah, Pennsylvania, and at the age of eleven years began work as a breaker boy. He worked in and about the mines for a period of over ten years. Determined to acquire an education, he was studious and frugal. In 1902 he entered as a student at Bucknell Academy, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, and completed his course in Civil Engineering at Bucknell University, graduating in the class of 1908.

Since graduating from college Mr. Williams has had a wide and varied career. He has served in the capacity of teacher in public schools and colleges, having taught in the public schools of Lackawanna and Luzerne counties, Pennsylvania; Broadus Institute, Charlesburg, West Virginia, and at Lafayette College, Easton, Pennsylvania. Since coming to Wyoming Valley he has also been an ardent worker in the Presbyterian Church of the Lackawanna Presbytery of which he is a member.

Mr. Williams has had an extensive experience in the field of engineering, both mining and civil. He has served in this capacity for the following corporations: Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company, D. L. & W. Coal Company, Hudson Coal Company, Lehigh Valley Coal Company, the Pittsburgh Coal Company, Scranton Electric Company, Westinghouse Electric Company, the Pennsylvania State Highway Department and the Luzerne County Road and Bridge Department.

Mr. Williams is one of the original founders of the Forty Fort State Bank and is now serving as a director of the same. He takes great pride in this institution, as it was through his untiring efforts that the idea of a bank in Forty Fort became a reality. The Forty Fort State Bank has made wonderful progress during its three years of operation, a fact of which Mr. Williams is naturally proud.

John J. Williams was married, August 26, 1911, to Katherine M. Atherton of Clark Summit, Pennsylvania, daughter of William and Margaret (Baumgartner) Atherton, William Atherton was a descendant of one of the original forty settlers of Wyoming Valley. Mr. and Mrs. Williams are the parents of one son, Daniel Atherton Williams, born February 13, 1918.

**ERNEST USTICK BUCKMAN, M. D.**, one of the well-known specialists of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, and a man who has long held a position of respect and esteem in that community, was born August 1, 1863, at

Washington's Crossing on the Delaware, Bucks County, Pennsylvania. Dr. Buckman is a son of M. Speakman and Mary (Taylor) Buckman, and a grandson of Stacy C. and Sarah (Briggs) Buckman. The Buckman family first came to this country with William Penn, in the year 1682, and they are thus among the pioneer settlers of this State. For many generations the family was of Quaker faith, and almost every generation has given the major portion of the men to the soil—the Washington's Crossing homestead having been farmed steadily for many generations. By his marriage to Mary Taylor, M. Speakman Buckman became the father of six children: 1. Elmer Ellsworth, now deceased, who was for many years the cashier of the Wyoming National Bank, at Wilkes-Barre. 2. Ernest Ustick, of whom further. 3. Margaret Taylor, deceased. 4. Elizabeth Taylor, deceased. 5. Sarah Ann, married William McKenzie, of Westwood, New Jersey. 6. Eleanor, deceased, who had married Edward Bebout.

Ernest Ustick Buckman, the second son and second child of M. Speakman and Mary (Taylor) Buckman, was reared upon the homestead farm in Bucks County, and he received his early education in the public schools of that community. When he was eighteen years of age he attended the Millersville State Normal School, graduating from there with the class of 1884. He then taught school for five years, one year in Altoona, Pennsylvania, one year in Littitz, Lancaster County, and three years in Wilkes-Barre. He then returned to his studies, pursuing his professional training at the Medical College of the University of Pennsylvania. He was graduated from there with the class of 1892, when he received his degree as Doctor of Medicine; and returning to Wilkes-Barre, he at once began the practice of his profession as a physician and surgeon. For several years after coming to Wilkes-Barre he was associated with his uncle, Dr. Lewis H. Taylor, in practice, afterwards specializing in the diseases and treatment of the eye, ear, nose and throat. Today Dr. Buckman is considered one of the leading exponents in this phase of the twin sciences of medicine and surgery. He has been very active in his work, for he has served as a member of the staff of the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital for the last thirty-five years and he is at present the president of its board of directors. Dr. Buckman has also been active as a member of many of those learned organizations which pertain to his profession. He is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons; a member of the American Medical Association, the Pennsylvania State Medical Society, the Luzerne County Medical Society, the American Otolological Society, the American Academy of Ophthalmology and Oto-Laryngology, and the Lehigh Valley Medical Association.

Dr. Ernest Ustick Buckman married (first), in 1893, Elizabeth Thompson, of Wilkes-Barre. Dr. and Mrs. Buckman became the parents of six children: 1. Mary, who married Dr. Clark Stull, of Ridley Park, Pennsylvania. 2. Lewis Taylor, a biography of whom follows this. 3. Edgar, who died in infancy. 4. Ruth, married Albert C. Armstrong, of Duluth, Minnesota, and they have two children, Thomas and William. 5. Elizabeth, married Major R. H. Macdonald; now residing at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. 6. Samuel Thompson, a medical student at the University of Pennsylvania, class of 1930. Elizabeth (Thompson) Buckman, the mother of the foregoing children, died on May 21,

1920; and Dr. Buckman married (second), December 29, 1921, Carrie L. Best, a native of Nova Scotia. Dr. and Mrs. Buckman maintain their residence on South Franklin Street, Wilkes-Barre, in which community they attend the First Presbyterian Church.

**LEWIS TAYLOR BUCKMAN, M. D.**—Born of a family that came to this country with William Penn in the year 1682 and were among the pioneer settlers of Pennsylvania, Lewis Taylor Buckman is highly esteemed by the Wilkes-Barre medical profession, of which he is a member, with offices at No. 83 South Franklin Street. He was born in Wilkes-Barre on January 27, 1896, the son of Dr. Ernest Ustick and Elizabeth (Thompson) Buckman. A biography of the father, Dr. Ernest U. Buckman, precedes this of his son.

Lewis Taylor Buckman was born on January 27, 1896, son of Dr. Ernest U. Buckman and Elizabeth (Thompson) Buckman, who died May 21, 1920. Lewis T. Buckman grew to manhood in Wilkes-Barre, and was educated at the Harry Hillman Academy, graduating in 1912. He graduated from the Massachusetts Agricultural College in 1917, then entered training at the Officers' Training Camp at Madison Barracks, New York. He spent 1918 in Oregon Agricultural College, in the fall entering the University of Pennsylvania, where he graduated with the class of 1922 holding the degree of Doctor of Medicine, immediately thereafter serving his period of internship at the Protestant Episcopal Hospital at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he remained two years. In 1924 he returned to Wilkes-Barre and began to practice medicine, specializing in diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat. Dr. Lewis T. Buckman is well thought of by members of the profession, who respect his sure skill and ideals. He is a member of the Luzerne County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania State Medical Society, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association; further, he is a member of the staff of the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital, and of the consulting staff of the Pittston State Hospital. He is a trustee of the Wyoming Historical and Geological Society, and a member of the various Masonic bodies. He is a member of the First Presbyterian Church, and in political persuasion a Republican.

Dr. Lewis T. Buckman married, November 8, 1924, Abble Lee, of Kingston, Pennsylvania, daughter of George Fisher and Phebe (English) Lee. To Dr. and Mrs. Buckman have been born two children, Ernest Ustick 2d, born November 15, 1925, and Phebe Buckman, born February 20, 1927.

**JACOB PETER BREIDINGER**—Teaching as a profession, and the direction of teaching, has proved of attraction to men of keenest mind, and this fact is made manifest in the excellence of our teachers today. Jacob Peter Breidinger was early attracted to the profession. He went into it wholeheartedly, acquired experience in varied capacities as teacher and director before coming to Wilkes-Barre, and here, as principal of the high school, is carrying forward his work with a large degree of success, much appreciated by the people of the metropolitan area.

Jacob Peter Breidinger was born November 13, 1861, at Stockertown, Pennsylvania. His father, Adam Breidinger, was born in 1840, in Plainfield Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania. Blacksmith by trade, he plied his trade continuously, notably at Stockertown, where he was accounted a citi-

zen of loyal public spirit and constructive force. His death occurred in 1884. Adam Breidinger married Angelina Uhler, native of Stockertown, born in 1839, and who died in 1901. Through her, Jacob Peter Breidinger is descended of a house among the oldest in Pennsylvania, as the Uhler family was founded in this Commonwealth in 1732 and at one time owned what is now the site of Easton.

Having secured his elementary education in country schools, Jacob Peter Breidinger became a student at Kutztown Normal School, then took a fuller preparatory instruction at Trach's Academy, of Easton, after completion of which he matriculated in Lafayette College. Though a member of the class of 1882 at Lafayette, he was compelled to leave his course in 1881, and did not, therefore, take his degree as Bachelor of Arts until 1885. In 1888 he took that of Master of Arts. Meanwhile, 1881 to 1885, he conducted the Munroe Academy, at Beaumont, Pennsylvania, and then for eight years served as principal of the schools of Tunkhannock. For eight years further he taught and was head of the mathematics department at Mansfield Normal School, Mansfield, Pennsylvania, having been vice-principal of this institution during the last seven years that he was there. It was in 1901 that he came to Wilkes-Barre as principal of the high school; and as principal he has continued through the years following to the present (1930), or more than twenty-nine years as the school's principal. He has been the cause of numerous improvements in its conduct, and is recognized as one of the foremost educators of the State.

For more than four decades identified with the profession of teacher and school principalship, he is a member of the National Education Association, the Pennsylvania Educational Association, the High School Department of the State Educational Association (ex-president), and the National High School Principals' Association. He was also one of the prime movers in the organization of Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association, and is deeply interested in athletic interests. Mr. Breidinger has been active also in other directions. He is a Republican, and has been a valued member of the party. Prominent in Masonry, he belongs to Temple Lodge, No. 248, at Tunkhannock; Tunkhannock Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Wilkes-Barre Council, Royal and Select Masters; Temple Commandery, Knights Templar, of Tunkhannock, and Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He has been Chief Rabban of the Temple for several years, and is now Potentate. Mr. Breidinger belongs to the Craftsman's Club, the Franklin Club, and is a communicant of the First Presbyterian Church.

On June 22, 1887, Mr. Breidinger was united in marriage with Mary R. Reynolds, of Tunkhannock, daughter of Abner G. and Pauline (Billings) Reynolds. Mrs. Reynolds is now deceased. Mr. Reynolds is a veteran of the Civil War.

**HARRY ALEXANDER SMITH, M. D.**—In reviewing the record of Dr. Harry Alexander Smith, of Wilkes-Barre, especial attention should be drawn to his many accomplishments in orthopedics, one of the most humane departments of medical science, although Dr. Smith's practice is not confined to this one branch of his profession. For approximately fifteen years he has been qualified for practice, and his career encompasses a brilliant record of service during the World



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War, when he held a captain's commission in the Medical Corps, United States Army. Since the close of that conflict, Dr. Smith has confined his activities to the Wilkes-Barre district, and here has become a conspicuous figure in non-professional spheres—social, fraternal, and civic.

Dr. Smith is a son of the late Harry and Hannah (Young) Smith, his father, a stationary engineer during his mature life, and a native of England, having passed away in 1888. Hannah (Young) Smith was born in Weatherly, Pennsylvania, and survived her husband until 1925.

Harry Alexander Smith was born November 17, 1886, at Weatherly, Carbon County, Pennsylvania, and obtained his education in the public schools there and at Newport Township. Thence he continued his studies at Bloomsburg State Normal School, completing the courses prescribed therein in 1911. Having chosen medicine for his life work, Dr. Smith matriculated at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, graduating with the class of 1915, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. Dr. Smith obtained his hospital training through service as an interne in the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital. Later he also served a year in that institution as chief resident physician, became assistant to Dr. W. Clive Smith and was so engaged at the time this country entered the European conflict. Dr. Smith joined the Medical Corps, United States Army, was commissioned captain, and sent overseas with the American Expeditionary Forces, where he remained for fifteen months. During that time he specialized in orthopedic surgery, with the British and the American armies, and accomplished much in restoring the human wrecks who, perhaps, provide one of the strongest arguments for peace. Dr. Smith received his honorable discharge in June, 1919, more than seven months after cessation of hostilities, and thereupon returned to Wilkes-Barre and reentered practice. He now (1929) is caring for a steadily increasing clientele in general practice, and has become exceptionally renowned for his accomplishments in orthopedic surgery. In this department, he is orthopedic surgeon of the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital, and is a member of the hospital staff. He is also consulting physician of the Nanticoke State Hospital, and is chief surgeon for the Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre Company. Of a progressive nature, Dr. Smith remains alert to the new inventions and modern practices of his professions, and finds his medical society connections of great help in this commendable desire. He is a member of the Luzerne County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania State Medical Society, and of the American Medical Association. A Republican, Dr. Smith is a conscientious worker on behalf of his party's issues and candidates; he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and seeks relaxation from the strain of professional duties in the Westmoreland Club, of which he is a member, and of the Irem Temple Country Club. The doctor's fraternal connections are confined to two organizations, the Patriotic Order Sons of America, and the Masonic Order. In this last named fraternity he is a member of Landmark Lodge, No. 442, Free and Accepted Masons; Keystone Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, of Scranton, and of Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Wilkes-Barre. He also holds membership with the Wilkes-Barre-Wyoming Valley Chamber of Commerce. Dr. Smith is respected among his colleagues, and highly esteemed in the minds of his patients,

while at the same time he enjoys popularity in social spheres of this city.

Dr. Smith married, in April, 1925, Ethel V. Nicholson of Wilkes-Barre, daughter of Robert and Fannie (Neilson) Nicholson, and there are two children of this marriage: 1. Harry A., Jr., born June 19, 1926. 2. Barbara Ann, born July 8, 1928.

**GEORGE A. CLARK, M. D.**—As this is written (1929), Dr. George A. Clark has been engaged in successful practice of medicine and surgery forty-four years, and all save five of those years have been spent in Wilkes-Barre. He is one of the foremost medical men of Luzerne County, well known through professional circles of the State.

Dr. Clark was born in Franklin County, Pennsylvania, September 6, 1861, son of William and Sarah (Searith) Clark. His father, who was born at Hummelstown, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, in 1822, lived to the age of sixty-three, his death occurring in 1885. He engaged as a farmer, and attained to prosperity and influence. Sarah (Searith) Clark was born in 1824, at Carlisle, Pennsylvania, and died in 1903, at the age of seventy-nine.

Reared on his father's farm, Dr. Clark attended the schools available in Franklin County, entered Shippensburg State Normal School, where he took a special course, and for two years, (1880-81) taught school. Meanwhile his feeling for medicine as a career had increased markedly. In 1882 he matriculated in the School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, whence he took the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1885. He began to practice that year, opening offices at Shickshinny, where he continued until 1890. In that year he came to Wilkes-Barre, resumed practice on a larger scale, and has engaged in it continuously thence onward.

Dr. Clark is a member of the county, State and American medical associations; a Republican, he supports the party's principles with influence; and belongs to Lodge No. 442, Free and Accepted Masons; Shekinah Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Dieu le Veut Commandery, No. 45, Knights Templar; Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and to the Patriotic Order Sons of America, and the Wyoming Valley Country Club. Prominent in general affairs, Dr. Clark has twice served as city physician of Wilkes-Barre, first, from 1918 to 1920, and second, 1925-28. He is a communicant of the First Presbyterian Church. During the World War period he contributed financial and personal assistance to the several patriotic campaigns, notably to those of the Liberty Loan.

Dr. Clark married, in 1888, Elizabeth Teasdale, of Macanaqua, Pennsylvania, adopted daughter of John and Sarah Teasdale; and their children are: 1. Margaret, wife of George Turell. 2. John Teasdale, married. 3. Robert Nesbitt, married. 4. Alice Elizabeth. 5. Helen, wife of Paul Dodson, of Williamsport. There are ten grandchildren.

**THOMAS J. WENNER, M. D.**—Although still relatively young, Thomas J. Wenner has won wide reputation and an extensive practice in medicine at Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. Thoroughly trained in his profession, he began his practice here upon the conclusion of his service in the United States Army during the World War, and was immediately successful in his work. Dr. Wenner counts his own personal convenience and safety as nothing when opposed to his professional

duties and is active at all times in the care of the sick and injured to which high calling he has dedicated his life.

Dr. Wenner was born on May 4, 1894, in Lebanon County, Pennsylvania, a son of Dr. Alfred J. Wenner, who was born at Wenersville, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, in 1853 and died in 1913, and of Katherine (Loudner) Wenner, born at Lebanon, Pennsylvania, and still living. His father was graduated from the Medical Chirurgical College in 1884, and until the time of his death, practiced medicine in Wilkes-Barre, at No. 150 South Washington Street, where his son now continues his work.

Thomas J. Wenner attended the Wilkes-Barre public schools and was graduated from the local high school in 1912. The following year he received the degree of Graduate in Pharmacy from the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, and in 1914 was graduated from the Medico Chirurgical College, Department of Chemistry, with the degree of Pharmaceutical Chemist. Finally he undertook the course of study in the Medical School of the University of Pennsylvania, and from this institution he was graduated in 1918, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. At this time he entered the Medical Corps of the United States Army, was later commissioned captain, and discharged with this rank in April, 1919. For the following six years, however, he was active in the organization of the Pennsylvania State Guard.

Meanwhile his independent professional career was well under way. In September, 1919, he returned to Wilkes-Barre, and began practice here, gradually increasing the field of his work, until now it has reached flattering proportions, demanding all his time and attention. He has been a member of the staff at Nesbitt Memorial Hospital since 1920, serving as pathologist until 1925, and since that date as associate surgeon. Dr. Wenner is also a member of the Luzerne County, Pennsylvania State, and American Medical associations.

He has always maintained an interest in civic affairs at Wilkes-Barre, where he is a member of several local clubs and fraternal, medical and service organizations. Dr. Wenner worships in the faith of the Reformed Church, attending the First Church of this denomination at Wilkes-Barre.

**CHARLES C. STEINERT**—Beginning as a salesman in the paper trade, his employer having been his uncle, Herbert Grant, president of the Miller Paper Company, of New York, Charles C. Steinert, after eight years in that business left it abruptly and came to Wilkes-Barre, where he has made an outstanding success in his own business enterprise. Not yet in the prime of life, he has achieved a high reputation as a business man and citizen of this community, whose interests are in the development of local commerce and the maintenance of good government. He possesses a personality of engaging quality, a friendly nature, a faultless integrity that are the best factors in promoting ambition and making staunch friends. He comes of famous patriotic stock, his ancestors on both sides having had their full share in the upbuilding of the country. His business is sound, his credit unimpeachable, his future limited only by his ambition, which seems boundless.

Charles C. Steinert was born on Long Island, New York, February 18, 1888, a son of George R. and Cora L. (Grant) Steinert.

George R. Steinert is assistant secretary and treasurer of a New York insurance concern, his antecedents being among the pioneers of New England. His wife comes of the family of which General Ulysses Simpson Grant, of Civil War fame, was a distinguished member. The couple are the parents of four children, George R., Jr., of Hackensack, New Jersey; Charles C., of whom further; Bryan Grant, of Hackensack, and Clarence H., who is secretary and treasurer of the Steinert Motor Company, Inc., of which Charles is the president.

Charles C. Steinert received his education in the New York public schools and was graduated from high school. For four years he held a position as auditor for a company in New York, at the end of which period he became associated with his uncle, Herbert Grant, as a traveling salesman. Coming to Wilkes-Barre in April, 1921, he established a salesroom and automobile service station at No. 219 South Washington Street. He continued at that address until 1924, when he and his brother erected the building at No. 417 West Market Street, where they since have been. The principal output of the concern is the Hupmobile, for which they are the local distributors. Charles C. Steinert is a Republican in politics, a Presbyterian in religion. His fraternal memberships include the Boiling Spring Lodge, No. 152, Free and Accepted Masons, of Rutherford, New Jersey; Caldwell Consistory, of Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania; Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; Scottish Rite. He is a member of the Wilkes-Barre-Wyoming Valley Chamber of Commerce, Irem Temple Country Club and the Wyoming Valley Country Club, of Wilkes-Barre.

Mr. Steinert married at Canton, Ohio, December 18, 1919, Carolyn Lindley, daughter of Earl and Elizabeth (Manly) Lindley, of that place. They have one child, Jean Elizabeth. Their residence is at Dallas, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania.

Clarence H. Steinert, brother and partner of Charles C., was born in 1896 and was educated in the New York public schools, graduating from high school. He followed bookkeeping as a profession until the entrance of the United States into the World War, when he enlisted in the Navy and was attached to a submarine chaser, on which he served in the Mediterranean and Adriatic seas until the close of the conflict. He is a Republican in politics and a Presbyterian in religious faith.

He married Emma Brainard, of New York City. They are the parents of three children: Clarence J., Ruth, and Donald.

**ALLEN E. BACON**—The Grand Army of the Republic Memorial High School is one of the monuments deserving the civic pride of Wilkes-Barre, and great commendation should be given to the instigators of the plan and to those who have so nobly carried it through with financial aid and encouragement. Mr. Bacon, as a trained pedagogue and educational leader, was selected as its principal and has filled that position with distinction and marked ability since the building was completed. Mr. Bacon was born in Wilkes-Barre, August 19, 1890, son of Charles E. and Mae (Allen) Bacon. Both parents were born in Susquehanna County, the Allen family particularly dating far back into the days of the Indian wars in the pioneer period. Members of the family took part in the horrors of the Wyoming Massacre,





*Sarah Pittman.*

which occurred in June, 1778, and the name of Hollenbeck appears on the Wyoming monument erected in commemoration of that direful historic event, and is that of the ancestor in direct line of Mr. Bacon's mother.

Allen E. Bacon attended school at Wilkes-Barre through the high school grade and then entered Lafayette College at Easton, from which institution he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy in 1911. He was then called to the Coughlin High School, Wilkes-Barre, where he taught mathematics for five years, until, in fact, his career was interrupted as was that of most of the youth of our country, by call to military service. He was commissioned second-lieutenant and served at various camps in the department of the adjutant general. On his discharge in 1919, he returned to Coughlin High School and remained there until 1923. At that time the principalship of the Grant Street School of Wilkes-Barre was offered him, which he accepted. The G. A. R. Memorial High School was beginning to be under construction at that time and he entered heart and soul into plans for its completion and when it was finished he was made its head. This institution stands at the corner of Grant and Lehigh streets, and is completely equipped as the most modern and scientific example of school architecture. It accommodates seventeen hundred pupils and eighty-four teachers and its large auditorium will seat fourteen hundred. There are two splendidly equipped gymnasiums, separate building for technical shops and its own cafeteria and kitchens.

Mr. Bacon is a member of the Lions' Club and belongs to the Landmark Lodge, No. 442, Free and Accepted Masons. He and his family are communicants of the Episcopal Church and actively engaged in church matters. Mr. Bacon is a Republican in his political convictions.

On June 20, 1920, Mr. Bacon was married to Lucy Dame, a daughter of Charles E. and Mary (Saunders) Dame, of Richmond, Virginia, and they have one son, Allen, born December 17, 1926.

**SOPHIA MARY RICARDA O'HARA**, born November 13, 1882, at Wilkes-Barre, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, the third child of Patrick J. and Catherine (Cavan) O'Hara, received her education in the public schools of Wilkes-Barre, and studied law in the law office of Martin and Trescott, Wilkes-Barre. She is a member of the bars of the local and appellate courts of Pennsylvania and of the District Court, Middle District of Pennsylvania, and Circuit Court of Appeals of the United States, having been admitted to the bar in March, 1913. On February 7, 1927, she was appointed, by Governor John S. Fisher, Deputy Attorney-General of Pennsylvania under Hon. Thomas Jackson Baldrige, Attorney-General, now associate justice of the Superior Court of Pennsylvania. She has been vice-secretary of the Republican County Committee of Luzerne County; a vice-president of the Community Welfare Federation; a vice-president of the Wyoming Valley Women's Club; president of the Wilkes-Barre Quota Club; is president of the Pennsylvania State Council of Republican Women; is a director of the United Charities of Wilkes-Barre.

**J. CARPENTER McNELIS, M. D.**—Among the professional men of Wilkes-Barre who have taken up medicine for their life work,

J. Carpenter McNelis, M. D., is one of the younger group. In the years in which he has been practicing, Dr. McNelis has built up for himself a well deserved reputation for leadership in his kind of work, for thorough skill, and for a pleasant personality, which is so essential in the type of activity in which he is engaged, and has acquired a wide circle of friends and loyal supporters in this city and, for that matter, throughout the Wyoming Valley. He is actively interested in all phases of community development, and is generally regarded as one of Wilkes-Barre's outstanding citizens.

Dr. McNelis was born in Hazleton, Pennsylvania, on September 18, 1898, a son of Frank and Ann (Carpenter) McNelis. His father, a contractor dealing in general building activities, was born in Summit Hill, Pennsylvania, in 1855, and died in November, 1925; while the mother, Ann (Carpenter) McNelis, was born in Hazleton and died in August, 1907.

J. Carpenter McNelis, the son, received his early education in the public schools, and then attended the high school of his native city, Hazleton, from which he was graduated in the class of 1914. For his pre-medical course he studied at the University of Pennsylvania for two years, and then became a student in the medical school of that university, from which he was graduated in the class of 1919 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He also received a post-graduate course at Medico-Chirurgical College, University of Pennsylvania. From that time he served as interne in the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital for a period, afterward having become resident physician there and finally chief resident physician. His services to the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital occupied most of his attention for thirty-one months. He served then for six months as physician for the Buffalo and Pittsburgh Railroad, having been stationed for that work in Yatesboro, Pennsylvania. It was following this preliminary medical work that he took up his general medical practice in Wilkes-Barre, which he has continued since that time. With the passing years he has added consistently to his list of friendships, as well as to the services that he is able to render to the people of Wilkes-Barre in the capacity of physician and to the size and extent of his practice.

In addition to his own practice, Dr. McNelis is active in the medical affairs of his community and county and State. He is a member of the staff of Mercy Hospital, where he is orthopedist and obstetrician. He also keeps in touch with all the newer discoveries and theories of his professional colleagues through memberships in the Luzerne County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He also holds membership in the Wyoming Valley Country Club. Dr. McNelis' church affiliation is with St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church.

**SAMUEL MILES BARBER**—Railroads, newspapers and rubber manufacturers have received the services of Samuel Miles Barber of Wilkes-Barre, at various times during his career, but perhaps he is best known for his accomplishments in public life, which resulted in his election as a member of the Board of Alderman here, an office he now (1930) is filling, as a representative of the Fourth Ward. Mr. Barber has been associated with the city of Wilkes-Barre since 1905, with the exception of a period during which

he was connected with a prominent rubber manufacturing concern, and his personality, high ethics and abilities have combined to make him one of the city's most popular and respected officials. His official record has been materially enhanced through his deep devotion to other spheres of activity in Wilkes-Barre.

Mr. Barber's parents, both natives of Pennsylvania, were I. Grier and Katherine E. (Wittenmeyer) Barber, the mother having been born in 1861, at Middleburg. I. Grier Barber was born in 1851, at Midflinburg, Union County, Pennsylvania, and was a medical practitioner of note during his life. He passed away in February, 1926, at Wilkes-Barre.

S. Miles Barber was born February 15, 1885, at Middleburg, Snyder County, Pennsylvania, and his preliminary education was gained in the public schools, ending in 1904, when he was graduated from the Danville (Pennsylvania) High School. The following year, in 1905, he accepted employment with the Pennsylvania Railroad, being assistant cashier in the Wilkes-Barre offices of this company. He remained thus occupied until 1912, and in the meantime had become a zealous follower of sporting events. His natural talents and deep studies of this field were recognized in local newspaper circles, and in the last named year Mr. Barber went with the Wilkes-Barre "Times-Leader," being sports editor of this newspaper until 1917. He found this work interesting, but as many other journalists will testify, not the most remunerative occupation in the world, and as a consequence, in 1917, he abandoned newspaper work and accepted a position with the Miller Rubber Company, as district manager for the State of Michigan. His duties in this capacity were to occupy Mr. Barber for ten years, and he attained material success therein, until May, 1927, when he was first appointed by Governor Fisher to represent the Fourth Ward as Alderman. A short time later, Mr. Barber was elected Alderman for a six-year term, expiring in 1933. His wise counsel and business judgment have been of inestimable worth in the conduct of official affairs in Wilkes-Barre, and his constituents are well satisfied with their representative's record as Alderman.

Mr. Barber, who is a Republican, has exerted no little power in the affairs of his party, and has had much to do with forming the policies of the local political organization. He is ever faithful to his fellowmen, and mingles freely in social and fraternal circles. He is a member of Lodge No. 442, Free and Accepted Masons; Valley of Williamsport Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and contributed materially to the benevolences of his church, the Memorial Presbyterian, of Wilkes-Barre. He is a member of the Wilkes-Barre Press Club, and one of the board of governors.

S. Miles Barber married, May 8, 1929, Julia B. Burdock, of Wilkes-Barre. Mr. Barber's address is No. 30 Public Square.

**FREDERICK CHARLES TONGUE, M. D.**—Specializing in nervous and mental diseases, Dr. Tongue is one of the leading neurologists in the State, combining hospital work in that branch of his profession, with a private general practice in Wilkes-Barre. Dr. Tongue was born in Philadelphia, July 23, 1894, son of George G. and Esther (Pretty) Tongue,

both of whom were born in Philadelphia. The former, born in 1867, was one of its leading merchants when he died, in July, 1917.

Dr. Tongue attended the public schools of Philadelphia, going through the high school there and then took a year's course in the Peirce Business College. He entered the Hahnemann Medical College for his training and graduated from there with his degree with the class of 1917. This famous Philadelphia college is the original exponent of the school of homeopathy and it has been Dr. Tongue's aim to become known as a worthy interpreter of this great institution's teachings. Dr. Tongue remained at the Hahnemann Hospital as interne for the usual year and then was taken on the staff of the State Hospital for Nervous and Mental Diseases at Allentown, where he remained for two and a half years. In 1921, he came to Wilkes-Barre where he has taken up a general practice, with psychiatry as a specialty, and at the same time, is doing useful work on the staff of the Wyoming Valley Homeopathic Hospital. Dr. Tongue is a member of the Wyoming Valley Homeopathic Society, of the Luzerne County Medical Society, of the State Medical Association and of the American Institute of Homeopathy. He is a Republican in his political affiliations and beliefs and a member of the fraternal order of Eagles, Brotherhood of America, and of the Baptist Church.

Dr. Frederick Charles Tongue was married, on October 14, 1927, to Anna K. Dymond of Orange, a daughter of Zachariah and Della (Sickler) Dymond.

**WILLIAM JOSEPH ROONEY**—Born January 20, 1890, at Port Griffiths, Luzerne County, Mr. Rooney is now one of the prominent citizens of Wilkes-Barre, with a restaurant business that caters to the best of the townspeople and that he has built up himself with energetic ability and sure insight into the needs of a first-class clientele. William Rooney is a son of Owen and Mary (Callahan) Rooney, the former born in Plymouth and the latter in Port Griffiths. Mr. Rooney, Sr., was also an owner of a restaurant, in connection with his hotel in Vandling, Lackawanna County.

The early life of William J. Rooney was passed in Vandling, where he attended the local schools and then worked in the mines for a while as breaker-boy. Growing older and of responsible years, he was given a position with the American Locomotive Works at Scranton and there learned the trade of machinist, and finished his apprenticeship in this line after four years, although he did not utilize his knowledge in his adult life, choosing instead a different field of endeavor. After the Scranton experience, he came to Wilkes-Barre and was a salesman with the Kolb Bakery Company for two years, and, then, in 1915, he made his beginning in the restaurant business, starting with a lunch wagon on Scott Street. Making a success of this small beginning, he branched into a wider field and took over a part of the old Windsor Hotel and converted it into a business lunch place, calling it the "Merchants Lunch." In 1920 he discontinued this lunch room and opened a modern and thoroughly up-to-date restaurant on North Market Street, known as the "Clover," which is still operated under that name, and here he built up a pleasant reputation for good food

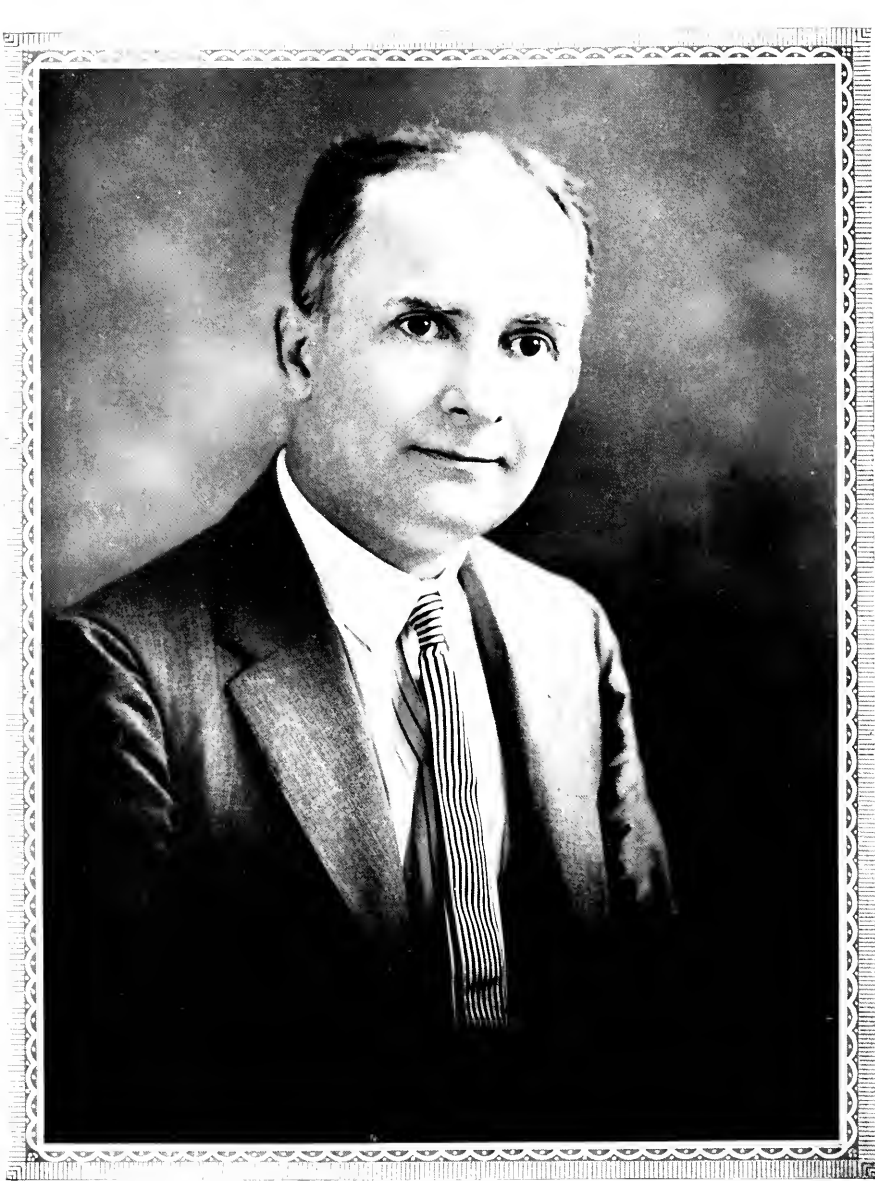




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and management. While still retaining an interest in the "Clover," Mr. Rooney took over a partnership in the restaurant known as "The Barre" and was secretary of that company. In March, 1925, he sold his connection with the "Clover" and devoted all his energies and time to "The Barre." In 1928 he acquired all the stock of this company and renamed the restaurant "The Rooney." He reorganized the company and established methods of the best efficiency in restaurant management and has created a place that is regarded in the highest light in the city. He employs about forty people and the restaurant has a seating capacity of a hundred and, in detail, it is modern in every respect. Mr. Rooney expresses himself as independent in his political thought, but at all times, has the best interests of the community at heart. He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and of the Knights of Columbus; and is a communicant of St. Patrick's Church.

On December 15, 1912, William Joseph Rooney was married to Mary E. Loughney of Pittston, a daughter of John and Mary Loughney. They have been the parents of six children, one of whom, Evelyn, they unhappily lost by death. The others are: Mary, Rita, William, Peggy and Thomas.

**ROGER J. DEVER**—From the lowly post of slate-picker in a coal mine to a recognized and commanding position as a prominent member of the Luzerne County bar is a record of which any man could be justly proud. Such was the progress of Roger J. Dever whose career furnishes a splendid example of what can be accomplished by tenacity of purpose, backed by native ability. Mr. Dever was born at Jeddo, a small town in Luzerne County, on July 19, 1873. He is the son of Hugh and Annie (O'Donnell) Dever. Hugh Dever was a worker in the coal mines of Luzerne County and the father of eleven children of which Roger J. was the third. The elder Dever's family was as follows: 1. Frank. 2. Mary. 3. Roger J., of whom further. 4. Annie, now known as Sister Bonaventure in St. Mary's Convent at Wilkes-Barre. 5. Patrick J. 6. Margaret. 7. Charles. 8. Catherine. 9. Dominick J., who served in the World War in the One Hundred and Fourteenth Field Artillery; two who died in infancy.

Roger J. Dever had little opportunity to acquire an education in his early boyhood and he was forced to take a job as slate picker at an age when most lads are just starting their scholastic career. He managed to snatch a few opportunities of attending the public schools in Luzerne County and eagerly absorbed what knowledge he could obtain from his textbooks. He soon qualified as a mine employee and worked as such for several years until at length he determined to try his fortunes in another occupation. The machinist trade attracted him and he took a position in the shops of C. B. Markle Company at Jeddo, Pennsylvania, and from there to the Railroad Shop at Delano. He was employed for a short time by Cox Brothers & Company at Drifton as machinist and it was while in this position that his attention was attracted by the night school operated by the Mining and Mechanical Institute at Freehold, Luzerne County. He completed the course of instruction given by the institute and received the first diploma issued by the night school. His ambition fired, Mr. Dever matric-

ulated at the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, intending to take up the healing art, but a little consideration convinced him that his talents were more fitted for the law than for medicine and he very quickly changed his plans. He entered the Dickinson Law School, at Carlisle, Pennsylvania, and from that institution he graduated in the class of 1903 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. He was admitted to the Luzerne County bar in January, 1904, and has since been actively engaged in the practice of his chosen profession with offices in the Miners Bank Building at Wilkes-Barre. In 1912 he was appointed general counsel for the United Mine Workers in the anthracite field of Pennsylvania, which position he has held continuously since that time. He was one of the principal workers for the Workmen's Compensation Law, which measure was passed by the Pennsylvania Legislature in 1915 and was author of the amendments to this law as passed by the Pennsylvania Legislature in 1919, 1921, and 1927. He is a leading member of the Luzerne County Bar Association and an active worker with Wilkes-Barre Lodge, No. 109, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. In politics he is a Democrat, but has never sought office. He worships at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church of Wilkes-Barre and finds recreation in his lodge and clubs.

**JAMES THOMAS WILLIAMS, M. D.**—Striving at all times to do whatever lies in his power to improve the health of his community, James Thomas Williams, M. D., holds a prominent place in the estimation of his fellowmen, and is a recognized leader in the medical profession in Wilkes-Barre. Engaged in a general practice of medicine and surgery, he also is active in hospital work, and devotes not a little of his time and energies to the furtherance of his community's social and civic life. There is practically no public enterprise of importance in which he is not interested, and as a consequence of his public-spiritedness and the varied nature of his activities he is held in the highest regard among his fellow-citizens, a large number of whom he lists among his personal friends.

Dr. Williams was born on July 31, 1878, in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, the city of his present home and work, a son of Richard S. Williams, who was born in Wales in 1845, came to the United States and is now engaged in Wilkes-Barre as a wholesale grocer, and of Mary (Thomas) Williams, a native of Pottsville, who also is now a resident of Wilkes-Barre.

Dr. James Thomas Williams received his early education in the public schools of this, his native city, where he remained until he was ten years of age. Then he went to California with his parents, and there attended the public schools. Subsequently he studied at the Polytechnic School for a period of three years, and then became a student at the Jefferson Medical College, from which he was graduated in the class of 1904 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. From that time he served for two years as an interne at the Presbyterian Hospital, and then for a year took post-graduate medical work in Vienna. Ever since he completed those academic studies, he has been practicing his chosen profession in Wilkes-Barre, where he has done much to alleviate human suffering and disease and has listed among his patients some of the most substantial citizens of the Wyoming Valley.

In addition to his regular practice, Dr. Williams is chief surgeon of the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital, in which he serves in April, May and June of each year. He keeps in close touch with the newest development in medicine and surgery through memberships in the Luzerne County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. His political affiliation is with the Republican party, whose policies and candidates he regularly supports; while he holds memberships in the Westmoreland Club and in the Free and Accepted Masons. In the Masonic order he is identified with Lodge No. 442, the Keystone Consistory of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Scranton, and Irem Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. His religious faith is that of the Presbyterian Church.

In 1918, Dr. Williams married, Ruth Lewis, of Audenried, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Philip Lewis. By this union there have been two children: 1. Betsy Jane, born June 8, 1921. 2. Ruth Lewis, born March 29, 1924.

**ROGERS J. KIRKHUFF**—With a wide variety of community interests, Rogers J. Kirkhuff has been for a number of years one of the best known citizens about Forty Fort, Pennsylvania. He was one of the organizers and is a director of the Forty Fort State Bank and is a charter member of the Forty Fort Fire Company, as well as playing an important part in fraternal and church activities. In 1918 he was elected for a term of four years as tax collector of Forty Fort.

Born at Sciota, Monroe County, Pennsylvania, September 9, 1883, Mr. Kirkhuff is the son of Stogdell L. and Emma E. (Levering) Kirkhuff. The father was born in Snydersville, Monroe County, in February, 1858, and was a grain miller in Stroudsburg for twenty-five years prior to his retirement. The mother was born in Sciota in 1864 and died March 31, 1921. Their son attended the public schools of Forty Fort, working on dairy farms of the neighborhood of evenings and during his vacation periods. From 1906 until 1909 he clerked in a grocery store, then became associated with Millard and Schurman, wholesale grocers, acting as traveling representative for them for about seven years. In 1919 he accepted a position with Sutherland and McMillan, wholesale grocers of Pittston, as a traveling representative, with which concern he has since been identified. It was on the Republican ticket that Mr. Kirkhuff was elected to the office of tax collector, in which he discharged his duties with excellent results. Realizing the need for a banking institution in Forty Fort, where he makes his home at No. 19 Ransom Street, Mr. Kirkhuff cooperated with other financially established citizens of the town to found the Forty Fort State Bank. Fraternally, he is affiliated with Shekinah Chapter 448, Free and Accepted Masons, of Wyoming, and since 1901 has been a member of the Patriotic Order Sons of America. He has also been affiliated with the United Commercial Travelers of America, Council No. 426, of Wilkes-Barre, for the past eighteen years. He is active in the work of the Forty Fort Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mr. Kirkhuff married, in April, 1913, Fannie Scott, daughter of James and Margaret (Craig) Scott of Ashley, Luzerne County. They adopted a little girl in 1920, Jane Scott Kirkhuff, born January 22, 1919.

**FRANK A. CRONAUER, D. D. S.**—Highly skilled in his profession, and with a constantly growing practice, Dr. Frank A. Cronauer is in the class of leading dentists of Wilkes-Barre, with a bright future before him. He laid the foundation for his success with a complete education in modern dentistry, and is ever alert to the constant improvements and discoveries that are arising in the profession of oral surgery. His clientele is large and growing, his friends innumerable, many of them from his boyhood.

Frank A. Cronauer was born in Wilkes-Barre, September 29, 1898, son of Nicholas and Josephine (Supply) Cronauer. His father is engaged in the restaurant business, his mother died at the age of fifty-seven years, leaving eleven children, Frank being the fifth. He attended the parochial and public schools of Wilkes-Barre, where he grew to manhood. He was graduated from the Wilkes-Barre High School in the class of 1917, and then took up the study of dentistry at the Baltimore State Dental College, Baltimore, Maryland, from which he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery in 1925, after which he established himself in practice in Wilkes-Barre.

Dr. Cronauer is a member of the Luzerne County Dental Association, and American Dental Association, and belongs to the dental college fraternity of Psi Omega. Politically, he is a Republican, and is a communicant of St. Nicholas Roman Catholic Church of Wilkes-Barre.

Frank A. Cronauer married, December 20, 1923, Verna Rovinski, of Wilkes-Barre, and they are the parents of a daughter, Elizabeth Lois.

**ELLSWORTH W. LYNN**—Proprietor of Lynn's Pharmacy, at No. 689 Market Street, in Kingston, better known as Kingston Corners, Ellsworth W. Lynn is prominent in the business circles of Kingston, and is well known in Wilkes-Barre, of which he is a native.

Mr. Lynn was born September 27, 1889, a son of Charles J. A. and Emma (Olson) Lynn, the father having for many years been a foreman in the employ of the Kingston Coal Company, the mother deceased. Charles J. A. Lynn was born in Sweden, and he, as well as she who later became his wife, came to Luzerne County with his parents, when a child, nearly sixty years ago. In this county he met and married Emma Olson, and of this union were born children: 1. John T., electrical engineer, employed by the Delaware & Hudson Coal Company. 2. Ellsworth W., of whom follows. 3. W. L., Doctor of Medicine, Brooklyn, New York. 4. Carl H., druggist, in business with Ellsworth W. Lynn, Kingston. 5. Florence L., wife of Clarence Pearson, of Kingston. 6. Elmer J., electrician, with the Kingston Coal Company. 7. Helen, registered trained nurse, in the General Hospital, Wilkes-Barre. 8. George, a student in public school, at Edwardsville and Wyoming Seminary. During the last twenty-six years Charles J. A. Lynn has been foreman for the Kingston Coal Company. He is an earnest, conscientious man of good intelligence, constantly interested in the things transpiring around him, a pleasant, friendly personality, who, while he has not accumulated a great store of the goods of the world, has given to it many fine children who have taken substantial places in life, and is content, indeed, in considering what they have done. Both





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he and his good wife early inculcated in their son, Ellsworth W. Lynn, those principles of thought and conduct which have remained with him into manhood, have made his character so largely, and in equal measure have assisted him to construct the success that he has created. Emma (Olson) Lynn died on Thanksgiving Day, 1911.

In the public schools of Wilkes-Barre Mr. Lynn received his academic training of preparatory degree. He graduated from Wilkes-Barre High School with the class of 1905, at the age of sixteen years. In due time he entered the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, and graduated with the Degree of Pharmacy in 1911. He returned to Luzerne County, for a period was clerk in Swainbonk's Drug Store, Wilkes-Barre, then, in 1912, engaged in business for himself in Kingston, where he has since continued, with good prosperity. His establishment is known as the largest and most modern of drug stores in the West Side. Mr. Lynn is a member of Kingston Lodge No. 395, Free and Accepted Masons; Shekinah Chapter, No. 182, Royal Arch Masons; Dieu le Veut Commandery, No. 45, Knights Templar; Keystone Consistory, at Scranton, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, thirty-second degree; Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; and member of Kingston Lodge No. 709, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Wilkes-Barre Lodge No. 109, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; Patriotic Order Sons of America; Fraternal Order of Eagles; and the Irem Temple Country Club. He is a stockholder in the Kingston Bank & Trust Company, a director of the West Side Building & Loan Company, the West Side Mortgage Company and of the Pennsylvania Wholesale Drug Company, of Wilkes-Barre. Constantly Mr. Lynn participates in movements designed for the public welfare, and seldom is there such a movement put in motion that fails to receive his support. He is known as one of the most public-spirited and forward looking of Kingston's community members, a man of commercial and fraternal influence who has voice, too, in affairs political. Toward charity he is generous, and in his own manner of life and method exemplary. His talents in business are extensive; his judgments in business such as to be sought after by associates, and to be of particular value to those financial institutions with which he is connected. Mr. Lynn finds pleasant recreation in musical circles, and is a musician in Irem Temple Band and MacLuskie's Shalimar Band at Wilkes-Barre.

**JOHN J. GALVIN**—A newspaper man for eleven years, Mr. Galvin is now a theatrical manager, and as such, manages the Poli Theater, which shows high-class vaudeville and the best run of feature motion pictures, catering to a splendid clientele and in its management reflecting the finest ideals of public entertainment. Mr. Galvin was born at Fort Plain, Montgomery County, New York State, on June 13, 1874. His parents, Thomas and Ann (McManus) Galvin, were both of Irish birth and came over here as young people.

John J. Galvin attended the public schools of his home town and then entered newspaper work, a field in which he remained for about eleven years in various towns in different parts of New York. The theatrical world held alluring appeal to the energetic young man and he did work as press representative for the various theatres of Wilmer and Vin-

cent in New York State for about six years, centering his activities in Utica and covering the Mohawk Valley. Later, he became manager of a theatre at Portsmouth, Virginia, and then assumed managerial control of one of the Poli Theatres at New Haven. In 1912, he came to Wilkes-Barre as manager for a Poli Theatre here, in which capacity he has remained ever since. In 1925, this theatre was taken over by the Union Theatre Corporation, although retaining the old name. It is a large house, with a seating capacity of twenty-two hundred and is most ably conducted by its popular manager.

John J. Galvin is a Republican in his politics and a communicant of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church. He is a past-president of the Wilkes-Barre Kiwanis Club and a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, No. 42, of Little Falls, New York.

**LOUIS WATRES JONES, M. D.**—Born and reared in Wilkes-Barre, Dr. Jones has spent practically all of his life there, excepting only some six years, during which he attended college and medical school in Philadelphia. His deep attachment to his native city may be seen from the fact that, immediately after having completed his medical education, he returned to it, served as an interne in one of its hospitals, and then established himself there in the practice of his profession. Though one of the younger generation of Wilkes-Barre physicians he is rapidly building up a large and important practice and is gaining for himself a fine position and reputation in the community.

Louis Watres Jones was born in Wilkes-Barre, February 16, 1901, a son of Iorwerth and Emma (Evans) Jones. Both his parents are natives of Wales, where his father was born in 1857. The latter has been for a number of years general superintendent of the Spring Brook Water Supply Company of Wilkes-Barre. Dr. Jones received his preliminary education in the public schools of his native city and, after having been graduated from Wilkes-Barre High School with the class of 1918, entered the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. There he took a pre-medical course for the first two years, after which he transferred to that institution's Department of Medicine, which latter he attended for the next four years, graduating from it with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1924. He then gained further practical knowledge and experience by serving for one year as an interne at the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital. Since then he has been established in the general practice of medicine in Wilkes-Barre, with offices at No. 314 East South Street. He is also one of the staff of the State Tuberculosis Clinic. Dr. Jones is a member of the American Medical Association, Pennsylvania State Medical Society, Luzerne County Medical Society, Lehigh Valley Medical Association, Barton Cook Hirst Obstetrical Society, Wyoming Welfare Association, the Sigma Nu Fraternity, the United Sportsmen of Pennsylvania and Laurel Run Rod and Gun Club. He holds membership in Lodge No. 61, Free and Accepted Masons, Caldwell Consistory, thirty-second degree, and Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. In politics he is a supporter of the Republican party and its principles, while his religious affiliations are with the Presbyterian Church and more particularly with Grant Street Presbyterian Church of Wilkes-Barre.

Dr. Jones was married, September 14, 1927.

at Wilkes-Barre, to Bessie Buckingham of Wilkes-Barre, a daughter of Frederick and Meta Buckingham. Dr. and Mrs. Jones make their home at No. 79 Davis Place, Wilkes-Barre.

**ELLISON S. KIRKHUFF**—Purchasing agent for the Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre Coal Company, Mr. Kirkhuff has been with the same organization for forty years, and, in point of time of service, is the oldest in either the managerial offices or clerical department.

Ellison S. Kirkhuff was born at Snyderstown, Monroe County, Pennsylvania, a son of John and Susan (Slutter) Kirkhuff, deceased. John and Susan (Slutter) Kirkhuff were the parents of eleven children, of whom six are now (1930) living: Stogdell; Mary; Ellison S., of whom further; Margaret, widow of J. H. Schappert; Andrew; and Winifred.

Mr. Kirkhuff received his education in the public schools of East Mauch Chunk, and while yet a young man became a clerk in the employ of the Central Railroad of New Jersey, at Ashley, Pennsylvania, then took a place as trainmaster's clerk, at Ashley, afterward removing to Wilkes-Barre to the offices of the Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre Coal Company, as payroll clerk. After several years of this he went into the plumbing and steam-fitting business for a time, later abandoning it for a clerkship with the coal company. Soon he was promoted to chief clerk and afterward made supervisor of stores, then made purchasing agent, which important position he continued to hold until he resigned in October, 1928. He is a Republican and a Protestant and member of a number of fraternal organizations, including the Landmark Lodge, No. 442, of the Free and Accepted Masons, Shekinah Chapter, No. 182, Royal Arch Masons; Dieu le Veut Commandery, No. 45, Knights Templar; the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; the Irem Temple Country Club, the Franklin Club, and the Craftsman's Club. An outstanding figure among men in Wilkes-Barre who have created successes for themselves from means not tendered on the silver salver of wealthy or even well-to-do birth, Mr. Kirkhuff occupies a high position, a respected position, in the social and commercial circles of Wilkes-Barre, where he lives, with his family, at No. 54 Carey Avenue.

Ellison S. Kirkhuff married Lillie Hunsberger, of Scranton, Pennsylvania, daughter of Robert and Mary (Hanke) Hunsberger, deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Kirkhuff are the parents of three children: 1. Robert, an electrical engineer in the employ of the New Jersey Zinc Company, at Palmerton, New Jersey, married Aura Miller, and is the father of two children, Ellison and Jean. 2. Ellison Lawrence, a civil and construction engineer for the Pennsylvania Railroad, stationed at East Aurora, New York; married Esther Doster. 3. Morilda Lillian, married Edward Snackenbergh of Brooklyn, New York, where they now reside.

**THE HOYT LIBRARY** of Kingston was opened to the public on January 2, 1928, with a collection of 4,327 books. The public was eagerly awaiting its use. At the end of the year 4,500 readers had taken out borrowers' cards. The number of books issued for home use was over 100,000 and the collection amounted to 10,000 books.

The first Library Board consisted of: Mr. E. M. Rosser, president and treasurer; Miss

Frances Dorrance, secretary; Mr. Frank S. Crane (President Borough Council); Mr. Russell J. Hoyt; Mr. Abram Nesbitt, 2d; Miss Myra Poland; Mr. G. Murray Roat (Burgess).

Each member of the staff of five had been professionally trained for her work. The librarian, Miss Margaret Jackson, was an accredited teacher of library methods and book selection.

At the opening ceremonies Dr. L. L. Sprague of Wyoming Seminary led in prayer and Mr. B. W. Davis, attorney for the borough of Kingston, gave the history of the library movement. He said: "The Building was the homestead of Samuel Hoyt, born 1815. The father of Samuel Hoyt was county engineer, and his son helped him in this work. Frank W. Hoyt, the son of Samuel Hoyt resided here and finally took up his residence in Delaware County, near Philadelphia, where he resided at the time of his death.

"The first information that we have in the history of the gift is in the date of the will of Frank W. Hoyt. That will was dated March 25, 1903. Mr. Hoyt's death occurred April 11, 1909. Under date of May 18, 1909, a letter was received by Burgess W. H. Chapin in which it stated that under the will of Mr. Hoyt the Hoyt homestead was given to the borough of Kingston to be used as a library and reading room.

"On May 21, 1909, a call went out to the citizens of the borough to meet in the auditorium of the Main Street School Building. That night there were between two and three hundred citizens there, and by a resolution passed, the town council was authorized to notify the executors of the Hoyt estate that the gift was accepted, and on June 7, 1909, at a meeting of the town council a resolution was passed and forwarded to the executors."

As in 1909 the borough had no money with which to remodel the building, buy the necessary books and pay a library staff, it was decided to continue to lease the building as a dwelling (the lessees were successively O. M. Lance and Dr. J. E. Scheify) and to save the rental as an organization fund.

On February 20, 1911, an ordinance was passed by the Borough Council stating that the president of council and two others to be chosen by him were to be appointed as a committee, to be known as the Hoyt Library Committee. Also that the borough would appropriate \$500 annually for this work. By the efforts of the Council and the goodwill of the citizens work of organization was undertaken and completed between May, 1926, and January 2, 1928, when the library was opened to the residents of Kingston.

**DORRANCE FAMILY**—The Dorrance family has long been distinguished in the professions and in various worthy callings, and prominent in the advance of Pennsylvania for generations. The strain of a fine Colonial ancestry runs through the family line, in which were representatives who fought with distinction in the Revolutionary War.

The founder of the family in America was Rev. Samuel Dorrance, a Scotch-Irish Presbyterian and graduate of Glasgow University, who arrived in the first quarter of the eighteenth century and was settled as pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Voluntown, Connecticut, on December 23, 1723, continuing as its spiritual head until his death, November 12, 1775. He had five sons and one daughter, and two of the sons served in the

Revolutionary Army. John and George, of the latter see further, settled in the Wyoming Valley on lands held by the family down to the present time. John is said to have returned to Voluntown.

Lieutenant-Colonel George Dorrance, son of Rev. Samuel Dorrance, was a hero and patriot, whose name and deeds stand out with shining distinctness in Wyoming Valley history. He was born March 4, 1736, died July 4, 1778, the day following the massacre at Wyoming, when, a prisoner and weakened by sufferings and a severe wound, he was killed by his captors. He had led various armed parties against the Indians and Tories, and had succeeded in dispersing them. For this he appears to have been made the especial object of savage vengeance. In 1777 he led a company of eighty men against an Indian camp on Wyalusing and put them to rout. As lieutenant-colonel, he commanded the American left wing under Colonel Denison, July 3, 1778. He had been a private in a Connecticut regiment of light horse, and in the autumn of 1775, he was commissioned lieutenant in a Connecticut regiment of militia for Wyoming. He was promoted to major of his regiment and to lieutenant-colonel, serving in the latter rank until July 3, 1778. He was the founder of the family of Dorrance in the Wyoming Valley in Pennsylvania. Colonel Dorrance was twice married. Of his children was Benjamin, of whom further.

Colonel Benjamin Dorrance, youngest son of Lieutenant-Colonel George Dorrance, was born in Voluntown, Connecticut, in 1767, and was a child when taken by his father's family to the Wyoming Valley, to settle in the locality, which has since been called Dorranceton. As a boy Benjamin Dorrance was in Fort Fort at the time of the battle of Wyoming, and later was esteemed an authority on the events of the stirring times in the valley. He served as sheriff of Luzerne County and as a member of the State Legislature for seven years. He was one of the organizers and the first president of the Wyoming Bank of Wilkes-Barre. His title of colonel was given through his holding office in that rank in the State Militia. Colonel Dorrance married, November 25, 1795, Nancy Ann Buckingham, born in 1767; died February 2, 1834, daughter of Jedediah and Martha (Clark) Buckingham. She was a descendant of Thomas Buckingham, the Puritan ancestor of all the American Buckinghams, whose name figured prominently among the settlers of Quinnipiac (New Haven) and Milford, Connecticut. Colonel Benjamin and Nancy Ann (Buckingham) Dorrance had three children: John, of whom further; Charles, who lived and left family; and George, who died in infancy.

Rev. John Dorrance, D. D., eldest son of Colonel Benjamin Dorrance and his wife, Nancy Ann (Buckingham) Dorrance, was born in Kingston, February 28, 1800, and died April 18, 1861. He was minister of the First Presbyterian Church of Wilkes-Barre from 1833 until his death in 1861. He was honored by Princeton College with the degree of Doctor of Divinity in 1859. During his pastorate at Wilkes-Barre the Wilkes-Barre Female Institute was founded, in 1854, under the auspices of his church. He married, December 6, 1827, Penelope Mercer, who died January 7, 1860. They had eight children. The line continues through a son of his brother, Colonel Charles Dorrance.

Colonel Charles Dorrance, second son of Colonel Benjamin and Nancy Ann (Buckingham) Dorrance, was born in Kingston, January 4, 1805, ad died January 18, 1892. He was a gentleman farmer, proprietor of the model "Dorrance farm," and rose from captain of the Wyoming Volunteers through the grades to colonel in the State Militia. He was president of the Luzerne County Agricultural Society for ten years from its organization in 1858 and served as president of the Luzerne County Prison Commission; as president of the Wyoming Commemorative Association, president of the Wyoming National Bank, president of the Wilkes-Barre Bridge Company; and was a member of the Wyoming Historical and Geological Society. He married, August 28, 1845, Susan E. Ford, daughter of James and Maria (Lindsley) Ford, of Lawrenceville, Pennsylvania, born November 27, 1828, died March 6, 1892. They had seven children, of whom was Benjamin, of whom further.

Benjamin Dorrance, A. B., A. M., F. R. H. S., eldest son of Colonel Charles and Susan E. (Ford) Dorrance, was born in Kingston, August 14, 1846. His education was received in the Presbyterian Seminary, at Troy, Pennsylvania; Wyoming Seminary, at Kingston, and Princeton College, from which he was graduated Bachelor of Arts in 1868, and received the degree of Master of Arts in 1871. He was admitted to the bar and practiced law in Wilkes-Barre about eighteen years, when impaired eyesight compelled him to abandon professional work. Thereafter he devoted himself to farming pursuits, and incidentally to horticulture, at Dorranceton. For many years he was president of the Wyoming Commemorative Association, and also a member of the Wyoming Historical and Geological Society and a Fellow of the Royal Horticultural Society of England. Benjamin Dorrance married, May 22, 1872, Ruth Woodhull Strong, daughter of Schuyler Strong, of Bath, Steuben County, New York, and his wife, Frances (Cruger) Strong, descended from Elder John Strong, of Windsor, Connecticut. Elder John Strong was born in Taunton, England, in 1605, and was one of the settlers of Dorchester, Massachusetts, in 1630. He was a General Court deputy, a developer of the Windsor (Connecticut) settlement, one of the founders of Northampton, Massachusetts, and the first ruling elder of the church in that town. He married for his second wife Abigail Ford, daughter of Thomas Ford, who bore him sixteen children. Thomas Ford came in the "Mary and John," was one of the founders of Dorchester, an early settler of Windsor, and removed with Elder John Strong to Northampton, where he died in 1676, survived by one hundred and sixty descendants. From Elder John Strong, of Northampton, to Ruth Woodhull Strong, wife of Benjamin Dorrance, the line of descent follows to (ii) Thomas, of Northampton, one of Captain John Mason's troopers; to (iii) Selah, of Setauket, Long Island; to Selah, Sr., (iv) married Hannah Woodhull, sister of General Nathaniel Woodhull, killed on Long Island during the Revolution; to Major Nathaniel Strong (v), killed by British and Tories, November 6, 1778; to Selah (vi), who married Ruth Woodhull, daughter of Captain Ebenezer Woodhull; to Schuyler (vii) Strong, who married Frances Cruger, daughter of General Daniel Cruger, of Steuben County, New York; to Ruth Woodhull Strong (viii), who married Benjamin Dorrance, of Dorranceton. The

Crugers are of Huguenot ancestry, who escaped the massacre of St. Bartholomew and fled to different countries for refuge. The branch from which Mrs. Dorrance was descended settled in the Duchy of Holstein. The father of General Cruger came to America in 1768, and settled in Sunbury, Pennsylvania, where Daniel (General Cruger) was born, December 22, 1780. The family removed to Newtown (Elmira), New York, where the father became a merchant. Daniel learned the printing trade, then studied law, was admitted to practice; enlisted for the War of 1812 and served throughout that conflict, after which he became a member of the Assembly, Speaker of the House, member of Congress, and Deputy Attorney-General. He died in Wheeling, West Virginia, in June, 1843. Children of Benjamin and Ruth Woodhull (Strong) Dorrance:

1. Anne Dorrance, eldest daughter of Benjamin and Ruth Woodhull (Strong) Dorrance, was born on the Dorrance farm, Kingston, June 26, 1873. She was educated at the Wilkes-Barre Institute and Wyoming Seminary, graduating from there in the class of 1891. She received the Bachelor of Arts degree at Vassar College in 1895, and upon her return home became associated with her father as partner in his rose-growing business; she continued in this until the greenhouses were closed in 1918 owing to the stringency in coal during the war.

Miss Dorrance was elected school director of the Borough of Dorranceton in 1911, which office she held until 1923, when the consolidation of Dorranceton and Kingston necessitated the retirement of directors from the double board at the expiration of their elected terms, in order to reduce the board to legal size. During these twelve years Miss Dorrance was for many years president of the Dorranceton School Board, which office she was holding at the time of her retirement. In 1927 Miss Dorrance was elected school director of the Kingston School Board and in 1929 reelected with overwhelming majority for a term of six years. She has been president of the Kingston School Board here since her election to membership.

Miss Dorrance is a member of the Executive Committee of the Pennsylvania State Republican Committee for Governor Fisher's administration. She has also been president of the Wyoming Commemorative Association since 1923. Miss Dorrance is a communicant of the Grace Episcopal Church in Kingston, Pennsylvania.

2. Frances Dorrance, second daughter of Benjamin and Ruth Woodhull (Strong) Dorrance, was born in Wilkes-Barre, June 30, 1877. She was graduated from Wyoming Seminary in 1896 and from Vassar College, Bachelor of Arts, with honor, class of 1900, and was elected a member of Phi Beta Kappa. During 1911-14 she studied at Berlin University for three semesters and at Columbia University in 1912. With a knowledge of Botany and German secured in this way she translated three important plant pathological books into English for the benefit of American scholars in the various agricultural stations and technical institutions. In 1916 she entered the New York State Library School, from which she graduated Bachelor of Library Science in the class of 1918.

Miss Frances Dorrance at once entered the practice of her chosen profession. She was made head of the circulation department of the Trenton (New Jersey) Public Library, in

which position she served 1918-19. She filled a similar position at the Osterhout Free Library in Wilkes-Barre from 1919-22. In the latter year she was elected director of the Wyoming Historical and Geological Society and has served in that capacity ever since.

Miss Frances Dorrance is a Republican in politics. As will have been gathered, she is prominently known in the library profession and in historical society circles. She is also serving as secretary of the Pennsylvania State Historical Commission and of the board of directors of the Hoyt Library, Kingston (See accompanying sketch). Her social organizations are the Wyoming Valley College Woman's Club, the Wyoming Valley Woman's Club, the Pennsylvania Society of Colonial Dames and the Thursday Art Club. Her religious connection is with the Presbyterian Church.

3. Ruth, born August 9, 1879, died February 13, 1895.

**JOHN BENJAMIN TOBIAS, M. D.**—A native and lifelong resident of Pennsylvania and educated in the public schools and colleges of that State, Dr. Tobias has been engaged in the practice of medicine in Wilkes-Barre ever since he completed his medical studies, some thirty years ago. Not only is he considered one of the leading general practitioners of that city, but he is also prominently identified with several important financial institutions and industrial undertakings, all of which have profited by his keen judgment of men and affairs. In the fraternal and religious life of the community, too, he has always taken an active part and in every respect he must be considered as representative of the highest type of useful and progressive citizenship.

John Benjamin Tobias was born at South Gibson, Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania, October 20, 1872, a son of the late David and Johanna (Daniels) Tobias. Both his parents were born in Wales, his father in 1827, his mother in 1825. The former, a miller by trade, died April 7, 1897, the latter in 1911. Dr. Tobias received his preliminary education in the public schools of his native district and of Factoryville, Pennsylvania, after which he became a student at Wyoming Seminary. From there he entered the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, from which he graduated with the degree of M. D., in 1898. Since then he has been engaged in the general practice of medicine at Wilkes-Barre. Unlike most physicians he has found it possible to give considerable attention to numerous important financial and industrial enterprises and he is a member of the boards of directors of the following companies: Heights Deposit Bank of Wilkes-Barre, of which he is one of the organizers and is also secretary; Beneficial Loan Association of Wilkes-Barre, of which he is also vice-president; director of R. P. Thomas & Company, a well-known Wilkes-Barre bond house; Glen View Coal Sales Company, Fern Brook, Pennsylvania; Bethlehem Coal Company, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, of which he is also president; and a director of the Springfield Coal Company, Springfield, New Jersey. That his interest in his profession has not been allowed to suffer through his active participation in financial and business affairs is proven not only by his large and successful practice, but also by his membership in several professional societies, including the American Medical Association,



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the Pennsylvania Medical Society and the Luzerne County Medical Society. Dr. Tobias was a member and one of the organizers of the Riverside Hospital staff for fifteen years, until it was sold. He is also a member of Lodge, No. 61, Free and Accepted Masons; Caldwell Consistory, at Bloomsburg, thirty-second degree, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; Irem Temple, Wilkes-Barre, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; Lodge No. 1193, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Sons of Liberty; and the Craftsman's Club. In politics he is a supporter of the Republican party, and at one time served for one term as a member of the Wilkes-Barre City Council. His religious affiliations are with the Presbyterian church and more particularly with the First Welsh Presbyterian Church of Wilkes-Barre, of the board of trustees of which he is a member.

Dr. Tobias married (first), in 1897, Gwennie Thomas, of Wilkes-Barre, a daughter of William M. and Mary Ann Thomas. Mrs. Tobias died May 1, 1910, being survived by her husband, and by two daughters, Gwladys and Marian Tobias. He married (second), in June, 1912, Adaline Jones, of Wilkes-Barre, a daughter of James and Grace (Jones) Jones. The family home is located at No. 305 East Northampton Street, Wilkes-Barre.

Mrs. Adaline (Jones) Tobias takes a keen interest in all civic, philanthropic and charitable affairs of Wilkes-Barre, while in the business world she has taken a prominent place, having been a most successful importer for twelve years. She holds a very important position in the club life of her community, having been president of the Luzerne County Parliamentary Club in 1924; president of the Wyoming Valley Woman's Club in 1925-27; president, Evangeline L. Lindbergh Delphinian Chapter, 1927-28; organizer and past-president Northeastern District Assembly of Delphinians, 1928-29; president, Wilkes-Barre Cambrian Club, 1928-30; and president of Luzerne County Federation of Woman's Clubs, 1929-30. She is a member of the First Baptist Church of Wilkes-Barre, taking an active part in the numerous church societies.

Gwladys Tobias received a liberal education, graduating from St. Ann's Academy, Wilkes-Barre, in 1919, and from Wilson College in 1923. She next attended Dr. White's Bible School in New York City for one year, and then taught for one year among the mountain whites in North Carolina. Later she taught school in Oxford, Pennsylvania, and at Howard, the same State. On November 17, 1928, Gwladys Tobias married Dr. Daniel W. Gates, of Howard, Pennsylvania, to whom a son, John Daniel Gates, was born October 18, 1929.

Marian Tobias also graduated from St. Ann's Academy, Wilkes-Barre, in 1919, and for a year and a half attended Wilson College. She is a graduate of the Wilkes-Barre Business College.

**FANNY LOVISA KITCHEN** is descended from an eminent line of ancestors distinguished for many generations in the settlement and development of the eastern part of the United States.

Her parents were John B. Kitchen, son of John B. and Lovisa (Shaver) Kitchen, and Kate (Sax) Kitchen, daughter of William and Mary (Mulford) Sax. William Sax was the son of John and Catherine (Kresge) Sax, the latter a daughter of Conrad Kresge, an early settler in Monroe County, Pennsylvania. The town of Kresgeville was named for the

family, the members of which constituted the leading citizenry of the community. The Sax family came from Holland and were also numbered among the early settlers of Monroe County. Mary Mulford, who married William Sax, was the daughter of Nathan Mulford, who came to Kingston Township, Pennsylvania, from Long Island, in 1799. He later married Jemima Derby, who came to Kingstontown Township with her parents also from Long Island.

The Mulford family—two brothers, John and William—left Devonshire, England, in 1645 along with other Puritans who sought religious freedom in the new land and settled first at Salem, Massachusetts. Later, in company with a group of other Puritans, they bought land from the Indians at East Hampton, Long Island, building their homes there and forming a community in which the Mulfords played a prominent part in local governmental matters.

It was in New Jersey that the Kitchen family figured in the pioneer population. Joseph Kitchen was the first of the name to come to the State, settling at Mt. Zion. Lovisa (Shaver) Kitchen, grandmother of Fanny Lovisa Kitchen, was a daughter of John Philip and Sarah (Montayne) Shaver. The Montayne family came originally from France and were among the early settlers of Orange County, New York. From this place in 1788 John Montayne brought his wife and two sons, John and Joseph, to the Wyoming Valley to establish a home in Kingston Township. Sarah Montayne was a daughter of the younger son, Joseph, and she married John B. Shaver, son of Phillip and Mary Ann Shaver, natives of Heidelberg, Germany. Phillip Shaver was born in the Valley of the Danube near Vienna in 1762 and, in 1769, together with his parents and his brothers, sailed to America where they settled along the Paulinskill in New Jersey. Later they moved to Oxford and Easton, whence Phillip Shaver and his family came by ox team over the historic Sullivan's Road to Kingston Township in 1804. They settled in Forty Fort, but in 1813 Phillip Shaver sold his land at that place and went to the more remote regions back of the mountain where he acquired title to a large enough tract of land to provide farms for himself and for each of his six sons. The place where he settled is still named Shavertown.

Phillip Shaver erected a sawmill and some of the lumber for the first bridge at Wilkes-Barre was sawed in it. He was a generous and a public-spirited man who gave of his time and substance to further affairs of the community. He gave the land on the hill near the pine grove in Dallas for the public burying ground, and also the Shaver burying ground. He donated the land for, and built, the first schoolhouse in Dallas Township, a log structure erected in 1816 which also served as a meetinghouse. Here Phillip Shaver often led the meetings, which began at early candle light. He died in 1828 as the result of an accident and lies buried, together with the most of his family, in Shaver Cemetery, Shavertown.

**FRANK M. DEVENDORF**—Exerting great influence in the community, Frank M. Devendorf is the popular and enthusiastic general secretary of the Wilkes-Barre Young Men's Christian Association. Mr. Devendorf takes an active interest in the social and civic affairs of the entire Wyoming Valley and is

known throughout the entire State for his ceaseless energy and ability in promoting and upholding the ideals of his organization.

Mr. Devendorf was born on a farm near Eldora, Iowa, September 20, 1879, son of Luther A. Devendorf, who is now eighty-five years old, and Anna J. (McCall) Devendorf, who is now eighty. Mr. and Mrs. Devendorf had the following children: 1. Minnie L., married Rozelle Edick of California. 2. Frank M., of whom further. 3. Charles W., of Santa Fe, New Mexico. 4. Erwin Luther of Berkeley, California. 5. George E., of Great Neck, Long Island, New York. 6 and 7. Katie and Willie, who died in childhood. Luther A. Devendorf followed an agricultural career all his life and is one of the most esteemed residents of his locality.

Frank M. Devendorf received his education in the public schools of Iowa, and after high school, entered the Des Moines Business College. After the completion of his studies, he engaged in the work of the Young Men's Christian Association at Des Moines in 1899 and has ever continued to follow this vocation. His great executive ability and pleasing personality made him many friends and his services were in demand in many different centers. In 1901, he left Des Moines to accept a post at Independence, Iowa, where he remained until 1904, when he went to Ridge-wood, New Jersey, and stayed there until 1908. From 1908 to 1912, he served at Waterloo, Iowa, after which he came to Wilkes-Barre and has ever since been an important factor in the life of the city. Mr. Devendorf is one of the leaders of the local Rotary Club and also an active member of the Y's Men's Club. He is active in the affairs of the Luzerne County Social Workers Union, and is a member of the Wyoming Valley Motor Club, and also the Chamber of Commerce. In politics, he has always followed the principles of the Republican party and in his religious affiliations, he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Forty Fort, being a member of the official board and also a local preacher.

Frank M. Devendorf married, on May 7, 1902, at Des Moines, Iowa, Grace Rose, daughter of James Albert and Frances (Glaze) Rose, and to this union were born five daughters: 1. Helen, a graduate of Forty Fort High School, class of 1921, Wyoming Seminary, class of 1922, Syracuse University, class of 1926, and is a teacher in the Kingston High School. 2. Anna Frances, graduate of Forty Fort High School 1925, and attended Wyoming Seminary 1925-26; now a kindergarten teacher, being a graduate of Miss Hman's Training School, class of 1929, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. 3. Ruth Elizabeth, graduate of Forty Fort High School, class of 1928, now attending Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa. 4. Selma Grace, graduate of Forty Fort High School, 1929. 5. Lois Lucille, student in Forty Fort Junior High School. The family resides at No. 133 Center Street, Forty Fort.

**ANTHONY JAMES BASS**—As president of the Diamond City Masons' Supply Company, Inc., of Wilkes-Barre, Anthony James Bass heads an organization of which he was one of the founders, and which owes much to his able direction of its affairs. He has had long experience in the field of his chosen occupation, and is recognized by all who know him as an able and progressive business man of high type.

Mr. Bass was born in Wilkes-Barre on

November 6, 1893, a son of Anthony and Diana (Josephine) Bass, both of whom were born in Italy. The father, a plumber by trade, died in October, 1912, while the mother is still living.

Anthony James Bass received his education in the local public schools, being graduated from Wilkes-Barre High School in 1912. Beginning the business of life soon afterwards, he entered the employ of the Wilkes-Barre Masons' Supply Company, where he was engaged chiefly in clerical work for a period of six years. His loyal services during this time won him merited advancement, and he also secured a wide familiarity with the whole field which the company covered. For three years after this Mr. Bass then acted as salesman for the Atlas Cement Company at Wilkes-Barre. During the World War, however, Mr. Bass enlisted in his country's cause, and as a member of the 331st Infantry, 83d Division, served with the American Expeditionary Forces in France for six months. He received his final discharge in February, 1919.

Upon his return to Wilkes-Barre, Mr. Bass became general manager of the Masons' Supply Company, retaining this position for six years and discharging all his duties most successfully. Finally in 1927, with Mr. I. Grant Scott (see accompanying biography), he incorporated the Diamond City Masons' Supply Company, becoming its president, and continuing executive direction of its affairs since that time. This company has followed a course of normal, healthy, expansion, and is now a leader in the local field.

Aside from his business activities, Mr. Bass has taken a prominent part in the general life of the community. In politics he is a member of the Republican party, while fraternally he is affiliated with Wilkes-Barre Lodge, No. 109, of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and with King Hiram Lodge, No. 721, of the Free and Accepted Masons. In this latter order he is also a member of all bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, including Keystone Consistory at Scranton, and a member of Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Mr. Bass is a member of the Italian-American Citizens' Club of Wilkes-Barre and was formerly its president, while he holds membership in the local post of the American Legion, the United Commercial Travelers' Association, Wilkes-Barre-Wyoming Valley Chamber of Commerce, and the Wilkes-Barre Press Club. Mr. Bass maintains his office at the Central Railroad of New Jersey yards on Market Street, Wilkes-Barre, while he resides at No. 1439 Wyoming Avenue, Forty Fort.

**I. GRANT SCOTT**—Though still relatively young, I. Grant Scott has become an important figure in the commercial life of Wilkes-Barre, and has proved his energy and ability in connection with local business enterprises. He is also active in civic and social life, and in the higher Masonic circles of the State.

Mr. Scott was born at Trenton, New Jersey, on May 3, 1897, a son of Edward C. Scott, who was born in Bloomsbury, New Jersey, and of Lucille (Green) Scott, born at Stockton, in that State. The father, now a resident of Philadelphia, is a mechanical engineer by profession, and was graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1890. Mr. Scott is descended from families which have been in America for well over a century. On his





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mother's side the immigrant ancestor, Andre Romaine, of French Huguenot stock, came to the Colonies about 1760, settling in Georgia. The Scotts came to this country about 1800, members of the family making their homes in New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

I. Grant Scott attended the public schools and later Cheltenham High School, at Elkins Park, Pennsylvania, where he was graduated in 1914. He then matriculated at Lafayette College, being graduated from this institution in 1918 with the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy.

With the entry of the United States into the World War, however, Mr. Scott enlisted in the Navy, serving from July, 1917, until April, 1919. In September, 1918, he was commissioned an ensign and was serving in that capacity when he received his discharge. On returning to civil life, Mr. Scott came to Wilkes-Barre in the fall of 1919 as district manager for the Keasbey and Mattison Company, manufacturers of asbestos products. This association was continued until 1924 in a very satisfactory way, but in the latter year, Mr. Scott entered the employ of the Penn Allen Cement Company as salesman in Wilkes-Barre. Finally in October, 1927, he took on the Allantown Portland Cement Company account here and has remained connected with this corporation since that time, this office being in the Central Railroad of New Jersey building at East Market. Mr. Scott's services have proved repeatedly of great value to them, and his efforts have resulted in the expansion of their business in the Wilkes-Barre section. Having become thoroughly familiar with operating details in the cement industry and allied trades, he also, in 1928, incorporated the Diamond City Masons' Supply Company, of which he is now treasurer, and which is run in conjunction with his other business. This latter company are members of the National Builders Supply Association.

In politics Mr. Scott supports Republican principles and candidates, and in spite of a busy life, maintains a warm interest in civic affairs, and with the progress of the community welfare. He is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, and in this order is a member of Bethlehem Lodge, No. 140, at Bloomsbury, New Jersey, a member of all bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, including the Consistory at Scranton, and a member of Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He also holds membership in the Westmoreland Club, the Franklin Club, the Press Club, The Penn Athletic Club of Philadelphia, and the Fraternities Club of New York City, while with his family he worships in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

In 1920, I. Grant Scott married Adalene T. Cogle, of Bloomsbury, New Jersey, a daughter of James C. and Elizabeth (Thatcher) Cogle, of that place. Mr. Cogle was a freeholder of Hunterdon County for two terms. Mr. and Mrs. Scott are the parents of two children: 1. Lucille Elizabeth, born, May 1, 1925. 2. Jeanne Adaline, who was born on December 4, 1926. The family residence is situated at No. 1439 Wyoming Avenue, Forty Fort.

**JOHN H. CANOUSE**—One of the principal men of Kingston, and known widely in Luzerne County, is John H. Canouse, member of the firm of Canouse and Batterton, real estate brokers, West Side Trust Bank Building.

Here, in suite No. 203, business transacted is large indeed, and as real estate brokers Mr. Canouse and his associate occupy substantial positions in the community, being, moreover, because of the nature of their business, in a capacity to do great benefit to Kingston. Mr. Canouse is public-spirited. He takes part in all worthwhile movements calculated to advance the community at large.

Mr. Canouse was born at Wyoming, Luzerne County, November 11, 1891, a son of James W. and Mary E. (Batterton) Canouse, both of whom are deceased. James W. and Mary E. (Batterton) Canouse were the parents of five children: Harry, deceased; Elizabeth, deceased; John H., of whom follows; James, deceased; and Marie, wife of John F. Gallagher, of Scranton.

John H. Canouse spent his boyhood and youth in Wyoming, Wilkes-Barre and Kingston. He received his academic training at St. Mary's Parochial School, Wilkes-Barre, and at the age of fourteen years became office boy in the employ of the Lackawanna & Wyoming Valley Railroad Company, known as the Laurel Line. With this company Mr. Canouse continued for six years, then secured a connection with the Stegmaier Brewing Company, with which he worked five years. In 1918, before the close of the World War, he took charge of the Washington Pump Company, Hazleton, Pennsylvania, for the Federal Government. In 1920 he became associated with Tom Hart, of Wilkes-Barre, in the insurance business, and the fall of that year formed a partnership with Dr. John L. Batterton, to do business as real estate brokers, at their present location, Kingston. Politically Mr. Canouse is affiliated with the Republican party. Fraternally he is a member of Wilkes-Barre Lodge, No. 109, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Loyal Order of Moose. He is a communicant of the Catholic Church.

On August 11, 1916, Mr. Canouse was united in marriage with Anna F. Carey, of Wilkes-Barre, daughter of Patrick J. and Sarah K. (Brann) Carey. To this union were born three children: Marie, John H., Jr.; and Anna. The family residence is at No. 34 Mohawk Street, Forty Fort.

**LEONARD D. MARINARO, M. D.**—During the time in which he has practiced medicine at Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, Leonard D. Marinaro has built up a wide following in the community which he has come to serve. Thoroughly trained in his profession he quickly won the confidence of those who consulted him, taking his place as a leading member of the efficient body of medical men in this city.

Dr. Marinaro was born on July 4, 1897, at Old Forge, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania, a son of Frank and Margaret (Rizzo) Marinaro, both natives of Italy. His father, who was born in 1863, has been a wholesale grocer at Scranton for many years, while his mother, who was born in 1867, died on May 6, 1907.

Leonard D. Marinaro attended the public schools of his birthplace, and later, St. Thomas College at Scranton, Pennsylvania. Thereafter he undertook the course of study in medicine at Georgetown University, completing his work there in 1926, with the degrees of Bachelor of Science and Doctor of Medicine. Coming to Wilkes-Barre, he served as an interne attached to the staff of Mercy Hospital for one year, and then established

the general practice to which he has since devoted his time and attention, with complete success. His offices are located at No. 123 South Washington Street, this city.

Dr. Marinaro is a member of Luzerne County, Pennsylvania State, and the American Medical associations, and aside from his professional connections is active in various other phases of the community life at Wilkes-Barre. Always interested in civic progress and growth, he has heartily supported many worthy movements toward this end, contributing liberally, also, to charitable enterprises. He is a member and president of the Italian-American Club at Wilkes-Barre, and is affiliated fraternally with the Knights of Columbus. Dr. Marinaro and his family worship in the faith of the Roman Catholic Church, attending Holy Rosary Church, at Wilkes-Barre.

In June, 1927, Leonard D. Marinaro married Helen Moran, daughter of Michael F. and Gertrude (Seureman) Moran of this city. Dr. and Mrs. Marinaro are the parents of one son, Francis Leonard, born February 13, 1928. The family residence is at No. 394 North Main Street, Wilkes-Barre.

**JOHN EDWARD SCHEIFLY, M. D.**—Having been engaged in the merciful practice of medicine since 1897, Dr. John Edward Scheifly is one of the most popular physicians in Kingston, holding a high place in the ranks of his profession as one of the leading eye, ear, nose and throat specialists of Luzerne County. In addition to the duties of his profession, Dr. Scheifly finds time to devote to civic affairs, being deeply interested in the welfare and progress of the community, in which he is of great aid to suffering humanity in his position of ex-president and member of the staff of the Nesbitt Memorial Hospital.

Dr. Scheifly was born in Shenandoah, Pennsylvania, November 27, 1873, son of James K. P. and Ella J. (Rudy) Scheifly. His father died at the age of eighty-three, but his mother still survives at the age of seventy-eight. James K. P. Scheifly was a son of John Scheifly, who was a native of Tamaqua, Pennsylvania, and both father and son served in the Union Army during the Civil War. James K. P. Scheifly married Ella J. Rudy, and they had four children: 1. Clara Irene, married C. L. Knight, of Akron, Ohio. 2. Dr. John Edward, of whom further. 3. George Washington. 4. Charles Rudy, both of whom are engaged in business at Tamaqua.

John Edward Scheifly received his education in the public schools of Shenandoah and was graduated from the high school with the class of 1893. Having a great desire to study medicine and to spend his life in that noble profession, he matriculated at the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, and diligently applied himself to his exacting studies. Receiving his degree of Doctor of Medicine with the class of 1897, he shortly after located at Edwardsville and engaged in the practice of his profession. He soon won the confidence and acclaim of the entire town by his devotion to his duties and his expert and thorough knowledge and skill and established a reputation throughout the vicinity as one of the ablest practitioners in the county. While in Edwardsville, Dr. Scheifly served as president of the Board of Health for ten years, also being a member of the School Board, which he served for two years as president. In 1912 he went to Philadelphia where he engaged in post-graduate work, applying him-

self to an intensive study of the eye, ear, nose and throat during that year and 1913. Upon the completion of this special work, Dr. Scheifly returned to Luzerne County, opening an office in Kingston as a specialist, and he has ever continued successfully, receiving the praise and approbation, not only of his fellow-citizens, but from the members of his own profession, for his splendid work which has marked such a great advance in the medical world. He is a prominent member and ex-president of the Luzerne County Medical Society, the Lehigh Valley Medical Society, Pennsylvania Medical Society, and the American Medical Association. Dr. Scheifly is also a prominent factor in the financial and commercial life of the county, being vice-president of the Kingston Bank and Trust Company, one of the most prosperous and largest banking institutions in the Wyoming Valley, and a director of the West Side Mortgage Company of Kingston. In political affairs he has always displayed an active interest, and in 1912 he was elected a delegate at large to the Republican convention which met in Chicago and nominated William H. Taft for President, although he was a Roosevelt delegate. Popular in fraternal circles, he is a member of Kingston Lodge, No. 395, Free and Accepted Masons; Shekinah Chapter, No. 182, Royal Arch Masons; Dieu le Veut Commandery, No. 45, Knights Templar; Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Wilkes-Barre; and Wilkes-Barre Lodge, No. 109, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Dr. John Edward Scheifly married, June 18, 1902, at Kingston, Mary (Luke) Clauser, widow of Dr. Harry S. Clauser, and they have one son, Luke, who resides in Indiana. Mrs. Scheifly is a daughter of Melmont and Almira (Poole) Luke, both of whom are deceased. Dr. and Mrs. Scheifly have three children: 1. Mary Luke, who is a graduate of Wyoming Seminary and Simmons College; married George B. Aspenwall, of Boston, Massachusetts. 2. Ellen Knox, a graduate of the Wilkes-Barre Institute and a student at The Weylister, in Milford, Connecticut. 3. James Hamilton, a student at Wyoming Seminary at Kingston.

**SIMEON LEWIS**—Long actively engaged in the business life of Kingston, and now in retirement, though he continues to direct his extensive properties, Simeon Lewis was born in Exeter Township, Luzerne County, June 30, 1863. His father, born in Franklin Township, December 16, 1835, was a merchant and man of affairs. He died in 1906. Simeon Lewis' mother, Louisa J. (Dymond) Lewis, was also born in Franklin Township, in 1843, and died March 9, 1915. The two families, Lewis and Dymond, are old in the annals of Luzerne County.

Simeon Lewis attended the public schools of Kingston, then took work in Wyoming Seminary, and went to work for his father, John D. Lewis, and his uncle, Calvin Dymond, who operated a retail meat business in Kingston under the name style of Dymond and Lewis. For thirty-three years Mr. Lewis continued with this firm. In 1906, when John D. Lewis died, Simeon Lewis and his brother, John Lewis, continued the business, under the style of Lewis Brothers, until 1916, when they sold it to outside interests, themselves retiring. Since then Mr. Lewis has engaged considerably in realty transactions. He is a director of the Harvey's Lake Steamboat Company, has various other holdings, is a



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Democrat, and a communicant of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Simeon Lewis married, in 1907, Amelia Perkins, of Askam, Pennsylvania, daughter of H. C. and Elizabeth Perkins, a family prominent in that community. Mrs. Lewis died in September of 1912. Mr. Lewis resides at No. 400 Wyoming Avenue.

**FLOYD PAUL ARCHER, OPT. D.**—Few professions have made greater strides than optometry, and one of the foremost members of that profession is Floyd Paul Archer. The rapid development of optometry during the past two decades has been through the exhaustive research work of members of the profession, and no small amount of this work has been performed by Dr. Archer, especially in the development of wide angle lenses for increasing the field of vision of aviators and motorists. In addition to being a leader in professional life, Dr. Archer has an unusual record of public service, in both civil and military capacities. He is especially devoted to the welfare of his former comrades and is one of the most active leaders in American Legion work.

Dr. Archer was born September 25, 1889, at Lyons, Wayne County, New York, son of George Washington and Ida (Smiley) Archer, both natives of the Empire State and descendants of old revolutionary stock. Floyd Paul Archer received rudimentary education in the public schools of Waterloo, New York; and the United States Naval Training School at Newport, Rhode Island; specializing in engineering. Upon leaving the service, he matriculated at the Philadelphia College of Optometry, and in 1909, graduated therefrom with the degree, Doctor of Optometry. Coming to Wilkes-Barre, he established offices in the old "Leader" Building on North Main Street. In 1914, Dr. Archer purchased his present home on North Franklin Street. In 1909, he erected a building adjoining, designed especially for offices and laboratories. Here he has devoted himself to practice and research work. He has been rewarded with one of the largest practices in the city.

Dr. Archer has been active professionally for more than twenty years, except during the World War, when he served with the Naval Air Service in France, where his previous Naval training enabled him to render unusually valuable service in the training of men and inspecting sea-planes used in curbing the activities of enemy submarines. Upon receiving his honorable discharge, Dr. Archer returned to Wilkes-Barre and resumed practice.

Realizing the need of caring for disabled veterans, Dr. Archer took an active interest in American Legion affairs. His qualities of leadership were soon recognized and he became the first commander of the 12th District of Pennsylvania. Under his administration the Legion more than trebled in membership and a dozen new posts were organized in Luzerne County. Policies advocated by him have been so practical that Wilkes-Barre Post is the largest in Pennsylvania and the sixth largest post in the world. When the Citizens Military Camps were advocated by General Pershing, Dr. Archer was selected to organize recruiting in Luzerne and three other counties. Both General Pershing and Third Corps Area officers personally complimented Dr. Archer upon his efficient services. The doctor also organized, and for ten years, served as secretary of the Northeast-

ern Pennsylvania Optometric Society. He is a member of Wyoming Lodge, No. 39, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of John Knox Commandery, No. 12, Knights of Malta.

Floyd Paul Archer married, in June, 1913, Mary Elizabeth Parks of Luzerne, Pennsylvania, daughter of Walter Ide and Anna (Sutton) Parks. They have two children: 1. Floyd Paul, Jr., born November 13, 1914. 2. Laura Pauline, born January 7, 1916. The Archer family residence is No. 107 North Franklin Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

**GOMER R. DAVIS**—Urged by a desire to get into active business life and with a predilection for electrical work, Gomer R. Davis, of Wilkes-Barre, began the study of that branch of science when he was sixteen years of age. That his youthful judgment was sound has been proven by his success, which has brought him to the forefront of electrical workers of the Wyoming Valley. Additional to this business acumen and knowledge of his profession, he possesses a personality that has drawn patronage and made friends far and wide, foretelling still farther advances in the field of commerce.

Gomer R. Davis was born in Youngstown, Ohio, December 8, 1881, a son of William G. and Sarah (Davies) Davis, both natives of Wales, who came to America more than fifty years ago and made their home in Youngstown, where William G. Davis is actively engaged in business at the age of eighty years. Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Davis are the parents of five living sons: David T., of Coconut Grove, Florida; Benjamin J.; Evan L.; William H., and Gomer R., of whom further.

Gomer R. Davis received his early education in the public schools of Youngstown and in the night schools of the Young Men's Christian Association, of that city. When he was sixteen years of age he left school and took up the study of electrical work in his native city, which engaged him for seven years. In 1905 he came to Wilkes-Barre, where he became associated with the Wilkes-Barre Light Company, now the Pennsylvania Light and Power Company, with which organization he remained for seven years. He then established himself in the electrical business and ten years later formed the Davis Electrical Company, of which he is manager and treasurer. The company is one of the largest of its class in Wyoming Valley, dealing in every character of electrical device, equipment and appliance, besides doing an electrical contract business of wide operation. The firm has membership in the National Electric Contractors' Association. Their offices are at No. 26 North Main Street, Wilkes-Barre. Gomer R. Davis is a Republican in politics and attends the Puritan Congregational Church.

Mr. Davis married, September 21, 1904, Ann McMaster, of Youngstown, Ohio, and they are the parents of five children: Bruce M., associated with his father in business; William R., a graduate at the Wyoming Seminary, now a student in the Union Theological Seminary in New York City, taking a special course in sacred music; Elizabeth S., student in Wyoming Seminary; Ann M., and Sarah Jean.

**CORNELIUS J. ("Con") McCole**—Better to hear of laughter than of tears, since laughter is the natural function of man. Such is the philosophy of Cornelius J. McCole, or, better

known to those who have listened to his humorous addresses, the philosophy of "Con" McCole, whose profession is to entertain, who is a master of dialects, and who engages in business meanwhile, carrying forward a wide diversity of enterprise. He is a resident of Wilkes-Barre, native of Luzerne County.

Mr. McCole was born July 27, 1888, at Glen Lyon, son of Irish parents. His father was born in Ireland in 1851. He was a miner, and died November 5, 1907, after long years spent in the mines of Luzerne County. His name was Cornelius. Mr. McCole's mother, Sallie (Mundy) McCole, was born in Ireland in 1853, and died March 29, 1923.

In the public schools of Wilkes-Barre, Mr. McCole secured his academic training, and at the age of nine went to work in the coal breakers. Until he was eighteen he worked around the mines, also attending classes in night school, receiving a comprehensive education. For four years he was employed by the Wilkes-Barre traction company, on street cars, and for two years served as transcribing clerk in the courthouse. It was during this period as clerk that his humorous talents came into prominence. He was presented in public appearance by John J. Galvin, manager of Polis' Theatre, Wilkes-Barre. Following the success of that initial engagement his reputation steadily augmented, until today he is called a leader in the profession, and has traveled from coast to coast in its practice, as humorist. As a raconteur his wit and humor are of the sort which startle, entertain and inspire. He is an assured asset on any program, telling his own inimitable stories with an appealing charm that instantly captures the audience. His jokes, yarns and quips are warranted to entertain through an evening's program, complete in themselves. He is a cheerful humorist. His stories are replete not alone of humor but of philosophy that is sound and true, and he is said to hold the powers of the late Chauncey M. Depew and Simeon Ford at after-dinner appearances. Four subjects, which he presents in dialect, are well known to his hearers: "Chairman of the Convention," "Black Diamonds," "The Lost Ball," and "West is West." His New York City booking agent has offices at No. 236 West Forty-fourth Street (Thomas Brady, Speaker's Bureau). Press notices in the cities in which he has appeared have been highly laudatory. His reputation is largest, through most frequent appearances, in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York State, and his reputation in New England is but slightly less.

But aside from his professional career Mr. McCole has built another. After he had worked, as recounted, in the Wilkes-Barre courthouse two years he was appointed deputy treasurer of Luzerne County, by the late Charles Trethaway, and held that position three years. In 1923 he became associated with the Mutual Life Insurance Company, of New York City, as agent, and was made assistant district manager of the company in 1924. He retains this position. He is a director of Liberty State Bank and Trust Company of Wilkes-Barre, having been identified in the directorate since March 29, 1923. Mr. McCole is active socially. He is an honorary member of the Kiwanis Club and Young Men's Christian Association of Wilkes-Barre; member of the Knights of Columbus, Lodge No. 109, of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Wyoming Valley Country Club, the Wyoming Valley Historical

Society, and is a communicant of St. Mary's Catholic Church, of Wilkes-Barre.

Mr. McCole married, December 27, 1923, Arline Sweeney, of Forty Fort, daughter of John and Margaret Sweeney. Their children are: 1. Cornelius J., Jr., born in October, 1924. 2. John, born January 29, 1928.

**WALTER WILLIAM KISTLER, M. D.**—Having determined to follow the profession in which his father is engaged, that of the practice of medicine, Walter William Kistler, since his early school days, has devoted himself assiduously to this noble calling, and now is regarded as one of the best-informed practitioners in Wilkes-Barre, the city of his birth, where his father also is similarly engaged. While Dr. Kistler is a specialist in homeopathy, he carries on a general practice and is associated in a professional capacity with several medical institutions and organizations, both local, State and National. Although yet a young man, he has proven his wisdom and science so satisfactorily in Wilkes-Barre that he possesses a reputation that might well be the envy of many older men of his profession.

Dr. Kistler was born June 18, 1894, at Wilkes-Barre, son of Dr. Douglas and Sallie (Kunkel) Kistler. The father, a native of Berks County, Pennsylvania, graduated from Hahnemann Medical College, Philadelphia, in 1893, and during the years that have passed he has attained a position of prominence in medical circles of Wilkes-Barre, where he continues to practice. Sallie (Kunkel) Kistler, also a native of Berks County, passed away on the same day that her son was born, June 18, 1894.

Walter W. Kistler attended the public schools of Minersville, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, graduating from the high school there in 1911. Having already determined upon medicine as his life work, he first attended Dickinson College, at Carlisle, Pennsylvania, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1915, and then matriculated at Hahnemann Medical College, the alma mater of his father, for his medical training. Completing his studies at this institution in 1919, Dr. Kistler emerged therefrom with his degree of Doctor of Medicine, and soon after entered upon an internship at Hahnemann Hospital, Philadelphia, and subsequently was similarly occupied in the Philadelphia Municipal Hospital for Contagious Diseases. At the end of this period, Dr. Kistler began general practice at Wilkes-Barre, where he still continues to practice. Realizing the value of association with fellow-practitioners, Dr. Kistler has affiliated himself with numerous professional associations, among which may be numbered the Luzerne County Homeopathic Society, Luzerne County Medical Association, Pennsylvania State Medical Association, State Homeopathic Society, and American Institute of Homeopathy. As further evidence of his deep interest in this branch of his profession may be cited his membership on the staff of the Homeopathic Hospital in Wilkes-Barre. Politically, Dr. Kistler is a Republican, and fraternally, in addition to his membership in the college fraternities, Phi Kappa Sigma and Phi Alpha Gamma, he belongs to Lodge No. 222, Free and Accepted Masons, and the Chapter and Dieu le Veut Commandery, of Wilkes-Barre; Caldwell Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, of Bloomsburg, and Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Wilkes-Barre. Dr. Kistler and his family are Presbyterians in





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religious convictions, attending the church of that denomination in Wilkes-Barre, where he is a member of the official board of the church.

Dr. Kistler married, in 1920, Nellie Hammer of Minersville, Pennsylvania, daughter of David and Mary (Davis) Hammer, and they are the parents of: 1. William D., born July 16, 1921. 2. D. Walter, born November 17, 1923. Dr. Kistler and his family reside at No. 144 Hanover Street, Wilkes-Barre.

**JOSEPH S. RICE**—From the time he was nine years of age Joseph S. Rice has been making his own way in life, and the more than a half century of independent activity which has been his has brought achievements in varied lines. Not many successful business men are the possessors of world records in a field entirely outside the general business world, but Mr. Rice held the world championship as a long distance bicycle rider back in 1896, and for some years he was also a long distance roller skater. He is engaged in business at No. 138 South Main Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, as a designer and manufacturer of lighting fixtures, and is also the owner of a prosperous and highly attractive gift shop, located at the same address, and has associated with him in business his wife and his son, J. Granville Rice.

William and Mary Rice, parents of Mr. Rice, came to Wilkes-Barre about 1879. They were hard working people, much respected by their associates, and had five children, of whom only three survive (1930): Peter, Mary, and Joseph S., of further mention.

Joseph S. Rice was born in New York City, March 19, 1867, and received his early school training in the city of his birth. Times were hard, however, in that period following so closely the Civil War, and the family was large. Therefore, the boy, Joseph, had little opportunity for formal education, and when he was nine years of age began his long career as an independent maker of his own way. From very early years he had been deeply interested in athletics, and as the bicycle was at that time very much in the eyes of the world, he managed to become the owner of one, and to make himself expert in the art of handling it. Those were the days of the famous long distance contests, and Mr. Rice rode in many of those events, in many parts of the country. In 1884 he won his first bicycle race on a high wheel, and in 1896 he won the long distance championship of the world in a six-day and six-night race, covering two thousand two hundred and eighty miles. As his first race was captured when he was only seventeen, this crowning achievement came after twelve years of riding, an unusually long career in athletic endeavor. Mr. Rice was also a long distance roller skater, and has given exhibitions in many parts of the country. Meantime, however, about 1893, prior to the winning of the world championship, Mr. Rice had established a bicycle and skating goods shop in Wilkes-Barre. His reputation as a bicycle rider and roller skater served as most excellent publicity, and his business prospered as long as the bicycle and the roller skate remained in the foreground of the world's interest. The coming of the automobile and the natural shifting of general interest, as well as the advancing years made a change of line advisable, and about twenty years ago Mr. Rice followed the trend of world progress by engaging in the electrical lighting and elec-

trical appliance business, locating at No. 138 South Main Street, and making a specialty of fixtures of all kinds, which he now designs and manufactures. From 1906 to 1926 Mr. Rice carried on the electrical contracting business. His present store is known as the Gift Shop, and here he and Mrs. Rice, who is associated with him in the business, handle a line of lighting fixtures and gifts. As a designer and manufacturer Mr. Rice has made a reputation for himself, and he supervises this particular branch of the business, while Mrs. Rice has charge of the Gift Shop. Thus, one boy, beginning life for himself at the early age of nine years, without a dollar, his only capital being his youth, his ability, and his unflinching courage and ambition, has achieved not only financial success, but has made for himself a world record and has established himself as a respected citizen and a valuable contributor to the progress of one of the rapidly growing cities of the country. His religious membership is with St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, of Wilkes-Barre, and he has been a member of the Young Men's Christian Association for the past thirty-five years.

Joseph S. Rice married Mae Flynn, of Wilkes-Barre, and they are the parents of two children: 1. Granville, who is an artist and designer of talent and of pronounced practical ability. He is associated with his parents in business. 2. William, who is a student in Wilkes-Barre High School.

**FRANK J. WILLIAMS**—One of the active young members of the Luzerne County Bar is Frank J. Williams who has an office at 550 Miners Bank Building, in Wilkes-Barre, and who resides in Kingston. He was born January 29, 1896, in the Borough of Larksville, Luzerne County, and is a son of Mark and Margaret (Noone) Williams, who reside in Kingston. The father, Mark Williams, a son of Frank and Elizabeth Williams, both deceased, is a contractor and builder, a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, a Republican, and one of four children, all of whom survive: Annie, widow of Edward Avery of Edwardsville; Benjamin, a carpenter, Edwardsville; and George, of the Borough of Dallas, Luzerne County, part owner and editor of the Wilkes-Barre (Sunday) "Telegram."

Frank J. Williams had three sisters, Mary Effie, Margaret Celestine, and Leona, all of whom died in childhood; and two brothers, Mark, Jr., who is professor at Cathedral High School, Pittsburgh, and studying law at Duquesne University; and Joseph, who died at the age of three years.

Mr. Williams graduated from the Larksville High School in the class of 1914 and from Holy Cross College, Worcester, Massachusetts, in the class of 1922 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. His collegiate education was interrupted by service in the World War, he having enlisted in the 311th Field Artillery, 79th Division, in the spring of 1917, and served as corporal and sergeant with the organization until the close of hostilities. He was stationed at Camp Mead, Maryland, until June 4, 1918, when he was shipped overseas with his command where he served in the Argonne-Meuse region until the Armistice, when the division was sent to the vicinity of Coblenz on the Rhine as a part of the American Army of Occupation in Germany. After more than two years of military life he was

mustered out in July, 1919, and resumed his studies.

Following his graduation, Frank J. Williams went to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he became an instructor in mathematics, physics and Latin at Duquesne University; remaining there he enrolled in the law department and in 1925 was awarded the degree of Bachelor of Laws, and also in the same year receiving the degree of Master of Arts from that university. In October of the same year he was admitted to the Luzerne County Bar where he has practiced since. He is a member of the Black Diamond Post, No. 302, American Legion, at Kingston; Knights of Columbus; and St. Ignatius Roman Catholic Church of Kingston.

Attorney Frank J. Williams and Loretta Catherine Dettemore were married October 20, 1926, and to them have been born two children: Frank J., Jr., born August 18, 1927, and Margaret Ann, born December 6, 1929. Mr. and Mrs. Williams have their residence at 57 South Welles Street, Kingston.

**ADNAH GOULD KOSTENBAUDER**—Among the prominent business men of Plymouth, Pennsylvania, is Adnah Gould Kostenbauder, well known as a consulting engineer and a member of the firm of Smith and Wells. Mr. Kostenbauder is the son of George B. and Mary (McDaniels) Kostenbauder. The father, who is a carpenter by trade, was born at Union Township, Columbus County, Pennsylvania, in 1864. The mother was born at Hunlock Creek, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, in 1868. Both parents are living.

Adnah Gould Kostenbauder was born on March 22, 1890, at Plymouth, Pennsylvania. This town, situated four miles south of Wilkes-Barre, has been a manufacturing and coal mining center for many years and is now, through its own growth and the growth of the city of Wilkes-Barre, a suburb of the latter. It was here that Adnah G. Kostenbauder received his education in the public schools and then went to work for the firm of Smith and Wells, consulting engineers, of Wilkes-Barre. He was in the employ of this organization until January 1, 1927, when the retirement of one of the partners, Mr. Wells, took place and Mr. Kostenbauder became associated with Mr. Smith as a partner, the firm since being known as H. S. Smith, consulting engineers.

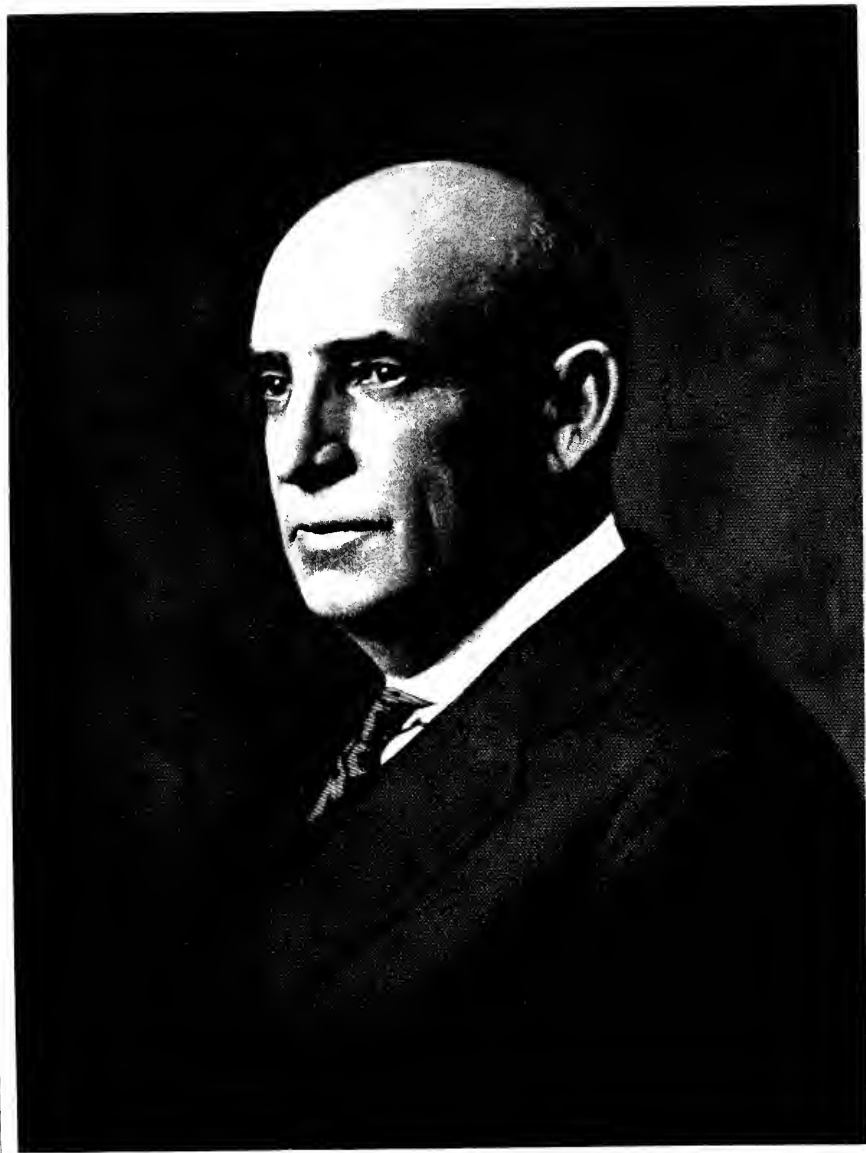
In addition to his business interests and activities, Mr. Kostenbauder has taken an actively prominent part in civic affairs. He is a member of the Republican party and has held the responsible position of tax collector in Plymouth for the term of 1922 to 1925. He is a member of Lodge No. 109, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and Lodge No. 137, of the Patriotic Order Sons of America. He is also a member of the Kiwanis Club and of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Kostenbauder has also taken active part in military affairs. On June 5, 1908, he enlisted in Company I, 9th Infantry. He served as private, corporal, sergeant, second lieutenant, first lieutenant and captain. He was in active service on the Mexican border as first lieutenant of Battery C, 3d Pennsylvania Field Artillery, in 1916 and 1917. During the World War, he was in active service overseas as first lieutenant and then as captain of Battery C, 109th Field Artillery. He was in action at Fismes, Vesle and Oise, Argonne and Lys and the Scheidt front. He was discharged May 19, 1919.

In October, 1922, Adnah Gould Kostenbauder married Lenore Campbell, of Plymouth, Pennsylvania, daughter of Joseph and Frances (McAlarney) Campbell. Mr. and Mrs. Kostenbauder have one son, Adnah, born April 11, 1923.

**JOSEPH MALLEHY STARK**—In Hudson, Pennsylvania, Joseph Mallery Stark has been known as a capable and successful business man for more than three decades. Born here soon after the close of the Civil War, he was a successful general merchant and postmaster in Hudson for some fifteen years. Later he engaged in the coal mining business, and as his experience and his available capital increased he participated in numerous business projects. He has served as vice-president of the Dime Deposit Bank of Wilkes-Barre, and was president of the Kitsee Battery Company, Inc., of Wilkes-Barre until sold in 1928. Mr. Stark is active in civic and community affairs, and has for years been known as one of the progressive citizens of Hudson.

The Stark family in Luzerne County dates back to pre-Revolutionary times, and back of that the family tree is rooted in New England soil. It was in 1771, just four years prior to the opening of the Revolution, that Christopher Stark, then at the ripe age of eighty years, left his home in Connecticut and came to Luzerne County, Pennsylvania. Behind him was an honorable ancestry. The immigrant ancestor was Aaron Starke, who was one of the early settlers of Connecticut, and served under Captain John Mason during the Pequot wars in 1637. His name is found in the old military records in the colony, where he took part in the Narragansett War of 1675 under the same commander. He resided at Mystic, which was the eastern part of the township of New London, Connecticut, as early as 1653. In 1666 he was made a freeman at Stonington, while in 1669 he became freeman at New London, and he was always prominent in church affairs. He died in New London, Connecticut, in 1685. He was the father of several children, of whom one was William Stark, born in 1664, died in 1730, who was reared in the faith of the Congregational Church, then dominant in the colony, but later became a Baptist and an ardent advocate of the Baptist teachings, and who married Elizabeth, and they became the parents of four children, of whom one was Christopher, born in 1698 at Groton, Connecticut, died at Wyoming, Pennsylvania, in 1776, whither he removed in his later life, and became a large purchaser of land, and who married, April 1, 1722, at Groton, Joanna Walworth, daughter of William and Abigail Walworth. One of their children, James, born May 22, 1734, died July 20, 1777, married, in 1758, Elizabeth Carey, daughter of the Rev. Henry Carey, one of the first Baptist ministers of Dutchess County, New York. Their son, Henry Stark, born April 19, 1762, lived in the Wyoming Valley, and married, November 3, 1791, Elizabeth Kennedy. He was the father of several children, among whom was John, the grandfather of Joseph Mallery Stark.

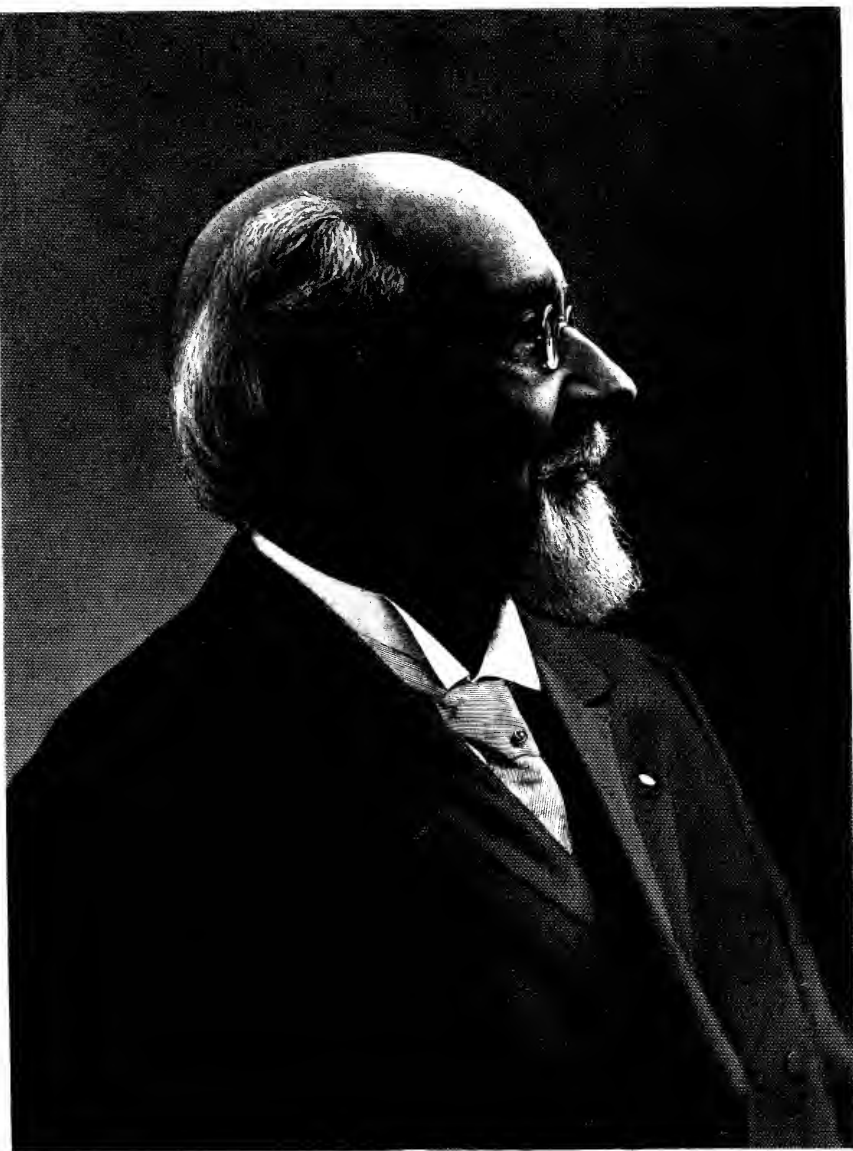
John Stark was born January 4, 1795, and died June 22, 1878. He lived in the Wyoming Valley, and was a prominent figure there, taking always an active part in the life of the place. He married, on November 4, 1815, Cornelia Wilcox, born March 24, 1797, died May 11, 1884, daughter of Isaac and Nancy (Newcombe) Wilcox, and they were the parents of the following children: 1. Hiram, born February 9, 1817. 2. G. W. Dinsmore, born April 16, 1818. 3. Elizabeth, born Feb-



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ruary 3, 1820, died November 17, 1852; married, June 23, 1839, Samuel Billing. 4. Nancy, born December 8, 1821, became the wife of Elijah Conard. 5. Jane, born May 3, 1827, married, April 22, 1857, Garrick Mallory Miller. 6. Henry, born October 10, 1831. 7. Mary Almada, born February 16, 1833; married, April 26, 1855, Stephen N. Miller. 8. John R., mentioned below. 9. Martha, W., who became the wife of Major Oliver J. Parsons, whom she married in 1865; she died in 1904.

From such sturdy stock came John R. Stark, who was born in Hudson, Pennsylvania, December 15, 1834, attended the local schools of his time, and engaged in farming, which occupation he continued to the time of his death, which occurred October 17, 1901, at the age of sixty-seven years. He married Phoebe Jane Swallow, who was born in Plainsville, Pennsylvania, September 18, 1836, and died December 6, 1875, aged forty-five years.

Joseph Mallory Stark, son of John R. and Phoebe Jane (Swallow) Stark, was born in Hudson, Pennsylvania, August 28, 1868, and as a small boy attended the public schools here. Later, he continued his studies in Wyoming Seminary, at Kingston, Pennsylvania, where he was graduated with the class of 1885. For six years after his graduation he served as a clerk in the employ of the Delaware and Hudson Coal Company, and then for one year, 1892-93, he was "walking boss" on the Wilkes-Barre and Eastern Railroad. The following year he decided to become an independent business man and became the owner of a general store in Hudson. At the time he opened the store he was appointed postmaster of Hudson, and for a period of fifteen years he served a goodly number of customers and faithfully delivered to the populace Uncle Sam's mail. In 1907, a year before he gave up his general store, Mr. Stark engaged in the coal mining business, in which he was successful. Being a man of versatile tastes and abilities, however, he was not devoting his whole time to this one line of activity, but in 1908, at the time he closed out his general store, he became president of the Kitsee Battery Company, Inc., of Wilkes-Barre, which office he held until this company was sold in 1928. Meantime, in 1912, Mr. Stark had retired from the coal mining business, and in 1914 he was elected vice-president of the Dime Deposit Bank of Wilkes-Barre, which office he held until 1923.

In politics, Mr. Stark is a Republican. He is a member of Lodge No. 442, Free and Accepted Masons, and is identified with several local organizations formed for the advancement of the general welfare of this section of the State, including the Pocono Forestry Association and the Blakeslee Community Association. He is also a member of the Craftsman's Club and of the Westmoreland Club, and is president of the board of trustees of the Plains Methodist Episcopal Church.

Joseph Mallory Stark married (first), June 25, 1891, Elizabeth A. Stewart, of Bradford County, Pennsylvania, daughter of Charles L. and Sarah J. (Billings) Stewart. She died April 5, 1921, and Mr. Stark married (second), July 6, 1922, Lillian Sylva Edwards, of Kingston, Pennsylvania, daughter of Rev. T. C. Edwards, D. D. (see accompanying biography) and Elizabeth (Morgan) Edwards. Mrs. Stark graduated from Kingston High School in 1906, was a member of Wyoming Seminary, class of 1909, and graduated from Wilkes-Barre Hospital Training School for Nurses in 1912, following this profession for ten years. She is a member of the Cambrian Club, The Ameri-

can Legion, Women's Auxiliary Wilkes-Barre General Hospital. During the World War Mrs. Stark was a nurse with the American Expeditionary Forces in Siberia, serving for two years in the army and in active service fourteen months. She received her honorable discharge in June, 1920. Mr. and Mrs. Stark make their home at No. 18 Stark Street, in Hudson.

**REV. THOMAS CYNONFARDD EDWARDS, D. D.**—In the years of a long life, Dr. Thomas Cynonfardd Edwards achieved a career of the greatest distinction and honor. Minister in the faith of the Welsh Congregational Church, poet, scholar, a firm believer in the fine traditions of his native Wales, and a peerless leader of his people, his interests were broad enough to embrace all of life and his versatile talents were hardly matched by any other of his era.

Dr. Edwards was born on December 6, 1848, at Landore, Swansea, South Wales, a son of Richard and Mary (Owen) Edwards. He was educated in both the Welsh and English schools, attending high school at Merthyr Tydvil where he was assistant master. Even at this early age his remarkable abilities were evident. His keen, penetrating mind impressed all those who knew him and his nobility of spirit marked him as a destined leader. Having decided to enter the ministry, he entered the Presbyterian College at Carmarthen, and was there graduated in 1870. In the same year, influenced by uncertain health, he came to America, and on January 1, 1871, began his ministerial career at Mineral Ridge, Ohio. Shortly afterwards he was married. In February, 1872, Dr. Edwards assumed pastoral charge of the Congregational Church of Wilkes-Barre, and on January 1, 1878, accepted the charge of the Welsh Congregational Church of Edwardsville, Pennsylvania, where his earthly labors were to center thereafter for almost a full half century.

Dr. Edwards had, meanwhile, regained full constitutional vigor and plunged with enthusiasm into his duties. He never thought of self. His life was given always to the service of others and to the perpetuation of those noble traditions and standards which have been associated with the Welsh people through the centuries. In his pastoral work no man could be more faithful. He was the constant leader of his people, their friend and counsellor in all the vicissitudes of life. He occupied his pulpit always with the fine dignity which alone constitutes true eloquence, and although he never compromised his high ideals, he never forgot the humanity of man. To quote from the testimony of those who knew him best in the years of his earthly ministry:

He was a consummate leader, whose courageous loyalty and wise counsel, the fragrance and beauty of whose whole life placed him foremost among his fellowmen. His was a virile, Christian, persevering manhood superb with unclouded friendship and unflinching honesty. Trained by Nature to guide and lead, a stalwart life replete with undying love exemplified the highest type of citizenship, and like the shepherd who leads his pastoral flock along the verdant hills and winding valleys where, weary, they seek fresh repose from labor—such was Dr. Edwards. He was a giant of his race; fearless, clear-visioned, of god-like attributes and unswerving from the path of duty though sometimes beset with earthly ills. The beacon light he raised aloft with loyal affections for all to follow to coveted goals—goals that once appeared as phantoms, but now realized and held as cher-

ished deeds. He was a modern Moses whose picturesque life of spiritual leadership, sensitive to every heart throb, quickened the public mind with dynamic force to truth and justice, and thus he led as a great patriot, with unstinted loyalty, "the hosts of Zion to a Promised Land," respected, revered, honored and loved by all.

This paragraph and the one which follows are taken from the memorial book of the Welsh Congregational Church at Edwardsville, for the ten years 1918-28:

Although Doctor Edwards ranked foremost . . . in many ways, yet as a servant of Almighty God he stood the nonpareil. He was the sturdy defender and builder of the Christian life and faith, an ambassador and herald of the King of Kings, and a channel through which the blessings of the Eternal God flowed to man. He was an eminent divine, devout with holy zeal, who proclaimed the eternal truths to earth and who pointed the way of redemption to the wayward sinner. His was a divinely guided and inspired life—a life whose earthly labors for nearly four score years were richly crowned with blessings from heaven above, for he was one of God's good prophets, an Abraham or a St. Paul among his people. Strong in faith, pure of heart, elevated in thought, wise in counsel and fervent in prayer, he was a preacher in daily living as well as in spoken sermon—a noble Christian zealous character who gave to earth a rich heritage of sublime and abiding faith, possessing a consecrated life adorned by bounteous grace and dedicated to the work of his Creator. When expounding the word of God he struck conviction in the hearts of men. With God he made his covenant and hence with unquestioned devotion to his ministry, and with a heart pulsating with devotion to his Lord, held sacred and worthy the stewardship that was given to him. Ever loyal to the Bible, orthodox and sound in the fundamentals of Christian doctrine, tolerant (loved by preacher, priest and rabbi) a precursor of more tolerant days, preaching to all a robust evangelism. Moreover, as a minister his messages were fervent, inspiring, logical, forceful, eloquent and convincing. Simple illustrative examples of practical life were used to convey the deeper truths of Christian living. His spiritual advice and peaceful or emotional propensities marked his whole pastoral career. His sermons were inspired by a deep-rooted faith in God and on yonder summits he caught glorious visions of the Divine, which aided him to strive in the inner holy sanctuary of his life for a consistent emulation of the life of Christ. Upon the forge of life he welded many a Christian character. And though confronted by human frailties, as mortal man is, yet "well did he run the race set before him and win the prize of his high calling." O thou winner of passion for righteousness, well hast thou played thy part! Upon God and godlike men like thee we build our trust!

Always a scholar, a constant student from the time he first attended the Welsh schools until his death, Dr. Edwards was a man of the broadest culture in all the great fields of human knowledge. He was a master orator, a poet of rare talent, a thorough musician, and a leader without a peer in the traditional Welsh festivals, the eisteddfods. In 1881 he was graduated as an honor student from the National School of Elocution and Oratory, Philadelphia, and eight years later received the degree of Master of Oratory from the same institution. From 1880 to 1890 he was professor of elocution at Wyoming Seminary, where he firmly established himself as a leading elocutionist. In 1891 the Congregational College of Marietta, Ohio, conferred upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity in recognition of his distinguished career and his sure place in the affections of all those who knew him.

As an orator, international fame and renown were his. He was the author of several books on elocution published in Wales and written in Welsh, and indeed the fame of his reputation so spread throughout his native land that in 1891 he was called to serve the most important church of the country, the Welsh Congregational Church at Cardiff. He remained as pastor of that church until 1893, when he returned to his old congregation at Edwardsville, and this was the only interval in his long period of service here. Dr. Edwards had traveled widely, and drew upon the immense store of observation and knowledge gained in these journeys to illustrate his remarks. He made several trips through the Holy Land, and afterwards conducted a series of lectures illustrated with slides. The lectures in those days were doubly interesting because the moving picture had not come into its own and the Holy Land was little known. To quote again from the testimony of those who sat spellbound many times by his eloquence:

His was a melodious voice of silvery tones—a voice unmatched for power, resonance, and clarity. He could stir to laughter the disconsolate heart by his inimitable wit or move to sober, meditative thought and action the ecstatic, joyous person, by his tragic pathos. As a harpist, he played upon the emotional strings of his hearers. His irrefutable logic taught nothing but the eternal truth. With his comprehensive training and versatile background, widespread in its scope and influence, he was a colossal figure in the community—unique in great achievements, which his myriad of admirers in full acclaimed. Dr. Edwards had a winsome personality that was graced with precision, dignity, control, and stately mien. He was a master of himself, of others, and of all situations in which he was placed. His tact, geniality, natural humor, mental alertness, commanding and pleasant physique, were all characteristics of his personality that enabled him to surpass his contemporaries. He was a lecturer and traveler of note, a convincing logician, and a clear thinker. The stories of his travels, which he often related, extended to the Golden West, where in the early days the rugged life of the frontier was seen, or the far-distant Holy Land upon which, with reverent step, he trod the soil where the Son of Man proclaimed to earth a new and holy doctrine. Of these he spoke with convincing force, making indelible impressions which shaped and moulded youth and age by his extensive travel lore.

Wherever the great eisteddfods were held, Dr. Edwards was a preëminent figure. During the two years of his ministry in Wales he had made such a deep impression that frequently in later years he was recalled to conduct the national eisteddfods, attended by thousands and thousands. In 1913, at the International Eisteddfod in Pittsburg, he was greatly honored in his election as Archdruid of America by Dyfed, the Archdruid of Great Britain, an office which made him chief of the bardic fraternity in this country. Cynonfardd, as he was known, Archdruid of America and Bard of the Cynon, "dreamy river of his native Wales," was a prince on the Eisteddfodic platform. There was no man in the country more capable in Eisteddfodic gatherings than was Dr. Edwards. Winning many a prize himself, he attained the highest rank as a judge of poetry and prose. He was the bard of the Cynon, that dreamy winding stream in the valley of the Cynon, where in early days the environment of such quaint and picturesque scenes on Cymric soil impressed itself upon him and nurtured him in the mastery of the art of the beautiful. With

carefully measured accents and solemn, minor, reverential notes, his hymns proclaim the important truths of life, buoying up the discouraged and instilling into youth the real joy and worth of Christian living. His hymns were those of eternal things—of truth, of redeeming life, of Calvary, of Consecration, of God. His productions stand as classics which many a poet can well envy. He possessed a keen musical temperament, a fine discriminating mind, and a deep appreciation of every worthy musical phase in art, especially in congregational singing. At all times he was an ardent promoter of every worthwhile musical enterprise. At one time he was editor-in-chief of the "Congregational Hymnal," and at another edited the magazine "Missionary." He conducted scores of Eisteddfods, national and international, and rose to the pinnacle of bardic fame, well worthy of emulation by young ambitious men whose inclinations tend in this direction.

Dr. Edwards' international reputation is indicated in the following notice, published in the North Wales Chronicle at Bangor, and reprinted in American papers:

The fact that "Cynonfardd," the veteran eisteddfod conductor will be unable to attend the "National" at Swansea this year, recalls an impressive figure in eisteddfodic circles some years ago. Hardly a national eisteddfod passed without the services of "Cynonfardd" being requisitioned, despite the fact that he lived in the United States. Apart from his likable wit and genial personality, "Cynonfardd" had a carrying voice of remarkable range, which served him well when a crowd of ten to fifteen thousand people was before him, as is often the case at the national festival on the churning day. Another asset to him as a conductor of eisteddfodau was the business-like way in which he carried through the program.

"Dr. Edwards," to quote from a Pennsylvania paper at the time of his death, "possessed a keen musical temperament, a fine discriminating mind and consequently a deep appreciation of every worthy phase in musical art. The elements that constitute good melody, the symmetry and contraction so necessary in living, glowing music, and the charms of harmonic construction were quickly discerned and admired by this musically-minded clergyman. Dr. Edwards also deeply appreciated the value and importance of music in the church service, particularly congregational singing, and never failed to give it its due measure of time in the hour of divine worship.

And finally, Dr. Edwards was a poet of remarkable gifts, adept in both the dramatic and the lyric art. He wrote and published many verses, the titles of some of which, with their English equivalents, are here given: "Gwron Y Conemaugh" (The Hero of Conemaugh), "Y Boren" (The Morning), "A Llythyr ei fam wrth ei Galen" (His Mother's Letter Found by his Heart), "Y Tynewydd" (Tynewydd Colliery), "Islwyn fel Bardd" (Islwyn as a Poet), "Gwylt Walia" (Wild Wales), "Y Pfoadur" (The Fugitive), "Nid Da lle gellir Gwell" (None Good where you can Better), "Y Dyn Ieucan" (The Young Man), "Y Dyn Ieucan yn Gadael ei Gartref" (The Young Man Leaving his Home).

In the life of Edwardsville and the whole Wyoming Valley, Dr. Edwards took an extremely active part. He was generous in his support of every worthy movement for advance and progress, whether civic or benevolent in nature. He fought for truth and righteousness, for decency in the life of the community, and by the inspiration of his example

pointed the way to higher things. "A great champion of righteousness," the "Times Leader" wrote of him at his death, and, continuing:

There is, of course, no measure by which one could estimate what the life and work of Dr. T. C. Edwards have meant to this valley. A half century and more among the same people might to some clergymen be unfortunate both to themselves and to those they serve. But this is true only when the measure of a man lacks dimension. With Dr. Edwards it was not the continuance of relationship that gave cause for apprehension, but the ending of it.

In spite of his advanced years his activity, his mental vigor, and his interest in affairs of community seemed like the prime of life. Those who have known him best can probably say that except for the months when an affection of the eyes troubled him, he gave no indication of any failure of powers. He seemed to be endowed with continued vigor of youth.

When one looks for an apostle of friendship, of breadth of view, of charitable construction of motive, he may cite the name of Dr. Edwards. Particularly dear to those who saw him most frequently, he was held in honor and affection by the entire community. He was a favorite speaker and always graceful in utterance and persuasive before audiences. To him the sacred writ, "Knowing these things we persuade men," must have been a shibboleth. He cannot ever be recalled as morose or negative. His graciousness never altered. It sat upon him naturally and consistently. . . . When the things of mind, of heart and of spirit are reckoned, the community knows that a great champion has fallen.

On May 4, 1871, Rev. Thomas Cynonfardd Edwards married Elizabeth Morgan, youngest daughter of the Rev. Jonah Morgan, of Cumbach, Aberdare, South Wales. They became the parents of several children: 1. Gwendolen, who married the Rev. O. Lloyd Morris, D. D., vice-president of Coe College, Cedar Rapids, Michigan. They have the following children: Morgan, Margaret, Marian, and Merlin. 2. Anne M., who married John M. Thomas, civil and mining engineer of Kingston, Pennsylvania, and a teacher in the Kingston High School. They have the following children: Cronwell E. and John M., Jr. 3. Olwen M., deceased. 4. Morgan O., superintendent of the Susquehanna Mines, at Shaft, Pennsylvania, and a graduate of Princeton. He has three sons, Charles S., Thomas C. and K. Morgan. 5. Frances M., who married Edgar J. Williams, teacher in the Philadelphia schools. They have three children, Edgar J., and Richard and Elizabeth, twins. 6. Lillian S., who married Joseph M. Stark, a biography of whom accompanies this.

Dr. Edwards died on March 13, 1927. It is impossible to indicate with any adequacy the deep and poignant sorrow which his passing brought to the thousands who loved him everywhere. The high and the low, rich and poor alike were his friends and disciples, and all poured forth their tributes to his fame. There is not space to quote them here, and indeed they could add nothing to a reputation already spotless or a name known in all parts of the world. These words of final tribute, however, appearing in a Pittsburgh journal, may fittingly bring this record to a close:

In the death of Dr. Edwards, the Welsh people of the United States have sustained the loss of the most versatile Welshman in the country. . . . Today he is universally, sincerely, and tearfully mourned. Humanity is poorer for his passing. . . . Yet richer indeed, that he lived and moved among us. His name will be carved deep in the granite of time.

**ROBERT DUNCAN RAEDER**—In the retail business field of Kingston a position of importance is held by Robert Duncan Raeder, who from his boyhood has been well and favorably known by the people of this district of Pennsylvania. For twenty years he and his father were associated together in the Raeder Printing Company of Wilkes-Barre, founded by John W. Raeder, who headed the enterprise, with his son as its vice-president. During this period of close intercourse with the business community both father and son were esteemed for their high order of commercial and social ethics, a condition that still obtains with the continued activities of the son and the retired position of the father. There has always been a spirit of intense civic devotion exhibited in this family, a trait that has brought it into high esteem of the patriotic and progressive element and given both father and son a name of most commendable repute as valuable members of the community.

Robert Duncan Raeder was born in Wilkes-Barre, October 10, 1884, a son of John W. and Elizabeth (Draper) Raeder, the first named having been born in White Haven, Pennsylvania, November 8, 1858, and who founded the Raeder establishment here in 1883. He continued as its president until 1920 and during his active career served for one term as Jury Commissioner and took an active part in other civic affairs. Mrs. Raeder is a native of Tamaqua, where she was born in 1858, February 15. Robert D. Raeder was educated in the public schools and at Harry Hillman Academy, from which he was graduated with the class of 1901. He then entered into business association with his father and there remained until 1920, when the business was sold and he retired as its vice-president. He then established his own business, opening a stationery and office supply store in Kingston, which he continues to conduct, with the assistance of several clerks. In politics he is a Republican and for ten years served as a member of the Borough Council of Dorranceton. His military record is substantial, he having commanded, with the rank of captain, Company F, 9th Regiment, Pennsylvania National Guard, for five years and having been a member of the Guard for fifteen years. During the World War he was a captain in the commissary supply department of the United States Army. His church is Trinity Lutheran of Kingston, where he is a member of the official board and treasurer. He holds high rank as a member of the order of Masonry, being affiliated with Lodge No. 412, Free and Accepted Masons; Shekinah Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Dieu le Veut Commandery, Knights Templar, and Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of the Drill Patrol of the Shrine.

Robert Duncan Raeder married, February 16, 1910, Bertha Kanter, daughter of Henry and Emma Kanter, of Wilkes-Barre, and they are the parents of Irene Ruth, born February 19, 1911, now a student at Wyoming Seminary.

**EDWARD WELLES BIXBY, M. D.**—Having engaged in general practice of medicine since 1914, Dr. Edward Welles Bixby, of Wilkes-Barre, is among the foremost medical practitioners now active in Luzerne County. He was born in Wilkes-Barre, August 3, 1886, and is a son of Charles W. and Anne (Davis)

Bixby. His father, native of Wyalusing, Pennsylvania, was born December 15, 1854. Long active, he has since retired. Anne (Davis) Bixby was born August 6, 1857, and died, in June, 1926.

Dr. Bixby prepared for college at Harry Hillman Academy, from which he took his diploma in 1903. He matriculated in Princeton University that year, received the degree of Bachelor of Arts therefrom in 1907, entered the medical school of the University of Pennsylvania, graduating with the class of 1911 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. For two years and a half he served as interne in Pennsylvania Hospital, of Philadelphia, and in 1914, as noted, opened offices for general practice, at which he has been markedly successful, engaged continuously save for an honorable period of war service. With the old 3d Pennsylvania Field Artillery Dr. Bixby saw active duty on the Mexican border in 1916 and 1917. The United States entered the World War in April of the latter year, and he then served with the 109th Field Artillery, United States Army, spending a year overseas on the battle fronts. Commissioned a captain in the medical corps, he received his discharge in May, 1919, and resumed the course of his distinguished career where he dropped for the common cause. He is a member of the staff of Wilkes-Barre General Hospital; belongs to the Luzerne County, Pennsylvania State and American medical organizations, and secretary of the county society, 1928. He is active in the Wyoming Valley Country Club, adheres to the principles of the Democratic party, and is a communicant of the Presbyterian Church.

Dr. Bixby married, June 1, 1916, Helen Lea Miner, of Wilkes-Barre, daughter of Colonel Asher and Hetty (Lonsdale) Miner. Their children are: 1. Edward Welles, Jr., born October 29, 1917. 2. Hetty Lonsdale, born February 13, 1920. 3. Anne D., born June 12, 1922. 4. Helen Lea, named after her mother, born August 10, 1924.

**MAURICE SEYMOUR CANTOR**—Among the younger legal practitioners of Wilkes-Barre none has a more promising future before him than Maurice Seymour Cantor who has, in the short period since he opened his office on September 12, 1927, established a reputation for the high percentage of success he has met in handling the cases that have been entrusted to him. A Harvard graduate and member of various fraternal organizations, he has a host of friends who are eager for his success in the career that is before him.

Mr. Cantor was born in Garfield, Passaic County, New Jersey, March 3, 1903, the son of David and Ida (Schwartz) Cantor, both of whom were born near Kiev, Russia. The father, who came to the United States in 1890, is a successful Wilkes-Barre florist, having moved from Pennsylvania to New Jersey in 1911. In the public grade schools and the Wilkes-Barre High School, from which he was graduated in 1920, their son prepared himself to enter the University of Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated with honors in the class of 1924, with a Bachelor of Science degree in economics. The following fall he enrolled in the Harvard Law School and three years later, in 1927, received his degree of Bachelor of Laws from that institution. While studying he was a member of the Harvard Legal Aid Bureau. Admitted to the bar on September 12, of that

year, he immediately opened an office for general legal practice. His offices are in the Miners Bank Building in Wilkes-Barre.

Mr. Cantor is a member of the Wilkes-Barre Law Library Association and the Wilkes-Barre Lawyers' Club. Republican in his political belief, he is fraternally affiliated with King Hiram Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and Tau Epsilon Fraternity. He holds membership in the General Alumni Society of the University of Pennsylvania, the Harvard Club of Philadelphia, and the Harvard Law School Association.

**J. FORRESTER LABAGH**—Representing the third generation of a family whose members have taught in the same Sunday school of the Westminster Presbyterian Church, of Wilkes-Barre, for more than sixty consecutive years, J. Forrester Labagh is carrying on in that religious occupation, begun by his grandfather, and continued until his death by his father. At the same time he has made for himself an enviable reputation for business acumen, devotion to his occupation, and upright character throughout the community in which he has spent his entire life.

Mr. Labagh was born in Centermoreland, Wyoming County, March 17, 1897, a son of James F. and Christine (Smith) Labagh, both natives of Wilkes-Barre. For many years the father was secretary of the Morris Run Coal Company, and a devoted adherent to the Presbyterian Church. His father was John, and his mother, Margaret (Demarest) Labagh, the first named having been a member of the Wilkes-Barre City Council, and street commissioner. He was one of the organizers of the Westminster Church, and taught its Sunday school for more than forty years, his death occurring at the age of eighty-seven years.

J. Forrester Labagh was educated in the public schools of Wilkes-Barre, graduating from the high school in the class of 1916. He then attended the Wharton Extension Night School, of Wilkes-Barre, and later took a course in the Alexander Hamilton Institute. When he was nineteen years of age he took a position with the Hanover Bank and Trust Company, remaining for two years, at the end of which business tuition he became book-keeper and teller with the South Side Bank and Trust Company. For three years he remained in those posts, then becoming secretary of the Industrial Loan Corporation, of Wilkes-Barre, which position he still holds. He is a member of the Wilkes-Barre Rotary Club, Chamber of Commerce, the Craftsman's Club, of Landmark Lodge, No. 442, Free and Accepted Masons, Caldwell Consistory and Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

Mr. Labagh married, January 1, 1920, Kathryn Walborn, daughter of George Walborn, well known contractor, of Wilkes-Barre. Their children are: James F. and George W.

**ALBERT WILLIAMS JOHNSON, JR.**—Though still relatively young, Albert Williams Johnson, Jr., has practiced law at Wilkes-Barre, with offices in the Miners' Bank Building, for a period of several months. He is the son of a distinguished Pennsylvania lawyer and jurist, and from him inherits an aptitude for the law and legal talents of a high order which he has been at pains to develop through intensive training for his profession. It is safe to say that his present successes foreshadow a brilliant future career.

Mr. Johnson was born at Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, on July 15, 1903, a son of Albert Williams and Dora (Miller) Johnson, the latter of whom was born at New Berlin, Pennsylvania, and died in 1909. The father was born in Union County, Pennsylvania, in 1872, was graduated from Bucknell University, and is one of the trustees of that institution now. Following the completion of his academic training in 1896 he took up the study of law and in 1898 was admitted to the bar of the State. Since that time he has practiced very successfully at Lewisburg. In 1912 he was elected judge of Snyder and Union counties, holding office until 1922. Three years later, in 1925, Judge Johnson was appointed Federal judge for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, a position for which he was ideally fitted by temperament and training, and to the duties of which he still devotes himself. He has been very prominent in Pennsylvania life, and is now National President of the Patriotic Order Sons of America.

Albert Williams Johnson, Jr., attended the public schools of his birthplace, and following graduation from the Lewisburg High School in 1921, entered Bucknell University, where his father had preceded him years before. In 1925 he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and then, having also determined upon a legal career, he undertook the course of study at the Dickinson Law School from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1928. On September 10, 1928, he was admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the State, and in October of this year, was admitted to the Federal Court. Immediately afterwards he began the general practice of his profession at Wilkes-Barre, in which city he has since made his home. In only a few months he has built up his following to profitable proportions, and acquired wide reputation in the local courts.

Mr. Johnson has been prominent in fraternal affairs, being affiliated with Bucknell Chapter of the Sigma Chi Fraternity, with the Patriotic Order Sons of America at Lewisburg, the Junior Order United American Mechanics, of Plymouth, and with the Free and Accepted Masons. In this great order he is a member of Lewisburg Lodge, No. 144, a member of all bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, including the Consistory at Williamsport, and a member of Irem Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. In politics he gives his support to Republican principles and candidates, contributing liberally to all worthy movements for advance and progress, whether civic or benevolent in nature. Mr. Johnson worships in the faith of the Lutheran Church.

**SAMUEL M. WOLFE, M. D.**—For thirty-six years a physician, and a member of the medical profession in Wilkes-Barre since 1895, Dr. Samuel M. Wolfe, with residence and offices at No. 218 South Franklin Street, is of the third generation of the Wolfe family to be a native of Luzerne County. He was born at Muhlenburg, Luzerne County, on a farm, August 22, 1868, a son of Stephen R. and Rachel Wolfe. Stephen R. Wolfe was a son of Samuel Wolfe, also a resident of Luzerne County, whose father located there upon coming to the United States from Europe more than one hundred and twenty-five years ago, member of a well-known German line. Stephen R. Wolfe was born in 1827, and by his wife, Rachel Wolfe, was the parent of

six children: 1. Catherine, deceased. 2. Jessie, deceased. 3. Chester B., of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. 4. Margaret A., wife of Eugene Fink, of Wilkes-Barre. 5. Edward I., for forty years an instructor in Wyoming Seminary at Kingston, Pennsylvania, died in 1926. 6. Dr. Samuel M., of whom further.

Dr. Samuel M. Wolfe was reared on the old family farm in Union Township and was educated in the public schools and high school at Nanticoke. In 1891 he entered the Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia and was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine with the class of 1894. Dr. Wolfe spent the first year after graduation as an interne at the Jefferson Medical College Hospital, and in the spring of 1895 opened an office at Wilkes-Barre, and has there been engaged actively in the practice of his profession during the years that have succeeded. Meanwhile, from his various duties he has taken time for extensive travel, having covered in his journeys much of the United States besides visiting Alaska, several countries on the Continent of Europe, Egypt, and other Asiatic and African countries. He has been in four of the five parts of the world, omitting only Australia; but never has he neglected his general practice, always when at home giving it his major interest. During the epidemic of influenza that swept the country he volunteered for emergency duty in the treatment of the new and devastating sickness, and was stationed at Lancaster, Massachusetts, where his efforts for humanity won warm recognition. He is on the staff of the Mercy Hospital at Wilkes-Barre, as surgeon; he is a Republican, member of the Central Methodist Episcopal Church, of the Luzerne County Medical Society, Pennsylvania State Medical Society, Lehigh Valley Medical Society, and the American Medical Association.

Dr. Samuel M. Wolfe married, on August 22, 1903, Bessie Straw of Wilkes-Barre, daughter of Cyrus and Sarah (Leach) Straw, deceased. Dr. and Mrs. Wolfe are the parents of three children: 1. Sarah L., wife of George T. Bell, Jr., of Wilkes-Barre. 2. Samuel M., Jr., a student at the Jefferson Medical College, at Philadelphia. 3. Rachel M., a graduate of the Wyoming Seminary and student at Vassar College, at Poughkeepsie, New York.

**JOHN BLOSS WOLFE, M. D.**—Among the outstanding physicians of Wilkes-Barre and Luzerne County, specializing in internal medicine, is Dr. John Bloss Wolfe, who is of the fourth generation of the family to reside in Luzerne County, his great-grandfather having located there after leaving Germany more than one hundred and twenty-five years ago. The family has contributed generously of its male members to the professions.

John Bloss Wolfe was born at Berwick, Columbia County, Pennsylvania, on March 21, 1892, a son of Edward I. and Anna (Bloss) Wolfe. Edward I. Wolfe was a son of Stephen R. and Rachel Wolfe, his father having been a farmer and native of Luzerne County. Stephen R. Wolfe was a son of Samuel Wolfe, who also was a native of Luzerne County and whose father upon coming to the United States at the beginning of the nineteenth century located there. Edward I. Wolfe, father of John Bloss Wolfe, died in 1926 at the age of sixty-two years. He was one of the well-known educators of the district, having been instructor in English and history at the Wyoming Seminary at Kingston for more than forty years. A highly

respected citizen of Luzerne County, he spent his entire career in the cause of education. Edward I. and Anna Wolfe were the parents of three children: 1. Dr. John Bloss, of whom later. 2. Edward I., also a physician. 3. Eugene, a student at Cornell University at Ithaca, New York, and later matriculated at Jefferson Medical College. Edward I. Wolfe was an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Kingston, and affiliated with the Republican party. Mrs. Edward I. Wolfe is residing at No. 285 Wright Street, Kingston, and is active in church and civic affairs.

Dr. John Bloss Wolfe received his early education in the public schools of Kingston, later enrolling in the Wyoming Seminary, where he was graduated with the class of 1909, and then entered the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, taking his degree as Doctor of Medicine in 1915. For two years thereafter he served as resident physician in the Episcopal Hospital at Philadelphia, and on September 6, 1917, volunteered with the Episcopal Hospital Unit and joined the United States Medical Corps with the rank of first lieutenant. He was first assigned to Camp Crane, at Allentown, Pennsylvania, and later was transferred to Camp Dix, New Jersey. On December 13, 1917, he sailed with his corps for France on the United States Steamship "Leviathan" (the ship's first voyage), landed in Liverpool, England, spent Christmas Day in England, and on December 26, sailed for France. He was assigned as a detached officer to the Blois Base Hospital, where he remained until April 4, 1918, when he rejoined his unit at Nantes, France, where he was located until April 11, 1919. Upon his return to the United States he was assigned to Camp Dix, Wrightstown, New Jersey, and four months later received his honorable discharge. In December, 1918, he was promoted to captain. Dr. Wolfe is a member of the Luzerne County Medical Society, the Lehigh Medical Society, the Pennsylvania State Medical Society, and the American Medical Association. Though he has practiced in Wilkes-Barre less than ten years (1929), Dr. Wolfe, being of the fourth generation of his family to reside there, enjoys a wide acquaintanceship and is esteemed as a valuable member of the community in whose service he is engaged both as a professional and a lay member. Dr. Wolfe is a member of the Franklin Club; Fidelity Lodge No. 655, Free and Accepted Masons of Wilkes-Barre, Dieu Le Veut Commandery, Knights Templar, and Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; Wyoming Valley Country Club; Westmoreland Club; Club Atlantic, Atlantic City, New Jersey. He is also a member of the Wilkes-Barre-Wyoming Chamber of Commerce and the First Presbyterian Church of Wilkes-Barre. In political matters he is a Republican.

Dr. John Bloss Wolfe married on November 3, 1917, Violet Eckert, of Lebanon, Pennsylvania, daughter of Robert and Matilda (Ruth) Eckert. Dr. and Mrs. Wolfe are the parents of four children: John Bloss, Jr., Robert Eckert, Edward Inman, and Ruth Anne.

**STANLEY K. WALBORN**—To the growing city and its present-day architectural demands, Stanley K. Walborn has turned the expert attention of the trained architect, who has specialized in pleasing and substantial types and designs, and whose workshops are headquarters where the requirements both of

the home builder and the business man are sought to be fulfilled. Mr. Walborn is a veteran of the World War, a broad observer of architectural needs in his native city of Wilkes-Barre and the county; and one who is most popular and highly esteemed for his personal worth, as well as his professional attainments.

Stanley K. Walborn was born April 13, 1893, in Wilkes-Barre, a son of George W. and S. Catherine (Klingman) Walborn. George W. Walborn is a well-known contractor, of the firm of Walborn and Barney, who do a general contracting and building business in Wilkes-Barre and throughout Luzerne County. George W. and S. Catherine (Klingman) Walborn are the parents of four children: Stanley K., of whom further; Grace M. Walborn, who married W. A. Collitt, of Wilkes-Barre; Catherine L., who married J. Forester Labagh, of Wilkes-Barre; and Charles Faust, who married Elizabeth Hughes.

Stanley K. Walborn attended the Wilkes-Barre public schools, and Wyoming Seminary, at Kingston. He then matriculated at Drexel Institute, Philadelphia, where he was graduated with the class of 1914, following which he entered upon the duties of his profession of architect, at first with the firm of Sturdevant and Poggie; and then, successively, with George S. Welsh, and Wayne M. High, of Reading. After the World War, in which he participated, Mr. Walborn returned home, and again resumed his profession in the office of George S. Welsh, later with R. H. Hunt and Company, in Chattanooga, Tennessee, then with the Bethlehem Shipbuilding Company, at Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

In January, 1927, Mr. Walborn entered into partnership with Jacob S. Pettebone, with offices in the Second National Bank Building, in Wilkes-Barre. In June, 1927, he was elected associate architect for the Wilkes-Barre City School District, being associated with Mr. Robert Ireland.

Volunteering in the World War, Mr. Walborn was at first assigned to the Construction Division of the United States Army Air Service, and was assigned to Fort Myer, Virginia, then, consecutively, to Camp Morrison, Virginia, Taylor Field, Montgomery, Alabama, and to Southern Field, at Americus, Georgia. Subsequently, Mr. Walborn was ordered to the Field Artillery Officers' Training Camp, Camp Taylor, Louisville, Kentucky, where he was mustered out November 28, 1918.

In his political views a Republican, Mr. Walborn with his vote and influence supports the principles of that party. Fraternally, he is affiliated with Landmark Lodge, No. 442, Free and Accepted Masons; Shekinah Chapter, No. 182, Royal Arch Masons; Horeb Council, Royal and Select Masters; Dieu le Veut Commandery, No. 45, Knights Templar; Caldwell Consistory, of Bloomsburg, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of the thirty-second degree; and Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. His religious faith is that of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Stanley K. Walborn married, October 30, 1916, Ruth Whiteman, of Wilkes-Barre, daughter of Stephen J. and Lydia Ann (Major) Whiteman. They have one daughter, Ruth DeRemer Walborn.

**JOSEPH E. CONLON**—John Conlon, of Hudson, Luzerne County, and his wife, Mary (Clarke) Conlon, who died in February, 1927,

were the parents of eleven children: 1. William, married Catherine Featherstone. 2. May F., who married Dr. Leo C. Mundy, of Wilkes-Barre. 3. Margaret, who married Dr. Daniel F. Daley, of Kingston. 4. Gertrude, teacher in the public schools of Plains. 5. Joseph E., of whom further. 6 and 7. (twins) Peter, married Mary West of Trenton, New Jersey, and Paul, married Mary McLaughlin of Kingston. 8. John, a student at Georgetown University. 9. Julia, in school at Georgian Court, Lakewood, New Jersey. 10. Alice, also at Georgian Court. 11. Charles.

Joseph E. Conlon was born August 6, 1896, in the Borough of Hudson where he spent his boyhood, attending the public schools there. He graduated from the Mansfield (Pennsylvania) State Normal School in 1916; and in 1917 enlisted in Battery D, 311th Field Artillery, 79th Division, stationed at Camp Meade, Maryland, until June, 1918, when his organization embarked at Philadelphia and was landed at Barry, Wales, on account of the transport being chased by submarines, the men being then sent to France where he served until January, 1919, when he was returned to the United States and discharged. He then matriculated at Lafayette College from which he was graduated with the class of 1922. The following two years were spent in the Harvard Law School, and in the spring of 1926 he was admitted to the bar of Luzerne County, followed shortly by admittance to practice before the State Supreme Court. He maintains an office at 226 Second National Bank Building in Wilkes-Barre. He is solicitor for Plains Township School Board.

Attorney Conlon is a member of Fox Hill Country Club, Sigma Nu Greek letter fraternity, Black Diamond Post of the American Legion, Wilkes-Barre Lodge, No. 109, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Knights of Columbus. In politics he is a Republican, and he is a communicant of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, in Wilkes-Barre.

**AGNES NELSON FLACK, M. D.**—Though one of the younger generation of physicians of Luzerne County, and just on the threshold of her career, Dr. Flack has already given many signs of future success and usefulness in her chosen profession. A native of Luzerne County, she established herself in the active practice of medicine at Kingston and in the short time elapsed since then she has gained for herself a high reputation as an able physician. The fact that she devoted herself assiduously to various forms of civic work during the World War indicates her strong patriotism and her sincere interest in the public welfare.

Agnes Nelson Flack was born at Plymouth, Luzerne County, a daughter of Rev. Ebenezer Flack, D. D., and Sarah (Hutcheson) Flack. She was educated in the public schools of Latrobe and Scranton, Pennsylvania, and, after graduating from the Scranton High School in 1915, entered Wilson College, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, where she graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1920. Two years later she entered the Women's Medical College of Philadelphia, where she graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine, in 1926. The next year she spent as an interne at the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital, acquiring further practical experience. In August, 1927, she established herself in the general practice of medicine at No. 471 Wyoming Avenue, Kingston, in which town she

is rapidly building up a successful and large practice. During the World War Dr. Flack had charge of the War Garden work at Newburgh, New York, and also served for two years with the United States Army Canteen. She is a member of the Luzerne County Medical Society and of Alpha Epsilon Iota Fraternity, a national medical fraternity. Her religious affiliations, like those of her family, are with the Presbyterian Church.

**LE ROY TURNER**—One of the well-known business men of Kingston, Pennsylvania, is Le Roy Turner, who is a partner of Bala S. Neary in the ownership and management of the restaurant located at Nos. 203-205 Wyoming Avenue, in Kingston, and of the cafeteria which is conducted in connection with the General Cigar factory at Forty Fort, the largest cigar factory in the world. Mr. Turner served overseas for fourteen months during the World War.

Le Roy Turner was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, October 29, 1892, only child of Samuel and Rebecca (Devenay) Turner, both of whom came to this country from England about 1885. He was brought to Wilkes-Barre by his mother when he was ten years of age, and received his education in the public schools of Wilkes-Barre. While still a boy he began to earn his way in life. He secured a position in the butcher shop of Percy Brown, with whom he remained for some years, making himself useful in various ways at the beginning, and eventually, learning the business thoroughly. Later he conducted a meat market in Wilkes-Barre, for the Davis Brothers, and he continued this market for three years. At the end of that time he came to Kingston as manager of a meat market, in the employ of S. A. Boyd, and he continued to successfully operate this market for Mr. Boyd during a period of seven years. The entrance of the United States into the World War, however, interrupted his successful business operations, and in April, 1918, he enlisted in the Motor Transportation Corps of the United States Army as a member of Motor Transportation Company, No. 545, with which unit he served in France for fourteen months, transporting trucks to the various divisions of the American Expeditionary Forces. He was mustered out of service November 11, 1919, and soon afterward returned to this country. Upon his return he resumed his position as manager of the meat market at Kingston, in the employ of S. A. Boyd, but in the spring of 1920 he formed a partnership with Bala S. Neary and engaged in the restaurant and cafeteria business at Kingston Corners, locating at Nos. 203-205 Wyoming Avenue. The enterprise has met with unqualified success, and Mr. Turner and Mr. Neary have extended their operations, taking charge of the cafeteria which is operated in connection with the General Cigar factory, the largest factory of its kind in the world. Both of the partners are able business men, and there is every indication that an increasingly successful business career awaits them. Politically, Mr. Turner gives his support to the principles and the candidates of the Republican party. He is a member of Kingston Lodge, No. 395, Free and Accepted Masons; Shekinah Chapter, No. 182, Royal Arch Masons; Dieu le Veut Commandery, No. 45, Knights Templar, of Wilkes-Barre; and of Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; also of Irem Temple

Country Club, of Wilkes-Barre. He is a member of Lodge No. 109, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of Wilkes-Barre; of Kingston Lodge, No. 709, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; of Black Diamond Post, No. 395, American Legion, of Kingston; of the Veterans of Foreign Wars; and of the Kingston Business Men's Association.

Le Roy Turner was married, June 24, 1925, to Amanda Kresge, of Hanover Green, Pennsylvania, daughter of Julius and Catherine Kresge.

**ERNEST GRAY SMITH, M. S., LL. B.**—Owner and publisher of the Wilkes-Barre "Times-Leader," Ernest Gray Smith has been an important figure in the Wyoming Valley for many years. He was born at Martin's Ferry, Ohio, on October 26, 1873, a son of Hiram Wolfe and Evangaline (Lash) Smith. Following the completion of his preliminary education, he entered Lafayette College, at Easton, Pennsylvania, and was there graduated in 1894 with the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy. In 1897 he took the Master of Science degree at the same institution, having meanwhile completed the course of study at Yale leading to the Bachelor of Laws degree.

In 1898 Mr. Smith enlisted as a private in the 17th United States Infantry, serving in Cuba, the Philippines, and China. He was commissioned second lieutenant in the United States Army in 1900 but resigned in 1902. These months of military life were an important preliminary to his later service during the period of the World War when he held the rank of major and lieutenant-colonel in the United States Army and won the Distinguished Service Medal for high merit in the discharge of duty. Mr. Smith was also made an Officer of the Black Star of France in 1919.

His career as a publisher began in 1905 when with the late F. C. Kirkendall he purchased the Wilkes-Barre "Leader" later merging it with the "Evening Times." Mr. Smith has since continued as the owner of this paper. He is president of the Leader Publishing Company, the Times-Leader Printery, Incorporated, a director of the Second National Bank; president of the Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce, the Wilkes-Barre Airport, and the Wilkes-Barre Hotels Corporation. Aside from his business connections Mr. Smith is also a member of the Pennsylvania State Welfare Commission, and president of the Wilkes-Barre Playground and Recreation Association.

On October 14, 1913, Ernest Gray Smith married Marjorie Harvey, of Wilkes-Barre. They are the parents of three children: Harrison Harvey, Lois Gray, and Andries DeWitt. The residence of the family is maintained in Wilkes-Barre at No. 4 Riverside Drive.

**COLONEL ROBERT BRUCE RICKETTS**—On October 1, 1918, the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding, Robert Bruce Ricketts and his wife, Elizabeth (Reynolds) Ricketts, were spending the autumn months at their summer home, Ganoga, Sullivan County, Pennsylvania. There, a few weeks later, on November 13, 1918, Colonel Ricketts died; the shock of his unexpected death caused his widow to survive him by only a few days. Mrs. Ricketts died at her home in Wilkes-Barre, November 19, 1918.

Colonel Ricketts, through his brilliant military career as an officer of the Civil War, and through his connection with the lumbering interests, was well known in this city,





Ernest Gray Smith,



his death removing another of Wilkes-Barre's grand old men upon whose strong, enduring character and personal quality rested much of the city's earliest reputation for exalted citizenship. It is a pleasure to recall the circle of intimates who every week were gathered in the library of the Ricketts home in Wilkes-Barre, and discussed things past, affairs of the present, and speculated on what was expected of the future. For long years this was their practice, and while the group often included many occasionals, it was seldom that the parties around the book-laden table did not include these five: Colonel Ricketts, the host; Judge Stanley Woodward; Thomas Graeme; Colonel Beaumont, and H. W. Palmer. One by one this group passed away, until finally the last survivor was the long-time host. Time dealt gently with him and he gave little evidence of his age until a short time before the end of his years, seventy-nine. The last few years of his life were spent largely at his summer home at Lake Ganoga on North Mountain, where a substantial stone house, built long years ago, had been transformed into a comfortable residence for all the year use. There he employed his time with his walk and talks, his books, and his communings with nature, for he was a great lover of the out-of-doors.

Of Mrs. Ricketts the world knew less, of course, but as a young woman and as a matron she was among the most highly esteemed women of the Wyoming Valley. She was at various times and through her more active years identified with many associations of religious, charitable and social character, and to these she gave freely of her time and her special talents. She was a woman of grace and charm, made friends easily, and held them to her by the strength of her womanly character. Her delicate health compelled her to spend the last years of her life in the quiet of her own home, but her trained mind delighted in the store of literary treasure the library contained, and as she had always been deeply devoted to her home and family, the society of her family and her intimates occupied her time. At the Ricketts home a generous hospitality was dispensed, and there are none but will recall with pleasure their privileged friendship for the gentle lady who there presided. She was a glory to the relationship of home and friends, and always about her name will linger the most pleasant associations. These two comrades of a lifetime were seldom separated in life, and when the natural head of the family was taken, the spirit of the weaker partner was broken, and less than one week later she was laid by his side.

Colonel Ricketts was of Scotch and English ancestry, and in the Scotch line he had fully traced his line of descent. He had also visited ancestral homes in Scotland, in which he found his kith and kin and made many warm friends. He was a grandson of Lieutenant Edward Ricketts, who in 1781 was an officer of the Pennsylvania militia, and fought in the Revolutionary War. He was the fifth son of Elijah Green and Margaret Leigh (Lockhart) Ricketts, of Orangeville, Columbia County, Pennsylvania.

Robert Bruce Ricketts was born near Orangeville, Columbia County, Pennsylvania, April 29, 1839, and died at his country home, Lake Ganoga, North Mountain, Sullivan County, Pennsylvania, November 13, 1918. He was educated at Wyoming Seminary in Kingston, Pennsylvania, and was prepared for Yale when the war broke out. He chose the profession of law as his lifework. No sooner had President Lincoln issued his call

for men, for "three years or during the war," than Robert Bruce Ricketts responded, and he enlisted in Battery F, 43d Regiment, Pennsylvania Light Artillery, and in June, 1861, was mustered into the United States service. The following August he was commissioned first lieutenant, and with Battery F assigned to the 5th Corps, Army of the Potomac, that corps then being commanded by General Nathaniel P. Banks. Battery F, received its "baptism of fire," December 20, 1861, and soon afterward was transferred to the 1st Corps, 3d Division, Army of the Potomac, and Lieutenant Ricketts named as its commander. Battery F, or as it was now called in accordance with army custom, "Ricketts' Battery," had been cited "for bravery and efficiency," once in particular, February, 1863, by General Hunt, chief of artillery, Army of the Potomac, who named it among a few other batteries as "being in the best of order." In May, 1863, he was commissioned captain, his major's commission being bestowed December 1, 1864, and finally, on March 15, 1865, he was commissioned colonel of the 1st Regiment, Pennsylvania Light Artillery. Ricketts' Battery was one of the noted units of the Army of the Potomac, and its commander won military glory with his battery on more than one battlefield. At Bristoe Station, when the 2d Corps was in much peril, the battery used for the first time the new rifled guns that amazed the Confederates by the range and accuracy of their fire. Here, too, it was, on October 14, 1863, that "while Brown's Battery from beyond the run and Ricketts' Pennsylvania Battery, which had made its way at a gallop through the throng of infantry to the ridge above mentioned, back from the railroad, near the stream, poured in a rapid and most effective fire. 'It is conceded,' says General Morgan, 'that the finest artillery practice in the experience of the corps was witnessed here.'" ("History of the Second Army Corps," Francis A. Walker). So too at Gettysburg and Spotsylvania, in the Wilderness and elsewhere, the battery was in the thick of the fight. At Gettysburg, Captain Ricketts and his battery was posted on East Cemetery Hill, with Weldrick's New York Battery on his right, and a Rhode Island battery on his left. They stood the brunt of the fierce charge of the Confederates, led by the Louisiana Tigers, and after being almost overwhelmed finally drove the enemy back with the aid of reinforcements. Colonel Ricketts said once, in describing this terrific conflict: "How long it lasted I couldn't tell, but I remember that when we were done with it and the assault was broken I looked up and saw the full moon above the horizon." Later he came in wider notice as the young but brilliant commander of most of the artillery of the Army of the Potomac before Petersburg and Richmond, and won the esteem of all by his courage, coolness under fire and his fine executive ability. He was retained in the service for several months after General Lee's surrender, and during the entire period served as an artillery officer. He rose in rank early as he possessed the qualities which forced promotion, and he stood high among the ranking officers of the Army of the Potomac. After the war Colonel Ricketts was intimately connected with the various military organizations of the country, his affiliation with the Grand Army of the Republic being through Conyngham Post of Wilkes-Barre, and he was an honored member of that organization of Civil War officers, The Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United

States. He was also a member of the Pennsylvania Gettysburg Military Commission, whose duty it was to erect markers and generally care for and develop the battle area as a national preserve.

Colonel Ricketts inherited and purchased a large tract of land, and several years of his life were spent under a heavy financial burden, which he courageously carried and which finally was lifted through his lumbering operations. His life was largely spent in the care and management of his estate. He had no other important business connections, neither did he hold any political or public offices, save only one term as tax collector, to which he was appointed by Judge Woodward. He was a lifelong Democrat, but he was not so strict a partisan as to lose his independence. When the free silver heresy was rampant in the party, he stood with the Sound Money Democrats and supported Palmer and Buckner for the presidencies. In 1886 he was the Democratic candidate for lieutenant-governor of Pennsylvania, Judge Chauncey F. Black being the nominee for governor. He could have had the nomination for governor when that office was again to be filled, but he refused to allow his name to go before the State convention.

When free from business cares Colonel Ricketts always sought companionship with his books, for he was an intense lover of good literature. His library was his choice abiding place, and it was filled to overflowing with the treasures of his own and other languages. Next to his books he loved nature and her works, and many were the happy hours spent in the open. He was openhanded and generous, very thoughtful and considerate of others. His military record glows with the spirit of loyalty to those under whom he served, and the same spirit was manifested in his friendships. He held his honor sacred, and one could rely upon his word with absolute assurance. He knew no middle ground, but held positive opinions which he was always ready to defend, but he granted every man the same freedom of thought and conscience which he demanded for himself. He was a member of the Wyoming Historical Society, and vice-president of the original board of directors of the Westmoreland Club. So his years, seventy-nine, were spent, and in the record there is no flaw.

Colonel Ricketts married, in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, October 1, 1868, Elizabeth Reynolds, born at Kingston, Pennsylvania, April 13, 1842, died at her home on South River Street, Wilkes-Barre, November 19, 1918, surviving her husband but six days. Mrs. Ricketts was a daughter of Judge William Champion Reynolds, and a granddaughter of Benjamin Reynolds. William Champion Reynolds was among the early anthracite coal operators, and until 1835 was associated with Henderson Gaylord in the coal business, continuing in the coal trade until 1854, being one of the first shippers of anthracite from the Wyoming Valley. He was also one of the first public-spirited men of Wilkes-Barre to adopt and foster internal improvement plans which included canals, turnpikes, bridges and postal routes, also advocating such improvements while a member of the Pennsylvania Legislature. He was a trustee of Wyoming Seminary, a director of the Wyoming National bank, and manager of the Wilkes-Barre Bridge Company, appointed by the attorney-general of Pennsylvania. He married, June 19, 1832, Jane Holberton Smith, daughter of John French and Frances (Holberton) Smith, of Revolutionary and Colo-

nial ancestors. John French Smith was a pioneer in coal mining, who did more than any man of his day in demonstrating the value of anthracite coal as a domestic fuel. He visited many sections of the State in his missionary tours to prove that coal could be burned in grates and to him is largely due the rapid extension of the business. He was the first to use powder for blasting coal, as well as the first to use the stationary steam engine in Luzerne County, setting the engine up himself and running it. In 1769 representatives of the Reynolds family came to the Wyoming Valley. After the massacre they fled, to return later, but again were compelled to flee, their homes and barns being burned by the Pennamites in 1784. The family is also descended from the General Nathanael Greene family and from Lydia Fuller, wife of Benjamin Reynolds, three of whose ancestors came in the "Mayflower." Benjamin Reynolds, grandfather of Mrs. Ricketts, was a justice of the peace and a one-time sheriff of Luzerne County.

**MORRIS M. LLOYD**—Important among the motor car dealers of Wilkes-Barre is Morris M. Lloyd, who successfully conducts his own enterprise in that line under the title of the Susquehanna-Knight, Incorporated, with offices and salesrooms at No. 248 Wyoming Avenue, Kingston, Pennsylvania. Prior to engaging in this business he had tried work at railroading and as a traveling salesman. Some years were necessary in experimentation before he discovered his real calling, which, once found, he has made highly profitable. Self-made in all he has achieved, he is one of the beneficial citizens of the community, helping others through the medium of his own industry and prosperity.

Morris M. Lloyd was born in Brooklyn, New York, in February, 1877, a son of J. O. and Rosa (Murrell) Lloyd. His father's family originated in Wales, the first emigrants to America settling on Long Island in 1667 on land that is still occupied by their descendants. J. O. Lloyd had two sons, Robert, of New York, and Morris M., of whom further.

Morris M. Lloyd was educated at Trinity Church School in New York City and at Stevens' Institute, in Hoboken, New Jersey. Upon finishing his education, he obtained a position with the Erie Railroad, with which corporation he remained for four years. He left this to become a traveling salesman for the J. D. Williams Brothers and Company, of Scranton, remaining with them for nine years. This work was abandoned that he might engage with the Willys-Overland Automobile Company operating in Northeastern Pennsylvania, working in the wholesale department. In 1923 he established himself independently as a member and secretary of the Susquehanna-Knight, Incorporated. He is the founder and operator of the first and only taxicab line in Kingston and the West Side, which he established in 1923. In politics he is a Republican, and in religion a Protestant. He is very much interested in fraternal organizations, being a thirty-second degree member of the order of Free and Accepted Masons and holding membership in Lodge No. 61, of Wilkes-Barre, as well as in Keystone Consistory, Scottish Rite Masons, of Scranton. He belongs to Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Wilkes-Barre, and to the Irem Temple Country Club and the Craftsman's Club.

Mr. Lloyd married, February 9, 1897, Eva

Ellis, of Bloomingburgh, New York, daughter of William H. and Amanda (Winfield) Ellis. The couple have three children: Elbert E., Richard M., and William H.

**WILLIAM S. ALLAN**—Few men in Luzerne County, or for that matter in the entire State of Pennsylvania, have followed more interesting careers than William S. Allan, who, for several years, engaged in the automobile business in Wilkes-Barre. He has traveled widely in this country and abroad, not in the easy manner of a tourist bent on holiday for relaxation, but to little known parts of South America, as engineer and builder of railroads. This work led him into many adventures, and returning to the United States still other adventures came to him, as engineer and as contractor. When he first went into the automobile business he had progressed far as an engineer; and as a figure in commercial spheres he has likewise succeeded, with honor to himself and associates. It would be possible to construct an interesting volume concerned with his experiences, as engineer and business man—nor would it be dull reading in any portion. But curtailed space to hand prevents elaboration of detail.

William S. Allan was born in Toronto, Dominion of Canada, October 6, 1888, son of Selby G. and Agnes (Oliver) Allan. His father died at the age of seventy years, survived by his wife. Both parents were born in Newfoundland, and their parents were natives of Scotland.

When Mr. Allan was a child—but two years old in fact—he was brought to the United States by his father and mother, who established residence in Chicago, Illinois. There he secured a good elementary and secondary education in the public schools, and in 1908, at the age of nineteen years, graduated from Lewis Institute, of Chicago. Thereafter he entered the University of Illinois, department of engineering, and in 1911 was graduated with the degree of Civil Engineer. Thus technically versed and possessed of an immediate opportunity he embarked in the fall of that year for South America, and there began the first chapter of his experiences as an engineer on the frontiers of civilization. Located in Brazil, he was engaged in the construction work and building program of the Madeira Marmose Railroad, remaining two years so employed. At the close of the two years he returned to the United States, again located in Chicago, and directly, in the fall of 1913, took a place with C. A. Chapman, Incorporated, engineering firm, Chicago. Later he organized an engineering office with a partner, under the style of Standish and Allan, engaging in contracting, construction and engineering. This firm, it may be noted here, designed and had charge of building the Attica Bridge across the Wabash River, at Attica, Indiana; the Stanhope Railway Bridge at Joliet, Illinois; and the Red River Bridge, at Arthur City, Texas, for the Frisco Railroad Company.

It was while he was in this business as engineering contractor, meeting with success on every hand and faced with the outlook of still more responsible prospects, that the United States declared war on Germany, in April, 1917. Soon afterward Mr. Allan concluded his affairs sufficiently well to join Company I, 11th Illinois Infantry, as a private. Subsequently he advanced to the rank of first lieutenant, which rank he held when mustered out of the service, in November, 1918.

The war ended, he resumed the course of his career where he had dropped it.

In 1922 Mr. Allan gave up the contracting, engineering and construction enterprise, proceeded to New Park, Kentucky, and there entered the automobile business, which he continued at New Park until 1925, when he came to Wilkes-Barre, as member of the Bell-Allan Motor Company, No. 201 Carey Avenue. He is vice-president and treasurer of the organization, which handles Dodge Brothers motor vehicles and Graham Brothers trucks. It occupies a two-story brick and steel service and distribution building, fire-proof, modern in every phase, 200x200 feet, being one of the largest and best appointed plants of the kind in the Wyoming Valley.

Despite the heaviness of his responsibilities, Mr. Allan devotes a great deal of time to general affairs of interest to Wilkes-Barre and Luzerne County. He is a Republican, staunch supporter of the party's principles, and influential in its workings locally. Fraternally he is active in the Free and Accepted Masons, being a member of Washington Lodge, of Washington, Indiana; Royal Arch Chapter, Fort Thomas, Kentucky; New Post Commandery, No. 13, Knights Templar; and Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Wilkes-Barre. He is a member of Irem Temple Country Club, Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce, the National Automobile Dealers Association, Pennsylvania Auto Dealers Association, and the Forty Fort Progressive Club, of which last he is president. He is chairman of the field committee of the Wyoming Air Port Association. His church is the First Presbyterian, Wilkes-Barre.

Mr. Allan married, January 1, 1918, Dorothy Winston, of Washington, Indiana, daughter of John L. and Laura (Scudder) Winston, her father having at one time been national champion trap pigeon shot. Of this union were born four children: Suzanne Winston, William S., Jr., Jean Rutherford, and Mary Scudder. The family residence is at No. 1710 Wyoming Avenue, Forty Fort.

**PAUL STERLING**—A descendant of one of the oldest families of America, Paul Sterling is a prominent figure in the business and industrial life of Wilkes-Barre, having held since 1900 a position as mechanical engineer for the Lehigh Valley Coal Company. His is an important place in the city, and he is highly respected by all the residents of the community who have the honor of his acquaintance.

He is a son of Walter G. and Emma (Elder) Sterling, both of whom are deceased. His ancestry has been traced back to David Starlin, Starlin, or Sterling, as the name variously occurred in the original records, who was said to have been born in Hertfordshire, England, about 1622, and to have emigrated to Charlestown, Massachusetts, in 1651, and to have died there in 1691. He is undoubtedly the common ancestor of the Sterlings of Bridgeport, Connecticut, and of the Wyoming section of Pennsylvania. William Sterling, of Haverhill, Massachusetts, evidently the son of David Sterling, was made a freeman in Massachusetts on May 11, 1681, the town records showing that "William Starlin" was granted two town lots of ten acres each, one "at the Fishing River near the sawmill path" and an adjoining one granted to him "to set up a Corn Mill at Fishing River." About 1703 William Sterling moved with his

family to Lyme, where he died on January 22, 1719. He was four times married, and by his second wife, Mary (Blaisdell) Sterling, born March 5, 1641-42, died May 29, 1681, whom he married on December 19, 1676, he had a son, Jacob. Jacob Sterling, the eighth child of William Sterling, was born in Haverhill, Massachusetts, on August 29, 1678, and died in January 9, 1765; he married, about 1710, Hannah (Odell) Seeley, born October 20, 1679, died June 14, 1756, the widow of Sergeant Nathaniel Seeley, of Fairfield, Connecticut, who died in 1698, and the daughter of John and Joanna (Walker) Odell, of Fairfield, the former of whom was a son of William Odell, of Concord, Massachusetts. Samuel Sterling, of Bridgeport, Connecticut, and Braintim, Pennsylvania, born about 1750, died in Black Walnut, Pennsylvania, in 1830, was doubtless the grandson of Jacob. He removed from Bridgeport with his family to Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, about 1790, settling first at Exeter, afterwards in Falls Township (then Wyalusing Township), and finally in Black Walnut, Braintim Township, all now in Wyoming County, where he bought large tracts of land. Warrants were issued by Pennsylvania to Samuel Sterling, Samuel Sterling, Jr., James Sterling, and Lucy Sterling for four hundred acres of land each in Luzerne County, which was surveyed for them on August 20, 1792. Samuel Sterling had at least four children, of whom the eldest, Daniel, was born in Bridgeport, Connecticut, on July 8, 1776, and died in Rock Island, Illinois, on August 25, 1839; and he was thrice married, his third wife, to whom he was married about 1814, having been Rachel Brooks, a native of New York State. After he had come with his father to Pennsylvania, he managed his father's affairs, bought land on Sterling (now Meshoppen) Creek, near its junction with the Susquehanna River, and for many years was interested in lumbering, grist milling, merchandising and farming, until in 1837 he removed to Rock Island, Illinois, to fill a contract for the United States Government. Daniel and Rachel (Brooks) Sterling were the parents of twelve children, the second of whom was Walter G. Sterling, the father of Paul Sterling, of the present generation.

Walter G. Sterling, who was born on November 24, 1821, and died in Wilkes-Barre on August 14, 1889, was one of that city's first bankers. He built the old Music Hall on the corner of West Market and River streets, where now stands the Sterling Hotel, which took its name from the Sterling family. He came to Wilkes-Barre when he was a boy fifteen years old, at a time when the town had a population of only a few thousand people, with no railroads or manufacturing activity of any kind. He went to California as a "Forty-niner," and sailed around Cape Horn in an old-fashioned sail ship. He was known as one of the leading citizens of Wilkes-Barre. He was twice married, the name of his first wife not known; he married (second) Emma (Elder) Sterling, and they were the parents of five children who grew to maturity: 1. Walter C., who is a member of the Luzerne County Bar. 2. Margaret, of Rochester, New York, who is single. 3. Knight, who died in 1899. 4. Paul, of further mention. 5. Lella, of Wilkes-Barre, who is single.

Paul Sterling, their son, who now lives in Wilkes-Barre, attended as a boy the public

schools of the city, then the Harry Hillman Academy, and finally Yale College, from which he was graduated in the class of 1900 after he had taken a course in scientific subjects. Then he returned to Wilkes-Barre, where ever since that time he has been a mechanical engineer for the Lehigh Valley Coal Company. He is also a director of the Morris Run Coal Company. Keenly interested in political matters, he shares the opinions of the Republican party. In his religious beliefs he adheres to the Protestant faith. He belongs to several clubs and organizations, including the Westmoreland Club, the Wyoming Valley Country Club, the Mining and Metallurgical Engineers of America, and the Wilkes-Barre-Wyoming Valley Chamber of Commerce.

On February 12, 1914, Mr. Sterling married Arline Payne, of Wilkes-Barre, daughter of Edward and Elsie (Reith) Payne, both deceased.

**JOHN B. RUSSELL, JR.**—One of the younger business men of Wilkes-Barre is John B. Russell, Jr., representing Addressograph Sales. John B. Russell, deceased, father of Mr. Russell, was a resident of New York City, where he was engaged in the investment security business. He was a son of Joseph Emory Russell, also a native of New York, and of a daughter of John J. Schooley, of Wilkes-Barre. He married and was the father of three children: Louise, who married A. J. Griffith, of Pittston, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania; J. E. Russell, of New York; and John B., Jr., of further mention.

John B. Russell, Jr., was born in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, October 28, 1897, and grew up in New York City, where he attended the public and private schools. Upon the completion of his school training he was engaged in the investment and security business for a time, but upon the entrance of the United States into the World War he enlisted for service in the Signal Corps, with which unit he served to the end of the conflict. After the close of the war and his return to civilian life he was variously employed until 1928, at which time he took charge of Addressograph Sales in this territory. Politically, Mr. Russell gives his support to the principles and the candidates of the Republican party. He is a member of the Westmoreland Club, and of the Wyoming Valley Country Club, and in his religious faith he is a Protestant.

John B. Russell, Jr., married, April 24, 1922, Lucille Harvey, daughter of H. H. Harvey, a member of one of the oldest families of the Wyoming Valley. Mr. and Mrs. Russell are the parents of two children: John B., 3d, and Jane DeWitt.

**JOHN LANING**—The family of the surname Laning of which John Laning and his brother, Augustus C., (q. v.) of Wilkes-Barre is a member is of Welsh origin, and dates back in its American foundation to the latter part of the seventeenth century, with the arrival in this country of three brothers Laning, who settled first on Long Island and later in New Jersey. One of them, Robert, located in what is Lawrenceville, New Jersey, and married a Miss Hart. Among their children was a son Daniel, baptized in Lawrenceville in 1713, who married a sister of Jonathan Furman; and this Daniel Laning was a surveyor, and lived near Ewingville. One of his sons, Robert, was born in 1779, lived and died in Sussex County, New Jersey, and married Sarah Coryell, daughter of John Coryell, of



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French-Huguenot extraction, whose lineage is traced to the nobility of France. Among the children of Robert and Sarah (Coryell) Laning was John, who lived in Owego, Tioga County, New York; and he was the progenitor of one of the prominent families of the "Southern Tier" of New York, whose descendants in later years came to be recognized among the foremost families of the Wyoming Valley in Pennsylvania. John Laning of Owego, New York, married, in 1806, Mary Ann Deshong, widow of Welmar Godfrey Deshong and a daughter of Colonel Mathias Hollenback. They had seven children, and of them Augustus C., who was born September 30, 1808, and died May 29, 1875.

It was Augustus C. Laning who removed from Owego, New York, and founded the family in Wilkes-Barre, in 1822. He made his home with his uncle, George M. Hollenback, and obtained a clerkship in the mercantile establishment of his grandfather, Colonel Mathias Hollenback. For a time, too, he worked in his uncle's store, and in 1830, after he had become of age, set up in business for himself, in Kingston, but removed back once more to Wilkes-Barre within a short time, here, for a period, doing business on the east side of the square. In 1833-34 he erected a stone building for an iron foundry, on the west side of the square, on the site where now (1929) stands the Laning Building. Here he carried on business with good success until the building was destroyed by fire, in 1850; then he built again, a foundry and machine shop on the west side of the canal, north of Market Street, and there engaged in iron manufacturing. About 1853 Samuel R. Marshall of Philadelphia, acquired an interest in the business, and the partners made it the foremost of its kind in North-eastern Pennsylvania. In 1869 they sold it. From then until his death eight years later Mr. Laning devoted his time to private interests, notably real estate. He was active during his career in all phases of civic life, served in various offices, and was a benefactor to Wilkes-Barre on more than one occasion. He married Amanda Elizabeth Christel, daughter of Dr. Charles Francis Christel, and his wife, Elizabeth (Stookey) Christel.

John Laning, Sr., only son of Augustus C. and Amanda (Christel) Laning, was born in Wilkes-Barre, September 27, 1836, and here spent his whole life. He was educated in the local academy that stood in the public square, entered Lafayette College, and at the end of three years there matriculated in Union College, Schenectady, New York, where he graduated in 1858, at the age of twenty-two years. He was employed by his father, in the firm of Laning & Marshall, mastered thoroughly its every detail, and upon its sale in 1869 and the death of his father in 1875 assisted in and then attained to management entirely of the extensive Laning properties and interests, which became greatly enlarged under his handling. The estate was never divided, but remained intact, as when Augustus C. Laning died. John Laning was a director of the Miners' Saving Bank, of the Wilkes-Barre Bridge Company, and the Wyoming Valley Traction Company. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and was prominent in Masonry and other orders. He married Helen Cobb Brower, daughter of John Gardiner and Sarah (Berger) Brower of New York. Her parents removed to New Orleans in her childhood, and on a steamboat near Vicksburg she was wounded in the leg by a bullet from a Rebel's musket. John and Helen Cobb (Brower) Laning were the

parents of children: 1. Augustus C., of Wilkes-Barre, prominent in commercial, fraternal and social affairs of the city. 2. Emily B., born and died in 1867. 3. Elizabeth V., born in 1868. 4. Horace P., died in infancy. 5. Helen E., died in infancy; and 6. John, of whom follows.

John Laning, sixth child and third son of John, Sr., and Helen Cobb (Brower) Laning, was born in Wilkes-Barre, March 16, 1875, and has here spent his career, a substantial and representative citizen of the community, engaged in the management of the Laning real estate holdings, which are considerable. He received his education in the public schools of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania Military College at Chester, Pennsylvania, and in the University of Pennsylvania, whence he graduated toward the forefront of his class, in 1895, at the age of twenty-two years, the age at which his father had graduated from Union College. Soon after completion of his studies Mr. Laning returned to his native city, and has been engaged in commerce and notably in real estate during the succeeding years until the present. He is a Republican, like all of the men in his family, and is equally staunch in support of the party, maintaining a considerable voice in matters of a political character, when he wishes to exert it. He is a communicant of St. Stephen's Church, Wilkes-Barre, and toward charity is ever large of heart. Fraternally, his connections are extensive, and include membership in Lodge No. 61 of the Free and Accepted Masons, Shekinah Chapter, No. 182 of the Royal Arch Masons, Dieu le Veut Commandery No. 45 of Knights Templar; and he is a life member of Irem Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and of the Irem Temple Country Club. He is a member of the Pennsylvania Society Sons of the Revolution, the Pennsylvania Athletic Club, of Philadelphia, and of other societies. When the United States declared existence of a state of warfare with Germany, April 6, 1917, Mr. Laning was eager to be of service to his country's cause, and in this desire was most active on the boards dealing in war work, and in the Liberty Loan drives.

John Laning married in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, April 12, 1910, Mary Hewson Bradford, a daughter of Dr. T. Hewson and Katherine (Nevins) Bradford, great-granddaughter of Colonel William Bradford, Attorney-General in President George Washington's Cabinet; also a direct descendant of William Bradford, the printer, of 1600. Mr. and Mrs. Laning reside at No. 74 West Ross street, Wilkes-Barre.

**JOHN H. DANDO**—One of the leading members of the Luzerne County Bar is John H. Dando, whose offices are located at No. 1006 Brooks Building, Wilkes-Barre, and who has been successfully engaged in practice here for twenty-nine years.

Issachar Dando, father of Mr. Dando, was born in Wales, and came to this country in 1866, bringing with him his wife whom he had met and married in England. He settled at Sugar Notch, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, where he was engaged as a miner in the employ of the Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre Coal Company for many years, and where he died at the age of seventy-two years. He was a Republican in his political principles, and both he and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Issachar Dando married, in England, Louisa Beams, who was born in England, and they became the par-

ents of six children: George, deceased; Charles, deceased; Issachar, Jr., deceased; John H., of further mention; William S., of Wilkes-Barre and Albert, deceased, who was a soldier in the World War, was gassed in France, and returned to the United States, where he died from the effects of the gassing; Martha, the only daughter, married David Cairns, of Wilkes-Barre.

John H. Dando, son of Issachar and Louisa (Beams) Dando, was born at Sugar Notch, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, July 7, 1872, and was reared in Sugar Notch, where he attended school until he was about twelve years old. He was then put to work digging coal in the Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre Company's Coal Mines, where he remained for several years, working all day and attending the night schools when his day's work was done. Later he took up the study of law in the office of E. D. Nichols, of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. Mr. Dando passed the bar examinations and was admitted to the Luzerne County Bar in 1900, and has since been one of the active lawyers of Luzerne County. He gives his support to the principles and the candidates of the Republican party, and has served as chairman of the Republican County Committee. He also served for one term as assistant district attorney of Luzerne County, under Abram Salsburg, and he has served as solicitor for Luzerne County for the past nine years. He is a member of the Luzerne County Bar Association, and is well known in fraternal circles, being a member of Wilkes-Barre Lodge No. 109, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Wyoming Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Byars Lodge, Junior Order of United American Mechanics; Patriotic Order Sons of America; Loyal Order of Moose; and of the Knights of Pythias, of Wilkes-Barre. Mr. Dando is a self-made man in the best sense of the word, and by energy, ability and perseverance, even in the face of the seemingly insurmountable difficulties of his youth, he has achieved an honorable and useful place in his profession and in the community.

John H. Dando married, in August, 1900, Wilhelmina Firstenfield, and they are the parents of two children: John H., Jr., of Wilkes-Barre, and Walter B.

**HAYDEN WILLIAMS**—As a promoter of the approved commercial and civic interests, through organized efforts of his associates, Hayden Williams, secretary of the Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce, which office he has occupied for more than a decade, continues to perform a splendid service to that body and the community as well. A former newspaperman and city official, Mr. Williams brought to his present position a broad experience and a knowledge of men and affairs, of which the chamber has been pleased to avail itself as he discharged his responsibilities efficiently and in so acceptable a manner. Many have been the desirable results effected through his official efforts; the business community has been strengthened and the local commercial tone heightened, while the city at large has felt the influence of his activities.

He was born in Wilkes-Barre, January 26, 1887, the son of John M. and Katherine (Morgan) Williams. His father, born in Wales, in 1856, was a miner, a member of the city police force for twenty years and was court officer. He died November 7, 1923. His mother, Kath-

erine (Morgan) Williams, was born in South Wales.

Hayden Williams is a product of the local educational system, a graduate of the Wilkes-Barre High School, class of 1906. In his early young manhood he joined the staff of the Wilkes-Barre "Record" as a reporter, and was engaged in journalism for that newspaper for fourteen years. He made an extensive and valued acquaintance during that period, and developed gifts for organization and administration. From newspaper work he entered the service of the city of Wilkes-Barre and established a purchasing department as a branch of the local government, remaining at its head for one and one-half years. One of the most important turns of events in his career was reached on June 13, 1917, when he was elected secretary of the Chamber of Commerce of Wilkes-Barre, of which office he has ever since been the incumbent. The wisdom of the membership in making him secretary of its organization has been demonstrated manifold and on numerous important occasions. He has proved one of the strongest and most energetic officials the chamber has had during all its existence.

Mr. Williams enters into the various activities of the people of Wilkes-Barre with that readiness and coöperative spirit which bespeak for him the popular favor that he enjoys. In his political alliance a Republican, he is a loyal party man, but his partisanship is not of the unwholesome sort that does not recognize the rights of others of the opposite faith to think and act for themselves. His citizenship is of that all-round type which is desirable in a community of complex political and commercial activities. He is a trustee of the Wyoming Valley Homeopathic Hospital, Wilkes-Barre; affiliated with Lodge No. 61, Free and Accepted Masons; Keystone Consistory of the Scottish Rite, Scranton; and Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; and has his religious fellowship with the Presbyterian Church.

Hayden Williams married, February 2, 1907, Sumyra Gertrude Molyneux, daughter of Jabez M. and Jessie Molyneux, of Wilkes-Barre. They are the parents of a son, John Hayden, born June 27, 1910. The family has its residence in Kingston, a suburb of Wilkes-Barre. Mr. Williams has come prominently to the fore in a broad sense by reason of his secretaryship in the local Chamber of Commerce. He is a leading figure in the adoption and execution of the national programs of the National Association of Commercial Organization Secretaries, and is a past president of the Pennsylvania State Organization of Secretaries (1922-23). He was chief of staff of the Wilkes-Barre Sesqui-Centennial celebration held in July, 1928.

**THOMAS HUNT RIPPARD**—This name is one of the well-known names of Wilkes-Barre, having belonged to Thomas Hunt Rippard, Sr., late distinguished citizen of this community, and now being honorably borne by Thomas Hunt Rippard, progressive business man, greatly interested in the prosperity and progress of the greater community.

Thomas Hunt Rippard, Sr., was for many years in the forefront of all musical activities of Wilkes-Barre and the Wyoming Valley. He held a unique place in the life of community and valley, and his death, July 23, 1923, was a severe loss. He was born in Wilkes-Barre,

June 14, 1866, son of Josiah Alexander and Catherine (Linden) Rippard, and received his education at Harry Hillman Academy, now known as Wilkes-Barre Academy, and later under private tutor at the school of Alexander Newell, an uncle. Meanwhile he had shown a decided musical talent, and had commenced the study of music at the age of four, when he played the violin for the first time. After his return from Baltimore he began seriously to study the cello. This he continued to do while employed by the Wilkes-Barre Deposit and Savings Bank, with which he was associated in various capacities during the next thirty-seven years. He was acting cashier when he resigned, 1917, due to ill health. Mr. Rippard organized the Rippard String Quartet, popular throughout the State. He was active in the Scranton Symphony Orchestra, and was extremely generous with time and talents, performing at church recitals and for charitable causes hundreds of times without remuneration. He was particularly happy in giving encouragement and instruction to young musicians, who recall him with affection as friend and instructor. When he left the bank he devoted the greater part of his time to music, and when the Snyder Music Company was organized in 1920 he became its director, holding this position until shortly before his death. Keenly interested in radio broadcasting, his own musical renditions over the air were appreciatively received. On one occasion, when his cello music was picked up by an ocean liner far at sea, the request came to him that he repeat the number, or another. Fraternally Mr. Rippard was affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Free and Accepted Masons, in which order he belonged to the Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and was a communicant of the First Presbyterian Church. Mr. Rippard married, October 17, 1888, Esther Reichard, daughter of Henry Colt and Jennie (Griffin) Reichard, her father a well-known citizen of Wilkes-Barre, and of this union were born sons: 1. Linden C. 2. Captain Harry C. 3. Thomas Hunt, of whom we write.

Thomas Hunt Rippard was born in Wilkes-Barre, August 26, 1900. He secured a sound elementary and secondary academic preparation in the local public schools, and since his majority of years has been engaged in the realty business here, with success, now being a foremost realty factor in the city. He carries on a general brokerage, dealing in all manner of parcels of land, and gained particular recognition through development of property on Pocono Mountain. He has also been of prominence as president of the National Bond and Mortgage Company, of Wilkes-Barre, as president of the Men's Club of the Young Men's Christian Association, as a member of the Drama League, and as an active figure among Wilkes-Barre Radio Players.

Following his academic preparation in Wilkes-Barre's public schools, Mr. Rippard entered Wyoming Seminary, and still later matriculated in Lafayette College. He was popular among classmates, as today he is popular among the city's business men, and was a member of Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity, at Lafayette. When the United States entered the World War he went into the service. Upon receipt of his discharge he followed the course of the career above outlined.

Mr. Rippard has his offices in the Miners Bank Building, and resides at No. 35 West North Street.

**EDWARD A. BEDNER**—Though still relatively young, Edward A. Bedner is widely experienced in the banking profession. He has served in various capacities with several different banks, both in Pennsylvania and in New York, and is at present assistant cashier of the Hanover Bank and Trust Company, at Wilkes-Barre, in which position he has been very successful. His careful preparation for his career, and his unusual energy and ability mark him unmistakably as a coming man in his community. He is a member of several clubs and fraternal organizations, and is active in the civic and social life of Wilkes-Barre.

His father, Andrew Bedner, was born in Philadelphia, and came to Wilkes-Barre as a young man. For over thirty years he was a merchant at North Wilkes-Barre, where he now lives, having retired from business. He married Anna Lynch, who died in 1917, at the age of forty-nine, and they were the parents of twelve children: Margaret, who was married to Joseph C. Koval, of Nanticoke, Pennsylvania; Joseph, of Kingston, Pennsylvania, who is connected with the Equitable Trust Company of New York City; Thomas R., of Wilkes-Barre, employed by the American Bridge Company, of Philadelphia; Robert L., engaged in the real estate business at Wilkes-Barre; Edward A., of whom further; Martha Gertrude, who was married to Andrew Frantz, of Philadelphia; Andrew, Jr., who is now a student; Emily Irene, a student; Mary, who is also a student; Carl, and Anna, both students; and Leopold, who died in childhood.

Edward A. Bedner was born at Wilkes-Barre, on May 30, 1900. He attended the local public schools and the Wilkes-Barre High School, from which he was graduated in 1918. During this time he worked a little in his father's store. Later he took a course in the American Institute of Banking, and from 1921 until 1924 he attended the Wilkes-Barre branch of the Wharton Extension School of the University of Pennsylvania. Meanwhile his business career was well under way. He served for a time as paying teller of the Irving National Bank, in New York City, and then returning to Wilkes-Barre, he took a position there as paying teller in the Heights Deposit Bank. From 1921 until 1923 he filled the same position at the Polish Deposit Bank, in Nanticoke, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, and at the end of that time he became associated with the Luzerne County Bank, at Wilkes-Barre, where he remained as a teller until 1924, when this bank merged with the present Miners Bank, of Wilkes-Barre. From 1924 until 1926 he was connected with the American Bank and Trust Company at Hazleton, Pennsylvania, and in September, 1926 he became the assistant cashier of the Hanover Bank and Trust Company, at Wilkes-Barre, in which position he has remained since that time.

Politically, Mr. Bedner supports the principles and candidates of the Republican party. He is affiliated fraternally with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, in which organization he is a member of Wilkes-Barre Lodge, No. 109. He is also a member of the Alliance Club, and of the Valley Country Club, at Hazleton. He attends the Roman Catholic Church.

**J. MUIR CROSBY**—Coming from two of the older families active in the settling of Luzerne County, J. Muir Crosby is a true son of Pennsylvania. His grandfather, James Crosby, married a daughter of L. A. Barber, one of the first settlers of Forty Fort, Luzerne County. His parents were George A. and Elsie M. (Muir) Crosby, the father receiver for the Wilkes-Barre Electric Railroad Company. George A. Crosby and his wife had children: Lydia, who died in childhood; J. Muir, the subject of this sketch; Mildred, who died in childhood; Kenneth, who lived to be sixteen years of age and died as the result of being struck by an automobile, in May, 1927. George A. Crosby was well known throughout this vicinity and is affiliated with the Republican party in his political activity and is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

J. Muir Crosby was born at Carbondale, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania, on July 24, 1897. He was educated in the public schools and graduated from the Forty Fort High School in the class of 1916. He then studied civil engineering and later took a position with the Glen Alden Coal Company as a mining engineer and held this position for five years. After this, he took a position as traveling salesman for the Supple and Biddle Hardware Company of Philadelphia. After a year, he traveled for the Crew Levick Oil Company. In 1924, he gave up traveling and took the position which he now holds, that of bookkeeper and clerk for the Eastern Pennsylvania Supply Company at No. 56 South Pennsylvania Avenue, Wilkes-Barre. In 1917, during the World War, Mr. Crosby joined the Ordnance Department of the United States Army and was stationed at Lancaster, Pennsylvania, until the war was over. Before the war, he was a member of the old 109th Regiment of the National Guard of Pennsylvania. Mr. Crosby is a member of the Wilkes-Barre Lodge, No. 109, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and, on March 6, 1928, he was chosen Exalted Ruler for the term of 1928 and 1929. He has never married and makes his home with his parents.

**GEORGE REULING DAVIS**—Well known and highly respected in the business circles of Kingston and Wilkes-Barre, George Reuling Davis is active in all phases of endeavor, commercial, political and fraternal, in the community wherein he resides, Kingston, and is here accounted a most progressive citizen. His principal commercial interest is in the Kirby-Davis Company, Inc., dealers in automobiles, at Market and Gates streets, of which company he is a founder and the vice-president. He is also one of the directors of the Davis-Craig Company, a department store, of Kingston. Mr. Davis was born in Wilmore, Cambria County, Pennsylvania, December 10, 1887, only child of Edward W. and Emma (Miller) Davis.

With his parents, in his childhood, Mr. Davis came to Wilkes-Barre, and in Wilkes-Barre received his early academic training in the public schools. He attended the Harry Hillman Academy and the Hotchkiss School at Lakeville, Connecticut, and matriculated in Yale University, at New Haven, Connecticut. After a period of study at Yale he returned to Wilkes-Barre, and studied law in the offices of C. B. Lenahan. He studied with industry and intelligence under the tutelage of Mr.

Lenahan, and in 1918 was admitted by examination to practice before any bar in Pennsylvania. During the four years that followed he attained to some distinction among confreres in the profession for the ability with which he prepared briefs and argued cases. Meanwhile, however, in 1920, he perceived another opportunity, ripe and awaiting attention: in association with Mr. Kirby he formed the Kirby-Davis Company, Incorporated, under the laws of the State, to deal in automobiles; and after two years it became apparent that, either Mr. Davis would have to discontinue his law practice or permit the then thriving business to suffer. Accordingly, since 1922, he has given his whole attention to the automobile enterprise, and to incidental business ventures. The prosperity of the Kirby-Davis organization dates from its founding. It comprises large show and repair space, and is most modern in appointments. The Chrysler car, known nationally and with generous favor because of advertising and excellence in actual performance, is the make dealt in; a complete selection is at all times on display in the salesrooms. As vice-president and general manager of the company Mr. Davis is known widely in Luzerne County. He is a Republican, devoted to the principles of government upheld by the party, possessor of a considerable voice in political questions pertaining to Kingston and Wilkes-Barre, and judicious in its exercise, always supporting those enterprises of public character which he believes designated for the greatest good to the largest number. He is a Protestant, and his Christianity is of the large-hearted and practical sort, less concerned with outward expression than with works. To charity he contributes substantially, readily, in a spirit truly humanitarian, without the narrowing restrictions of race or creed. Mr. Davis is a member of the Westmoreland Club and the Wyoming Valley Country Club.

On March 10, 1910, Mr. Davis was united in marriage with Miriam Rutter, of Wilkes-Barre, daughter of James M. Rutter of Wilkes-Barre. To this union has been born one child, a daughter, Peggy Rutter. They make their home at No. 6 Gresham Place, Kingston.

**LEO W. WHITE**—In the general practice of law, with offices both in Wilkes-Barre and Pittston, Leo W. White has secured for himself a place of steadily increasing activity, having demonstrated the value of a thorough training combined with personal abilities. He has rendered a service to his profession as a pleader and counsel in legal matters; and he holds important office, to the satisfaction of his constituency and the general public.

Leo W. White was born February 22, 1899, in Pittston, a son of William F. White, Pittston City Commissioner, and one of its leading citizens, and Mary (Harrington) White. The children of William F. and Mary (Harrington) White: Raymond A., office manager for the Frank Martz Cadillac Automobile Company, at Forty Fort, Pennsylvania; he married Mary Ward, and they have three children: Marion, Raymond Ward, and Ruth; Paul E., a foreman for the Lehigh Railroad Company, at Coxtan; he married Mary O'Connor, and they have one son, William; Leo W., of whom further; Elizabeth M., a trained nurse at Wilkes-Barre.

Leo W. White on November 18, 1929, mar-





Oscar S. Harvey

ried Jessie L. Dyer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Dyer, of Washington, District of Columbia, and Beloit, Wisconsin.

Mr. White attended the public schools, and was graduated at Pittston High School with the class of 1917, and took a postgraduate course there in 1918. In that year, he enlisted in the United States Army, and was stationed with a regiment of infantry at Washington, District of Columbia. After the war, Mr. White returned to Pittston, where he took a position as bookkeeper and teller in the Dime Bank. An opening presenting itself in the War Department at Washington, Mr. White again returned to that city, where he was employed in the Audit Department of the Internal Revenue. While there he matriculated in the Law School of Georgetown University, where he was graduated in 1922 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws.

Mr. White was admitted to the Luzerne County Bar in 1925, returning from Philadelphia, where in 1924 he was a member of the Claims Board of the United States Veterans Bureau; and in 1925, he was admitted to practice before the State Supreme Court. Mr. White is also a member of the bar of the Supreme Court and of the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia. He is solicitor for the School Board, of Pittston, for the School District of Jenkins Township and for the Ramson Poor District.

Fraternally, Mr. White is a member of the Corp. John D. Stark Post, No. 542, of the American Legion, at West Pittston, Pennsylvania, and Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity.

**OSCAR JEWELL HARVEY**—Oscar Jewell Harvey, of the ninth generation—Elisha B. VIII, Benjamin (VII), Elisha (VI), Benjamin (V), John (IV), John (III), Thomas (II), Thomas (I)—was the son of Elisha B. and Sarah (Garretson) Harvey, and was born in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, Tuesday, September 2, 1851.

He was prepared for college at the school conducted by his father, and during his last year there taught some of the primary classes. In September, 1867, ten days after his sixteenth birthday, he entered the freshman class of Lafayette College, Easton, Pennsylvania. While in college he became a member of the Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity, and of the Washington Literary Society, and was elected historian of his class for life. In 1870 he was instrumental in organizing the D. K. E. Boat Club, and was the first captain of the club. He was graduated from college in June, 1871, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and three years later the degree of Master of Arts was conferred on him.

From 1872 to 1882 he maintained at Lafayette College "The Harvey Prize for English," an annual prize of twenty dollars in gold given to the student of the Junior class excelling in the English studies of the year. He also contributed a collection of valuable books to the college library, and was recording secretary of the Alumni Association from 1872 to 1882. The year following his graduation from college he spent as a clerk in the office of his father—then a practicing lawyer and a magistrate—in Wilkes-Barre.

In July, 1872, Oscar J. Harvey was elected Professor of Mathematics and Higher English in the Wyoming Seminary, Kingston, Pennsylvania, and in September following entered upon his duties. He remained at this institution until July, 1873, when, owing to the fact that it was necessary for him to devote a good deal of time as acting executor to the

affairs of his deceased father's estate, he resigned his professorship. In the following autumn he became a student of law under the direction of the Hon. Caleb E. Wright and Isaac P. Hand, Esq., Wilkes-Barre, and in October, 1875, passed his examination for admission to the bar; but the courts not being in session he could not be admitted at that time. A few days later he sailed from New York for Europe, where he spent six months in study and sight-seeing in London, France and Italy. Returning to Wilkes-Barre May 13, 1876, he was admitted to the Bar of Luzerne County three days later, and in April, 1879, was admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Harvey took an active part in the National political campaign of 1876, and in January, 1877, was put forward by the young Republicans of Wilkes-Barre as their candidate for the mayoralty nomination. He was defeated in the city convention by four votes, the successful candidate being W. W. Loomis, Esq., a man of years and experience—who, a month later, was elected mayor of the city.

Oscar J. Harvey was made a Free Mason in Lodge No. 61, Wilkes-Barre, May 25, 1873, and was Worshipful Master of the Lodge in 1879. He became a Companion of Shekinah Chapter, No. 182, Royal Arch Masons, in 1877, and the same year received the various degrees of Templar Masonry, and was admitted to membership in Dieu le Veut Commandery No. 45, Knights Templar, Wilkes-Barre. He held the office of Prelate in the Commandery for two or three years. In 1873 he was one of the charter members of E. B. Harvey Lodge, No. 839, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Wilkes-Barre, and subsequently held the office of Noble Grand of the Lodge two terms. In 1879 and again in 1881 he was one of five or six candidates for the office of Right Worshipful Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania (then as now the largest Grand Lodge in the Order), and next to the successful candidate received at each election the highest number of votes.

He was the first captain of the Wilkes-Barre Fencibles, an infantry company organized November 28, 1878, under the militia laws of Pennsylvania. This company was the nucleus of the 9th Regiment, National Guard of Pennsylvania, and in June, 1879, became Company B of that organization. October 17, 1879, Captain Harvey was promoted commissary of the regiment, and this office he held until July 11, 1881, when he was honorably discharged from the service, in accordance with "the provisions of section twenty-two of the Act approved June 8, 1881, which directs all regimental paymasters and commissaries to be discharged."

The latter years of his life Mr. Harvey gave almost exclusively to literary work and especially to research in the rich field of local history. He was the author of "A History of Lodge 61, F. and A. M.," a large octavo volume much valued by the Masonic fraternity. For the dedication of Irem Temple he prepared a handsomely illustrated history of that organization from its beginnings in Wilkes-Barre. A booklet of wide vogue during the Wilkes-Barre Centennial celebration of 1906 was also from the pen of Mr. Harvey.

In 1907 Oscar J. Harvey published two volumes of his "History of Wilkes-Barre and the Wyoming Valley," upon which his fame as an historian rests secure. These volumes are to be found in nearly every public library of the country and are accepted as the most complete and most authentic historical sketches published of any locality of the United States. Financially, this history

proved a heavy loss to its author and, while he continued with unabated zeal his studies of local events, Mr. Harvey never completed the manuscript of many additional chapters intended for the remaining two volumes of this important work. At his death, his family very carefully preserved the data the author had collected in almost a half century of investigation and requested Ernest G. Smith, of Wilkes-Barre to accept it as a basis for the completion of the work. Colonel Smith secured financial assistance from various public-spirited citizens who desired to see the work finished and has devoted some six months of patient effort to classifying and arranging this data in proper order and has written eight chapters in addition to the manuscript left by Mr. Harvey to complete the third volume. A fourth volume, giving a running narrative of events from the year 1800 to the present and concluding with an index of all four volumes should be ready for the printer by the end of the present year (1930).

Oscar J. Harvey was united in marriage to Fannie Virginia Holden, daughter of Eben B. and Martha (Smith) Holden, of West Chester, Pennsylvania, June 23, 1880. Five children were born to the couple: Thorndyke, born at Wilkes-Barre, May 18, 1881; Ethel and Helen, twins, born at Wilkes-Barre, September 18, 1883; Ernest, born at Washington, District of Columbia, June 2, 1886; Walter, born at West Chester, Pennsylvania, October 31, 1887. The youngest child died in infancy, the wife and remaining children surviving Mr. Harvey.

In 1913, Mr. Harvey became historiographer of the Wyoming Historical and Geological Society, retaining that office until his death. The services of Mr. Harvey in recent years had been retained by the Wilkes-Barre Rotary Club in connection with delivering a series of lectures on local history to pupils of the high school of the city. These lectures were of a nature to provoke class room discussions on interesting topics, proving as well an incentive to a more accurate knowledge of local history on the part of teachers and students. As a consequence they were looked forward to with an interest not often accorded in school affairs and became a source of enlightenment to all concerned.

Historian Harvey was frequently called upon by Historical Societies in all parts of the country to prepare outlines of subjects allied with the history of the Wyoming Valley, and his papers have been featured on programs of community interest in several States. The last paper read before the Wyoming Society by Mr. Harvey featured "Early Newspapers of the Wyoming Valley," and is published in this volume. For several years before his last illness Oscar J. Harvey was a sufferer from a complication of ailments. But these afflictions he bore cheerfully as was his custom. Of a gentle, retiring and studious nature, Oscar J. Harvey made friends slowly but held them by his geniality, his loyalty and his warm-hearted consideration of others.

It was a last regret with him that circumstances had forced him to abandon the completion of his history. It can, therefore, be a matter of satisfaction to his friends, as it will be a memorial to his name, to have this history published in its intended four volume form at an early date by those of the community who realized its worth. Oscar J. Harvey died at the home of his sister, Mrs. L. L. Reese, of Kingston, March 26, 1922.

**HERMAN B. DEWITT**—Vice-president of Deemer & Company, stationers and dealers in office furniture and fixtures, in Scranton, Wilkes-Barre, and Hazleton, Herman B. DeWitt, scion of one of the oldest families in Luzerne County, occupies a position of importance in the business circles of Wilkes-Barre and maintains a reputation in other walks of life that is unimpeachable. Entering his present office as vice-president after an extended period in other departments of his firm, he was fortified therefor through experience, and a thorough understanding of the problems accompanying his new duties. For this reason, he fills this post with much credit to himself.

Mr. DeWitt, who was born March 29, 1892, at Wyoming, Luzerne County, is a son of George M. and Emma (Good) DeWitt, grandson of Valentine and Margaret DeWitt, and third in descent from John DeWitt, son of Abraham (1). The DeWitt family history extends back to the early Dutch settlers of New Jersey, where they took a prominent part in public affairs. This branch moved from the vicinity of Harmony, New Jersey, to Wyoming Valley. It was John DeWitt and his wife, Elizabeth (Mutchler) DeWitt, who in 1800, purchased the DeWitt farm in Luzerne County, which remains in possession of that family. John and Elizabeth (Mutchler) DeWitt had three sons and three daughters. One son, Valentine, had seven sons and two daughters, of whom was George M., father of Herman B., of this review; Edmund and Ida.

Herman B. DeWitt was a student of the public schools at Wyoming and Kingston, Pennsylvania, graduated from Wyoming Seminary, in 1913, and completed his scholastic studies when he was graduated from Wharton Extension School, Wilkes-Barre. His school days were followed by a period of service as a salesman, at the conclusion of which he purchased an interest in the firm of Deemer & Company. For several years he functioned as treasurer of this company, and eventually was chosen vice-president. Deemer & Company is agreed to be the largest establishment of its kind in Northeastern Pennsylvania, and in addition to the Wilkes-Barre house, operates a large store at Scranton and Hazleton. The company handles the numerous articles peculiar to a business of this type, furniture and supplies, and, to quote their own slogan: "Everything for Your Office."

Mr. DeWitt is a Republican in political affiliations, exercising his suffrage in support of that party, but only when he is convinced that the issues and principles of his chosen faith are honest and well-intentioned. His fraternal associations include the Free and Accepted Masons, he being a member of Wyoming Lodge, No. 468, of this organization. He is a member of the Forty Fort Methodist Episcopal Church and of the Lions' Club, but perhaps he is best known as one of the most progressive business men of his community, as evidenced by his whole-hearted efforts in the ranks of the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce.

**PHILIP L. DRUM**—The roll of the members of the legal profession in Wilkes-Barre is long and honorable and includes the names of some who have distinguished themselves in more than one line of achievement, as well as those who have confined their atten-



tions to the practice of their profession. Among those who are descendants of very old families of Luzerne County is Philip L. Drum, who has offices at No. 414 Coal Exchange Building. Mr. Drum is a descendant of two old families of this section—Drum and Hess—both pioneers of Luzerne County.

The Drum family came to Luzerne County from Northampton County, Pennsylvania, in 1780, when George Drum, great-grandfather of Philip L. Drum, settled here as one of the group which included John Balliet, Andrew Maure, and John Woodring. George Drum, who was born in 1762, was a young man of less than twenty years at that time, and the group settled in Butler Township, on the site of what is now known as the Village of Drums, situated about nineteen miles south of the city of Wilkes-Barre, on the line of the Wilkes-Barre and Hazleton Electric Railway. George Drum had a son, Philip Drum, who married Magdalena Beishline, and they were the parents of Nathan S. Drum, of whom further, and father of Philip L. Drum.

Nathan S. Drum was born on the old Drum homestead in Butler Township, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, December 29, 1837, and died May 3, 1915. He received his education in the local schools and Selinsgrove and Lewisburg academies, and for many years was a merchant in Drums which was named for his family. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He married Elizabeth Hess, who was born April 21, 1847, a daughter of Philip and Hannah Hess, whose homestead, with that of the Drum family, at Drums, now (1929) comprises the housing and most of the grounds of the Kis-Lyn School for Boys. Nathan S. and Elizabeth (Hess) Drum (the latter having died January 26, 1912), were the parents of five children: Philip L., of further mention; Elmer E., deceased; Carrie May, Nora Alice, Lottie Eva.

Philip L. Drum, son of Nathan S. and Elizabeth (Hess) Drum, was born in Drums, Butler Township, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, January 31, 1871, and, after attending the local public schools, continued study in Wyoming Seminary, at Kingston. Then after teaching two years in the public school at Upper Lehigh, Pennsylvania, he entered the Bloomsburg State Normal School, from which he was graduated with the class of 1893. The following year he was a teacher in the Carlisle Indian School, at Carlisle, Pennsylvania, and then for a short time he was engaged in the lumber business. In 1895-96, he taught in the Bloomsburg State Normal School. Then, after a year at Lafayette College, he determined to enter the legal profession, and the following fall enrolled in the Law School of the University of Pennsylvania, from which he graduated with the class of 1900, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Laws. In the fall of 1900 he was admitted to the Luzerne County Bar, and in November was elected, as a Republican, to represent his district in the State Legislature, where he served during the session of 1901. He is a member of the Luzerne County Bar Association, and has built up in Wilkes-Barre a very satisfactory clientele. He has been chairman of the County Board of Viewers fifteen years and is known especially for his interest in good roads. His offices are located, as has already been stated, at No. 414 Coal Exchange Building. Mr. Drum is a member of Landmark Lodge, No. 442, Free and Accepted Masons; of the Scottish Rite bodies, in which he holds the thirty-second degree taken at

Keystone Consistory, Scranton, Pennsylvania, and is a member of Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a member of the Craftsman's Club, and his religious affiliation is with the First Presbyterian Church of Wilkes-Barre, which he serves as a member of the board of deacons.

Philip L. Drum married, December 29, 1900, Vida Bowman, of Orangeville, Columbia County, Pennsylvania, daughter of Righter and Elizabeth Bowman, deceased, the father a soldier in the Union Army who died as a result of wounds received in battle. Mr. and Mrs. Drum have one daughter, Elizabeth, who was born in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, May 18, 1905, and is a graduate (1928) of Syracuse University, New York State, where she made a special study of the piano and pipe organ. She is now (1929) a teacher of music.

**WILLIAM BREWSTER** was born June 23, 1877, at Brooklyn, Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania. His father, Charles Miner Brewster, was ninth in direct descent from Elder William Brewster, who came on the "Mayflower"; and his mother, Mary Bagley Brewster, was a descendant of the eighth generation of Orlando Bagley, who was one of the original proprietors and settlers of Amesbury, Massachusetts, in 1653. Her grandfather, Orlando Bagley, was one of the minute men who fought the British when they retreated from Lexington; and was a soldier at Bunker Hill and Saratoga.

William Brewster was educated at the East Stroudsburg State Normal School, and the University of Pennsylvania, and was admitted to the Bar of Luzerne County in July, 1900. Previous to his admission to the bar, he was engaged in newspaper work for several years, being employed as a reporter on the Stroudsburg "Daily Times," the Wilkes-Barre "Times," and the Wilkes-Barre "Record." He has practiced his profession at Wilkes-Barre, and is a resident of Kingston. Mr. Brewster was a member of the school board of Kingston Borough for a number of years; and is a member of the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants, the New England Society of Northeastern Pennsylvania, and the Wyoming Historical and Geological Society.

**JUDGE ALFRED DARTE**—Here we write briefly concerning four generations of the Dart family, touching especially on Alfred Dart, Sr., and on his distinguished son, the late Judge Alfred Dart of Luzerne County, well known citizen of Kingston. The family is among the oldest in the United States. Before its appearance in Luzerne County, the house was old in the State of Connecticut. Its traditions are replete of honor; its ancestry is the finest. For the purposes of this chronicle, we begin with Elias Dart, of whom further, grandfather of Judge Dart.

(I) Elias Dart, with six brothers, served in the war of the Revolution. In line of duty he received a severe wound from a bayonet, at the attack on Fort Griswold. Native of Connecticut, he typified the stern and upright courage of the times. He had a son, Alfred, of whom further.

(II) Alfred Dart, Sr., was born at Bolton, Tolland County, Connecticut, July 14, 1810. He secured his education there, and in 1829, when nineteen years of age, settled at Dundaft, Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania. He married, December 30, 1830, Annie E.

Cone, daughter of Dorastus Cone, himself a member of an old Connecticut line. Alfred Darté, Sr., was for many years a teacher. In 1844 he took up the study of law, and later was admitted to practice in Kentucky, but still later, returning to Susquehanna County, opened offices at Carbondale. Carbondale then was situated in Luzerne County, but now, through realignment of county boundaries, lies in Lackawanna County. Here he followed his chosen profession until the outbreak of war between the States. On April 18, 1861, he was commissioned captain of Company K, 25th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. On October 30, 1861, he was commissioned captain of Company M, 64th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and served in command of this company until December 4, 1862, when he resigned his commission, being succeeded by his son, Judge Darté. Alfred Darté, Sr., took part in the great battle of Antietam. He was wounded in that engagement, and died August 13, 1883.

(III) Judge Alfred Darté, son of Alfred and Annie E. (Cone) Darté, was born at Dundaff, Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania, April 28, 1836, and died at his home in Kingston, July 20, 1901. He received his preparatory instruction in the common schools and in Wyoming Seminary at Kingston, then studied the law in his father's offices, being admitted to the bar of Luzerne County, May 12, 1859. At the start of the Civil War, he was commissioned first lieutenant in Company K, 25th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, under his father's command. He served therewith for three months, until, August 13, 1861, he was commissioned lieutenant of Company M, 64th Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He served with this company until his father's resignation in October, 1862. Later he was commissioned a captain, served in the 4th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry, and was on active duty until September 19, 1864. He was then mustered out on account of disability, caused by wounds received at the battle of Trevilian Station, Virginia. His record as a soldier was of the best. He saw continuous action at the front for four years, taking part in many of the hard-fought battles. He was a man of splendid form and carriage, above six feet in height with broad shoulders held squarely, a perfect specimen of manhood and a perfect soldier.

After the war, Judge Darté, then known as Captain Darté, returned to Luzerne County and took up the practice of his chosen profession. In 1879 he was elected on the Republican ticket to the office of district attorney for Luzerne County, and filled that office with ability. He later was justice of the peace at Kingston, for Kingston Borough, and still later was elected judge of the Orphans' Court, Luzerne County. As judge he served with his usual ability in all things undertaken, to the satisfaction of all persons interested. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church of Kingston, and was a trustee for many years.

Judge Darté married, June 11, 1863, Caroline Seely, of Kingston, daughter of Robert Seely, who was born in Ireland. Their only son, Frank G. Darté, is one of the leading citizens of Wilkes-Barre and Luzerne County.

Judge Darté was one of Luzerne County's most outstanding citizens through many years. He was a splendid citizen, a brave soldier, a good lawyer and judge, and while

filling the several offices of public trust conferred on him served always for the public benefit. His name is perpetuated in the annals of community, county and State, as belonging to one whose life was lived in the service of mankind.

**JOHN HUGHES BLACKMAN, JR.**, was born in West Pittston, January 15, 1893. His father, John Hughes Blackman, Sr., has been for years manager for The Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, in Eastern and Central Pennsylvania and Northern New Jersey, with offices at Scranton. His ancestors were among the early settlers of the valley, his great-grandfather, Elisha Blackman, having fought in the battles at Wyoming in 1778. His mother, May Allen, was daughter of William A. Allen, native of Glasgow, Scotland, and Amelia (Stark) Allen, whose ancestors were members of the Connecticut Company, settling in Wyoming County. He has one sister, Marjory Blackman, who resides in New York City.

John Hughes Blackman, Jr., was educated at Harry Hillman Academy, Wilkes-Barre, Lawrenceville Preparatory School, New Jersey, and Yale University, class of 1914. After graduation, he took up life insurance under his father and is district manager of the company with offices in Miners' Bank Building, Wilkes-Barre. He received his commission at the first officers' training camp at Madison Barracks, New York, and served with the 109th Field Artillery overseas, participating in five major offensives, receiving a citation. At present time he is captain and operation officer of the regiment.

Mr. Blackman married, November 17, 1917, Emily Lindsley Fuller, daughter of Judge Henry A. Fuller and Ruth (Parrish) Fuller, and has two children, Joan and Ruth.

Mr. Blackman is a life member of Wyoming Valley Country Club, Yale Club of New York City, St. Elmo Club of New Haven, Connecticut; vice-president of the Yale Alumni Association of Wyoming Valley; member of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Wilkes-Barre, Black Diamond Post American Legion, and Lodge No. 442, Free and Accepted Masons; director of Dime Bank, Pittston; trustee of the Wyoming Valley Historical and Geological Society, and trustee of Wilkes-Barre Institute.

**EDWARD JAYNE EVANS**—Proof that the fortunes of men are largely in their own hands and that grit and determination are rewarded is finely illustrated in the case of Edward J. Evans, of Kingston, who rose from the humblest of beginnings to a place of high importance in the financial field of this district of Pennsylvania. Here was a boy whose lot it was to begin life picking slate in the coal breakers, yet he managed to find time to attend school beyond the elementary grades and to put the education thus attained to good advantage in business. Originating from a hardy Welsh and native Pennsylvania stock, he inherited the fine qualities of his parents and throughout his active life here has been one of the most energetic and industrious of our citizens. Painsstaking with his work, he is by no means a grind, but finds time and pleasure in fraternal, social and civic associations, bringing to each a geniality and cordiality that is one of his most engaging qualities. He is interested in all public affairs that appeal to the progressive element and is one of the most valued citizens of this community.

He was born in Danville, Pennsylvania, a son of John J. Evans, born in Wales, British





John Fierro

Isles, who came to the United States in his youth, and who died here. His mother was Sarah J. (Esau) Evans, a native of Danville, where she was born. After a common school education in Danville young Edward J. Evans went to work in the breakers but remained at that occupation for only one year, then becoming a clerk in a wholesale notion house in Wilkes-Barre, where he continued for five years. In the meantime he attended Wyoming Seminary, where he took the business course and on May 10, 1899, was engaged by the Kingston Bank and Trust Company, where he held several positions until his promotion, in August, 1927, to active vice-president and his election as a director of the institution. Ten years after he entered the bank he was made cashier, holding that important position until his appointment to the vice-presidency. For four years he served as school director here and for several years was a trustee of the Presbyterian Church, which he and his family attend, and is now president of the West Side Business Men's Association. In politics he is a Republican. Affiliated with the order of Free and Accepted Masons, he has been treasurer of the association here for twelve years, his lodge being Kingston, No. 395. He also belongs to Shekinah Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Dieu le Veut Commandery, Knights Templar; and Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

Edward J. Evans married, in November, 1913, Helen Newitt, daughter of George R. and Diana (Greene) Newitt, of Kingston.

**JOHN FIERRO**—Twenty-four years of continuous service as alderman of the Twelfth Ward of Hazleton is but a part of the honorable record of John Fierro. Up to the time of his election to the board of aldermen he was a member of the firm of Fierro Brothers, owners of a flourishing wholesale bottling business, but he withdrew at the time of his election to that office in 1904, and since that time has been very active in local public affairs. He has served the city of Hazleton with notable efficiency and has rendered most valuable service to his countrymen and the Poles and Slavs and also Italians of the city and township. He has brought Italian and Polish teachers into the schools and has secured for others of these nationalities responsible positions—and the proof of the wisdom of his course is found in the fact that all those whom he has been influential in placing in positions of trust have proved worthy of confidence and able to serve the best interest of the city and of the township.

Frank Fierro, father of John Fierro, was born in Italy and came to this country in 1881, locating in Lattimer, Pennsylvania, where he worked as a miner. Later, in 1884 he returned to his native land, married, and remained there for some years. In 1887 he came again to America, and again settled in Lattimer, Pennsylvania. But this time he came not as a stranger in a strange land, but as one who knew his way quite thoroughly and kept a watchful lookout for a good business opening. Two years after his return to this country, in 1889, he engaged in the wholesale bottling business here in Hazleton, where he made his home to the time of his death in 1912. He and his wife, Anna, had two sons who were admitted to the business as soon as they were old enough, and they organized the company known as Fierro Brothers, which continued and enlarged the wholesale bottling business.

John Fierro, son of Frank and Anna Fierro, was born in Italy, February 22, 1877, and

attended the schools of his native land until he was eight years of age, when he came to America. The boy attended the schools of Lattimer, Pennsylvania, until 1888, when his father removed to Hazleton, where the boy completed his education. As soon as he was old enough he was admitted to the business, and he continued the association with his father and with his brother until 1904, when he was elected alderman of the Township of Hazleton. Since that time Mr. Fierro has devoted the greater portion of his time to public work and has made for himself a high reputation as a progressive and public-spirited official. In 1914 he served as acting mayor of Hazleton, and through the twenty-four years of his continuous service as an alderman he has been constructive in his aims, taking a deep interest in the Americanization of his fellow-countrymen and of the Poles and Slavs of the township and city. His personal experience, as well as his personal qualifications peculiarly fitted him for the work which he has done, and his understanding of the problems of those who come to this country from another land has enabled him to serve both the newcomers and the city and township in which they settled. He has been very active in the affairs of the Republican party, but in September, 1927, he was nominated on the Socialist ticket and elected by eight hundred and twenty-six Socialist votes, a fine testimonial to the character of the work which Mr. Fierro had done as a Republican. It was he who first saw the advantage of placing in the schools of the township, which were attended by foreign-born children or by children of foreign-born parents, Italian and Polish teachers to work side by side with the American teachers in the public schools of Hazleton Township. It was he, too, who first secured the appointment of Italian teachers in the public schools of Hazleton. He also secured the appointment of the first Italian policemen in the city of Hazleton, thus giving the Italian people a definite share in the responsibility of maintaining law and order. Furthermore, it was John Fierro who went further than civic affairs and was instrumental in securing the award of free scholarships to Polish and Italian students, thus offering an incentive to advanced scholarship and also opening a way for those who could not afford such opportunities. He was also the pioneer in securing the first position in the city government for Slavs and Italians, and secured for them positions in the city banks. Thus through the efforts of Mr. Fierro the foreign-born and children of foreign-born parents are taking their places as integral parts of the civic, business, and intellectual life of the land, and are becoming true American citizens. It is worthy of note that in each case, to the present time, those selected by Mr. Fierro for positions of trust have proved worthy of the confidence placed in them and are rendering genuine service to the city and to the township. The fact that these men are holding positions of honor and trust is in itself an incentive to their fellow-countrymen, and the Italian, Polish and Slavic officials, and teachers have been able to help as no others could do in the task of smoothing the way to un-hyphenated Americanism. Mr. Fierro's brother, Joseph, has continued the wholesale bottling business successfully, and as a progressive business man is also contributing a valuable share to the life of the city. Since 1898 John Fierro has been interested in political affairs, and thirty years of experience have made him expert in the splendid kind of public work which he is doing.

John Fierro was married in Hazleton, Octo-

ber 26, 1904, to Anna Hanisek, of Hazleton. She died in 1920, leaving four children: Geneva, Anna, Frank and George. Since 1892 Mr. Fierro has made his home at No. 645 North Vine Street, in Hazleton. His offices are located in the Markle Bank Building.

**WILLIS H. MILLER**—One of the energetic and outstanding business men of Kingston and Wilkes-Barre is Willis H. Miller, sales representative and manager of the district unit of the American Radiator Company. He was born at Archbald, Lackawanna County, on May 14, 1869, and educated in the public schools of that place, until the family removed to Kingston, when he attended the Wyoming Seminary. His mother, Anna C. (McLeod) Miller, daughter of Captain Evander McLeod, was born in Carbondale, in 1843 and died in May, 1910. Mr. Miller's father, H. C. Miller had been a prosperous business man of Kingston for forty years, when he died in 1912, he was identified in the furniture and undertaking business on the West Side, a business established by him, and which one of his sons, Albert E. Miller, carried on after his death. Both father and son were deeply interested in civic affairs, were counted as useful citizens and served the community in various of its town's activities, notably on the School Board and in the Council. The elder Mr. Miller was born in Germany in 1836 but was brought to this country when he was a lad of thirteen. Willis H. Miller became identified in the early part of his business life with the B. G. Carpenter Company in plumbing and heating construction work. He was still a young man when he was taken into the American Radiator Company, manufacturers of boilers and radiators, as a sales representative and has steadily advanced in responsibility in that organization and now, after almost twenty-five years with them, he is manager of this important unit, which covers a particularly fertile industrial territory, and as a result many of the important buildings and residences throughout our valley are equipped with this product.

Mr. Miller is counted an able citizen of the town, and acts in the Council of the Borough of Kingston and in all ways takes a keen interest in matters that pertain to the best advantage of Kingston and its civic growth. He is a member of the Craftsman's Club, the Franklin Club, the United Commercial Travelers and of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He belongs to the Kingston Lodge, No. 395, Free and Accepted Masons; the Shekinah Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; the Dieu le Veut Commandery, Knights Templar; and Irem Temple Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He and his family are members of the First Methodist Episcopal Church.

In 1893 Willis H. Miller married Harriet M. Pettebone, daughter of Noah and Jane (Renard) Pettebone of Kingston, Pennsylvania. The Pettebone family is of old Pennsylvania ancestry and has been active in Wyoming Valley for generations. Mr. and Mrs. Willis H. Miller have one son, Robert M., who was born in June, 1895. He attended the West Barre High School and the Bethlehem Preparatory School, and was active in athletics, being captain of the football team during his school years. When the World War started he was a student at the State College, and immediately enlisted in the United States Navy and served throughout the war. He is at present engaged in repre-

senting building material concerns and has been chosen commander of the American Legion Post of Kingston

**JOHN PETRO**—A story of earnest purpose, hard work, and steady persistence, rewarded by successful achievement, is the record of John Petro, cashier of the North End State Bank of Wilkes-Barre. Born of Czecho-Slovakian parents who came to this country, he early became inured to hard work, and as a boy began to earn his living in the breakers of Pine Ridge Colliery. While he worked hard, however, he also found opportunity to study hard, and by the time he was twenty-seven he was holding a responsible position in one of the well-known banks of this city. Since December 1, 1926, he has been cashier of the North End State Bank, of Wilkes-Barre. He is prominent in the activities of the Greek Catholic Church.

John and Anna Petro, parents of Mr. Petro, were born of sturdy Czecho-Slovakian stock and throughout their lives have upheld the standards of industry, frugality, and thrift, which is usual with their countrymen. The father, born in Czecho-Slovakia in 1863, was one of the enterprising men who had the initiative and the courage to leave his native land and begin life in a strange country, where language, customs, and habits of thought were different from his own. He settled here in the State of Pennsylvania, at Miners Mills, where he worked as an outside checking boss to the time of his death, which occurred September 14, 1919. His wife, Anna, born in Czecho-Slovakia, survives him (1930).

John Petro, son of John and Anna Petro, was born at Miners Mills, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, August 28, 1892, and received his early education in the public schools of that place and of Hanover. Though it was necessary that he become a wage earner at an early age, he had no intention of remaining a mere workman. He intended to enter the business world, and while working in the Pine Ridge Colliery, as a breaker, he found opportunity to take a commercial course in the Wilkes-Barre Business College. After finishing his commercial course he still continued in the colliery until he had rounded out a period of eight years there, serving in the office for one year. He then secured a position as clerk in the employ of the Pennsylvania Bank and Trust Company, thus beginning his permanent connection with the banking business in general, though that particular association was not to be permanent. His stay there was not a short one, however, and his ability and trustworthiness were recognized and rewarded with promotions until, in 1919, he was made assistant cashier of the bank. Three years later, in 1922, he left the Pennsylvania Bank and Trust Company to accept the position of assistant cashier of the Liberty State Bank, now the Liberty State Bank and Trust Company, of Liberty, Pennsylvania. That position he filled with marked ability until December 1, 1926, when he became cashier of the North End State Bank, where he is still (1930) located. The qualities of character which have enabled Mr. Petro to overcome all difficulties and to remain faithful to early trusts are making him a valuable factor in the development of the business interests of the bank with which he is now identified, and he is much trusted and respected by his associates.

As the North End State Bank was an infant, only little more than two years old,

when Mr. Petro became identified with its interests as cashier, he will have an opportunity to grow with it. The bank was organized in October, 1925, and opened for business April 1, 1926, just eight months prior to the coming of Mr. Petro as cashier. Its first official personnel was as follows: President, Richard A. Ward; vice-president, Daniel J. Cray; second vice-president, Gustave A. Johnson; third vice-president, Robert W. Johnson; with E. Arthur Aston as secretary of the official board; Ralph J. Stout as cashier; and Rodger O. O'Donnell, as solicitor. At the present time (1930) Daniel J. Cray is president; Gustave A. Johnson, first vice-president; Robert W. Johnson, second vice-president; George M. Yencha, third vice-president; John Petro, cashier; Walter A. Bromfield, assistant cashier; with the solicitor and the secretary of the board remaining as before. The bank is located at No. 438 North Main Street, and has already taken its place among the well established financial institutions of the city of Wilkes-Barre. It was not by chance that Mr. Petro entered the banking world after the completion of his commercial course. He knew what he wanted and made definite preparation for a successful career as a banker by adding to his commercial course, a course in the American Institute of Banking, taken while he was holding a minor bank position.

Mr. Petro is a Republican in his political sympathies, and he is one of the responsible citizens who take a part in bearing the burdens of local public office, his contribution in this direction being six years of service as auditor of Miners Mills. He is active in the work of the Greek Catholic Church of North Wilkes-Barre, which he served as secretary for two years and as vice-president in 1927. He is secretary of the St. Nicholas Society, a branch of the Greek Catholic Union, and is a member of the Tatra Club.

John Petro was married, October 12, 1919, to Julia Bobick, of Homestead, Pennsylvania, daughter of John and Mary Bobick, and they are the parents of three children: Mildred M., born November 17, 1920; Myron J., born March 10, 1922; and Loretta D., born March 1, 1925. The family home is located at No. 15 East Main Street, in Wilkes-Barre.

**PRESTON J. STURDEVANT, D. D. S.**—One of the skillful and successful dentists of Luzerne County is Preston J. Sturdevant, D. D. S., who in the period of slightly more than a decade in which he has been practicing his profession has acquired a host of friends and loyal patients who rely upon his work implicitly and come to him for their dental advice and treatment. Practicing, with offices in Forty Fort, Dr. Sturdevant is widely known among his fellow-citizens, and is at the same time more than ordinarily active in the social and civic life of his community.

He was born in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, on June 3, 1896, a son of Clarence W. and Lucy (Swan) Sturdevant. His father, who was born in Binghamton, New York, in 1865, is engaged in the fire insurance business in Wilkes-Barre, where he is a member of the firm of Thompson, Derr and Brothers; while the mother, Lucy (Swan) Sturdevant, was born at Skunners Eddy, Pennsylvania, in 1872, and died in February, 1920. His early days Preston J. Sturdevant spent in Wilkes-Barre, where he attended the public and high schools, having been graduated from high school in the class of 1914. He then went for

his professional work to the University of Pennsylvania, which graduated him in 1918 with the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery. Since that time Dr. Sturdevant has practiced his calling in Forty Fort, where he has fine up-to-date offices and is taking care of a constantly increasing practice.

In the course of his work he has come to be regarded, and truly so, as one of the most active men of Forty Fort in all public affairs. He is, in his political views, a Republican, and supports regularly the policies and candidates of his party. He holds membership in the Free and Accepted Masons, in which order his affiliation is with the Wyoming Lodge, No. 468. He keeps a close eye upon the newest developments in his profession, which he studies through the medium of the Luzerne County Dental Society, the Pennsylvania State Dental Society and the American Dental Association. His religious affiliation is with the Methodist Episcopal Church.

In 1920, Dr. Sturdevant married Damaris Metsker, of Plymouth, Indiana, daughter of Clay W. and Nellie (Camp) Metsker. By this union there have been three children: 1. Stephen Allen, born in April, 1921. 2. Gwyneth Jean, born in August, 1924. 3. Preston J. Jr., born in November, 1927.

**WILLIAM H. MCCARTHY**—A business man of proved ability and long experience, William H. McCarthy is sole proprietor of "Mac's Garage," situated at No. 192-200 Wyoming Street, Wilkes-Barre. From the time of its establishment, this venture proved highly successful and under Mr. McCarthy's able direction its business is constantly expanding. The general service which he offers is one of an unusually high type, of which many local motorists take advantage, while his is the official Wilkes-Barre service for Dodge, Pontiac and Oakland cars.

Mr. McCarthy was born in Wilkes-Barre on September 10, 1876, a son of Dennis J. McCarthy, born in Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania, died in 1915, and of Catherine (Dunn) McCarthy, a member of the pioneer family of that name in this section, who died in 1910. The father was foreman for forty years for the Delaware and Hudson Coal Company, and during the period of the Civil War saw service with the 109th Pennsylvania Volunteers, serving with distinction under General George H. Thomas.

William H. McCarthy attended the public schools of his birthplace, and later completed a special course at Mansfield Normal School, in Tioga County, Pennsylvania. Beginning his business career, he entered the employ of the Delaware and Hudson Coal Company, advancing to foreman in this company, a position which he held to the complete satisfaction of its executive officers for a period of eighteen years. For four years of this time, during the World War, Mr. McCarthy was in charge of the guard and of employment at Matheson Plant of the International Fabricating Manufacturers. In 1921, however, he established himself independently in the garage business, erecting his first building at No. 200 Wyoming Street. With the growth of his business he built his present brick garage, which runs from No. 192 to No. 200 on Wyoming Street, a completely modern structure in every detail. To assist him in this enterprise Charles Sponseller is conducting the repair shop.

Politically he supports the principles and candidates of the Democratic party, taking

an active part in many movements for the promotion of civic welfare and the progress of the community. He was one of the organizers and is now a member of the board of directors of the North End Bank of Wilkes-Barre. Mr. McCarthy has also served for one term as a member of the school board of Miners Mills.

Mr. McCarthy is himself a veteran of the United States Army service, answering the call to arms in 1898, at the time of the declaration of war against Spain. In the progress of the campaigns, he participated in several of the most important engagements of the war. He worships in the faith of the Roman Catholic Church, and is a devoted member of St. John the Divine, at Wilkes-Barre.

**XAVIER KUEHN COLLMANN, M. D.**—The city of Wilkes-Barre may well be proud of its long list of able men of the medical profession, many of whom were born and reared here and have given all the years of their mature life to the city of their birth. Among those who were born here and received their professional education in Philadelphia is Dr. Xavier Kuehn Collmann, who served his internship in the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital, and has been engaged in general practice here since 1919. He has his offices at No. 387 North Main Street. He is a member of the staff of Wilkes-Barre General Hospital and of the various medical associations and has made for himself an assured place among his professional colleagues.

Adolph E. R. Collmann, father of Dr. Collmann, was born in Germany in 1863, but was one of the many Germans of his time who decided to leave the land of his birth and come to this country where opportunity was greater and restrictions and handicaps fewer. Being a man of ability and of education, as well as a good business man, he chose the business of the retail druggist, which he followed successfully in Wilkes-Barre for many years. He is still living here (1930) retired, and as the years have passed he has made for himself an honored place among those with whom he has been associated. He married Lydia Keuhn, a native of Elmvilleville, Ohio, who was born in 1863, and is still living.

Dr. Xavier K. Collmann, son of Adolph E. R. and Lydia (Kuehn) Collmann, was born in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, October 19, 1890, and received his early and preparatory education in the public schools of this city, graduating from the high school with the class of 1909. His father's business as a retail druggist had interested him in the medical profession, and when his high school course was finished he decided to become a physician. With this end in view he entered the Medico Chirurgical College in Philadelphia, where he finished his course and was graduated with the class of 1916, receiving at that time the degree of Doctor of Medicine. Being desirous of preparing himself as thoroughly as possible for the responsibilities of general practice, he then served a three-year internship in the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital, thus giving himself the advantages of an unusually long preliminary hospital training. In 1919 he opened an office for general practice here in Wilkes-Barre, and since that time, a period of more than ten years, he has been successfully building up a large and still growing practice. He is a member of the Medical Staff of Wilkes-Barre General Hospital, and has for several years now

(1930) been known as one of the able and successful physicians of the city. He holds membership in the Luzerne County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania State Medical Society, and the American Medical Association, and, has from the beginning of his professional career given evidence of more than average ability. During his four years training in Medico Chi he received highest honors, for which he was awarded four gold medals, one for each year. He was a member of the Omega Epsilon Phi Fraternity.

During the period of the participation of the United States in the World War, Dr. Collmann who was then serving in the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital, was commissioned a first lieutenant, but he was not called for active service, other than the service which he was already rendering here at home. Politically, he supports the principles of the Republican party, and his fraternal connection is with Lodge No. 442, Free and Accepted Masons; Dieu le Veut Commandery, Knights Templar, No. 45, and Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Dr. Xavier K. Collmann was married, April 28, 1920, to Lillian Howe, of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, daughter of Evan P. Howe, who was born in England in 1870, but came to this country and settled in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, where he is engaged in business as a contractor, and of Gertrude (Johns) Howe, who was born in Cornwall, England, in 1872, and is still living (1930). Dr. and Mrs. Collmann have three sons: 1. Warren X., born February 27, 1921. 2. Reid L., born September 5, 1922. 3. Spencer Howe, born April 29, 1924.

**WILLIAM JAMES PHILLIPS**—Active in the business life and the civic affairs of Forty Fort, Pennsylvania, William James Phillips is one of the leading figures of this municipality, where he conducts a general store and holds directorships in other local enterprises. There is no question or project of public importance in which Mr. Phillips does not take a pronounced interest, while he is generous of his time and energies in the support of institutions and movements which he believes beneficial to the community and its people. It is only natural that he should have acquired a wide circle of friends and acquaintances, both in Forty Fort and throughout Luzerne County and the Wyoming Valley, especially in view of his genial and amiable personality, which has been such a factor in building up the strong business house which he conducts here today.

He was born in Kingston, Pennsylvania, on February 28, 1876, a son of Thomas B. and Mary Anne (Fitz) Phillips. His father was born in England in 1846, while the mother was born in that land in 1844. Throughout the most active years of his career, Thomas B. Phillips was a merchant in Kingston, Pennsylvania, where he died in 1906; and the mother, also a resident of Kingston over a long period, died there in 1905.

William James Phillips received his early education in the public schools of Kingston, his birthplace, and subsequently became a student at the Wyoming Seminary. When he finished a bookkeeping course he became weighmaster at Colliery No. 4 of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, in Kingston, where he remained for one year. At the end of that time he became bookkeeper with the Scout and Lee Lumber Company, in Par-





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sons, Pennsylvania, with which company he continued in this capacity for four and one-half years. Then, in 1900, he formed the partnership of Phillips and Young, a retail grocery establishment and general store, which he conducted until 1906. At that time Mr. Phillips sold his interest in the enterprise, and went into business under his own name. Since then he has been the proprietor of the general store which he now conducts, an institution which employs five persons and which stands high in the business life of the Wyoming Valley. Mr. Phillips has shown remarkable ability and talent for organizing and developing this store, and for so calculating his services that they exactly fit the needs of the community in which he has so long lived and worked and whose requirements he has so diligently studied.

In addition to his activities with this general store, Mr. Phillips takes part in a number of other enterprises prominent in his community, both in its business and social life. He is a director of the Wyoming Roofing Products Company, of Wyoming, Pennsylvania, and of the Wyoming Baking Company, also of that place. In his political views he is identified with the Republican party, whose policies and candidates he consistently supports. He is a member of the Patriotic Order Sons of America. He is a director of the Forty Fort State Bank, and is a member of the Forty Fort Board of Health. His religious affiliation is with the Presbyterian Church, in which he is a member of the board of trustees.

In 1904, William James Phillips married Cora Mae Nelson, of Luzerne County, daughter of Sornson and Mary Nelson. By this union there is one daughter, Olive, born in November, 1909, who was graduated from the Forty Fort High School and Wyoming Seminary, and is now attending the Bloomsburg Normal School.

**HUGH HUGHES**—A resident of Plains, Pennsylvania, for many years, Hugh Hughes is now engaged as funeral director and embalmer here, in a very successful way. He carries a complete line of the most modern equipment obtainable, while his ready tact and fine spirit of service have won him many friends in the community, in whose general life he also takes an important part.

Mr. Hughes was born on October 18, 1879, in Wales, a son of Thomas Hughes, a stone-cutter, born in Wales in 1850, and of Anne (Jones) Hughes, also born in Wales in 1856, died in 1923. The father is still living.

Hugh Hughes attended the public schools of Wales, and later has taken courses of the International Correspondence School, and also Young Men's Christian Association work. At the age of nine, he began work as an apprentice barber, following his trade in both Liverpool, England, and in the United States, to which he came as a young man. Through his own energy and ability, Mr. Hughes was able to set up his own shop in Plains, which he operated for fifteen years, and also one in Wilkes-Barre, to which he devoted his attention for a period of four years. In 1908, Mr. Hughes was graduated from the Eckles School of Embalming, and in 1915, he gave up work as a barber to become a funeral director and embalmer, a profession which he had carried on along with his other work for several years. Since 1915 he has operated in both Plains and Kingston, Pennsylvania,

his services in this respect being most satisfactory.

Politically, Mr. Hughes is a member of the Republican party, and he is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, in which organization he is a member of Landmark Lodge, No. 412; Shekinah Chapter, No. 182, Royal Arch Masons; Dieu le Veut Commandery, No. 45, Knights Templar; and Irem Temple, of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of Wyoming Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; a member of the Knights of Malta, the Loyal Order of Moose, and of the local Motor Club. He is a member and a liberal supporter of the Plains Methodist Episcopal Church, serving on the official board of the church, and he is also a member of the executive committee of the Orpheus Glee Club, of Wilkes-Barre.

In 1911, Hugh Hughes married Edith Merritt, of Plains, daughter of Henry and Mary (Rodda) Merritt, of this place. Mr. and Mrs. Hughes are the parents of one child, H. Merritt, born January 10, 1917. The Hughes family home is at No. 51 East Carey Street, Plains, Pennsylvania.

#### **JOSEPH FRANCIS SHERIDAN, D. D. S.**—

Though the beginning of his professional career as a dentist was delayed for almost two years as the result of Dr. Sheridan's active military service overseas during the World War, he has made for himself in the ten years, during which he has been engaged in the practice of his profession in Wilkes-Barre, a very high reputation as an able dentist. He is active also in a number of fraternal, professional, social and religious organizations and in every way represents the highest type of useful and progressive citizenship.

Joseph Francis Sheridan was born at Plymouth, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, August 4, 1894, a son of Arthur T. and Anna (Lynch) Sheridan. His father, a blacksmith by trade, is a native of Danville, Pennsylvania, his mother of Larksville, Pennsylvania. Dr. Sheridan was educated in the public grammar and high schools of his native town and, after graduating from Plymouth High School, in 1914, entered Temple University, Philadelphia, from which he was graduated with the degree of D. D. S. in 1917, having taken the full course in that institution's Dental School. This country in the meantime having entered the World War, Dr. Sheridan postponed the start of his professional career and enlisted in the military service of the United States. Commissioned a first lieutenant in Dental Corps, he served in the United States five months and overseas for nineteen months with the 1st Army Artillery and various base hospitals, seeing a great deal of fighting on the Meuse-Argonne and St. Mihiel fronts. He received his honorable discharge September 8, 1919, and immediately afterwards established himself in the general practice of dentistry at Wilkes-Barre, in which he has continued since then with great success, his office in recent years being located at No. 2 West Northampton Street. He is a member of the American, Pennsylvania State and Luzerne County Dental societies, as well as of the American Legion, the Fox Hill Country Club, Lodge No. 109, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and Knights of Columbus. In politics he is a supporter of the Democratic party, while his religious affiliation is with the Roman Catholic Church, and more particularly with St. Mary's Church of Wilkes-Barre.

Dr. Sheridan married, June 20, 1925, Mary E. Brennan, of Larksville, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Thomas J. and Anna (Keating) Brennan. Dr. and Mrs. Sheridan make their home at No. 29 Sheldon Street, Wilkes-Barre.

**ULRICH D. RUMBAUGH, B. D., M. D.**—Active in medical circles in Kingston, Ulrich D. Rumbaugh here conducts a general practice of medicine and surgery, and is regarded as a leader in the civic and social life of his community. Not only is he skilled in his work beyond the ordinary degree, but devotes his time tirelessly to the activities in which he is engaged, sparing no effort to give needed aid to a patient even though his service involves all sorts of personal sacrifices on his own part. Also a participant in the public and civic affairs of Kingston and the Wyoming Valley, he is affiliated with several influential fraternal orders and organizations important to the development of his city and county.

Dr. Rumbaugh was born in Millerstown, Pennsylvania, on November 27, 1886, a son of Cleophas and Elizabeth (Auker) Rumbaugh. Both his father and mother were natives of Perry County, Pennsylvania, where they were born in 1859. Mrs. Cleophas Rumbaugh died in October, 1925. Cleophas Rumbaugh was a farmer by occupation, and is now living retired.

Ulrich D. Rumbaugh, who now practices his profession in Kingston and resides in Luzerne, attended the public schools of his birthplace, Millerstown, and then studied at the State Normal School in Shippensburg, Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated in the class of 1907. For three years he taught school in Perry and Cumberland counties, and then took up further academic work at Collegeville, Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated in the class of 1914 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He then went to Drew Theological Seminary, in Madison, New Jersey, which granted him the degree of Bachelor of Divinity in 1917. After three years in the ministry in Pennsylvania and Southern Iowa, he attended Jefferson Medical College, in Philadelphia, from which he was graduated in 1923 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He then served as interne at the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital for a year, since which time he has practiced in Kingston. Here, engaged in a general practice of medicine, Dr. Rumbaugh has gained the esteem and confidence of a large number of people, and has succeeded in building up a most enviable and lucrative practice. Both his skill and gentle personality qualify him for the work that he performs, and mark him as a leader in the local activities of the medical profession.

In addition to his own practice, Dr. Rumbaugh keeps in active touch with the affairs of his profession and his colleagues, especially through his active membership in the Luzerne County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He also belongs to the American Electro-Therapeutic Association, and the American Congress of Physical Therapy. He is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which his affiliations are with Lodge No. 355, the Caldwell Consistory of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite at Bloomsburg, and from Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. His political views are those of the Republican party, whose policies and candidates he regularly supports. His religious affiliation is with the Methodist Episcopal Church, Dr. Rumbaugh being a member of

the official board of the Luzerne Methodist Episcopal Church.

In 1917, Dr. Rumbaugh married Marguerite McKechnie, of Luzerne, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Charles and Margaret (Williams) McKechnie, prominent citizens of this place.

**JOHN MORGAN MILES**—A native of Scranton, Pennsylvania, but a resident of Kingston since his early childhood days, Mr. Miles is one of the most widely known and most prominent citizens of the Wyoming Valley. For many years he has been prominently active in its civic, fraternal, social and religious activities, while his keen interest in politics has made him one of the political leaders of the Republican party in Luzerne County. He enjoys to an unusual extent, the liking and confidence of his fellow-citizens and in every way represents the best type of modern, useful and progressive citizenship. In business circles, too, he has made for himself an enviable reputation as an able executive in his position of sales manager of an important Wilkes-Barre firm, with which he has been connected uninterruptedly for almost a quarter of a century.

John Morgan Miles was born in Scranton, Pennsylvania, May 5, 1886, a son of Evan M. and Mary (Williams) Miles. His father, who was born in South Wales in 1853, lived the greater part of his life in this country, where he was engaged in mercantile pursuits. He died in April, 1914. His mother was born in Wales in 1863 and is still living. Mr. Miles has also three brothers and two sisters: David W., Walter M., and Thomas E. Miles, and Mrs. Mildred (Miles) Ralston and Mrs. Rachael (Miles) Porter. What little formal schooling Mr. Miles enjoyed as a child was gained in the public schools of Kingston. Like so many children of that period he left school at an early age to help in the support of the family. When he was only eight years of age, he started work as a breaker boy in a coal mine, continuing there for three years. He then became connected with Edwards and Company of Kingston, with which firm he remained for five years as an elevator operator and teamster. At the age of sixteen years he took up the plumbing and heating trade, but a year later became a clerk for Edwards and Company and A. J. Roat Hardware Concerns. This type of work he followed for the next year and a half. In 1904 he became an employee of the Eastern Pennsylvania Supply Company of Wilkes-Barre, with which firm he has remained ever since then. Starting as a clerk in its warehouse, he gradually gained a very thorough knowledge of this concern's business. His ability and strict attention to his duties gained him frequent promotions to different positions of ever increasing responsibility and importance. Eventually he transferred to his firm's sales force and in this new field he met with such success that in 1916 he was appointed sales manager, which position he continues to hold and in which he has materially contributed to the growth and prosperity of the business. How highly he is regarded by his business associates, is proven by the fact that he is also a member of the board of directors of the company. He is also a director of the First National Bank of Kingston. Though he himself had not found it possible to attend school in his youth for any considerable period of time, his interest in the cause of education has always been very great and for fourteen years (1911-25) he was a member of the Board of Education of Kingston,





*E. Humphrey Owen*

of which body he has also been the secretary for seven years (1913-20). Other civic affairs, too, receive much of his attention, and every movement tending to advance the growth and welfare of Wyoming Valley and its people can always count on his enthusiastic and effective support. In politics he is a staunch supporter of the Republican party and its principles, and for many years he has stood very high in the councils of his party in Luzerne County. He has served for two years as secretary and for the same period of time as treasurer of the Republican County Committee, and in 1928 was a member of the advisory board of this body. In 1924 he had the honor of serving as Presidential Elector from Luzerne County, casting his vote for President Coolidge. In spite of these many and varied activities he has also found time and energy to be very active in fraternal and social matters. He is a member of Kingston Lodge, No. 395, Free and Accepted Masons; Shekinah Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Dieu le Veut Commandery, Knights Templar; Irem Temple of Wilkes-Barre, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; Caldwell Consistory of Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania, thirty-second degree, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; Patriotic Order Sons of America; Lodge No. 109, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; Franklin Club; Kiwanis Club; Craftsman's Club; Irem Country Club, of the Country Club Committee of which he is also a member; Orpheus Glee Club, of which he is president; Pennsylvania Wholesale Hardware Association; and Young Men's Christian Association. Mr. Miles is one of the trustees of the Community Welfare Federation, and has been very active since its inception. His religious affiliations are with the Congregational Church and more particularly with the Welsh Congregational Church of Edwardsville, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Miles was married October 28, 1914, to Martha Davies of Edwardsville, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Samuel and Mary (Davies) Davies. Mr. and Mrs. Miles make their home at No. 227 Butler Street, Kingston.

**E. HUMPHREY OWEN**—The Welsh race, which claims as one of its prominent members in Pennsylvania E. Humphrey Owen, proprietor of the Caxton Press, No. 21 South Franklin Street, Wilkes-Barre, has preserved its autonomy better than any of the several hordes of people who have swept over England from the Continent, and is more deserving of recognition as an autonomous or unmixed entity than the Anglo-Saxon tribe. In fact, the term Anglo-Saxon is somewhat of a misnomer, and 'twere better Americans were called Anglo-Celts from the fact that Saxon blood came less generally out of the southern part of England than did the Celtic. As the great native Welshman, David Lloyd George, forcibly pointed out, the Welsh antedated not only the Saxons but the Normans under William the Conqueror, and thus have a prior claim to territory in England, and priority in the arts and sciences as well. Needless to say, their accomplishments in this country have been considerable, and their representatives have played a leading part in community life wherever they have settled to make their homes.

E. Humphrey Owen, subject of this writing, is descended from Sir Hugh Owen, member of Parliament, and who was created first baronet of Orielton in 1641. He was born April 17, 1866, in Bangor, North Wales, a son of William and Anna (Humphrey) Owen, also

natives of the little rugged country in the southwest corner of England. Mr. Owen spent his young manhood in his native land, and received his education at Welsh schools and was a well-known in and outdoor athlete. He learned the craftsmanship of type setting, printing, presswork and bookbinding at Bethesda. Thence he went to Caernarfon, and to London, where for eighteen years he held official positions with some of the largest printers. His father, native of Wales, classic scholar, particularly adept in Greek, was author of a Welsh grammar and of various religious books. He died in 1898. The mother also native of Wales, died in 1894. A brother, W. Mark Owen, deceased, achieved fame as a writer. During the years in the printing and publishing trade in England Mr. Owen achieved prominence as a singer, and was soloist at St. Mark's, Middleton Square, All Saints, West Dulwich, and St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, London. He sang under Sir Frederick Bridge and other famous conductors, and for years was a member of the famous Handel choir of London under Augustus Mann.

He was married in St. Barnabas Church, King's Square, London, October 4, 1889, to Emma Burden, native of that city, and their union has been blessed with four children: 1. Florence, who married Samuel Lloyd of Kingston, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, and they have a son, Donald Judson. A daughter, Doris May, died in infancy. 2. Anna May, married Jack Sewell of Forty Fort, Luzerne County. Of their three children: Bernard died; Doreen and Gladys survive. 3. Emma Helen, married John O'Malley of Kingston, and they have a son Jack. 4. Dorris Evelyn, died in childhood.

Mr. Owen came to the United States in 1912 and was employed with the Raeder concern for three years. In 1906 he founded the Caxton Press, which has since had its measure of prosperity. Changes due to expansion brought this concern to the present location, No. 21 South Franklin Street, where it occupies the entire ground floor, and where with complete and modern equipment they do a general printing and binding business. Mr. Owen was among the first to do engraving work without dies, and was also one of the first in this country to publish the old Welsh and English hymnal. This product has been so well received that the hymns are now used in the various Congregational churches of the United States and Canada. He is in politics a Republican. He has been prominent in Masonic affairs, and is a member of Kingston Lodge No. 395, Free and Accepted Masons; of the Keystone Consistory of Scranton, is a thirty-second degree Mason; member of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and of the Knights of Malta. He is also a valued adjunct of the Chamber of Commerce and of the Craftsman's Club. He has held important posts with church and other music in the community, and served for a time as president of the Mason Glee Society. He has also been active in the formation and regulation of societies, having for a mission the keeping alive of Welsh tradition.

In church matters Mr. Owen is an Anglican. His native associations were with that ancient church, called on this side the Episcopalian. He has been one of the leaders in the formation of the parish of The Prince of Peace at Trucksville, a mission branch of Grace, Kingston, and he is a vestryman and

junior warden and a licensed layman in the newly formed parish. It should be stated that Mr. Owen stands prominent among his brethren of Wales who have over here cherished their ancient traditional attitude in regard to music and the arts, and who in the land of their adoption have fared well in the estimation of all people. And with them he has also shown an active concern in all things which have to do with civic and community betterment, and has willingly undertaken his share of the burdens that fall upon intelligent and well disposed people.

**FRANKLIN DAVID COOPER**—Vice-president of the First National Bank of Wyoming, of which institution he is also a director, Franklin D. Cooper is one of the foremost figures in the financial circles of the valley, for he has been connected in some capacity with the banking interests of this section for over a quarter of a century.

Mr. Cooper is a native of Kingston, having been born here on March 28, 1879, the son of Robert and Sophia A. Cooper, the former a native of Aberdeen, Scotland, where he was born in 1850, and by trade a builder of locomotives. The mother of Mr. Cooper was born in Kingston, Luzerne County, in 1848, and died in the month of January, 1920. Mr. Cooper received his early education in the public schools of Kingston, and later entered the Wyoming Seminary, from which he graduated with the class of 1897. For two years he held a clerical position with the Wyoming Valley Traction Company, and he then entered the employ of the Wyoming National Bank, at Wilkes-Barre. He was with this institution in various capacities for eleven years, in 1911 becoming associated with the First National Bank of Wyoming, as cashier, which position of trust and responsibility he held until July, 1929, when he was made vice-president, becoming a member of the directorate in 1918. In politics Mr. Cooper is a Republican, and his religious affiliations are with the Presbyterian Church. He is very prominent in the Masonic fraternity, being a member of Kingston Lodge, No. 395, Free and Accepted Masons; of Shekinah Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of Wilkes-Barre; of Dieu le Veut Commandery, No. 45, Knights Templar, and of Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of the Craftsman's Club, of Wilkes-Barre.

On October 9, 1912, Mr. Cooper married Ruth Goff, daughter of Simon D. and Mary (Dow) Goff, of Wilkes-Barre, both deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Cooper are the parents of three children: 1. F. David, born February 26, 1914. 2. William G., born June 24, 1917. 3. Katherine M., born June 27, 1925. Mr. and Mrs. Cooper and family reside at No. 43 Pierce Street, Kingston.

**J. FRANK REINIG**—As justice of the peace and alderman representing the Tenth Ward of the city of Wilkes-Barre, J. Frank Reinig holds a place prominent in the ranks of the leading citizens of this place. There is almost no civic, social or business enterprise in the city with which Mr. Reinig is not familiar, while he is willing to devote his time and energies without stint to any project which he believes will lead to the advancement of prosperity among his fellowmen.

Mr. Reinig was born in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, on June 2, 1882, a son of John C. and Katharine C. (Rinemann) Reinig. His father was born near Frankfort, Germany, in 1854, came to the United States in

early life, owned a retail meat market in Wilkes-Barre for a number of years, and later became engaged in farming. He was city meat inspector for many years, and is now living retired. The mother, Katharine C. (Rinemann) Reinig, was born in Wilkes-Barre in 1860, and died on January 21, 1921. She was a daughter of the late Justice Rinemann and Mary (Aubel) Rinemann, the former of whom was a large truck farmer in this region, as well as the owner of considerable property.

J. Frank Reinig received his early education in the public schools and the high school here, from the latter of which he was graduated in the class of 1900. He then took post-graduate work at the Wilkes-Barre High School, studying legal stenography, a type of activity in which he was engaged for about eight years with different lawyers in Wilkes-Barre. In April, 1908, he was appointed clerk of the police court here by the late Hon. Lewis P. Kniffen, of Wilkes-Barre, and in this capacity he continued to serve until 1915, when he was elected alderman of the Tenth Ward of the city. He is now serving in his third term (1928) as alderman, and since 1915 has been a justice of the peace. His knowledge of city affairs, his large acquaintance with the business people of this place and his grasp of the problems of municipal administration render Mr. Reinig a most valuable public servant and cause him to stand high in the estimation of his fellows.

In addition to his public activities, Mr. Reinig is active in many other ways. He naturally holds a prominent place in the councils of the Republican party, on whose ticket he was elected to the office of alderman. He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, in which his affiliation is with Lodge No. 109. He also is an honorary life member of the American Federation of Musicians, the Luzerne County Insurance Exchange, the Pennsylvania Insurance Agents' Association and the National Association of Insurance Agents. His affiliation with these insurance groups is a result of the fact that since 1917 he has transacted a general insurance business under his own name, and is active in this business. His talent as a musician has brought him to the fore in musical circles in this part of Pennsylvania, and he belongs to several musical organizations and clubs in Wilkes-Barre. For a number of years he played professionally. Mr. Reinig's religious faith is that of the Lutheran Church, he being a communicant of St. John's English Lutheran parish.

**BERT H. JONES**—Perhaps one of the best recommendations that may be put forward on behalf of Bert H. Jones of Wilkes-Barre lies in the fact that he has represented his ward on the Board of Aldermen here, of which he first became a member in 1922, through appointment of former Governor Sproul of the State of Pennsylvania. Wilkes-Barre, which is one of the Keystone State's leading centers of industry and mining, and has a population of approximately one hundred thousand, has been faced with many difficult civic problems during the time Mr. Jones has assisted officially in the city's affairs, and that he has acquitted himself well is the consensus of opinion throughout the community. His commercial endeavors, which have included clerical work, affiliation with transportation and a laundry, are narrowed down to the conduct of his flourishing real estate and insurance business.

Mr. Jones was born November 26, 1875, at



Plymouth, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, son of David and Sarah R. (Rogers) Jones. David Jones, a native of Wales, having been born in that province of Great Britain in 1835, later came to Plymouth, was a substantial merchant, and here died, in 1898. Sarah R. (Rogers) Jones, also born in Wales, in 1841, survived her husband until December, 1918.

Bert H. Jones first attended the common schools in Plymouth, and completed his scholastic work in the public schools of Wilkes-Barre. His first full-time employment thereafter came when he associated himself with Lueder Brothers, remaining with this retail grocery firm as cashier and bookkeeper for two and one-half years. Severing his connection with Lueder Brothers at the expiration of that period, Mr. Jones followed this with another three years in the capacity of driver for Bailey's Bus Service. His next position was with the Wilkes-Barre Laundry Company, and for twenty-three years thereafter Mr. Jones was associated with this well known concern. In 1920, he was appointed Alderman from the Twelfth Ward here, this appointment coming from the then Governor Sproul. This was to fill a term that expired in 1922, and in that year Mr. Jones' constituents were so well pleased with his administration that they elected him to represent them on the Wilkes-Barre Aldermanic Board. This second term expired in 1927, but Mr. Jones was not permitted to give up his official duties, for he was re-elected Alderman from the Twelfth Ward. Being a man of varied talents and large capacity for work, he is a conspicuous figure in commercial life here, through his success in real estate and insurance activities, a field in which he is engaged in his own name, with offices at No. 466 River Street. Mr. Jones is a Republican, and ever has been a supporter of his party's principles and candidates. His religious devotion is given through his membership in the Baptist Church. While Mr. Jones' business and official interests naturally have caused him to participate in public welfare proposals and plans, his connection with such work was made long before he assumed his present rank among the citizenship of Wilkes-Barre, and has ever been a loyal supporter and a liberal devotee to such movements.

Bert H. Jones married, June 19, 1907, Jean McFarlane of Larksville, Pennsylvania, daughter of Thomas and Agnes McFarlane, and this union has been blessed by two children: 1. Agnes M., born April 14, 1908. 2. Eleanor R., born May 15, 1910. The building owned by Mr. Jones, and the one in which he and his family resided at one time, was known as Arndt's Tavern, and has a most interesting history. This structure, which is about one hundred and thirty years old, sheltered royal fugitives from France, among them Louis Phillippe, later King of France, and his two brothers. Many other notable characters at one time or another enjoyed the hospitality of Arndt's Tavern, which since has been remodeled into a comfortable dwelling house.

**HAROLD TIPPETT**—Cashier of one of the soundest financial institutions of the Wyoming Valley when scarcely turned thirty-two years of age, Harold Tippet, of Kingston, is one of the best examples of our younger citizenship, industrious, progressive and devoted to the continued prosperity of the commercial machinery of which he is an important part. Deciding upon a financial career during his school days, he continued his education in technical institutions and made a

careful preparation before venturing into the contest with others already established. Appreciation of his efforts was shown by business men by whom he was engaged, an attitude that he reciprocated by returning value received in the good work that he did. Points of this character in the make up of a young man are productive of desirable results, both to himself and to his associates, and to this rule there has been no exception in the case at hand. He has shown himself to be a most desirable citizen, with a bright future in the business world of the district.

He was born in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, January 31, 1895, a son of Alfred Tippet, a carpenter, and Mary (Tabb) Tippet, natives of Cornwall, England, where they were both born in the same year—1865. His education was attained in the public schools, after which he took a business course in Wilkes-Barre and then attended the American Institute of Banking. With this preparation he became engaged by the Miner-Hillard Milling Company, with which enterprise he remained as a clerk from October, 1909, until March, 1914. He then went to the Dime Bank Title & Trust Company of Wilkes-Barre, where he did clerical work for five years, then being made teller and continuing in that capacity until September, 1924, when he became assistant treasurer of the West Side Trust Company, of Kingston, and in January, 1926, its treasurer. In September, 1927, this organization was merged with the Kingston Bank & Trust Company and he was appointed cashier of the new institution. Mr. Tippet is also a director, secretary and treasurer of the Mortgage Investment and Guaranty Company of Kingston; secretary and director of the West Side Building and Loan Association, and Great Victory Oil Company, Kingston. During the participation of the United States in the World War, he was a member of the Air Service and was with the Headquarters Division, with station in Paris, France, for eighteen months, being discharged in May, 1919. He is a Republican in politics and a member of the Dorrencecon Methodist Episcopal Church, where he is a member of the official board. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Wilkes-Barre Lodge, No. 655, Free and Accepted Masons; Keystone Consistory, thirty-second degree, including all bodies; Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; and is a member of Irem Temple Country Club.

Harold Tippet married, in June, 1919, Emilie J. Stevens, of Wilkes-Barre, daughter of James and Ellen Stevens. Their children are: 1. James H., born May 14, 1921. 2. Robert J., born July 24, 1924.

**RICHARD PHILLIPS, JR.**—In the Wilkes-Barre area are many persons of Welsh origin, from the strong stock which in early days supplied the local mines with men. Born in Wales, March 21, 1881, Richard Phillips, Jr., is the son of Richard and Jane (Evans) Phillips. Both are living, his father, a miner, having been born in Wales in 1852, and his mother in 1857.

Mr. Phillips was brought to the United States by his parents when he was but three years old—1884. The family was then established in Wilkes-Barre, and here has been represented since. Mr. Phillips secured his academic instruction in the local public schools, and for three years worked in the mines as breaker. In 1896 he left the mines to become identified with the Wilkes-Barre Lace Mill Company, with which organization he has been associated continuously through

the more than three decades that have succeeded, as a skilled lace weaver, a master of the craft.

Aside from his work, Mr. Phillips has always shown a lively interest in general affairs of the city and its environs. He is known well for his public spirit, and has contributed to many movements designed for the public weal. Fraternally active, he belongs to Lodge No. 39, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and in the Free and Accepted Masons belongs to Landmark Lodge, No. 442; Shekinah Chapter, No. 182; Mt. Horeb Council, No. 34, Royal and Select Masters; Dieu le Veut Commandery, No. 45, Knights Templar, and Irem Temple (as life member), Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a member of the Craftsman's Club, and a communicant of the Memorial Presbyterian Church, of which he is a deacon. A Republican, he supports consistently the principles and candidates of the party. He helped to found and is now a director of the North End State Bank of Wilkes-Barre, and owns, in addition to this financial interest, a number of holdings that have increased materially in value through the years. During the World War he was of valued assistance in the campaigns of the Liberty Loan, Red Cross and War Savings Stamps.

Mr. Phillips married, in 1909, Esther Jenkins, of Wilkes-Barre, daughter of Thomas and Ann Jenkins, and they reside in the city proper, at No. 372 Madison Street.

**JACOB S. ENGEL**—As business man, citizen and philanthropist, Jacob S. Engel has contributed to the welfare of the Wilkes-Barre area through a number of years, and his efforts have tended to augment with time, rather than to decrease. He is today one of the foremost men of Wilkes-Barre proper, and of Forty Fort, developer of realty, and gentleman of affairs.

The family of which Mr. Engel is a distinguished member, is particularly well known in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. For fifty years, until 1918, when his death occurred, his father, Jacob S. Engel, Sr., engaged as a merchant in that city. He was a man of dominant position in Williamsport movements, deeply beloved by all who came in contact with him. His passing brought an intense feeling of sadness to the people of all walks who had had dealings of any sort with him. Jacob S. Engel, Sr., married Matilda Glosser, native of Pottsville (he himself was born in Williamsport, 1854), born in 1857; and she died in 1922, having survived her beloved husband four years.

Son of Jacob S. Engel, Sr., and Matilda (Glosser) Engel, Mr. Engel was born in Williamsport, March 24, 1890, and received his earliest education in the schools of that community. He graduated from St. Joseph's High School with the class of 1908, matriculated in Potts College, studied there two years, then left books behind for actual participation in life's work. He became agent for the Prudential Insurance Company, located at Williamsport, carrying on this representation two years. In 1913 he came to Wilkes-Barre, as manager of the local office of the Remington Typewriter Company, from which he resigned in 1925, purchasing a tract of land from Richard B. Raillay known as the Colonel Nathan Dennison Estate. This old homestead tract is of early times, the homestead house having been erected in 1790, and still standing (1928). General Sullivan, on his retreat, buried one of his cannons in the homestead yard, and Mr. Engel has taken

advantage of the historic interest and beauty of the place to offer it, in realty development, to the people of this vicinity for home sites. It is called Englewood Terrace, and affords choice locations to those requiring unusually tasteful sites. Aside from this business interest, Mr. Engel is a director of the Susquehanna Building and Loan Association.

Mr. Engel was the originator of Wilkes-Barre's municipal Easter egg hunt, which has since become an annual event, entertaining about ten thousand children every year. He is president of the Pennsylvania State Society of Crippled Children, and a member of the directorate of the International Society. Charter member of the city's Rotary Club, he is on the Crippled Kiddies Committee of this organization. Fraternally he is affiliated with Lodge No. 109, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, in which he serves on the Christmas Charities Committee. He is a communicant of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church.

Mr. Engel married, January 29, 1914, Pearl A. Garrison, daughter of George and Pearl Garrison, of Wilkes-Barre. They have children: I. Kenneth W., who was born November 11, 1915. 2. Betty Jean, born March 14, 1920. The family residence is in Forty Fort. Mr. Engel's offices are in Wilkes-Barre.

**PATRICK F. LANGAN**—More than forty-four years ago, a ten-year-old lad of Irish descent applied for employment in a Wilkes-Barre colliery, and was put to work at picking slate from the breakers. This boy, listed on the payroll as Patrick F. Langan, since has grown to manhood, and has not only attained material financial success, but at the same time has gained the honor and admiration of his native community and occupies a position of trust in official ranks, serving as alderman in Wilkes-Barre, representing the Fourteenth Ward. Mr. Langan's career encompasses a period of fourteen years in the mines, and a like period in the insurance field. He combines the duties of Alderman with the conduct of large-scale real estate operations in Wilkes-Barre, and is a power in political circles.

Mr. Langan was born April 6, 1874, at Wilkes-Barre, son of Mrs. Winifred (Gallagher) Langan. His father, a miner during his mature life, was born in 1843, in Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania, and died in 1879. Winifred (Gallagher) Langan, a native of Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, was born in 1845, and survived her husband until 1911.

Patrick F. Langan's father died when he was about five years of age, and thus it was that Mr. Langan was compelled to become self-supporting at an early age, with the result that his education was limited to the local public schools. Shortly after his tenth birthday, in 1884, he began work as a breaker-boy, and for four years thereafter was so occupied. In 1889 he entered the Franklin colliery of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company, and so applied himself to his labors and displayed such loyalty to his firm, that eventually he was appointed outside loader boss. Mr. Langan was in the employ of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company for fourteen years, during which he had, through private study and unceasing endeavor, overcome the obstacle of lack of theoretical training in childhood. At the end of his long period of service with the mining industry, he abandoned this work and entered the general insurance business under his own name. This was the vocation that was to be his for another fourteen-year period, until 1928, and one in which

he has been quite successful. In the last-named year (February, 1928), Mr. Langan was honored by appointment to the Wilkes-Barre Board of Aldermen, representing the Fourteenth Ward therein. Long residence in his native community, which had gained for him the confidence of his constituents, and which also had enabled him to familiarize himself with the wants of his district, have aided Mr. Langan to serve the Fourteenth Ward efficiently. A Democrat in political convictions, he exercises considerable influence in local affairs of this party. He is a devout member of St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church, and has been liberal in his contributions to the benevolences of the local parish.

Patrick F. Langan married, in 1901, Helen Black, of Ashley, Pennsylvania, daughter of George and Helen Black. Mrs. Langan died July 4, 1914, survived by her husband and four children: 1. Mrs. Bernedett (Langan) Thomas. 2. William L. 3. Patrick F., Jr. 4. Marian. Mr. Langan also has two grandchildren: Bernedett Thomas, and Florence Langan. His business address is No. 504 Hazle Street, while his home is located at No. 602 Hazle Street, Wilkes-Barre.

**VERY REV. ANTHONY REPELLA**—Rector of St. John's Russian Orthodox Greek Catholic Church, No. 93 Zerby Avenue, Edwardsville, the Very Rev. Anthony Repella has charge of one of the largest parishes in this area. The church was organized by the Rev. Basil Oranski, who gathered 'round him a congregation prior to 1911, when the church edifice was completed. The church structure is of fine pressed brick, and has capacity for six hundred persons. The parish is composed of about one hundred and fifty families, numbering some eight hundred members. Before 1919 this parish and church were served by the Rev. Isidor Salko, then Father Repella was called into charge, and has served with signal benefit to parishioners and the Catholic Order thence onward through the years succeeding. During his rectorship many improvements have been incorporated into church and parish.

Rev. Anthony Repella was born in Galicia, Austria-Hungary (now Poland), January 23, 1883, son of John and Mary Repella, who were the parents of nine children: Theodosia, Thekla, the Very Rev. Anthony, of whom follows; Basil, who is also a Rev. of the Russian Orthodox Greek Church at Mayfield, Pa.; Demitrius, Anastasia, Peter, John and Paul.

Following training in literary and purely academic courses in Austria-Hungary, Rev. Repella came to the United States, in 1901, at the age of twenty-one years. He received his theological training at the South Canan Monastery, of Wayne County, Pennsylvania, and was ordained a deacon by the late Patriarch Tiekhon, in 1906. On February 16, 1908, he was ordained priest, by Archbishop Platon. His first service for the church was as a missionary in the United States, for one year. Thereafter he was called to the pastorate of St. Michael's Russian Orthodox Greek Catholic Church at Jermyn, Pennsylvania, where he remained from 1909 to 1914. His next call was to Wilkes-Barre, to the Holy Resurrection Church, and in 1915 he was transferred to Portage, Pennsylvania, there to become pastor of St. Michael's Church, wherein he served until 1917. In that year he was again transferred, as pastor of St. Michael's Church at Mt. Carmel, Pennsylvania. In 1917 he was called to the pastorate of

Cyril and Methodius Church, Terryville, Connecticut, and finally, in 1919, as noted, to the rectorship of St. John's Russian Orthodox Greek Catholic Church, of Edwardsville. Rev. Repella has now a rank of Archimandrite, a title of honour very like the Latin Monsignor, it gives the right to wear mitre, epigonation and pastoral staff.

Rev. Repella is a Republican, and maintains diversified interests which are concentrated on the welfare of the people at large and his parish in particular. Among his praiseworthy undertakings is the conduct of a church school, in his parish. Of this he is the teacher. He is beloved of parishioners and those of other denominations alike.

**PETER MATHER**—No other industry of this section of Pennsylvania has contributed more to the growth and development of Wilkes-Barre, and unquestionably this same industry has provided the city and its environs with a majority of its public officials and successful men. An outstanding example of this condition is provided through the life of Peter Mather, who started his career in early boyhood as a slate picker in a coal-breaker, and through inborn talent and unceasing devotion, has assumed a high position in Wilkes-Barre, where he is serving as a member of the Board of Aldermen, representing the Fifth Ward.

Mr. Mather's parents were John and Hannah (Flynn) Mather, both natives of the Keystone State, and now deceased. John Mather, born in 1853, at Wilkes-Barre, was a stationary engineer, and was occupied as such until his demise, on December 4, 1915. Hannah (Flynn) Mather, who was born in 1855, at Port Griffith, Luzerne County, survived her husband until August 29, 1924. John and Hannah (Flynn) Mather had twelve children, six sons and six daughters, of whom Peter Mather was the fifth.

Peter Mather was born in Wilkes-Barre, on June 9, 1883, and since has made his home in this city. He obtained a somewhat meager education in the local public schools, but, like many other boys of his time, was forced to abandon his studies and assist in the maintenance of his family at an early age. Mr. Mather was twelve years old when he first went to work in a coal-breaker here. He continued as an employee of collieries for about four and a half years, but was not satisfied with this line of endeavor, and when about seventeen years of age, abandoned it. He then took a position with the Sheldon Axle Works, a concern with which he was destined to remain for twenty-one years and three months. During these long years, Mr. Mather was variously employed with the axle manufacturing company, attaining the respect and esteem of his employers and of his fellow-craftsmen. His personality, combined with talents of leadership and executive ability, long ago had brought him to the fore in public and civic matters, and this resulted in his being drafted for public office. In 1921, Mr. Mather was chosen by voters of the Fifth Ward to represent them on the Board of Aldermen, and he proved himself so capable and so devoted to the welfare of this ward that he was re-elected Alderman in 1927. It is of significance that Mr. Mather was unopposed for this office at the time of his last election. Mr. Mather is a Democrat in political beliefs and enjoys considerable prestige in local spheres of this organization. In the fall of 1927, upon the organization of the Magistrates' Association of Northeastern Pennsylvania, Mr. Mather was elected presi-

dent and continues each successive year by acclamation. He and his family are communicants of the Catholic faith, and Mr. Mather has contributed with liberality to the support and benevolences of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church of this city.

Peter Mather married, August 29, 1910, Martha Geiger, native of Wilkes-Barre, and daughter of Charles and Anna Geiger. Mr. and Mrs. Mather have three children: 1. Irene, born March 9, 1915. 2. John, born August 19, 1918. 3. Clara, born June 13, 1925. Alderman Mather's office is located at No. 42 Public Square, and the Mather family home is at No. 16 East Jackson Street, Wilkes-Barre.

**FRED W. HOSLER**—Education as a profession has long held its appeal to men of large intellectual capacity and vision. Fred W. Hosler, head of the public schools of Hatboro, has chosen this field, and already has had an extensive experience. Meanwhile he is completing higher studies at Columbia University, New York City.

Fred W. Hosler was born at Scranton, Pennsylvania, February 19, 1898, son of William C. Hosler, who was a native of Jonestown, this State, for many years an internal revenue agent in charge of Eastern Pennsylvania, died, 1921, and Emma (Hartman) Hosler, born at Benton, Pennsylvania, who survives her husband. In the schools of Benton, Mr. Hosler secured his elementary and secondary instruction, graduated from Benton High School in 1915 with scholastic honors, matriculated in Dickinson College, studied there three years, then went into our country's service for duty in the World War. He was with the Chemical Warfare Corps, in charge of the mustard gas plant at Edgewood Arsenal, and was discharged in December, 1918. He is now commissioned first lieutenant, Chemical Warfare Service, United States Army. Meanwhile, following this discharge, resuming studies, he was graduated from Pennsylvania State College in 1920, and is now, as noted, taking advance work at Columbia University. His first experience at teaching was as supervising principal of the schools of Petersburg, Pennsylvania, 1920 to 1923. From that year until 1926 he held a like post with the schools of Millville, Pennsylvania, and in 1926 became supervisory Principal at Shickshinny. Since July 1, 1928, Mr. Hosler has been serving as head of the public schools of Hatboro, Pennsylvania, a beautiful suburban town a few miles from Philadelphia. Mr. Hosler anticipates spending the summer of 1939 with a group of educators in Europe, where a great many prominent officials will be met and interviewed. He was chosen among twenty public school men in this country to make the trip.

A Republican, he has interested himself in major political issues, supporting the principles of the party consistently. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he is a member of Lodge No. 667, Bloomsburg Consistory, of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and Jaffa Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Altoona, Pennsylvania. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Lodge No. 180, Sigma Alpha Epsilon college fraternity, the Sons of Veterans, and American Legion. His church is the Methodist Episcopal.

Mr. Hosler married, in 1921, Grace Seely, of Benton, Pennsylvania, daughter of Charles and Phoebe Seely, and they have a son, Xen Seely, who was born March 27, 1923.

**MARVIN CLARK JOHNSON, M. D.**—Among the homeopathic physicians of the Wyoming Valley, Dr. Marvin Clark Johnson takes high rank. Since his establishment in practice in Kingston, 1912, he has won a high reputation throughout the entire community, and is regarded as a professional man of distinction and a public-spirited citizen of high worth to the body politic.

He was born in West Pittston, Pennsylvania, February 11, 1888, a son of Dr. Theodore M. Johnson, who was born in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, in 1854, graduated from Hahnemann Medical College with the class of 1878 and has long been a practitioner in West Pittston. Mrs. Johnson's maiden name was Levina De Mott, of Philadelphia, where she was born in 1853.

Dr. Marvin Clark Johnson was educated in the public schools of West Pittston and graduated from the high school in 1906, then attending the Hahnemann Medical College, from which he was graduated with the class of 1910, receiving his degree of Doctor of Medicine. This was followed by a year as an interne in Hahnemann Hospital in Scranton, after which he practiced for two years in West Pittston and then removed to Kingston, where he has since been established. Dr. M. C. Johnson is consulting surgeon to Nesbitt Memorial Hospital. He is on the staff and a trustee of the Wyoming Valley Homeopathic Hospital; a member of the State and County medical societies and the Homeopathic Society. In politics he is a Republican and in fraternal circles is affiliated with the Kingston Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His church is the Methodist Episcopal.

Dr. Marvin Clark Johnson married, in 1913, Mary Blair, of Plymouth, Pennsylvania, daughter of the Rev. Williams T. and Mary (Strickland) Blair.

**REV. PAUL SILAS HEATH**—As pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, of Wilkes-Barre, the Rev. Paul Silas Heath has won the deserved reputation of being a leader in the religious life of the community, devoting his time and attention liberally to the interests of his congregation. This church is now one of the largest and most influential religious institutions in the entire Wyoming Valley. The Rev. Mr. Heath accepted the call to become pastor of it in 1924, since which time he has proved himself to be one of the outstanding men, not only in his own congregation, but in the social life of Wilkes-Barre. He takes an interest at all times in public affairs, being ready to support any cause or movement that he believes will be beneficial to the people here or will improve conditions.

He is descended from old and distinguished families of the United States, being a nephew of the late Elbert Hubbard, and on his father's side of the house he is related to the Rittenhouse family, of Philadelphia. He is a son of William R. and Mary (Hubbard) Heath, the former of whom was of English descent and the latter of Scotch. He is one of a family of five children: 1. Horton Hubbard, of Scarsdale, New York. 2. Paul Silas, of further mention in this article. 3. Evelyn (Mrs. Wilmet Jacobsen), a physician in Buffalo, New York. 4. Thomas, who is a minister in the Congregational Church at Bronxville, New York. 5. Clark Wright, a physician in Boston, Massachusetts.

Paul Silas Heath was born in Hudson, Illinois, on July 23, 1892, and until he was ten years old he was reared in Chicago, Illinois.





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Then his parents removed to Buffalo, New York, where he grew to manhood. While a boy, he attended the public schools; later became a student at the Lawrenceville School, in New Jersey, from which institution he was graduated in the class of 1910; and finally went to Princeton University, from which he was graduated in the class of 1914 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He engaged then for two years in the manufacturing business, but in 1917 he entered the Auburn Theological Seminary, of New York, where he remained, with the exception of the war period, until 1921, in which year he was graduated. In 1917 he joined the United States Coast Guard Heavy Artillery, in which he served until the close of the World War at the fort in Narragansett, Rhode Island. After the war, he returned to his studies, and was graduated in theology from the Auburn Theological Seminary in the class of 1921. In that year, he went to England, where he took a year of post-graduate work at Oxford University. Returning in 1922 to the United States, he took charge of the Presbyterian Church, in North Tonawanda, New York. Then, in 1924, he accepted the call to Wilkes-Barre, where he has come to be highly respected as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Heath married, September 18, 1915, Elizabeth Bradford Hubbell, a daughter of Clifford and Grace (Woodward) Hubbell. She is a member of old American families which have played important parts in the history of the United States since the country's earliest days. The Rev. Paul Silas Heath and Elizabeth (Bradford) Heath are the parents of four children: Elizabeth Woodward, William Rittenhouse, Mary Hubbard and Robert Hubbell.

**JAY C. TREAT**—One of the esteemed residents of Forty Fort, Pennsylvania, who for years has been sales agent in this region of the Wyoming Valley for the National Biscuit Company, is Jay C. Treat, who has acquired a wide circle of friends and acquaintances here and whose activities in civic affairs and the social life of his community are many and widespread. There is scarcely any phase of civic development in this part of the State in which he is not keenly interested and in many instances an active participant.

Mr. Treat was born in Honeoye Falls, Monroe County, New York, on February 7, 1884, a son of Fred A. and Ida (Featherstone) Treat. His father, born in Mendon, Monroe County, New York, died May 23, 1925, was for the greater part of his life a real estate operator; while his mother, who is still living, is a native of Middleport, Niagara County, New York.

Their son, Jay C. Treat, of whom this is a record, attended the public schools of his birthplace, Honeoye Falls, New York, and then went to the Mechanics Institute in Rochester, New York, from which he was graduated in the class of 1902. He then went with the Eastman Kodak Company, having been stationed at that corporation's main office in Rochester. There he remained until 1906, when he went with the National Biscuit Company as a salesman. Selling the product of this organization until 1911, he built up a large and desirable custom in the territories that he covered. Then, in 1911, he became sales agent for the company in Hazleton, Pennsylvania, where he remained until February 1, 1913, when he came to Forty Fort as sales agent in this region of Pennsylvania. Here his success has been most marked, and

his fifteen years in this place have brought him not only customers but friends.

So it is that he takes an important part in the affairs of his town and community, and is requested from time to time to give to others the value of his wisdom acquired with the passing years of business life. Keenly interested in political matters, he is identified closely with the Republican party, whose policies and candidates he has for years supported. In 1925 he was chosen as a member of the town council of Forty Fort, a position which he has filled with credit and with advantage to his fellow-citizens since that time. He is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons in which his affiliation is with the Wilkes-Barre Lodge, No. 655; while he also is a member of the Shekinah Chapter of Royal Arch Masons; the Dieu le Veut Commandery of Knights Templar; and Irem Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He holds membership in the Franklin Club, while his religious affiliation is with the First Presbyterian Church, of Forty Fort.

In March, 1909, Mr. Treat married Mabel E. Merlan, of Rochester, New York, daughter of George M. and Carrie E. Merlan. By this marriage there have been two sons: 1. Merlan Jay, born in June, 1913. 2. Charles Dean, born in September, 1919.

**JOHN W. SARPOLIS, M. D.**—The younger group of professional men in Luzerne County have an able representative in Dr. John W. Sarpolis, well known medical practitioner at Glen Lyon, who has come rapidly to the front since he received his degree some ten years ago. Born in Wanamie of his native county, March 22, 1896, Dr. Sarpolis is the son of Peter and Elizabeth (Machalonis) Sarpolis, his father born in Russia, in 1865, is a merchant in Luzerne County, served as school director of Newport Township for two terms totaling ten years; the mother, born in Russia in 1870, died in November, 1920. John W. Sarpolis attended the public schools of his native village of Wanamie, inclusive of three years in the high school there. He next entered the Lake High School, Chicago, Illinois, from which he was graduated in 1914. He was now on the road to a college degree for which he had aimed when making choice of the medical profession. He took his pre-medical course at Loyola University, Chicago, and then matriculated at Loyola Medical College, from which he was graduated in the class of 1919 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. His internship was served at the Robert Burns Hospital, Chicago, where he was stationed for twenty-two months.

Dr. Sarpolis entered upon actual practice in his own name at Chicago, where he remained for two years. Then he returned to his native borough of Wanamie and gave of his skillful and sympathetic ministrations to his own people for four years, in the meanwhile developing into one of the best-known physicians of the community and county. In 1926 he felt that he had received a call to the larger and more important field of Glen Lyon and transferred his practice to that village, where he has since labored most efficiently, growing in the favor and popularity of the people there. Further proof of his standing in the county is had in the fact of his having been elected a member of the auxiliary staff of Nanticoke Hospital. His professional qualifications could have no better attest than arises from his selection as a member of the American Medical Association, Pennsylvania State Medical Society and Luzerne County Medical Society. In his politics he throws his strength to the candidates and policies of the

Republican party, of which he is a loyally enthusiastic member.

Dr. John W. Sarpolis married, in May, 1921, Hazel Clutter, of Springfield, Illinois, daughter of Archibald and Laura Clutter, and they are the parents of a son, John Bennett, born in October, 1922.

**HOWARD ALLEN STULL**—In 1921 Howard A. Stull formed a partnership with his brother, Willard S. Stull, and together they opened the Stull Brothers motorcycle and battery business at Nos. 15-17 Union Street in Kingston. The business has steadily and rapidly grown under consistent good management and the brothers' conscientious application to their work until now it employs nine people.

Mr. Stull was born June 3, 1900, at Court-dale, the son of Samuel L. and Anna (Williams) Stull. The mother, who was born at Luzerne, died January 14, 1914. The father, who was born at Springbrook, is a blacksmith and, helping his father about the forge and anvil, the elder son early developed a knack for handling metals and wood that has stood him in good stead in the work he has made his vocation. After attendance at the Courtdale public schools and graduation from the Larksville High School, Mr. Stull associated himself with an automobile accessories concern where he remained four years, learning the business which he planned to enter. He then formed the partnership with his brother. The concern is distributor for the Indian Motorcycles in Luzerne County and does a general repair business, handling motorcycles, batteries, auto tires and motor boats (Indian). Mr. Stull is a member of Kingston Lodge, No. 395, Free and Accepted Masons; Caldwell Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a Republican and holds membership in Snyder Council, Junior Order United American Mechanics.

On March 29, 1923, Mr. Stull married Nellie Tinklepaugh, of Hanlocks Creek, daughter of Harry and Catharine (Craugle) Tinklepaugh. They have one daughter, Betty Jane, born November 23, 1924.

**WILLARD SAMUEL STULL** has, with his brother, Howard A. Stull (see accompanying biography), built up a thriving motorcycle and battery business, since 1921, and they are located at Nos. 15-17 Union Street in Kingston. Although both brothers are still under thirty, they have made notable accomplishments in their work and their business is looked upon as an outstanding success.

Born at Courtdale, Luzerne County, June 21, 1902, Mr. Stull is the son of Samuel L. Stull, born at Springbrook, and Anna (Williams) Stull, born at Luzerne, died January 14, 1914. The father is a blacksmith and in his shop the sons at an early age developed their taste for and ability to handle machinery. The subject of this sketch attended the public schools of Courtdale and Luzerne and upon completion of his Luzerne High School course, spent four years working with a local automobile accessory house. In 1921 he and his brother, Howard Allen Stull, formed a partnership to operate their own shop. Stull Brothers are distributors for the Indian Motorcycles in Luzerne County and have their own shop for general repair business. They are also distributors for the U. S. L. Batteries. Willard Samuel Stull is a Scottish Rite Mason and member of the Shrine. He belongs to Kingston Lodge, No. 395, Free

and Accepted Masons; the Caldwell Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a member of the Junior Order United American Mechanics and is Republican in his political faith.

Mr. Stull married, October 15, 1923, Althea H. Lyons, daughter of Harvey and Bessie Lyons of Kingston. They have two sons: 1. Dean L., born November 11, 1924. 2. Wayne A., born April 15, 1927.

**CHARLES B. D. WOOD**—President, manager and founder of the Pressed Steel Company, Charles B. D. Wood has been a figure of prominence in financial and industrial circles of the Wilkes-Barre area through a score of years. As head of this large organization he contributes directly to the prosperity of the people in contact with it as workers, and to the general communal whole indirectly, through bringing money into the market. He is widely known in the industry as a man of talent, and in the city of Wilkes-Barre, and in Kingston, where he makes his residence, is looked upon as a constructive force of value to civic, economic and social enterprises. He supports all worthy projects designed for the public benefit.

Mr. Wood was born in Wilkes-Barre, July 25, 1884, son of John Gore and Emmaline E. (Drake) Wood. His father was also a native of this community, born in 1838, died in March, 1903. He engaged for many years as a manufacturer of paper, and as a realtor. Emmaline E. (Drake) Wood was born in Wilkes-Barre in 1847, and died in 1890.

After he had secured his elementary and secondary academic instruction in the public schools of Wilkes-Barre, Mr. Wood matriculated in Wyoming Seminary, from which he graduated with the class of 1904. Next he studied at Cornell University. On November 17, 1909, he founded the Pressed Steel Company, for the manufacture of metal products and pressed steel shapcs. He was president from the outset of operations, and to him, in major share, is due the prosperity and augmented business of the organization. It employs between fifty and sixty workers the year 'round on an average. The plant, representing the best to be seen for work of this special category, was built especially for the company under Mr. Wood's direction. All kinds of pressed steel products are turned out today, with emphasis on specialties, there being a large number of special dies for a number of great contracts. Stainless steel serving trays, for example, are one product. Five thousand tons of steel are used annually. Besides Mr. Wood, other officers of the corporation are: W. C. Boyd (q. v.), treasurer and secretary, and S. W. Rort, vice-president. Joseph H. MacVeigh (q. v.), who has been with the company since 1917, is sales manager.

Actively interested in general affairs, Mr. Wood is a Republican, loyal supporter of the party's principles. Fraternally he is affiliated with Kingston Lodge, No. 395, Free and Accepted Masons; Caldwell Consistory, at Bloomsburg, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; and belongs to the Westmoreland Club and Wyoming Valley Country Club. He is a communicant of the Methodist Episcopal Church, assists in the work of the denomination, and gives liberally to all charitable causes which come to his attention. During the World War he put his plant to work as the Government wished, offering the full scope of its resources to the common cause, and was of valued aid in the several



campaigns of patriotic appeal. He is a director of the Kingston Bank and Trust Company.

Mr. Wood married, in 1908, Florence A. Newell, of Kingston, daughter of I. L. and Mary (Edwards) Newell. Their children are: Theodore N., Mary Eleanor, Margaret E., Mary Edwards, Augustin Newell, and Ruth Newell. The family residence in Kingston is at No. 840 Market Street. Mr. Wood's offices in the Pressed Steel Company are on North Pennsylvania Avenue, Wilkes-Barre.

**JOSEPH H. MACVEIGH**—Sales manager of the Pressed Steel Company, Joseph H. MacVeigh has contributed greatly to the success of this great organization, and, through it, to the development of the Wilkes-Barre area. He is one of the city's well known men.

Mr. MacVeigh was born January 28, 1887, at Covington, Kentucky, son of Peter and Carrie Lee (Handlan) MacVeigh. His father was born in Covington, 1860, and survives to the present time (1928), having spent many years as coffee broker in St. Louis, Missouri. His mother was born at Wheeling, West Virginia, in 1862, and she too survives.

Mr. MacVeigh attended the public schools of St. Paul, Minnesota, matriculated in the University of Minnesota, and from it was graduated, 1907, with the degree of Civil Engineer. For two years thereafter he was identified with railroad building in Alabama, for a coal company. Then he was employed by the Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad Company, with offices at Birmingham, Alabama, for five years, as construction engineer. Next, for three years, he was with the Birmingham Railway, Light, Heat and Power Company as construction engineer, was transferred to New York City as industrial engineer for the United Gas and Electric Corporation, and in 1917 came to the Pressed Steel Company as sales manager. He has been with this organization through the years that have followed.

Active in general affairs and particularly in those that touch engineering and business as applied to steel, Mr. MacVeigh is a member of several engineering societies, the Wyoming Valley Country Club, and is affiliated with Lodge No. 61, Free and Accepted Masons, Caldwell Consistory at Bloomsburg of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a communicant of the Presbyterian Church.

Mr. MacVeigh married, in 1910, Charlotte Warman, of Cullman, Alabama, daughter of Cyrus and Ida Warman. They reside at No. 376 Ridge Avenue, Kingston.

**BENJAMIN H. RHYS**—In the Wilkes-Barre Exide Company of Nos. 28-30 East Ross Street, of which he is sole owner and proprietor, Benjamin H. Rhys has developed, in a comparatively few years, a thriving business that places him among the more successful of the city's business men. However, he does not spend all his time in his battery and repair shop but devotes much energy to discharging the duties of his public offices and taking part in the activities of the numerous organizations of which he is a member. Taking over the office that had been filled for six years by his father, Mr. Rhys became tax collector of the borough of Warrior Run, in which he makes his home at No. 374 Chestnut Street, eighteen years ago, and in the period since has faithfully made the stipulated collections. On May 1, 1928, he acquired in addition to this office that of deputy county comptroller, serving under Harry I. Butts. To all

his work for the people Mr. Rhys gives the same conscientious attention that he devotes to his own private affairs.

Mr. Rhys was born in Warrior Run, Luzerne County, September 4, 1888, the son of Welsh parents. His father, Thomas H. Rhys, a miner, was born in 1855, died in July, 1911, and his mother, Elizabeth (Jones) Rhys, is still living. After he had completed the public school courses Mr. Rhys entered the business world as a clerical worker, then spent twelve years as teller for the Wyoming Valley Trust Company. It was in March, 1925, that he established his garage business on Ross Street. Here, with the aid of three employees, he handles Exide batteries and does a general automobile repair business. Mr. Rhys is Republican in his political affiliations and, as stated previously, has served as tax collector for nearly two decades, and also as deputy county comptroller. He is a member of Ashley Lodge, No. 474, Free and Accepted Masons; Shekinah Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Dieu le Veut Commandery No. 45, Knights Templar; Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Junior Order United American Mechanics. He also holds membership in the Wyoming Valley Country Club and the Craftsman's Club. Mr. Rhys is a member of the Welsh Presbyterian Church of Warrior Run.

In October, 1915, Mr. Rhys married Cora Jones, daughter of William E. and Elizabeth (Lewis) Jones, of Warrior Run. They became the parents of two children: Cora Elizabeth, born in July, 1917, and Ruth Janet, born in September, 1920.

**WILLIAM B. RICHARDS**—Prominently identified with the building business of the Wyoming Valley for years, William B. Richards, of Wilkes-Barre, is one of our most reputable citizens and holds a very dignified position in the commercial world of Pennsylvania. Skilled in carpentry and general building, he is also known as a keen minded business operator, at all times intent upon giving full value for work accomplished, and demanding of others reciprocal treatment. There exists in business life certain high codes of ethics based upon fairness and coöperation for mutual benefit. Mr. Richards not only understands this but operates upon such lines and by so conducting his enterprises has won the admiration and esteem of all with whom he has made contact during his career. He is a man of sociable nature and has made a host of friends in and out of his working world, is deeply interested in the good of the people and at all times holds himself ready to lend his aid in any public activities which may be promulgated for the general benefit. Such are the qualifications of a good citizen, which is a title to which he is fully deserving.

He was born in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, January 25, 1886, a son of Edward Richards, also a native of this city, where he was born in 1856, and where he operated as a painting contractor, and of Clara (Boehlmer) Richards, who was born in Hazleton, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, in 1855. Edward Richards died in February, 1908.

His son, William B. Richards, was educated in the local public schools and then engaged in the practical study of carpentry, following that trade for a number of years and then establishing himself in the business of general contract building. He has specialized in the erection of stores and schools, having constructed several of each, among them being the Liberty Bank building, the

Kresge store and others. He employs an average of seventy men. In politics he is a Republican and in religion a Lutheran. He belongs to Lodge No. 109, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and to the Franklin and Craftsman's clubs. Fraternally he is affiliated with Lodge No. 442, Free and Accepted Masons; Shekinah Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Dieu le Veut Commandery, No. 45, Knights Templar, and Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

William B. Richards married, in June, 1913, Anna Grosehke, of Wilkes-Barre, daughter of August and Wilhelmina Grosehke. Their children are: 1. Marion E., born in January, 1915. 2. Edward William, born in April, 1916. 3. Dorothy M., born in May, 1917. 4. Arthur E., born in August, 1921.

**HORACE H. SCHOSER**—Engaged in the contracting business in one of the essential branches of the construction trade, heating and plumbing, Mr. Schoser has become one of the stable figures of commercial Kingston. A native Pennsylvanian, he was born in Philadelphia on October 26, 1883, a son of Vincent and Anna (Nicholas) Schoser. His father was born in Germany and settled at Riverton, New Jersey, as a shoe manufacturer. His mother was born in Illinois.

After attending the public schools at Riverton, where the family was then living, Horace H. Schoser entered Spencerian Business College in Philadelphia and, subsequently, learned the technical trade of heating and plumbing. He was employed in Philadelphia in his trade for about five years and then returned to Riverton and engaged in work at that place. In 1906, he came to Kingston and worked for a local concern for nearly two years and then was placed in charge of all of the outside work for the Luzerne County Gas and Electric Company, with plant at Mahanoy City. Always improving his position and adding to his responsibilities in the work with each change, he then went to Berwick and finally back to Kingston, where he started in business for himself, under his own firm name. The business has prospered and he has fulfilled the contracts for heating and plumbing of many public buildings, notably the Miners Bank Building at Wilkes-Barre, the Dime Bank Building at the same place, the Nanticoke High School and the Georgetown school building. Mr. Schoser is a loyal citizen and at all times holds the interests of his community at heart and serves them in his public dealings with the civic government, to its best advantage. He is a member of the Patriotic Order Sons of America, the Kingston Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and a regular attendant of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Schoser is a keen hunter and fisherman and has a remarkably fine kennel of thoroughbred setters, and is an authority on the raising and breeding of this attractive type of dog.

Horace H. Schoser was married, in 1905, to Blanche Paddock, daughter of George E. and Vargie (Prince) Paddock, of Kingston. Mr. Paddock is a well-known glass manufacturer. Mr. and Mrs. Schoser have four children: 1. Grace Margaret, who has married a Mr. Peccone of Kingston. 2. Ruth Evelyn, who attends the Westchester Normal School, preparatory to taking up the vocation of teaching. 3. Donald Paddock. 4. Virginia Elizabeth.

**JOSEPH F. BRYANT**—Identified with the commercial and fraternal life of Luzerne for many years, Joseph F. Bryant is numbered

among the community's citizens of most loyal public enterprise. His record is one to inspire respect, comprising as it does a replete success at all endeavors, and commencing toward the close of the last century, when Mr. Bryant first went to work as a boy in the mines. From that beginning he has come to be one of the well-known figures of Luzerne County.

Mr. Bryant was born at Edwardsville, Pennsylvania, September 23, 1882, a son of Conn and Margaret (Williams) Bryant. His father, who was born in Wales, in 1847, was a miner, and plied that occupation after coming to the coal fields of Pennsylvania. His death occurred in 1910. Margaret (Williams) Bryant was also a native of Wales. She was born in 1848, and died in June, 1922.

Fortune was good to Mr. Bryant in that it gave him a good home, a sufficient course in school upon which to base higher and independent technical studies, and early experience which taught him the value of well directed effort and tenacity of purpose. As related, he went to work in the mines while a lad, then engaged in the electrical trade, as employee. In 1911 he started in the electrical contracting business under his own name, in Luzerne, and as such a contractor has continued with augmented success through the years succeeding. As a rule he employs two assistants, and his offices at No. 55 Evans Street, Luzerne, transact a sizable volume of trade annually.

While business has engaged the principal course of effort and has taken the greater part of his time, Mr. Bryant has none the less been active in the community's general affairs. A Republican, he supports the candidates and principles of the party, and since 1911 has been a director of Pringle Borough School Board. He is interested in diverse financial enterprises, having been a director of the Merchants and Miners Bank since its foundation. Fraternally he is perhaps most known in the Free and Accepted Masons, and a member of Lodge No. 395, in this order; of Kingston Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Dieu le Veut Commandery, Knights Templar, of Wilkes-Barre; and Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Further, he is affiliated with the Patriotic Order Sons of America, the Junior Order United American Mechanics, Order of Eagles, and Lodge No. 109, of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. During the World War Mr. Bryant subscribed liberally to all patriotic campaigns. He is a communicant of the Welsh Congregational Church.

Mr. Bryant married, in 1902, Phoebe A. Morgan, of Pringle Borough, daughter of Philip and Ann Morgan. They have one daughter, Anna A., born September 5, 1904, graduate of Bloomsburg State Normal School, also a graduate of Marywood College, Scranton, Pennsylvania, having received her degree B. S. of Education, in June, 1929; now a teacher in Pringle Borough.

**REV. JOHN SZABO**, born in Vulsinka, County Ung, Hungary, April 15, 1861, received his early training in his native country in the college and seminary, and was ordained a priest in the Greek Catholic Church, 1886. After six years of work as pastor he came to the United States, arriving July 4, 1892. He proceeded to Hazleton, where he visited his friend, the Rev. Eugene Volkay. In gratitude to the Lord for his safe passage across the sea, and for meeting once more persons of his native land, he said a Mass in thanks. It followed that he removed to Trenton, New Jersey, to organize a parish





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of the Greek Catholic faith, remained there two years then engaged, and afterward went to Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, where he spent eight years in organizing various parishes throughout the State. In 1898, at Brockwayville Court, Jefferson County, he became a naturalized citizen. During the years 1901-07 he was pastor of St. John's Church, 712 Carson Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, then went to Toronto, Eastern Ohio, where he had charge of St. Joseph's Church for eight years, from where he was transferred to Duquesne, Pennsylvania. He established Greek Catholic societies and congregations in Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia, and has carried on this work as far to the south as Alabama, to St. Louis, Missouri, and to Denver, Colorado. Following this protracted period as organizer in the church, he returned to Western Pennsylvania, worked in and around Pittsburgh, and in February, 1927, was assigned by Right Reverend Bishop Basil Takacs to Hazleton. Since that month and year he has been pastor of St. Mary's Greek Catholic Church, Hazleton. Here he is in charge of a large number of parishioners, at the head of one of the most historic church organizations in the Nation, largely composed of persons whose origin and family origin was in Hungary and Galicia, now Podkarpatska Rus in Czecho-Slovakia. About 1875 many of these people immigrated, and, landed in New York, found that satisfactory employment could be obtained in the mining districts around Hazleton. Here their migrations ceased, until in later days many removed still farther to the West. Rev. Father Szabo is at the head of an important parish composed of some two hundred families and more than one thousand souls. He is known for his kindly leadership of his people, and for his constructive interest in the promotion of Hazleton's general welfare.

Rev. Father John Szabo married, in 1886, Amelia Danilovics, the oldest daughter of seven children of a Greek Catholic Priest, Father Nikolay Danilovics, in Hungary. Of this union were born eight children: 1. The Rev. Father Nicholas, pastor of the Hungarian Magyar Church, at Homestead. 2. Jolan, wife of the Rev. Father Constantine Roskovics, who is a director of the Greek Catholic Orphanage, at Elmhurst, Pennsylvania. 3. Alexius, an artist in New York City. 4. Dennis, a physician in the United States Public Health Service. 5. Irene, wife of the Rev. Father George Chegin, pastor of St. Michael's Church, Donora. 6. Magdalena, wife of George Puhak, attorney, of Hazleton. 7. John, graduate at law, Georgetown Catholic University, Washington, District of Columbia. 8. One deceased.

Rev. Father John Szabo is a loyal and patriotic citizen, and has continuously taken a deep interest in the American civic, social and economic evolution. He was present at the inauguration of President McKinley, and at that of President Roosevelt. On the occasion of the latter's inauguration, Rev. Szabo was presented, and has always held the great American's memory in admiration.

**St. Mary's Greek Catholic Church**—Known as the "mother of all Greek Catholic churches in the Anthracite region," St. Mary's Greek Catholic Church of Hazleton, at the intersection of Cedar and Beach streets, was founded in 1889, during the month of July, with a small congregation, and has grown steadily to present size, now (1929) having within the parish two hundred families. The church was founded by the Rev. Volyanski and the Rev. Andruchovics, missionaries from

Galicia. They erected a small chapel on the site of the parish house of today, and the first regular priest was the Rev. Nicholas Szteczovics, the second Rev. Eugene Volkay. There have been many changes in the pastorate, Rev. John Szabo being the twenty-sixth to hold charge in forty years. He has filled the charge since February, 1927. The church as it is seen at the present time was constructed in 1893. It is one of fine architectural design, as will be noted from the illustration on another page of this volume, and was remodelled in 1926, under the pastorate of the Rev. Simon Szmandray, D. D. Detail has been kept in harmony with the original design, in order that no part of the historic significance of St. Mary's might be lost.

**WATKIN MORGAN WATERS, D. D. S.**—Intimate knowledge of the dental profession, reached through careful education and practical experience, has brought Dr. Watkin Morgan Waters, of Wyoming, to a prominent position among the practitioners of the Wyoming Valley of Pennsylvania. Esteemed for his value to the community, he is popular because of his personality and attractive qualities both in and out of business life; he has served well when called upon by his country in time of its need and bears a high reputation among his associates in the several fraternal organizations with which he is connected. These attributes make for sound citizenship, a title to which Dr. Waters is eminently entitled. Not satisfied with any result less than the best, he has drawn about him a large clientele and made a host of admiring and staunch friends through his devotion to this principle of professional guidance.

He was born in Nanticoke, Pennsylvania, June 10, 1888, a son of Ivor J. and Catherine (Sims) Waters, both natives of Wales. His father, deceased in 1919, was a mine foreman and the son's education was begun in the local public schools of the district. After his graduation from high school he attended Keystone Academy at Factoryville, Pennsylvania, and was graduated with the class of 1913. He then took up the study of dentistry, graduating from Temple University in 1916, with the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery. For the first eight years of his professional work he chose Nanticoke, then removing to Wyoming, where he has since been located. During the participation of the United States in the World War, he held the commission of first lieutenant and was attached to the dental staff of Walter Reed Hospital, in Washington, District of Columbia, being honorably mustered out of the military service December 24, 1918. He is a member of the National Dental Society and of the American Legion and is fraternally affiliated with the Knights of Pythias; Junior Order United American Mechanics; Palestine Lodge of Philadelphia, No. 470, Free and Accepted Masons; Caldwell Consistory, of Bloomsburg, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Masons, and Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of the Wyoming Business Men's Club.

**HERMAN RALPH NAGLE**—In 1913, after several years' experience in the general mercantile business, Herman Ralph Nagle came to Shickshinny, Pennsylvania, and established here the retail store which he has since operated. Mr. Nagle's energy and ability brought him immediate success in his venture, and in the years which have passed since 1913, the volume of his business has constantly expanded. Keeping pace with this

growth, he has enlarged the scope of his store and now offers to the community a service in general merchandise of the highest quality.

Mr. Nagle was born on November 8, 1889, at Raven Creek, Columbia County, Pennsylvania, a son of Mathias Franklin Nagle, born at Benton, Columbia County, in 1866, died in 1906, and of Ellen (Carey) Nagle, born in 1869, in Pine Creek, Columbia County, who is still living. His father was a farmer until the time of his death.

Herman Ralph Nagle attended the public schools of Berwick, Pennsylvania, and when he completed his education, engaged in various occupations in that place, until he entered the employ of the local store of the Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company, with whom he remained for two years. At the end of that time, in 1913, Mr. Nagle came to Shickshinny, and though still a young man, established his own store, dealing in a small way in retail provisions. The high quality of his merchandise and his own business ability insured success, and the subsequent expansion forced a move into larger quarters. Mr. Nagle now occupies a two-story building, fifty-four feet long and sixty feet wide. He has in his employ four clerks.

Politically, Mr. Nagle is a member of the Democratic party, and he is active in the civic and social life of Shickshinny, being a member of the local Chamber of Commerce. He is affiliated fraternally with the Patriotic Order Sons of America, the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, the Woodmen of the World, and Lodge No. 180 of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is also a member of the National Protective Association, and of the Shickshinny Presbyterian Church, of which he is a member of the official board.

In 1911, Herman Ralph Nagle married Anna Lola Oplinger, daughter of Philip and Angelina Oplinger, and of this marriage there are five children: Elizabeth, Maxine, Ralph, Jr., Franklin, and Janice Elaine.

**GUSTAV A. JOHNSON**—A member of the firm of Johnson Brothers, electrical contractors of No. 407 North Main Street, Wilkes-Barre, Gustav A. Johnson is not only highly competent in his profession, but by his able management of the executive details connected with his business has won for himself a reputation as a progressive and efficient business man. He has been instrumental in supplying to Wilkes-Barre an electrical contracting service of high quality, and his efforts in this direction have resulted in a constantly increasing volume of business.

Mr. Johnson was born at Wilkes-Barre, on August 6, 1889, a son of John E. Johnson, who was born in Sweden in 1852, and died in February, 1928, and of Johanna (Bale) Johnson, also born in Sweden, in 1853, and died in March, 1927. His father was well known as a carpenter at Wilkes-Barre until the time of his death.

Gustav A. Johnson attended the public schools of his birthplace, and when he completed his education, learned the electrical trade which he followed until 1918. In that year, in association with his brother, Louis Johnson, he established the electrical contracting firm of Johnson Brothers, to which he has devoted his attention since that time with complete success. The Main Street headquarters includes a retail store and show room, and the company now employs five men.

Politically, Mr. Johnson supports the principles and candidates of the Republican

party, while in various movements to promote the civic welfare he has been very active. He is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Lodge No. 139; and the Fraternal Order of Eagles, and is also a member of the Fritzoff Society, an organization interested in the study of Scandinavian culture and institutions. Among the societies of the men of his profession, he is a member of the Wilkes-Barre Contracting Association, and the National Electrical Association. Mr. Johnson's sound judgment in business matters is highly respected, and he was one of the organizers, and is now a director and vice-president of the North End State Bank, of Wilkes-Barre.

In 1916, Gustav A. Johnson married Bertha Pyatt, of Parsons, Pennsylvania, daughter of Fred and Anna Pyatt, of that place. Of this marriage there is one child, Lillian Claire, born March 7, 1925. Mr. Johnson and his family worship in the Lutheran faith and are members of Trinity Church of that denomination at Wilkes-Barre.

**CHARLES HOOPER**—Business activities of Charles Hooper have been many, and of diversified character. He is today one of the foremost business figures of the town in which he was born—Shickshinny, Luzerne County—and widely known in business spheres of this center's environs. From small beginnings he has created extensive holdings.

Charles Hooper was born July 8, 1880, son of William and Annie (Harry) Hooper, both of whom were natives of Wales. His father was a miner, and he came to Shickshinny as a young man, here spent the balance of his years, and died, May 31, 1897. His mother survived, her death occurring in 1912.

After he had secured a basic academic education in the public schools of Shickshinny, Mr. Hooper went to work in the mines, working there in all some seven years, after which period he took up the trade of carpenter and plied it two and a half years further. Meanwhile he had accumulated a small capital, and he next went into business as owner and proprietor of a retail confectionery store under his own name. This he conducted successfully for two and a half years. For thirteen years he owned and operated, successfully, the Hooper Hotel, and in 1923 constructed the present Hooper Building, which houses a cinema called the "People's Theater," at No. 29 Main Street. It also contains apartments, an ice cream parlor, and a store space. Mr. Hooper operates the store and theatre and leases the apartments at a round income. In 1914 he became interested in the coal and ice business, at which he continued until 1923, under the style of his own name. All things he has touched of financial nature have turned out well. He is a director of the Farmers' State Bank of Shickshinny, maintains other substantial connections of the sort, is a Democrat, and was for eight years a member of the Town Council. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, in which order he is a member of Lodge No. 1138. During the war he was of valued assistance in the several campaigns of patriotic appeal. He is a communicant of the Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Hooper married, December 18, 1915, Kit Shaffer, of Shickshinny, daughter of Charles and Esther (Miller) Shaffer. Her father, a carpenter, was born in Shickshinny, 1844, and died here March 11, 1928. Her mother, also a native of the town, was born in 1848 and died in June, 1917. Mr. and Mrs. Hooper have children: Beach, Daisy, and Lillie.

**ALEXANDER ARTHUR DUNN**—A resident of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, for many years, Alexander Arthur Dunn has become known as one of the ablest of the community's business men. At present district representative for the Leader Manufacturing Company, he has been very successful in this work, discharging all the duties of his position to the complete satisfaction both of his company and of the party whom it serves. In various other phases of Wilkes-Barre life, he has also taken an active part.

Mr. Dunn was born in Wales, on July 20, 1881, a son of John G. Dunn, who was born in England in 1852, and died in 1922, and of Ann (Smith) Dunn, born in Wales, in 1851, died in 1900. The father was a lampman for many years in the employ of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company.

Alexander Arthur Dunn came with his parents to the United States in the year following his birth, and grew up in and about Wilkes-Barre. He attended the public schools of this place and later also undertook the course of study in the Wharton School of Business, connected with the University of Pennsylvania. Beginning his business career at the completion of this work, he became connected with the Wyoming Valley Lace Mills, with whom he remained for a period of eight years, winning gradual advancement for his meritorious services. At the end of this time, however, he formed the association with the Leader Manufacturing Company, which has proved so satisfactory. Entering the employ of this house in 1908, he has been district representative at Wilkes-Barre since that time, and has creditably served in that capacity throughout his connection.

Politically a member of the Republican party, Mr. Dunn is active in party councils, and for the past sixteen years has served as Republican registrar of the First District, First Ward, at Wilkes-Barre. He is affiliated fraternally with Lodge No. 109, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and is also a member of the United Commercial Travelers and the Commercial Travelers of Utica. Mr. Dunn is president of the North Wilkes-Barre Tennis Club, and has actively supported worthy enterprises designed to promote the growth and welfare of the community. He was one of the organizers and is now a director of the North End State Bank, of Wilkes-Barre.

In July, 1918, Alexander Arthur Dunn married Laura C. Hoffman, of Wilkes-Barre, daughter of Mathias and Margarethe Hoffman. Mr. and Mrs. Dunn are members and active workers in the affairs of Calvary Protestant Episcopal Church.

**ROBERT W. JOHNSON**—As city editor of the Wilkes-Barre "Record," Robert W. Johnson plays an important part in the journalistic and newspaper life of this part of Pennsylvania, while his interest in public affairs and in the furtherance of prosperity in his community and county renders him a more than ordinarily valuable citizen for the type of work in which he is engaged. Mr. Johnson is a native of this State, and here has many friends, while he is thoroughly conversant with local conditions as a result of his long residence in this region.

He was born in Ashley, Pennsylvania, on May 29, 1888, and received his early training in the Ashley High School, from which he was graduated. He then studied at the Wilkes-Barre High School, where he took advanced studies, and, in 1904, he became a member of the staff of the Wilkes-Barre

"Record." From then until 1911 he made a marked impression upon his superiors because of the excellent work that he did as a reporter, and in 1911 he was advanced to the city editorship of the paper, a position which he has creditably filled since that year. Although newspaper work is his primary interest, Mr. Johnson is closely connected with the business affairs of his community and State, being a vice-president of the North End State Bank.

Also interested intensely in political and civic matters, it is perhaps only natural that he should be identified with the Republican party, whose policies and candidates he has consistently supported. He served for one term as vice-chairman of the Republican County Committee, while, since 1918, he has been chairman of publicity for the Republican party's local organization in Luzerne County. He is secretary of the Salvation Army Committee and also secretary of the Ashley Taxpayers' Association. His newspaper interests extend beyond the borders of his community and county, for he is the Luzerne County correspondent of the Philadelphia "Public Ledger." He is also a member of the Craftsman's Club and the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce. In the Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is a staunch member, he belongs to the Coalville Lodge, No. 474; Keystone Consistory, the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; and Irem Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

**JOSEPH CHARLES ASZUK, M. D.**—A practicing physician at Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, for several years, Joseph Charles Aszuk has won the complete confidence of the community through his work, and has built up an extensive following throughout the city as the demands on his services have constantly increased. He has been active at all times in the care of the sick and injured, counting his personal convenience or safety as nothing when opposed to his professional duties, and for his allegiance to the highest ideals of his calling he has gained the affectionate esteem of the people of this city and the vicinity.

Dr. Aszuk was born at Nanticoke, in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, on April 1, 1896, a son of Charles and Anna Aszuk, who had come to the United States from Lithuania. The father, formerly a hotel keeper, is now retired.

Joseph Charles Aszuk attended the public schools of Wilkes-Barre and was graduated from the high schools here in 1914. For a few years he was variously employed in local enterprises, and then, deciding upon a career in medicine, he undertook the course of study at Temple University, from which he was graduated in 1926, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. During 1926 and 1927 he was attached to Mercy Hospital at Wilkes-Barre as an interne and member of the general staff but with the completion of this period, he began the immediate practice of his profession in the city, extending his practice widely in a very short time. Dr. Aszuk has kept well abreast of every latest development in the medical sciences by constant reading and study, bringing to the community a general medical service of the finest type, of which the people of the city have been quick to avail themselves.

Among the various associations of the men of his profession, Dr. Aszuk takes an active part in the work of Luzerne County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania State Medical Soci-

ety, and the American Medical Association, holding membership in each of these organizations. Politically he supports the Democrat party. He is also a member of the Phi Chi medical fraternity at Temple, while in religious affiliation he worships in the faith of the Roman Catholic church, attending Holy Trinity Church at Wilkes-Barre. Dr. Aszuk's address at Wilkes-Barre is No. 107 Hillside Street, and here he may always be reached.

**AUGUST W. M. GREBE**—Really development in Wilkes-Barre and its environs during very recent years has been given a striking impetus through the energy and unflagging activities of August W. M. Grebe, whose operations here have commanded the favorable attention of the people, who are all directly, or indirectly, benefited by all community progress. Naturally equipped with an artistic nature, he added largely to it through association in the field of landscape gardening prior to the World War and during that conflict gained much further knowledge in France, where he was intimately associated with the interment of the soldier dead. He is a man who takes a deep interest in the artistic development of natural resources and in the creation of attractive locations for the erection of homes, an artist in his field and a citizen of the highest character and value to the population, with a legion of friends and the complete faith and esteem of the community. Greatly interested in public affairs, he has displayed much talent in several fields of endeavor, is a good churchman and a popular member of society and a number of standard fraternal organizations.

He was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, August 26, 1895, a son of August A. Grebe, a native of Berlin, Germany, who came to the United States in 1885, establishing himself in the wholesale meat business, and of Anna (Zimmerman) Grebe, a native of Switzerland. His education was acquired in the Philadelphia public schools and, following his graduation from high school in 1912, he became engaged in landscape gardening, at which he worked for five years. With the entrance of the United States into the World War, he entered the service and was assigned assistant to the senior chaplain of the 79th Division, serving in that capacity overseas with the American Expeditionary Forces for thirteen months and engaged in burial of the dead. He was honorably mustered out of the military service in June, 1919, and came to Wilkes-Barre, where he was given charge of the Government surplus food sale, an occupation in which he spent ten months. For the following eighteen months he managed the country-wide tour of Russell H. Conwell and in 1922 established himself in the real estate and insurance business here. His principal developments have been in South Wilkes-Barre in what is known as Grebe Place and the McLean Tract. He also has developed the Denison Estate in Forty Fort and the Denison Cemetery there, of which last named organization he is vice-president. He is also one of the organizers and now president of the Susquehanna Building & Loan Association and a life member of the American Association of Cemetery Superintendents. He belongs to the American Legion; Lodge No. 109, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; Wyoming Lodge, No. 39, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and Lodge No. 128, Loyal Order of Moose. His church is the Presbyterian of Wilkes-Barre.

August W. M. Grebe married, in 1920, Marjorie Deibel, of Wilkes-Barre, daughter of Christian J. and Mary (Kropp) Grebe. Their

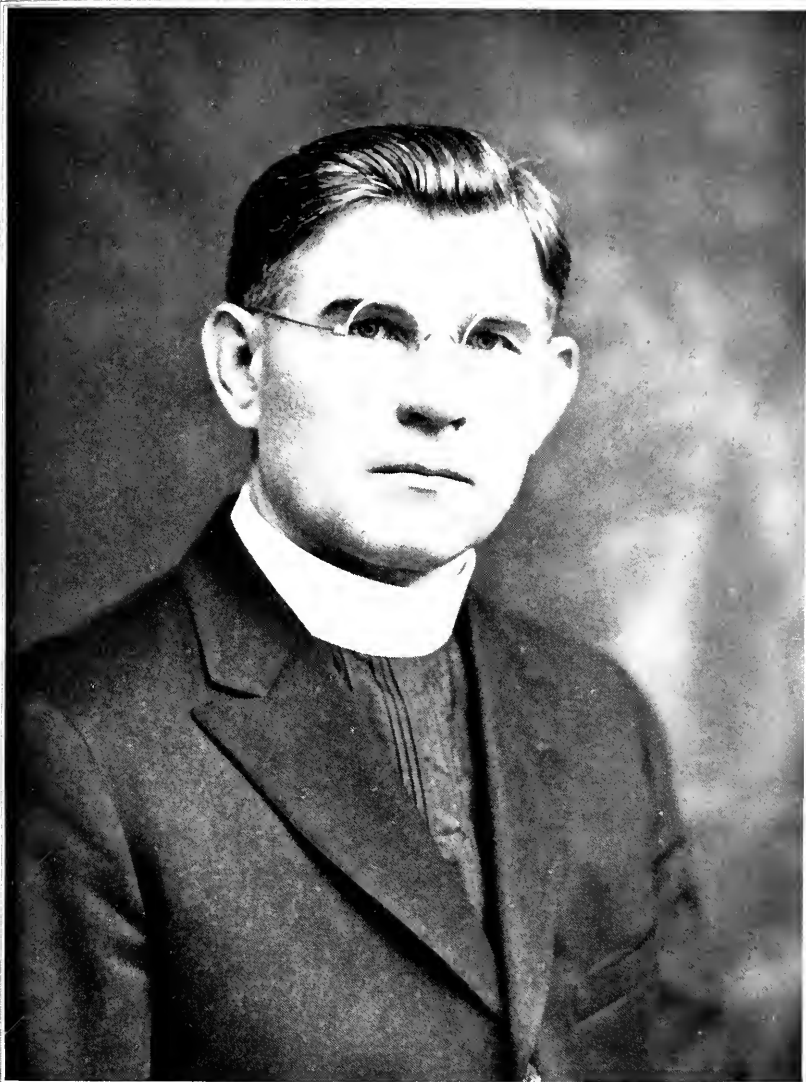
children are: Russell Conwell, born in June, 1921; and Robert McLean, born in January, 1924.

**REV. JOSEPH KORMAN**—During the twelve years of his ministry as pastor of St. John's Roman Catholic Church, of Freeland, Rev. Father Joseph Korman has enabled the parish to achieve distinction in several respects. One of the largest church bells in the State of Pennsylvania calls the people of St. John's to worship, and can be heard eighty miles away when weather conditions are good; the church building itself is one of beautiful design and of architectural distinction; the interior is one of the most elaborate in this part of the State; and the organ, with its seventeen hundred pipes, floods the building with majestic harmonies of sound unsurpassed in any church building. The erection and furnishing of the church and of the beautiful parish house are the work of Father Korman.

Rev. Joseph Korman was born in Czechoslovakia, March 7, 1882, son of George and Anna Korman, both of whom died in their native land. Father Korman received his education in the Benedictine College, at Lisle, Illinois, and in St. Mary's Seminary, at Baltimore, Maryland, graduating from the last named institution with the class of 1912. He was ordained at Scranton, in 1913, by Bishop Michael Hoban, and then for three months was located at St. Anthony's Church, at Larksville, Pennsylvania. His next assignment was to the Holy Rosary Church, Ashley, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, but after seven months there he was assigned to Holy Trinity Church, at Hazleton, Pennsylvania, where he remained for a period of two years. At the end of that time he came to St. John's Church, in Freeland, taking charge of the parish, October 15, 1916. Since that time he has worked earnestly for the progress and the spiritual and material development of the parish, and how well he has succeeded is clear to all who see the beautiful church and parish house which he has erected. Almost as soon as he was made pastor of St. John's he began to plan for the building of a suitable church structure, and the result of his planning and his work is the beautiful granite building which now graces the borough.

The parish was organized in 1892 with a membership of one hundred and fifty families, and as soon as possible after organization a small frame building was erected at the corner of Luzerne and Ridge streets. That building was one in use when Father Korman took charge, and as the parish had already somewhat outgrown the old edifice, he at once went to work. In 1917 the present church building was erected on the corner of South and Vine streets, at a cost of \$100,000, and since that time all indebtedness has been removed. The church is well designed, built of granite, and accommodates some nine hundred and thirty people. As has already been stated, one of the largest church bells in the State is hung in the belfry of St. John's, and all who step inside the church are impressed with the magnificence of its interior furnishings and its finish. It is said that the interior is one of the most elaborate in this part of the State, and certainly, he who looks may see for himself that no effort and no expense have been spared in the work of making the interior of St. John's one of the most attractive and pleasing, as well as one of the richest church interiors. The organ, which is one of the finest built, contains seventeen hundred pipes, from which come harmonies calculated to





*Rev Joseph Korman*



raise the human spirit to heights of religious feeling and understanding. When one remembers that the erection of the church building, its finishing, and its furnishing, all were accomplished under the direct supervision of Father Korman, one recognizes the fact that this beautiful church building is in expression of his taste, his personality, and his deep religious devotion. It is also a monument to his practical executive ability, for after building the church at a cost of \$100,000 Father Korman not only raised the money to clear the building of debt, but in 1923 erected the parish house at a cost of \$55,000.

Father Korman is a man of unusual culture and of pleasing personality, and he has spent some months in travel, visiting the Holy Land, where he was engaged in archaeological research, and also going to Africa, whence he returned through Italy to Germany, into Czecho-Slovakia, his native land, and thence to France. While in the Holy Land he secured some much prized relics which now have a place upon the altar in his church. Father Korman also said Mass at Calvary, in the Garden of Gethsemane, and at the place of Christ's nativity. Father Korman speaks and writes six languages: Hebrew, Slovak, English, Latin, Polish and Bohemian. He has the affection of his parishioners, as well as their deep respect, and in addition to the material achievements mentioned has also greatly developed the spiritual life of his parish. The community at large, as well as the four hundred families of his parish hold Father Korman in high esteem.

**RALPH H. ROOD**—One of the pioneer families of Luzerne County was that of the Roods, of which Ralph H. Rood, cashier of the Dime Bank Title & Trust Company of Wilkes-Barre and a resident of Dallas, Luzerne County, is a representative. The first of the family came to Luzerne County in 1800 from Scotland, when the section in which the members settled was practically a wilderness, infested with wild animals and Indians.

Mr. Rood was born in Bloomingdale, Luzerne County, July 9, 1877, the son of Crawford and Hulda (Wiant) Rood, the former born in Ross Township, Luzerne County, October 8, 1842, died October 2, 1927. His wife, the mother of Ralph H. Rood, was born in Fairmount Township, Luzerne County, December 4, 1847. The early education of Mr. Rood was acquired in the public schools of Bloomingdale and in the Pleasantdale Academy. He afterwards took a course in Woods Business College, at Wilkes-Barre, and later attended the State Normal School at Stroudsburg, Monroe County, from which he graduated in 1899. Returning to Luzerne County, between his courses at Woods Business College and the State Normal School, Mr. Rood taught in the schools here, and in 1903 he was appointed to the charge of the school in Dallas. This post he retained until 1906, when he resigned in order to enter the First National Bank of Dallas, as teller. In July, 1917, Mr. Rood became cashier of the First National Bank, remaining with that institution until August, 1924, when he resigned in order to take his present important and responsible office with the Dime Bank Title & Trust Company of Wilkes-Barre. Politically, Mr. Rood is a Republican. He is a member of the School Board of Dallas, with which body he officiates as secretary. He is affiliated with Oneida Lodge, No. 388, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His religious affiliations are with the Methodist Episcopal Church, of Dal-

las, with which he has been general superintendent of the Sunday school for over a score of years. He is also choir leader with that church.

On August 15, 1900, Mr. Rood married Elizabeth Williams, of Lake Township, Luzerne County, daughter of David M. and Rachael Williams. Mr. and Mrs. Rood are the parents of three children: 1. Ralph Harold, born August 9, 1901. 2. Graydon L., born January 23, 1905, died October 7, 1924. 3. Lillian Frances, born November 14, 1911.

**FREDERICK R. PRITCHARD**—In the mercantile, community and civic affairs of Luzerne, Frederick R. Pritchard holds a foremost position. Mr. Pritchard is owner of one of the largest drug stores in Luzerne, and also has a branch establishment at Forty Fort, Luzerne County. He is prominent in fraternal circles, and his popularity with all classes has given him an assured position in commercial and social life of Luzerne County.

Mr. Pritchard was born in Edwardsville, Luzerne County, August 21, 1897, the son of Samuel and Esther (Leakey) Pritchard, the former a native of Wales who came to Luzerne County in his youth and attained the post of foreman of the Glenn Alden Coal Company. The mother of Frederick R. Pritchard was a native of Edwardsville.

The latter's early education was acquired in the public and high schools of Edwardsville, and he later attended the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, graduating from the science class in 1918 with the degree of Graduate in Pharmacy. He then became assistant manager for the Liggett, Riker & Hegeman drug store in Wilkes-Barre, where he remained for two years. He then came to Luzerne and for a year managed the drug store of George H. Ross, at the end of which time he purchased a half interest in the establishment. Three years later, on the death of Mr. Ross, he purchased the entire business, which he has since continued to operate under his own name. In May, 1926, Mr. Pritchard opened his branch establishment at Forty Fort. He employs a total of thirteen people in the two establishments and in both places has a steadily increasing clientele. In politics Mr. Pritchard is a Republican but he has never sought for nor held office. In fraternal circles he is affiliated with Kingston Lodge, No. 395, Free and Accepted Masons; with Shekinah Chapter, No. 182, Royal Arch Masons; with Dieu le Veut Commandery, Knights Templar, and with Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics. He is an active member of the Reciprocity Club, and belongs to the Fire Company of Luzerne. His religious affiliations are with the Methodist Episcopal Church.

On February 25, 1920, Mr. Pritchard married Jane Davis, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. E. M. Davis, of Glenlyon, Luzerne County. Mr. and Mrs. Pritchard are the parents of two children: 1. Louise Hazel, born July 22, 1921. 2. Ruth Esther, born June 4, 1927.

**FRED J. WILLIAMS**—Interrupted in his professional career by the World War, in which he served with distinction, Fred J. Williams, of Wyoming, Luzerne County, returned to the scene of his early efforts and continued his work to such purpose that today he has firmly established himself as one of the representative business men of the community. He comes of sturdy stock, both parents being natives of Wales, and is the fortunate possessor of a natural industry that

brings its reward. His education for the work he has undertaken was complete in its fundamentals and he has added to it by constant study of the practical side during his daily labors. He is thus equipped in full measure to administer to the wants of the community in his special line and has built up a clientele that is both friendly and valuable. His citizenship has been shown to be of the highest quality, while his professional and moral codes leave nothing to be added, for they have been attested to their full meaning and found complete in their definition of honorable dealing.

Mr. Williams was born in Meeker, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, October 17, 1887, a son of Dr. R. J. Williams, a native of Wales, and a practicing physician of Plymouth until his death, November 1, 1907, at the age of fifty-one years, and of Mary Bertha Williams, who was born in Wales, September 19, 1858.

Fred J. Williams received his early education in the elementary public schools of Plymouth and then attended Hillman Academy, at Wilkes-Barre, from which institution he was graduated with the class of 1907. This preliminary education was followed by a course at the Medico-Chirurgical College at Philadelphia, from which he was graduated with the class of 1916 with the degree of Pharmaceutical Graduate. He then became a clerk in various drug stores in Wilkes-Barre, Scranton and Pittston prior to taking his last course of instruction and upon completion of that and obtaining his degree came to Wyoming, where he worked until October, 1917, when he entered the service of the United States. During the World War he was attached to Battery B, 311th Field Artillery, 79th Division, and served with distinction, being discharged at the conclusion of hostilities in 1918. Returning to Wyoming, he became associated with H. T. Gregory, with whom he established a retail pharmacy at No. 340 Wyoming Avenue, the partnership continuing until May 28, 1921, when he purchased the share of Mr. Gregory and has since continued the work independently. In politics he is a Republican and he attends the First Baptist Church. He is a member of John D. Stark Post, No. 542, American Legion, and is affiliated with the Masonic Order, having the thirty-second degree. His memberships in this fraternal organization include Blue Lodge No. 468, of Wyoming; Wyoming Valley Commandery, No. 57, Knights Templar, and Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

Fred J. Williams married, in 1918, Salina Williams, daughter of Alfred and Margaret Williams, of Wyoming. They have one child, Fred, Jr., born July 20, 1919.

**JOSEPH F. SEELY**—Progressiveness is the watchword that has brought success to Joseph F. Seely, of Wyoming, who grasped the opportunity that knocked at his door and today is firmly established in a growing business, recognized as one of the leaders of motor car distribution in this section of Pennsylvania.

He was born in Shickshinny, Pennsylvania, June 11, 1894, a son of J. Frank Seely, born in Beach Haven, Luzerne County, in 1868, a blacksmith by trade, and Lydia (Banks) Seely, of Shickshinny, both still living. He was educated in the public schools of Plymouth and went to work first with the Plymouth Water Company, Wilkes-Barre, where he remained for three years, then engaging with the City Auto Company, of Wilkes-Barre, where he remained for eleven years as fore-

man. In 1921 he secured the agency for Ford and Lincoln cars in Wyoming, organized the Seely Motor Company and has since continued that work, being distributor of the cars named for this district. He employs four men and carries a complete line of parts, doing his own repairing. He is a Republican in politics and attends the Plymouth Christian Church. He is affiliated with the order of Free and Accepted Masons, Lodge No. 395, of Wyoming; Caldwell Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scott's Rite Masons, and Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of Plymouth Lodge, No. 137, Patriotic Order Sons of America.

Joseph F. Seely married, in 1916, Mabel Lamoreaux, of Plymouth, daughter of Owen and Lillian Lamoreaux. Their children are: 1. Dorothy, born October 2, 1917. 2. Jeane, born June 18, 1923. 3. Josephine, born December 23, 1925.

**WILLIAM L. DAVIS**—Division superintendent of the Hollenback Empire and Stanton Collieries, at Wilkes-Barre, for the Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre Coal Company, William L. Davis has spent his whole career to the present time in Luzerne County. He was born at Jonesville, November 21, 1880, son of Edward and Elizabeth (Thomas) Davis. Edward Davis was by trade a coal miner, and both he and his wife were born in Wales. They came to the United States when young in years, about 1875, lived for a period at Jonesville, and later removed to Plymouth. Edward Davis died at the age of fifty-two years; his wife at thirty-five. They had two children: 1. Anna, wife of William Buckley, of Sunbury, Pennsylvania. 2. William L., of whom follows.

William L. Davis was a child when his parents moved from Jonesville to Plymouth, and in the latter community attended the public schools until he was eleven years of age. At that time he started to work in the mines, as breaker boy, for the Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre Coal Company, working in their holdings at Plymouth. When he was twelve he became a door boy in the mines, and later a miner. From such beginnings he advanced steadily to the honorable and responsible position that is his today, as division superintendent. In Wilkes-Barre he is interested in diverse affairs directed toward the common welfare of the people. He is a Republican, loyal in support of the party, and fraternally is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias, as member of Plymouth Lodge, No. 178. He is a communicant of the Plymouth Congregational Church.

When the United States entered the World War Mr. Davis was of valued assistance in campaigns of the Liberty Loan, War Savings Stamps, and Red Cross, while he assisted also in the works of various committees and boards charged with wartime duties. He did all things within his power for the speedy culmination of the conflict, serving as only possible for a citizen whose patriotism is true.

Mr. Davis married, Thanksgiving day, November 26, 1903, Edith Pearce, of Plymouth, daughter of John and Maria (Duncan) Pearce, both deceased. Of this union were born four children: 1. Anna, wife of Malcolm Scott, and they have two children: Malcolm, Jr., and Lenora. 2. Edith Maria, who died July 26, 1926, having been the wife of Preston Scott and the mother of a son, Preston Scott, Jr. 3. Edward William. 4. John Pearce. Both sons are students in Wilkes-Barre High School. The family residence is at No. 247 Parrish Street, Wilkes-Barre.





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**REV. ANTHONY J. DUDKIEWICZ**—Among the clergy of Plains and of Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, the Rev. Anthony J. Dudkiewicz stands out as a leader, being pastor of the Church of Sts. Peter and Paul, in Plains, where he takes an important part in the spiritual affairs of his community. Esteemed and loved, not only by the members of his own flock but by all whose privilege it is to know him, Father Dudkiewicz has grown to be a gentle and kindly influence among the people of Plains as his length of residence here has increased; and, although he came to this church as recently as 1919, he has done much to build it up until it is one of the foremost parishes in this part of the State. The new church home was completed in 1926, three decades after the establishment of the parish of Sts. Peter and Paul. The church itself was founded in 1898, when it had only fifty families. The first priest was Father Jacob Chalcarz, who administered the affairs of the church until January 29, 1899, when Father Constance Brzoska took charge; he continued the work until December 10, 1903, and in February, 1904, the Rev. B. Walter assumed charge of the church of which he was pastor until August 14, of that year; then, from 1904 until August 15, 1919, the pastor was Father Joseph Kloss. It was in 1919 that Father Dudkiewicz became pastor; and since that time the church has grown until today it has eight hundred families as its members, as well as its own school with six hundred children and twelve sisters as teachers. This school is a graded institution, and takes an important part in the educational development of the town of Plains and nearby communities. The church also has excellent facilities for social work, including its own club rooms, with bowling alleys, pool tables and provisions for recreations of all sorts.

Its pastor, the Rev. Father Anthony J. Dudkiewicz, was born in Poland on January 1, 1890, and there attended the public schools until 1904. In 1904 he came to the United States, settling first in Dixon City, and here he received further schooling in St. Mary's School, Detroit, Michigan, where he also went to high school and then to college. His graduation from college took place in 1910, and he received first the Bachelor of Science degree and then that of Master of Arts. Becoming thereupon a student at St. Cyrillus and Methodius Seminary, at Orchard Lake, Michigan, he studied both philosophy and theology, and was graduated in the class of 1915. On July 15, 1915, he was ordained priest in the Roman Catholic Church by the Right Rev. Michael J. Hoban, of Scranton. Then he served for one year as curate at St. Mary's Visitation Church, Dixon City, and for two and one-half years was pastor at St. Joseph's Church, in Wyoming, Pennsylvania. On August 15, 1919, as recorded above in connection with the history of the Church, he came to Plains to take charge of the work of the Church of Sts. Peter and Paul. Here he has been constantly active in every movement designed to advance the church that he represents, and has succeeded in increasing the size of the parish and its number of communicants, as well as in improving and extending the value of its activities. Also active in local civic work, Father Dudkiewicz is keenly interested in politics, being a staunch supporter of the Republican party and a man whose opinions are sought on questions of local importance. During the late World War, he was in Wyoming, and there rendered valuable service to his country and its cause. In addition to his mem-

bership in several Polish fraternal organizations, he belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, in which his affiliation is with Lodge No. 109. His value to the community is especially great because of his influence among the foreign population of Plains and Luzerne County; for Father Dudkiewicz is a linguist of considerable note, speaking five different languages.

Descended from an important family in Poland, Father Dudkiewicz is a son of John Dudkiewicz, who was born in that country in 1848 and who still lives there, a landowner widely known and respected in his community, and of Frances (Siciarska) Dudkiewicz, also a native of Poland, who died on December 19, 1912.

**REV. WILLIAM H. LITTEBRANDT, D. D.**—Assistant rector of St. Stephen's Protestant Episcopal Church of Wilkes-Barre, largest in the Diocese of Bethlehem, Rev. Dr. William H. Littebrandt was born in Yonkers, New York, on November 12, 1874, a son of John J. and Mary (Morris) Littebrandt, deceased, the only son and child of this union.

Dr. Littebrandt received his early education in the public schools of Yonkers, and matriculated in Wesleyan University, at Middletown, Connecticut, whence he graduated with the class of 1899, holder of the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He had planned his course for the ministry while in Wesleyan, and upon completion of studies there entered the Union Theological Seminary, New York City, and took his degree as Doctor of Divinity in 1902, having established for himself an irreproachable and temperate conduct befitting the ministry and distinguished himself for the brilliance with which he performed original research into questions of theology, winning alike the warm esteem of professors and classmates, who admired him for his high character and intellect. In 1902, then, Dr. Littebrandt was ordained a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in this church served five years; but in 1908 he was ordained into the Protestant Episcopal Church by Bishop Burgess of Garden City, New York, and became assistant rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd in Brooklyn, New York. Here, as assistant, he remained but one year, after which period he was elevated to full pastorage of the Church of the Redeemer, in Merrick, Long Island, where he served for sixteen years. In this time Dr. Littebrandt became a figure in the community of Merrick and was constantly allied in works for the spiritual and material welfare of its inhabitants, beloved by his parishioners, who were reluctant to see him leave, when he heard the call from Wilkes-Barre. Thus did Dr. Littebrandt consider it his duty and his privilege, notwithstanding the affection in which he bore the Merrick parishioners, to depart that post for the newer one, leaving the office of rector for that of assistant in a larger church. During the comparatively brief period in which he has been in St. Stephen's Church of Wilkes-Barre, he has accomplished much, purveying His word and works in a divine faith that has brought him close indeed to the parish.

While his whole devotion lies in theology, Dr. Littebrandt has taken part in many of the public enterprises launched for the material progress of Wilkes-Barre, and has contributed liberally of ideas and time to these projects. He is, therefore, accounted one of the forward-looking citizens of the commonwealth. Fraternally, too, he is active. He is a member of Keystone Consistory at Scranton of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Ma-

sons of the thirty-second degree, and Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

Dr. Littebrandt has never married.

**THOMAS J. CALLAHAN**—Through his extensive connections in the business and general affairs of the Wyoming Valley, Thomas J. Callahan has become a prominent citizen of Wilkes-Barre. In addition to his own personal business as real estate operator and insurance agent, with offices at Suite 104 in the Second National Bank Building, he is a contractor and builder, a member of the board of directors of the West Side Bank and Trust Company, at Kingston, Pennsylvania; director of the West Side Building and Loan Association, president of the West Side Mortgage Company, of Kingston, and tax collector for Swoyersville, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania.

Thomas J. Callahan was born at Forty Fort, Luzerne County, September 23, 1884, son of Anthony and Belinda (Devers) Callahan, deceased, the father having died at the age of fifty-two and the mother at the age of seventy-one years. Anthony and Belinda Callahan were of Irish stock, and the parents of three children: Thomas J., of whom later; Anna, wife of Joseph Yale, of Forty Fort; and Mary, wife of Eugene Boyle, of Swoyersville.

Thomas J. Callahan grew to maturity at Forty Fort, there attending the public schools and the Wyoming Seminary, at Kingston, and upon graduation from the seminary matriculated in St. Michael's College at Toronto, Canada, where he studied for three years. He then returned to Swoyersville and took a place with the American Car and Foundry Company, in the mechanical and drafting department; and after a year of this became a teacher in Swoyersville, retaining the instructorship for two years, when he was empowered as agent of the Prudential Life Insurance Company, at Wilkes-Barre. He wrote insurance for four years, and in 1909 started in the real estate business, maintaining an insurance office in conjunction, and also engaging in contracting and building. In his varied enterprises Mr. Callahan has been successful, has made for himself a respected place among the more prominent members of the community, and is high in the estimation of those with whom he has come in contact. At the age of nine years Mr. Callahan went to work as breaker boy in the mines, picking slate from the coal, grading it, and laying the foundation for his future; member of a family not endowed with an abundance of worldly goods, but inheriting that more priceless possession, character, he went courageously ahead, and has done for himself honorably. Mr. Callahan is a Republican, member of the Catholic Church, and is affiliated with the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Fox Hill Country Club.

Thomas J. Callahan married, in 1905, Edith Boyle, daughter of James and Helen Boyle, and is the father of Thomas J., Jr., teacher in the schools of Swoyersville; Agnes, teacher at Swoyersville; Anthony; Margaret; Marie; Edith; Leonard; Grace; and Jule.

**FRED H. GATES**—For more than forty years Fred H. Gates, now city clerk of Wilkes-Barre, has served as assistant and clerk, and thus enjoys the distinction of having been in public office longer than any other man in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania. He was born in Wilkes-Barre, September 20, 1866, son of H. C. and Jane A. Gates, deceased, and a member of one of the fine old families in

Luzerne County. The American progenitor of the Gates family came from England in Colonial days and settled in Connecticut. The father of City Clerk Gates was a foundry man. His children were: Grizzie, widow of James M. Norris, of Wilkes-Barre; Fred H., subject of this record, of further mention; Estella G., wife of Phillip Stauffer, of Wilkes-Barre, a mining engineer associated with the Hudson Coal Company; Mary Carlisle Gates, residing in Wilkes-Barre; and Charles, who died in childhood.

The education of Fred H. Gates was acquired in the public schools of Wilkes-Barre. While still a boy, he found employment in the office of the Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre Coal Company at Wanamie, Luzerne County, under the management of James M. Norris. When Mr. Norris was elected prothonotary for Luzerne County, he made Mr. Gates a clerk in his office. This served as Mr. Gates' introduction to public service, for while still a prothonotary's clerk, he was elected assistant city clerk of Wilkes-Barre, May 3, 1887. Fourteen years later, in 1901, he was chosen city clerk of Wilkes-Barre by the City Council and has since remained in office. His is a unique record in the county and one characterized by sincere devotion to the public welfare. In politics he is a Republican. He is a communicant of St. Clement's Episcopal Church of Wilkes-Barre and for many years has been vestryman. His fraternal affiliations are with Lodge No. 61, Free and Accepted Masons; Shekinah Chapter, No. 182, Royal Arch Masons; Dieu le Veut Commandery, No. 45, Knights Templar; Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He also belongs to the Irem Temple Country Club and to the Franklin Club. A self-made man, of broad public interests and engaging personality, Mr. Gates is one of the leading citizens of Wilkes-Barre, where he is highly respected.

Fred H. Gates married Lillian Rinehimer of Wilkes-Barre, daughter of John Rinehimer of that city. Children: Ralph C. Gates, accountant for the Boston Store of Wilkes-Barre; John Gates, deceased; and F. Carleton Gates, with the Pennsylvania Power and Light Company of Wilkes-Barre.

**WILLIAM VALE DAVIS**—Tragedy marked the childhood days of the little son of a Luzerne County coal miner, his father having met death in an explosion when he was six years of age. Two years later he became a breaker boy, and for ten years at that work and as a real miner he remained. He saved his pennies, invested, and set himself up in business. Today that boy is proprietor of one of the most pretentious automobile distributing plants in Eastern Pennsylvania, a power in finance, a citizen of the highest reputation. He is William Vale Davis, of Kingston. His integrity, his industry, his perception of the intricate details of large affairs, have brought to him selection for preferment in many fields, all illustrative of the regard of his fellow-citizens and of the governing body. Still far from the prime of life, he may confidently visualize larger fields for his labor. That he will conquer where he engages is the undivided opinion of the community that knows him so well and happily.

William Vale Davis was born in Edwardsville, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, October 17, 1887. His father was Thomas B. Davis and his mother Jane (Vale) Davis. Thomas B. Davis was working as a miner for the Kingston Coal Company when, in 1893, he was killed by an explosion, leaving his widow



with five small children to support. They all went to work, as they had always worked, and all have made successes of life. At this writing the mother still lives, at the age of seventy-one years. Of her other children, Margaret is the wife of Richard Lloyd, of Edwardsville; Elliott V. is a drug manufacturer, of Allentown, operating under the name of the Vale Chemical Company; Thomas V. is a partner of his brother, William V., of whom further; and Rachel is the wife of Warden Kunkle, of Kunkle, Pennsylvania.

William V. Davis had hardly time to register as a pupil in the public schools before he was called to the mines to assist in the work of taking care of the family. However, he did get two years of education therein. The rest he has taught himself and he has been a successful teacher and scholar. By the time he was eighteen years of age, through most persistent self-denial, he had saved a small sum of money and with this he engaged in business, establishing himself in a cigar and confectionery enterprise at Edwardsville. He had learned how to work and for nine years his business prospered. In 1914 he was appointed assistant deputy revenue collector for the Twelfth District of Pennsylvania, accepted and continued in that office for eight years. During this period he began his work in the automobile distributing business at Edwardsville, locating at his present headquarters in Kingston in 1921. All this time his industry was being rewarded and, in 1925, he erected the fine building at No. 303 Wyoming Avenue, which houses the Davis Brothers Auto Company, William V. and Thomas V. Davis, proprietors. The building is one of the finest examples of its class in the Wyoming Valley, 100 by 150 feet in superficial area, built of yellow pressed brick upon a steel skeleton and containing every modern facility for the work it has to do. The principal business of the company is the distribution of the Paige six and eight-cylinder motor cars, with side lines of every automobile accessory. William Vale Davis is a Republican in politics. He is a director of the Kingston Bank and Trust Company, one of the three largest financial institutions in the Wyoming Valley; is president of the Shawnee Clothing Company, of Plymouth, Pennsylvania; was formerly the owner of Sandy Bathing Beach, at Harvey's Lake, Luzerne County, and is a charter member of the Kingston Fire Company. His fraternal affiliations include membership in the Wilkes-Barre Lodge, No. 109, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Loyal Order of Moose. He also belongs to the Wyoming Valley Motor Club.

**JUSTIN BERGMAN**—In the Wilkes-Barre section of Pennsylvania there is no more modern or better conducted department store than is the one owned and operated by Justin Bergman. Located at Nos. 40-42 South Main Street, in Wilkes-Barre, the Bergman Department Store serves a very large number of the people of the city and its environs, and during the twelve years since Mr. Bergman engaged in business here he has established among those who have traded with him, an enviable reputation for efficient service and honorable dealing. Beginning his active business life as a clerk in a dry goods store in Chicago at the age of fourteen years, Mr. Bergman has made himself thoroughly familiar with all the various phases of the business, and has gained his experience in several different localities. He has been located in this city for fourteen years, and is a director of the Wilkes-Barre Deposit and Sav-

ings Bank and of the Royen Foundry, at Kingston.

Justin Bergman was born in Germany, March 3, 1880, but as a boy of fourteen years he came to this country, locating in Chicago, Illinois, where he found employment in a dry goods store. There, as a clerk, he remained until 1902, in which year he made a change, removing to Altoona, Pennsylvania. There he made his first venture in business for himself, establishing a dry goods store, which he successfully operated until 1911, a period of about nine years. Johnstown was the scene of his next venture, and there he continued as proprietor of a thriving department store until 1916, when, having accumulated sufficient capital, he resolved to come to Wilkes-Barre and establish a larger department store in a locality where there was plenty of opportunity for expansion. In his present location, at Nos. 40-42 South Main Street, he has for the past fourteen years been building up one of the modern, and progressive department store concerns in this city. In fact, the Bergman Department Store ranks among the best in the Wyoming Valley. The business occupies four floors and a basement, the latter being given over to the very large and excellent stock of shoes, and here may be found all lines of dry goods, also men's, women's, and children's wearing apparel. The ability of Mr. Bergman is well known among his associates, and since his coming to Wilkes-Barre he has greatly extended his business operations. In addition to the operation of his prosperous department store, he is a member of the board of directors of the Wilkes-Barre Deposit and Savings Bank, also of the Royen Foundry, at Kingston, Pennsylvania, in both of which connections he is contributing the benefits of his long business experience. Fraternally, he is identified with Wilkes-Barre Lodge, No. 109, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; also with Lodge No. 61, Free and Accepted Masons; and Shekinah Chapter, No. 182, Royal Arch Masons. Politically, he supports the principles of the Republican party. He is highly esteemed among his many associates, and is one of the active and progressive citizens of the city of Wilkes-Barre.

Justin Bergman was married, January 7, 1915, to Josephine Isaac, daughter of Louis and Carrie Isaac, of New York City, and they are the parents of one son, Justin Bergman, Jr., who was born December 9, 1919.

**REUBEN W. KINTZER**—During nearly thirty years of active work in the Wyoming Valley of Pennsylvania, all of which have been identified with the telephone industry, Reuben W. Kintzer, of Kingston, started in the humblest of positions in that field to become manager and district manager for the Bell Telephone Company, with control over its lines throughout several counties of the Northeastern section of the State. Gifted with an alert and keen mind, and a capacity for hard work, Mr. Kintzer's career has combined a substantial success as beneficial to this community as to his private fortune. He is an able and valued citizen. Broad in interests, alert to everything of definite benefit to others, he is foremost in all progressive movements, has a host of friends, holds the respect and affection of his associates in all the spheres of his activities.

Reuben W. Kintzer was born in Wernersville, Berks County, Pennsylvania, January 11, 1880, a son of John A. and Adeline S. (Ruth) Kintzer, deceased. The father was a farmer and member of one of the pioneer families of Berks County. He eventually

established himself in the hotel business and for many years conducted the old Wernersville Hotel. R. W. Kintzer acquired his education in the local public schools, graduating from high school and then attending the State Normal School, at West Chester. Upon completing this course he was engaged by the Pennsylvania Telephone Company as an installer and "trouble man" and was located at Reading for several years. He was then transferred to Easton, Honesdale, Carbondale, Bloomsburg and other places successively, eventually becoming manager at the Wilkes-Barre office in 1919. He continued in this post until May, 1927, when he was appointed manager of the district of several counties, in which position he continued until he resigned August 1, 1928, to become connected with the Commonwealth Telephone Company as vice-president and general manager, with headquarters at Forty Fort, Pennsylvania. The Commonwealth Telephone Company is an independent company, having a connection with the Bell system and operating in Luzerne, Wyoming, Lackawanna, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Bradford, and Columbia counties, in fact all of the northeastern section of Pennsylvania. In politics he is a Republican and attends the Reformed Church. He is affiliated fraternally with Kingston Lodge, No. 709, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Junior Order of United American Mechanics; Landmark Lodge, No. 442, Free and Accepted Masons; Shekinah Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Dieu le Veut Commandery, Knights Templar; Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and the Irem Temple Country Club. He also belongs to the Craftsman's Club of Wilkes-Barre, the Rotary Club of Wilkes-Barre, is a director of the Wilkes-Barre-Wyoming Valley Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Telephone Pioneers of America, and the Independent Telephone Pioneers of America.

Mr. Kintzer married, in August, 1903, Mayme A. Senior, of Reading, Pennsylvania. They are the parents of three children: 1. Mae Adeline, an artist employed by the Isaac Long department store in Wilkes-Barre. 2. John Senior, a student at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, class of 1930. 3. Claire Katherine.

**LOU F. MITTEN**—Within a few months, Lou F. Mitten, manager of the power and mining department of the Vulcan Iron Works, of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, will have completed thirty years of continuous service with that well known concern. He learned his trade, that of machinist, in the shops of the Vulcan Iron Works, of which his father was superintendent for many years, and remained in West Pittston, where the shops are located, until 1903, since which time he has been in Wilkes-Barre. Mr. Mitten completed his academic education in the Susquehanna Collegiate Institute, at Tamaqua, Pennsylvania.

Thomas B. Mitten, father of Mr. Mitten, was born in Bradford County, Pennsylvania, of Scotch-Irish parentage. About 1882, he removed from Bradford County to Luzerne County and located at West Pittston. He was a machinist by trade, and for many years was the efficient superintendent of the Vulcan Iron Works, in West Pittston. He was a man of ability and of public spirit, giving his support to the Republican party, and for several terms he served as Burgess of West Pittston. He was a faithful member of the Presbyterian Church, active in promoting its activities, and much loved and respected by his associates. He married Emma A. Fuller,

also deceased, and they became the parents of one child, Lou F., of further mention.

Lou F. Mitten, son of Thomas B. and Emma A. (Fuller) Mitten, was born in Herrick, Bradford County, Pennsylvania, April 3, 1879, but was reared in West Pittston, where he attended the public schools. Later, he continued his studies in the Susquehanna Collegiate Institute, at Tamaqua, Pennsylvania, and then returned to West Pittston, where he began to learn the trade of the machinist in the shops of the Vulcan Iron Works. That was in 1899, when he was twenty years of age, and he continued at his trade in this connection for a period of four years. In 1903 he came to Wilkes-Barre and entered the sales department of the Vulcan Iron Works. Promotions were the reward of able and faithful work, and through various responsible positions he has been advanced to the position of manager of the power and mining department of the Vulcan Iron Works. Nearly thirty years of continuous service with this concern have made him a valuable member of the big force of employees, and his faithfulness and loyalty to the firm have brought mutual understanding and appreciation. Like his father before him, Mr. Mitten is a supporter of the Republican party. He is a member of Valley Lodge, No. 499, Free and Accepted Masons, of West Pittston, Pennsylvania; Shekinah Chapter, No. 182, Royal Arch Masons, of Wilkes-Barre; Dieu le Veut Commandery, Knights Templar; Keystone Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, at Scranton, Pennsylvania, in which he holds the thirty-second degree; and of Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Wilkes-Barre. He is also a member of Irem Country Club, the Craftsman's Club, Westmoreland Club, and the Wyoming Valley Club. Professionally, he is identified with the American Institute of Miners and Metallurgical Engineers. He takes a very active interest in the general affairs of the city of Wilkes-Barre, and is serving as vice-president of the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce. He is a member of the Engineers' Society of Northeastern Pennsylvania, and his religious membership is with the First Methodist Church of Wilkes-Barre.

Lou F. Mitten was married, in 1906, to Helen Louise Hemstreet, daughter of Obadiah and Augusta (Wentz) Hemstreet, and they are the parents of one daughter, Louise A., who is a student in Wyoming Seminary, at Kingston, Pennsylvania.

**THOMAS P. THOMAS**—Always interested in sales promotion through the medium of advertising, it is a logical outcome of the early commercial days of Mr. Thomas, that he should turn to and develop splendidly, a large and live business of manufacturing display signs. He is looked upon as one of the progressive and alert business men of the city of Wilkes-Barre.

Thomas P. Thomas was born in the town of Taylor, Lackawanna County, March 13, 1888, a son of John G. and Susan (Price) Thomas, both of whom were born in Schuylkill County. He attended the public schools of that place. For three years thereafter he worked in the mines of the district and then found a position as a clerk in a department store in Taylor, where he imbibed his first conceptions of advertising as a sales force. He then became window trimmer and advertising man for the men's clothing store of Lauer and Marks in Scranton. His next move was to associate himself with the Huh Clothing Store of Wilkes-Barre. This was in 1906 and he stayed with the company for three years,





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developing his taste in window dressing and adding to his knowledge of advertising. In 1910 he ventured into the making of display signs, and the business has grown to the extent that it now occupies a two-story building for its own housing and has acquired a reputation for originality, and is steadily growing in the volume of its output and in its contacts. Mr. Thomas is actively interested in the community life of Kingston, where he makes his home, and belongs to the Kiwanis Club. He gives his support, politically, to the Republican party and fraternally is a Mason, belonging to all the bodies of the Masonic order, and of the Bloomsbury Consistory of the Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret; and to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

In 1909, Thomas P. Thomas married Mabel Morris, of Old Forge, a daughter of George E. and Lottie Morris. They have one daughter, Faye, who was born in July, 1912.

**DR. VINCENT GALLIZZI**—Having been the recipient of honors accorded to few men in his native land, Dr. Vincent Gallizzi, of Pittston, is one of the younger physicians who has already established a reputation for unusual ability and skill in the exercise of his profession in Northeastern Pennsylvania. Dr. Gallizzi came to Pittston in August, 1927, and at once engaged in general medical practice in the city, opening his office at 78 South Main Street, and since then he has acquired a clientele which is a splendid tribute to his accomplishments. He practiced in Italy for a few years but always the desire to come to the United States persisted, due to his contacts with the American Red Cross at the time of the war, and also due to the accounts he had received from his father who had worked with this great American organization at the time of the terrible catastrophe in Sicily, in 1908, when the earthquake destroyed the cities of Messina, Reggio and Calabria.

Dr. Gallizzi was born in Southern Italy, son of Dr. Dominic Gallizzi, a physician and surgeon of San Calogero, Province of Catanzaro, Southern Italy, August 17, 1897. He received his early education in the schools of his native town, high school in Monteleone, Province of Calabro, and later entered the Royal University at Naples, where he applied himself to the medical course which he completed and was graduated with the class of 1921. He at once engaged in practicing his profession in Italy and continued until 1923, when he sailed for the United States, and became an interne at the Easton Hospital, Easton, Pennsylvania, where he remained until 1926, when he took his examinations before the Pennsylvania State Board and was certified as a medical practitioner. He continued his connection with the Easton Hospital after passing his certification requirements in January, 1926, until August, 1927, when he removed to Pittston and inaugurated his present independent practice. Dr. Gallizzi continues to receive the heartiest commendation and approval of his fellow-townsmen who recognize and appreciate his thorough devotion to his profession and his remarkable erudition which he has exhibited on so many occasions. He is a constant student in matters of medical science and keeps abreast of every modern discovery and is ever ready to adopt new methods and ideas when they have been demonstrated to be of value in treating patients for whom he is ever concerned. He is active in the organizations connected with his profession, being a member of the Luzerne County and Pennsylvania Medical societies and the American Medical

Association. In civic and social affairs, he is prominent and ever ready to work for the good of his community and its people and every campaign finds in him an earnest and enthusiastic supporter. He is a popular member, founder and first president of the Century Club of Pittston, and his religious affiliations are with Mount Carmel Roman Catholic Church. He is an accomplished linguist, speaking French, Italian and English.

While practicing in Italy, Dr. Gallizzi received from King Victor Emmanuel, the Cross of Chivalry of the Crown of Italy, January 7, 1923, it being conferred upon him for special service at the time when he was but twenty-six years of age, one of the youngest men ever to receive such an honored decoration. During the World War, he served in the Medical Department of the Italian Army, enlisting in September, 1916, and remaining in service until January, 1919, when he was mustered out with the rank of first lieutenant. While serving in the army, he came in contact with the American Red Cross Society and became most favorably impressed with their methods and activities and thus was implanted the desire which eventually brought him across the Atlantic. His father, Dr. Dominic Gallizzi was a member of the Italian Red Cross and at the time of the great Sicilian earthquake was called to the scene of the disaster, where he rendered heroic service and while there, worked side by side with the men of the American Red Cross, who did such noble work, and he told of the philanthropic performance of the Americans to his son who was but a child at that time. The memory of this occasion was another link in the chain of circumstances which induced him to come to the United States. Dr. Gallizzi has two brothers and three sisters: 1. Anthony, an attorney in Messina. 2. Patsie, a medical student at the Royal University in Rome. 3. Carmen. 4. Chiara. 5. Antoinette.

Dr. Vincent Gallizzi married, October 18, 1926, Lina Matteucci, of Pittston, and they reside at No. 129 William Street, Pittston.

**JOSEPH A. MULLEN**—One of the able business men of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, is the present owner and proprietor of the Clover Restaurant on North Market Street, who is no other than the individual whose name heads this review. He was born in Nanticoke, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, May 27, 1895, the son of Patrick and Mary (Martin) Mullen. His father, a native of Ireland, came to this country to seek a livelihood, and locating in the coal mining section of Nanticoke, found employment in the coal mines. His death occurred in 1898, and that of his wife, Joseph A. Mullen's mother, who was a native of New York City, in 1924.

Joseph A. Mullen was given only such education as the public schools of the neighborhood afforded, and at the age of fifteen began working in and around the mines where his father was employed. When he was eighteen years of age he decided to venture out for himself, and going to Wilkes-Barre, he found employment with the Atchison Bread Company. With this concern he remained six years, during which time he became a valuable salesman. His ability as a salesman became recognized and caused him to sever his connection with this company for a more remunerative one with the Kolb Bread Company. In 1922 he started in business for himself, opening a wholesale provision and produce market, which he continued until 1924 under the title Quality Food & Products Company, Mr. Mullen being the sole owner and

manager. During this same time he did a small business in catering, and in 1924 took over the catering business of the Clover Restaurant, in Wilkes-Barre. Mr. George H. Brayford was at that time the owner of the Clover Restaurant, and in 1925 took in Mr. Mullen as a partner. This partnership continued until 1928, when Mr. Mullen purchased Mr. Brayford's interest. He has since continued the restaurant alone, and is doing a thriving business, a force of thirty employees carrying out his well-planned instructions. Mr. Mullen is a young man who deserves much credit for his rise in the business world.

During the World War he served with the 99th Division, having received training at Camp Lee, Virginia, and Camp Wheeler, Georgia. When the Armistice was signed and he was later honorably discharged from the army, he held the rank of sergeant. Mr. Mullen is a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, and the Order of Owls. His religious affiliation is with St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church.

**FALCONER R. GILBERT**—An educator for several years and more recently the superintendent of the schools of Larksville, Mr. Gilbert has had a splendid pedagogic training, well fitting him for executivehip in the field. Mr. Gilbert is not a Pennsylvanian by birth, having been born in Bainbridge, New York, on February 22, 1895, son of Don A. and Emma (Reese) Gilbert, the latter born in Luzerne County and the former at Bainbridge. The elder Gilbert is at present law librarian at the Luzerne County Court House.

Falconer R. Gilbert attended the public schools through the high school of Wilkes-Barre, graduating in 1912, and then matriculated at Hamilton College at Clinton, New York. He graduated from that college in 1917 with his degree of Bachelor of Arts and then went to the University of Wyoming for a further course, graduating from Wyoming in 1921. Between these dates the World War called most of the young men of our country to military service and Mr. Gilbert was one of those to enter into training at once. He was at the officers' training camp at Madison Barracks, New York, in 1917, and emerged from there with the rank of first lieutenant of infantry. He went overseas with the 7th Army Corps Headquarters, on detached service with the 16th Engineers. He was over there for thirteen months, seeing active service at the Meuse and Argonne offensives and then joining the Army of Occupation in Germany. He received his discharge in 1919 and it was then that he went to the University of Wyoming, at Laramie. He taught at that institution for two years until called to act as principal of the West Pittston High School. He remained there for two years and then assumed charge of the Larksville schools where he has been since 1923, filling that position with eminent ability and earning the esteem and liking of the community. Mr. Gilbert is a Republican in his political convictions and votes for that party's candidates at all elections. He belongs to the American Legion, the Kiwanis Club of Plymouth, Luzerne County, and to his college fraternity, the Chi Psi. He and his wife are regular attendants of the Presbyterian Church.

In July, 1917, Falconer R. Gilbert was married to Cecelia Cahill, daughter of James F. and Mary Cahill of Utica, New York. They are the parents of two children: Falconer Robert, born April 13, 1921, and Don C., born November 15, 1924.

**ANGELO LUIGI LUCHI, M. D.**—Specializing in problems of internal medicine, Angelo Luigi Luchi, M. D., holds an outstanding place in his profession in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, where he has exercised his talents to the advantage of the general public, both in his own private practice and in hospital work. He is keenly interested in all the civic and social affairs of this city and of Luzerne County, and is generally held as one of the Wyoming Valley's most esteemed and honored citizens.

Dr. Luchi was born in Cardoba, Argentine, South America, on March 2, 1894, a son of Henry and Catherine Luchi. His father, a business man in South America and Italy, was born in 1864; while his mother was born in 1874 in Romallo, Province of Trent, Italy. His early academic training Angelo Luigi Luchi received at the Imperial Royal Gymnasium, in Trent, which he attended from 1904 to 1912. This work corresponds to what is generally given in the United States in preliminary school, high school and the first two years of college. From 1912 to 1914 he was a student at the Imperial Royal University, at Innsbruck, Austria, and subsequently he was graduated from the Royal University of Pavia, Italy, in 1920, receiving the degree of Doctor of Medicine. For six months he was junior assistant at the Medical Clinic of the University of Pavia, and for one year was chief resident physician at the White Haven Sanatorium, in White Haven, Pennsylvania. For one year he also served as interne at Mercy Hospital in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. On September 15, 1922, he was licensed to practice in Pennsylvania, and since then he has been practicing in Wilkes-Barre. In 1927 and 1928 he took post-graduate work at the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota, and at the Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts. He has consistently worked along his own special line, devoting his principal attentions to the problems of treating internal diseases. In addition to his work as physician, Dr. Luchi is a keen student of the newer developments in medicine, and keeps in close touch with the affairs of his profession through his memberships in the Luzerne County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He is a valued member of the staff of Mercy Hospital, in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, where he is in charge of a medical service.

In addition to his activities in his own profession, Dr. Luchi is keenly interested in public life generally, being a member of the Republican party. He is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus, in which he holds the Fourth Degree, and is active in the Italo-American Society, as well as in the Sons of Italy. Dr. Luchi is an American citizen, and his church affiliation is with St. Mary's Church. He finds recreation from his professional duties in music, art and languages.

Dr. Angelo Luigi Luchi married, May 3, 1923, Mary Pearl Roccereto, born January 15, 1896, in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, daughter of Peter and Rose Roccereto. Peter Roccereto came from Italy about half a century ago, being among the first Italian settlers of Wilkes-Barre. Mrs. Luchi received a liberal education in the Parochial School of St. Mary's, the Westchester Normal School, and graduated from the State Teachers' College at West Chester, with the class of 1916, afterwards teaching in Edwardsville and Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. She is actively interested in church affairs, being a member of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Italo-American Soci-

ety, and the Catholic Council of St. Mary's Church, and is a member of the Senior Auxiliary of Mercy Hospital. Dr. and Mrs. Luchi are the parents of two children: 1. Irma Jane, born May 18, 1924. 2. Robert John, born March 3, 1928.

**MARK L. BURKE**—Engaged in the drug business in Wilkes-Barre for almost two decades, Mr. Burke is one of that city's best known and most popular business men. His store having been located throughout the greater part of that period in one and the same place, it has become widely known, not only amongst the people of Wilkes-Barre, but also amongst those from the many surrounding towns, for which Wilkes-Barre is the trading center. Though it has been moved in recent years to a new location, it has lost nothing of its popularity and it is considered today to be one of the finest and best equipped of the city's drug stores. Mr. Burke is also active in the social and fraternal life of the community and in every way is representative of the highest type of useful and progressive citizenship.

Mark L. Burke was born at Shenandoah, Pennsylvania, January 25, 1886, a son of Mark and Mary (Loftus) Burke. Both his parents were born in Ireland, came to the United States in 1865 and settled in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, where the family has long been favorably and well known. His father, who died in January, 1924, was successfully engaged in Shenandoah in the coal and contracting business for forty-five years. Mr. Burke himself was educated in the public grammar and high schools of his native city and then entered the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, from which he was graduated in 1905. In the same year he commenced his career as a druggist with the Burke Chain Prescription Drug Stores of Shenandoah and Nesquehoning. Four years later, in 1909, he came to Wilkes-Barre and there opened a drug store of his own at No. 19 South Washington Street. He was the first to enter business on this old-time residential street and he continued in the same location for seven-teen years. In 1926 he purchased the property adjoining his store at No. 21 South Washington Street and moved the store to it. In the meantime the residential character of the street had completely changed and this thoroughfare had become one of the city's leading business streets. An advantageous opportunity to dispose of the property offering itself to Mr. Burke in 1927, he sold it to the Comerford Amusement Company for a theatre site and purchased a new property at No. 9 East Market Street, where his store has been located since then. He is also president of the Sek-Rub Company, which he founded in 1910 for the compounding and production of certain preparations. He is a member of the Pennsylvania Pharmaceutical Society and the Druggist Research Bureau of New York. He is also a member of the Wyoming Valley Country Club, the Fox Hill Country Club, the Wilkes-Barre Exchange Club, the Alhambra Caravan, the Knights of Columbus, and Wilkes-Barre Lodge, No. 109, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Mr. Burke married, October 2, 1912, Mabel S. Clarke, a daughter of P. J. and Mary Jane (Moore) Clarke. Mrs. Burke's father, now deceased, formerly one of the heads of the Sheldon Axle Company, was for many years active in civic affairs and served as a member of the Wilkes-Barre City Council. Mr. and Mrs. Burke are the parents of four children: Mark C., J. Clarke, Elizabeth Ann and

Mary Jane. The family residence is located at No. 375 South Franklin Street.

**EDWARD L. CRISMAN**—Born in Blairstown, Warren County, New Jersey, Mr. Crisman, since coming to Kingston, has closely affiliated himself with the business life of the city and has done a great deal to further its growth and actual development. He was born on his father's farm in New Jersey in May, 1867, and received his education in Blairstown in the public school and later at Blairs Hall, remaining in that locality until twenty-one, when he came to Kingston and worked as a clerk in various of the local companies until he was ready to open his own office as real estate operator. His operations have been wide and have necessitated an office in Wilkes-Barre also. The Crisman Realty Company has been responsible for the development of much of the west side of Kingston and the residential section, known as the Elm Park Plot, is one that was entirely conceived and exploited by Mr. Crisman. In all his operations, he has shown a remarkable vision and foresight, qualities that have worked for the prosperity of his own organization and also very definitely for the advantage of the city.

Mr. Crisman takes a vital interest in civic matters and at all times is ready to be of service in furthering its best economic plans, and as member of the City Council for over thirteen years, he has had an influential voice in town affairs. He votes for the Republican ticket always and is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and on its official board. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Kingston Lodge, No. 709, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Edward L. Crisman was married, in 1890, to Emma A. Coursen, a daughter of Andrew J. and Sarah E. Coursen, and three children have been born to the union: Russell H.; Lewis R.; and Emily A., who married James D. Hutchinson, a Luzerne County farm agent, and they reside in Kingston.

**CAVALIERE NICOLA CIOTOLA**—One of the leading business men of Hazleton, Pennsylvania, Cavaliere Nicola Ciotola represents that excellent Italian stock, of whom so many families have come in the last generation to the United States from their native land, and have here made their fortunes and done much to enrich the life of their adopted country. There is no phase of public life in which they have not been engaged, and Mr. Ciotola, of whom this is a record, has been for many years a private banker, steamship passenger agent and notary public in Hazleton.

He was born on December 15, 1873, in St. Nazario Community, St. Mauro, la Bruca, County of Salerno, Italy. He received his early education in the schools of his native land, and it was in 1890 that he came to the United States. On May 7 of that year he arrived in New York City, and on the following day went from New York to Lattimer, Pennsylvania, where, on May 13, five days afterward, he went to work as a slate picker. In that capacity he earned eighty cents a day, working a ten-hour day; and, although he did not long remain a slate picker, he worked in the same community for twenty years, serving in different positions around the Lattimer mines, being associated with the firm of Pardee Brothers. Soon he was in charge of the work, and from that time he advanced rapidly until he quit the mines entirely in 1911. He thereupon established his own business as private banker, steamship passenger

agent and notary public, taking quarters at No. 13 East Diamond Street, where he has remained to this day. His personality, unusually pleasing and attractive to those with whom he deals, has done much to bring him many friends and customers and to build up his business in Hazleton, while his careful and thorough study of his work and the different branches of community life with which it is connected has placed him in an excellent position to become a leader in the affairs of his city.

In addition to his activities in the mines and since then in the business affairs of Hazleton, Mr. Ciotola has taken part extensively in civic movements in his city and community. He became a citizen of the United States in 1896, and forthwith became a staunch supporter of the Republican party and a leader in its ranks in his own neighborhood. When Italy first became a party to the late World War, Mr. Ciotola solicited funds for the aid of sufferers and sent a number of young Italians back to fight for their native land. Then, when the United States entered the war, he took part extensively in the Liberty Loan and Red Cross campaigns, as well as in the work of the Salvation Army and other relief groups. What he did for Italy and the Italians was of such magnitude and so pronounced in its effect that he was made a Chevalier of the Crown of Italy by King Victor Emmanuel III, the decoration having been conferred upon him personally after the war by Ambassador Rolando Ricci, Cav. Uff. F. Tiscar, Royal Italian Consul, having come on from Scranton, Pennsylvania, for the purpose. A testimonial dinner was given at that time in honor of the recipient of this distinction, the banquet having taken place at the Hotel Laughran, at which the Italian consul in Scranton, Cavaliere Fortunato Tiscar presided. In his religious faith Mr. Ciotola is a devout Roman Catholic. He is also a member of the Knights of Pythias, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Order of Owls, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Sons of Italy and several other lodges, and has recently been made a director of the Markle Banca and Trust Company of Hazleton.

Mr. Ciotola married, in Lattimer, Pennsylvania, on November 7, 1907, Anna Sidari, of that place. They are the parents of the following children: 1. Costantino, born March 7, 1910. 2. Antonio, born May 20, 1912. 3. Agostino, born August 7, 1914. 4. Giovanni, born February 18, 1922.

**REV. FRANCIS MOLINO**—Under the able administration of the Rev. Francis Molino, since 1921 pastor of the Roman Catholic Church of the Most Precious Blood, of Hazleton, the various units of the organization have been consolidated, improvements made and a fine progress noted in this parish. Father Molino is a man of unusual force of character and possessed of a high order of organizing ability, one who understands the characteristics of his people and their deeply religious nature and who has been, by virtue of that comprehension, able to build up his pastorate and to bring to it a dignity and usefulness that reflect great credit upon him as a religious leader. He also has been a considerable force in secular matters, taking an active interest in civic affairs and lending his aid in every activity wherein he has felt justified in introducing his efforts. Organization of the youth of his parish and consolidation of activities have brought about a revolution in the work this parish is doing among the people of Italian blood, giving peace and

harmony to a highly progressive religious body.

He was born in Asti, Italy, February 26, 1877, a son of Stephano and Dominica Molino, was educated in the seminary there and ordained in the priesthood in 1902. He then taught for four years in the seminary at Fossano, Italy, associated with Monsignor Maseria, chaplain to the Princess Clotilde, by whom he was held in high esteem. In 1911 he came to America as a missionary and traveled extensively throughout the Eastern and Middle Western States, being called to the pastorate of the Most Precious Blood in 1921 by the late Right Reverend Michael J. Hoban, bishop of the diocese, his assistant being the Rev. Pietro Cantino. The congregation of his church comprises eight hundred families. Among his activities are interests in the societies of the Children of Mary and Holy Angels, the Christian Mothers, St. Aloysius, St. Gerard and Holy Name.

The Church of the Most Precious Blood was organized in 1887 as an apostolic mission and the Rev. Joseph Girimondi appointed to care for the religious welfare of the numerous Italians who at that period were coming to Hazleton and the district in large numbers. The first church edifice was erected in 1888, was built of wood and was destroyed by fire. As the development of the organization continued property was acquired and other buildings erected, with kindergarten, parochial schools, a cemetery and convent for the nuns of the church, by far the greater part of these improvements having been made under the pastorate of Father Molino.

**LEWIS J. DAVIES**—Born in Wales and resident of that country until he had attained manhood, Lewis J. Davies came to America at the age of twenty-two, and in this country continued the vocation which he had followed in Wales, that of mining. Possessed of ambition and initiative, since coming to Pennsylvania Mr. Davies' career has been one of steady progress, until he occupied an important position with the Lehigh & Wilkes-Barre Coal Company, having served this concern as superintendent for more than twenty years. Mr. Davies, who now resides in Nanticoke, is looked upon as one of the best informed characters identified with coal mining in this vicinity, and in view of the fact that he came to this country after having attained manhood, his advancement has been all the more remarkable. Forced to abandon many of the practices that he had followed in the mining industry of his native country, and at the same time to accustom himself to American methods, he has accomplished all of this through perseverance and unquenchable ambition. He assumes all the duties of citizenship in his adopted country, and devotes himself freely to plannings and proposals designed for the benefit of his community, State, and Nation.

Mr. Davies was born in May, 1861, in Wales, son of William Davies, a stationary engineer, who died in December, 1899, and of Mariah (Jenkins) Davies, who passed away in 1912. Lewis J. Davies received his education in the national schools of the British Empire. His school days over, he entered the mines and was employed in various positions in this industry until he was twenty-two years of age. At this time, in 1883, he migrated to the United States, located in Luzerne County, and obtained a position with the Lehigh & Wilkes-Barre Coal Company, the firm that had since held his allegiance. His ability and loyalty brought him steady promotion







and in 1889 officers of this company appointed him fire boss. He held this position for more than ten years, and in 1898 was promoted to foreman. So well did he perform the duties of this position that further advancement came to him in 1908, when he was made superintendent. In this important office he remained until his retirement in August, 1929, although having served as superintendent of various collieries owned by the Lehigh & Wilkes-Barre Coal Company. Mr. Davies believes in the principles of the Republican party and is ever loyal to the issues and candidates of this political organization. He evidences a deep interest in other organizations and movements which contribute to the upbuilding of Luzerne County, and is a devout member of the Presbyterian Church.

Lewis J. Davies married, in 1890, Phoebe Lloyd, native of Wales, and a daughter of William Lloyd. Mrs. Davies died in March, 1923. There was one child to this marriage, Gladys L. Mr. Davies resides at No. 124 Christian Street, Nanticoke.

**MELVIN G. ROBBINS**—Well known in banking and business circles in Wilkes-Barre, Melvin G. Robbins holds the position of assistant cashier of the Miners' Bank, of this city. He is thoroughly conversant with local industrial and social conditions, having spent the greater part of his life in this community, during most of which time he has been engaged in the banking industry.

He is the son of William J. and Ella (Soul) Robbins, deceased, and the descendant of an early Colonial family. His great-great-grandfather, Captain Jonathan G. Robbins, who was a soldier in the War of the Revolution, led the American troops from Warren and Essex counties when the British Army invaded New Jersey. William J. Robbins, the father of Melvin G. Robbins, was a coal dispatcher for many years for the Lackawanna and Bloomsburg Railroad, a prominent Republican, and a member of the Presbyterian Church; and he and Ella (Soul) Robbins were the parents of one child, Melvin G. Mary Drake Robbins, the paternal grandmother of Melvin G. Robbins, who was the descendant of an old New Jersey family and a native of that State, had ancestors who fought in the War of the Revolution for the separation of the Colonies from the mother country.

Melvin G. Robbins, who was born in Northumberland, Pennsylvania, on September 15, 1876, was only four years of age when his parents came to Kingston, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania. As a boy he attended the public schools, and later went to Wyoming Seminary, from which he was graduated in the class of 1892. Then he came to Wilkes-Barre, where he took a position as runner boy for the Anthracite Savings Bank. Here he built the foundation for his future career, so that when this bank was merged into the Miners' Bank he was retained as a teller. In 1922 he became assistant cashier of the Miners' Bank, a position which he has occupied efficiently and creditably since that time. In his political affiliations he is identified with the Republican party. He is a member of the Kingston Presbyterian Church. He also is active in a fraternal way, being a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which order he is affiliated with the Kingston Lodge, No. 395; the Shekinah Chapter, No. 182, Royal Arch Masons; the Dieu le Vent Commandery, No. 45, Knights Templar; the Caldwell Consistory, at Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, in which he holds the thirty-second degree; Irem Temple of the

Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, in Wilkes-Barre; and the Shrine Country Club. He also is affiliated with the Lions' Club, of which he is treasurer; the Greek letter fraternity of Alpha Phi.

He has been twice married. His present wife was before her marriage, Mary Margaret Miller, a daughter of Charles W. Miller, of Wilkes-Barre. By his first marriage he is the father of one daughter, Mary M., the wife of Edson L. Mott, of Kansas City, Missouri. Melvin G. and Mary Margaret (Miller) Robbins are the parents of two children: Charles M., and Melvin G., Jr., both of whom are living at home with their parents.

The Robbins home is at No. 55 Pierce Street, Kingston, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania.

**MASON BEACH CURWOOD**—Active for years in the mining industry in Shickshinny, Pennsylvania, Mason Beach Curwood has been a foreman in the mines here since 1913. Before that time he held various positions in mining work, having begun his active career in this field as early as ten years of age. He is widely known and highly respected by a large number of friends and acquaintances in Shickshinny and the surrounding communities of Luzerne County, and active in the public affairs of the community in which he lives.

He was born in Shickshinny, Pennsylvania, on March 6, 1884, a son of Samuel Curwood, who was born in England in 1838, was a coal miner in this vicinity of Pennsylvania when he came to the United States to live, and died in 1910; while the mother of Mason Curwood, whose maiden name was Stella Drum, was born in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, in 1852, and died here in 1924. Mason Beach Curwood received his early education in the public schools here, and when he was only ten years old took his first work in the coal mining industry here. Since then he has held a number of different positions in the mines, and since 1913 has been a foreman.

In addition to his mining activities, Mr. Curwood has always taken a great interest in the public affairs of his city and community. He is a keen student of political developments and problems, and is himself affiliated with the Republican party, whose policies and candidates he regularly supports. He has served for twelve years on the borough council of Shickshinny, Pennsylvania, and for four years, from 1921 until 1925, was Burgess of the town. He has memberships in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he is identified with Lodge No. 180; and in the Sons of Veterans. His religious affiliation is with the Methodist Episcopal Church.

In 1904, Mason Beach Curwood married Getha Thompson, of Shickshinny, Pennsylvania, daughter of Albert Henry and Mary (Hummell) Thompson. Her father was born in Weatherly, Pennsylvania, in 1851, was a miner throughout his active life, and died in 1914; while her mother, Mary (Hummell) Thompson, was born in Beach Haven, Pennsylvania, in 1852. Mr. and Mrs. Curwood have two children: 1. Mary, born December 20, 1905, who was graduated from the Bloomsburg Normal School in the class of 1925, and is now a teacher in the Shickshinny public schools. 2. Robert Mason, born January 23, 1917.

**GEORGE T. BASKETT, M. D.**—Superintendent of the Mental Hospital at Retreat, Dr. Baskett is doing a splendidly useful work in

the community, and is a man with a particularly fine training to bring to the position. Born in Galveston, Texas, on January 9, 1882, a son of Dr. George W. and Mary G. (McLean) Baskett, he has traditions in the medical profession to maintain. His father, a practicing physician in Texas, is a graduate of the University of Louisville, Kentucky.

George T. Baskett was educated at the public schools of his home town until he entered college, and after taking his degree of Bachelor of Arts at the University of Texas, he went into the medical school of the University of Michigan where he took his medical degree in 1908. He has had a long practical experience in institutional work, beginning as an interne at the St. Peter, Minnesota, Hospital, and then accepting the post of assistant superintendent at the State Mental Hospital, located at St. Peter. He remained there for fifteen years, leaving that institution to take the position of superintendent at another Minnesota State hospital, at Willmar, in October, 1925. In March, 1927, Dr. Baskett came to Retreat to take up the heavy responsibility of the large hospital for the mentally distraught. This was opened in 1900 as a hospital for mental diseases under the direction of the Central Poor District of Luzerne County. It is licensed by the State under the Bureau of Mental Health of Welfare Department, and inspected annually by the director of the Bureau of Mental Health. It is supported by taxation and receives partial aid from the State, the Commonwealth, for instance, paying two dollars a week for each indigent patient, although the actual cost per person was shown to be in 1927 seven dollars a week. The first superintendent installed there was Dr. Charles B. Mayberry, who remained until his retirement in 1923, to be followed by Dr. H. S. Seiwel and, upon his death in 1926, Dr. Baskett was invited to fill the post. At the present time there are over eight hundred persons under treatment at the institution, with a staff of four graduate physicians, including the superintendent and a dentist, forty-three male attendants and thirty-seven women nurses. The department of occupational therapy has for its head a graduate of a recognized school of this branch of medical knowledge, and has four women and three men on its staff. The total value of the hospital property is \$1,802,068, and it is rated as one of the outstandingly complete hospital institutions of this sort in the country. Dr. Baskett is well fitted for his work and has proved the good judgment of the board of directors who called him to the position, by his able executiveness in the short time that he has been in charge.

Dr. Baskett holds membership in the Luzerne County, Pennsylvania State, and the American Medical associations. Also in the Lehigh Valley Medical Society, the Pennsylvania Hospital Association and the American Psychiatric Association. He belongs to the college fraternity of Alpha Tau Omega and the medical school fraternity of Phi Alpha Sigma. A Mason, he belongs to the Nicolle Lodge of St. Peter, Minnesota, the De Payen Commandery Knights Templar of Willmar, Minnesota, and of the Osman Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at St. Paul. Dr. Baskett is also a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, belonging to the Willmar branch of this brotherhood and a member of the Kiwanis Club of Nanticoke and the Craftsman's Club of Wilkes-Barre. He is a Republican by political affiliation and a member of the Presbyterian Church.

In August, 1910, Dr. George T. Baskett married Olive Thorne, daughter of Alonzo M. and Ida B. Thorne of Lansing, Michigan. Mrs. Baskett is also a physician, graduate from the University of Cincinnati, in the class of 1906, and has specialized in mental and nervous diseases. She is attached to the staff of the Retreat Hospital.

**CONRAD F. GOERINGER**—The various interests of Conrad F. Goeringer rank him among the leading construction contractors and electrical contractors of the Wyoming Valley. Besides the C. F. Goeringer Construction Company, he is president of the Bertels Metalware Company of Kingston, president of the Davis Electrical Company of Wilkes-Barre, owner of the Pond Hill Crushed Stone Company with quarries at Pond Hill, Pennsylvania, and owner of the Moosic Sand and Gravel Company of Moosic, Pennsylvania. Of these interests, the C. F. Goeringer Construction Company is the largest, employing approximately 500 men and being equipped with the most elaborate and modern motorized transportation facilities and working equipment. Not only has this company executed most of the large sewer and paving contracts in Wilkes-Barre and Luzerne County in recent years, but has had an equal success further afield. For the city of Dover, New Jersey, and the city of Jersey City, New Jersey, the firm recently completed a million-dollar sewer contract. They completed sewer work for Hanover Township, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, costing \$1,500,000. In the last eight years Mr. Goeringer and his contracting organization have done practically all the street paving for the city of Wilkes-Barre, as well as for Hanover Township. During the same period, moreover, he had done paving and sewer construction in every borough and township in Luzerne County. One of the main reasons for Mr. Goeringer's success has been his insistence on adequate and modern equipment. Few firms in the country can boast as complete machinery and tools. In 1927 he built what is one of the most modern asphalt plants in the United States, on Scott Street, Wilkes-Barre.

Mr. Goeringer is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Fraternal Order of Eagles, United States Chamber of Commerce, Lehman Rod and Gun Club and the National Road Builders' Association.

He was born in Wilkes-Barre, February 12, 1887, son of Ferdinand and Louise (Schmidt) Goeringer. He attended public schools, and as a young man worked in the mines and at blacksmith and rock contracting work. Later he learned the electrician's trade and in 1906 formed the electrical contracting firm of Baldwin and Goeringer. He bought his partner's interest in 1909 and from then till 1924 operated it as the Goeringer Electrical Company adding to the scope of the business by undertaking many sewer and paving contracts. In 1915 he formed the C. F. Goeringer Construction Company which he merged with the Goeringer Electrical Company. Meanwhile he had expanded his interests and properties, becoming successively president of the Bertels Metalware Company and the Davis Electrical Company. From the first it has been his policy to operate on a large scale, as attested by his purchase of the quarries at Pond Hill and Moosic. He is one of the country's most successful contractors. Mr. Goeringer resides at Lake Louise, R. D. No. 3, Dallas, and his office is at No. 296 Madison Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

**RALPH LEWIS BRICKEL**.—The town of Dallas is fortunate in having so able and progressive an exponent of the furniture business and the mortician's profession as Ralph L. Brickel, the successor of his father, the late Bernhard W. Brickel, who conducted the dual establishment for half a century. The present proprietor is demonstrating to his public from long experience in the banking field, his capacity for ministrations to their needs for his services. Mr. Brickel is actively interested in financial, civic and fraternal activities and is a cordial sympathizer of all worthy projects that make up Dallas community effort.

Ralph Lewis Brickel was born in Dallas, March 8, 1881, son of Bernhard W. and Mary (Honeywell) Brickel. His father, born in Catasauqua, Lehigh County, in 1853, was reared in Bethlehem, Northampton County. When twenty-one years of age he opened his undertaking establishment in Dallas and added a furniture department. He became one of the most successful and best-respected of the Dallas merchants. He died April 14, 1927. His wife, born in Dallas, in 1850, passed away September 28, 1922.

His preliminary school training was received in the public schools of his native town, from which Ralph Lewis Brickel passed to the Harry Hillman Academy, Wilkes-Barre. He completed his academic course at Wyoming Seminary, class of 1902. His first formal business connection after leaving the seminary was with the Second National Bank of Wilkes-Barre, where he served as book-keeper for eighteen years. It was supposed by friends and associates that he was a fixture for life in the banking profession, and it is reasonable to conjecture that he would have remained such, with merited rise in rank, if the advancing age and attendant illness of his father had not intervened to influence a change in his career.

In 1922, Mr. Brickel abandoned the financial field as a means to a livelihood, and with a praiseworthy sense of the dutiful to his aging parent, he took over the furniture and undertaking business, with which his father's name had been so conspicuously and worthily identified for the period beginning in 1875. He is maintaining the prestige, quality of service and dependability for which the house of Brickel has been so well and favorably known to the people of Dallas and the vicinity.

Mr. Brickel is a man of influence in Dallas affairs outside his own immediate business. He has been a director of the First National Bank since January, 1922. He is an esteemed member of the Republican party, and has served the town as school director for two years. He is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons Lodge, No. 531; Shekinah Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Dieu le Veut Commandery, No. 45, Knights Templar; Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; and the Junior Order of United American Mechanics. His religious association is with the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Ralph L. Brickel married, in 1910, Jessie P. Austin, of Parsons, Pennsylvania, daughter of Leonard and Isabel Austin. They are the parents of a son, William A., born May 18, 1913.

**EMRYS RICHARDS, M. D.**—Well known in Wilkes-Barre and vicinity as a physician. Emrys Richards has shown himself willing and desirous at all times to give freely of his time and talents for the aid of the ill and injured. Since he opened his offices here at

the beginning of the century, the confidence and the esteem which his skill has won in the community have created for him an enviable practice.

Dr. Richards was born in Glamorganshire, South Wales, on September 20, 1874, the son of David and Ann (Bevan) Richards, who came from Wales to Luzerne County in 1880, when he was only six years old. For many years the father was a mine foreman for the Lehigh Valley Coal Company. Then both David and Ann (Bevan) Richards died at the age of sixty-eight years. David Richards had eight children: Catherine Smith, of Wilkes-Barre, daughter of a former marriage; Evan Richards, of West Pittston, engineer on the Lehigh Valley Railroad since 1896, a son by a former marriage; J. Tal. Richards, structural iron engineer and contractor; J. Llewelyn Richards; Emrys, of whom further; William, of Wilkes-Barre, an assistant mine foreman for the Delaware and Hudson Coal Company; Margaret, who married Henry Sayes; and Mrs. Myfanwy Johns, a widow, of Wilkes-Barre.

Dr. Richards, as a boy, attended the public schools of his native city, then went for four years to the Wyoming Seminary, in Kingston. In 1896 he matriculated in the University of Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated in the class of 1900 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He then returned to Wilkes-Barre, where he began the practice of his profession. Dr. Richards is keenly interested in political matters, being a member of the Republican party. In his religious affiliations he is identified with the First Methodist Episcopal Church, of Wilkes-Barre. He is a member of the Luzerne County Medical Association, the Pennsylvania Medical Society, and the American Medical Association. Active in the fraternal life of the community, he is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which order he is affiliated with the Landmark Lodge, No. 442, of Wilkes-Barre; the Shekinah Chapter, No. 182, Royal Arch Masons; the Dieu le Veut Commandery, No. 45, Knights Templar; the Keystone Consistory, of Scranton, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, in which he holds the Thirty-second degree; Irem Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Wilkes-Barre; and the Shrine Country Club. He is a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. Active in the work of his profession, Dr. Richards was a member of the United States Voluntary Medical Service Corps during the World War, and served as acting assistant surgeon in the United States Public Health Service in the New England States at the outbreak of the influenza epidemic of 1918. He was acting assistant surgeon to the Lehigh Valley Coal Company during the Mexican border trouble and the World War. In the World War he endeavored to enlist in the Reserve Medical Corps, but was physically disqualified for entrance into the United States Army.

Active in the life of Wilkes-Barre and the neighboring community, he holds a membership in the Lehigh Valley Medical Association; from 1920 to 1925 was supreme medical examiner for the Greek and Roman Catholic societies of Pennsylvania; and is now medical examiner for the John Hancock Life Insurance Company, of Boston. He was a candidate for the office of county coroner in the 1927 elections.

In April, 1902, Dr. Richards married Leona G. Learn, a daughter of Charles O. and Isabella Learn, of Wilkes-Barre. They became the parents of two children: Thelma, who died in childhood; and Margaret L., who

graduated with Bachelor of Arts degree in the class of 1928, from Wilson College, in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania.

**CLINTON S. CALLAHAN**—Mr. Callahan was formerly manager of the branch office of the C. I. T. Corporation at Wilkes-Barre, is now assistant vice-president of this corporation, with home office at No. 1 Park Avenue, New York City. Commercial Investment Trust, Incorporated, or C. I. T., as it is known, is the largest independent financing concern of its kind in the world, having a capital and surplus of over one hundred million dollars. Mr. Callahan has charge of the corporation's business in the southeastern States.

Mr. Callahan is the son of D. G. Callahan, residing at No. 73 Park Place, Kingston, Pennsylvania, his mother, Mary A. (Kintz) Callahan, having died some years ago.

Anne L. and Doris J. Callahan are his daughters; Anne L. Callahan is attending Arlington Hall at Washington, District of Columbia, and Doris J. Callahan is attending school at Kingston, Pennsylvania.

With his family Mr. Callahan attends the Methodist Church, and in politics he has always voted the Republican ticket.

**FRANK KETTLE**—To the men who are detailed for mine inspection in the various districts of the busy fields is given much responsibility. They must have clarity of vision, a speedy grasp of conditions and a farseeing view of possibilities. Of those who fill this important post in the Wyoming Valley, none is more highly honored than Frank Kettle who, in the year 1926, had ten thousand men under his personal and careful supervision.

Mr. Kettle was born in Plymouth, Luzerne County, October 17, 1877, the son of Franklin Alonzo and Louisa (Stuart) Kettle, both natives of Wyoming Valley, the former being born in Nanticoke, Luzerne County, and having engaged in mining all his life. He is still living at the time of this record (1928) and is employed as watchman in one of the largest mines of the valley. He was the son of Henry R. Kettle, in his day a well-known mine-carpenter.

The early education of Frank Kettle was obtained in what can be described as the "School of Hard Knocks," for he worked in the breakers when but seven years of age. He was released from his toil when the law was passed compelling children under the age of twelve years of age to cease such work and he took advantage of the time at his disposal to obtain the education he so earnestly desired. When he reached the age of twelve years the went to work as a "breaker boy," and soon afterwards rose to the post of door boy in the mines. From that position he worked up through the various grades until he attained his present post. He took a mining course through a correspondence school in 1905, and in 1916 he was appointed to the office of mine inspector. He officiates as Inspector of the Thirteenth Anthracite District, located at Nanticoke and covering eleven collieries. In local affairs, Mr. Kettle has always been most active. He was one of the promoters of the Mining School and Institute, and for two years he acted as a teacher of mining, prior to the State taking charge thereof.

In 1896 Mr. Kettle married Mary Ellen Hennessy, of Plymouth. Mrs. Kettle passed away August 7, 1922, being survived by her husband and five children: Fred, Jr., Abbie, Helen, Gerald, and Franklin. Mr. Kettle resides with his family at 151 State Street, Nanticoke.

**VICTOR E. LEWIS**—For twenty-two years Victor E. Lewis has been identified with the public schools of Edwardsville, Pennsylvania, as a teacher in the grades, as a high school teacher, as principal of the high school, and, since 1923, as supervising principal of all the Edwardsville schools. He began teaching in the grades before his academic course was finished, and has through all the years of his teaching continued to study, keeping in touch with the most advanced and efficient methods and materials of educational endeavor and also keeping closely in touch with the interests of the students whose work he has been directing.

Victor E. Lewis was born in Kingston, Pennsylvania, March 13, 1889, son of Jonah Lewis, a stationary engineer, who was born in Wales, in 1856, and died in 1894, and of Mary (Robin) Lewis, who was born in Wales in 1868, and survives her husband (1930). Though born in Kingston, Professor Lewis received his early education in the public schools of Edwardsville, graduating with first honors from the high school here with the class of 1906. This same year (1906) he began teaching in the grades in Edwardsville for five years as a grade principal. Later he entered Bucknell Academy, from which institution he was graduated with the class of 1912 with honors. Upon his return from college he was appointed a teacher in the high school. After seven years of successful experience as a high school teacher, he was made principal of the high school, and in this executive and administrative position he proved his ability as conclusively as he had done in his various teaching positions here. In 1923 he was appointed supervising principal of the Edwardsville schools, and is acting in that capacity at the present time. Mr. Lewis is one of the progressive school men of this part of the State, and as his responsibilities have been increased, he has always kept his preparation and further equipment for his work abreast of his opportunities. Though busy with his teaching and with his supervisory work he has continued his studies and in 1926 he received from the Pennsylvania State College the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Education. During the summer of 1929 Mr. Lewis received his Master of Arts degree in Education from Susquehanna University, graduating from that institution with honors. He has exerted a strong influence over the development of the schools and over the lives of the boys and girls with whom he has been associated as teacher, friend, and counsellor, and the community owes much to the man who is devoting his years to the most important work that can be done for them, the development of the abilities and the directing of the formation of the characters of the youth of the place. Mr. Lewis has won the sincere regard of his many students, as well as of the school directors and the teachers, also of the community at large, and as the years pass he is making his service increasingly valuable. Politically, he is a Republican. Fraternally, he is a member of Lodge No. 395, Free and Accepted Masons; and of Shekinah Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; also of the Knights of Pythias and the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, and educationally a member of the State Teachers' League, P. S. E. A. and National Education Association. His religious interest is with the Edwards' Memorial Congregational Church at which he has served as corresponding secretary for thirteen years and as a Sunday school teacher for fifteen years. As has already been stated, Mr. Lewis possesses literary ability, and is more than a mere lover of the literary prod-



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ucts of others. He devotes considerable time to creative work in this field, being especially successful in the writing of verse. He has written several prize-winning poems, among which are "In Memoriam" to the late Dr. T. C. Edwards; "Lest We Forget," and an epic poem on the growth of the Edwards' Memorial Church. Mr. Lewis writes chiefly lyric and epic poetry. He is also interested in the compilation of various reference works, and his work as recording secretary of the Edwards' Memorial Congregational Church for the past thirteen years placed him in touch with material which he felt should be placed in accessible and permanent form, so he wrote the second volume of the history of that church. He is also the author of a Teacher Objective Efficiency Scale, and a co-author of a card to evaluate text books. As a citizen and as a kindly and wise friend and associate, Mr. Lewis has long been highly esteemed in Edwardsville, and he numbers among his former students a host of friends.

Victor E. Lewis was married, June 4, 1914, to Gemima Pratt, of Nanticoke, daughter of Robert and Mary Pratt, and they have one son, Thorwald E., who was born here in Edwardsville, October 15, 1915. The family home is at No. 185 Green Street, in Edwardsville, Pennsylvania.

**JOHN L. SULLIVAN**—The first modern building to be erected in Dallas in more than a decade, was the structure at the corner of Main and Rice streets, built in 1923 by John L. Sullivan, the prominent real estate operator of that town, who has also held the office of State Fire Marshal for Dallas since 1919. Another of the public offices held by Mr. Sullivan is that of high constable of Dallas.

Mr. Sullivan was born in Miners Mills, Luzerne County, on August 14, 1890, the son of Daniel A. and Mary (Sheridan) Sullivan, the former a well-known mine superintendent of this section, who was born at Dover, New Jersey, in 1863; died April 28, 1902. The mother of Mr. Sullivan was born in Archbald, Lackawanna County, June 26, 1864. Mr. Sullivan acquired his early education in the public and high schools of Forty Fort, Luzerne County, graduating from the latter institution in 1906. He worked in the mines for two years, and then took a position with the Matheson Automobile Company, at Wilkes-Barre, where he became thoroughly acquainted with the mechanics of that trade. In 1911 he started an automobile school under the name of the Sullivan Automobile School, which he continued with much success until 1917. In the meantime, in 1913, he moved to Dallas, where he was appointed postmaster by the Late President Woodrow Wilson, serving in that capacity until 1921. In the latter year he entered the real estate business, which he still conducts. The religious affiliations of Mr. Sullivan are with the Roman Catholic Church.

In December, 1913, Mr. Sullivan married Minnie H. Pettibone, of Wyoming, Luzerne County. Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan were the parents of seven children, of whom two, John L., Jr., and William Carl, died in infancy. The five now living are as follows: 1. Anna Mae, born October 22, 1914. 2. Madeline C., born April 4, 1916. 3. Gerald I., born July 20, 1918. 4. Helen A., born June 30, 1920. 5. Dorothy R., born August 7, 1922.

**WILLIAM B. CLEARY**—At fifty-seven years of age, William B. Cleary is one of the oldest and most active members of the reportorial profession in the Wyoming Valley. Having

served continuously for more than forty years, he is the veteran newspaper correspondent of the region, at once the envy and the admiration of many a scribe, his junior by a score or more of years. Ubiquitous, regular as the United States mail or the daily paper itself, ever loyal to his connections and his constituency, Mr. Cleary furnishes an outstanding example to the people of Plymouth of the newswriter of the old school—active, accurate and conclusive in the work he loves so well. A former State Representative, he is ever mindful of the larger affairs and responsibilities of citizenship, and he still is a valued public servant, occupying the office of president of the Board of Health of Plymouth.

Born in Scranton, August 30, 1872, son of William and Ann (Flanagan) Cleary, William B. Cleary at an early age manifested those traits that showed he was headed in the right direction. He was nine years old when he signed the pledge in the St. Vincent Cadets, a junior temperance order, from which he took a demit, at the age of fourteen, to the Father Mathew Society. The original pledge remains unbroken, and Mr. Cleary is known to his friends and associates as an enthusiastic and consistent total abstainer.

Character building of the quality that has marked Mr. Cleary's private life could but have a corollary in his contacts with the public as he made his own way in the world. In 1889 he was assigned by the old "Times" to the post of Plymouth correspondent. At that time there were but twenty-three names on the books in Plymouth. For twenty years approximately he covered his assignment with an ability and a faithfulness that became a tradition in Wyoming Valley newspaper circles. He was more than a scribe—he was a figure in the community, an indispensable servant of the public, which came to claim him as its very own. He combed his territory with the care and precision of a tried and true resident correspondent and landed many a scoop for his paper. He became an invaluable member of the "Times" staff, and that journal's synonym of regularity and dependability to the people of Plymouth.

With the consolidation of the "Times" and the "Leader," in 1908, there was not the slightest thought of dispensing with Mr. Cleary's service in the Plymouth field. Rather was it to be readily perceived that he was a contributing factor there to the retention of the enlarged newspapers local clientele. When the combination went into effect and the "Times-Leader" sought to hold the goodwill that belonged to the papers as individual organs, there were one thousand and two hundred names on the books in Plymouth. Today the Plymouth list alone comprises more than three thousand—a figure which speaks well for the wisdom of the "Times-Leader" management in making no change of correspondents in Plymouth. The fact of the increased circulation is also eloquent as showing the expansion of the community itself as a residential borough and in real property and commercial values.

The Republican party is fortunate in having in Mr. Cleary's long-time adherence that of a broadly active man in his district. Many years ago he was esteemed by the voters to be of legislative caliber, and the Fifth Representative District sent him to Harrisburg as a member of the House for the 1911-13 session. The interests of his constituency were carefully looked after during his term of office. Mr. Cleary also served as State

committeeman from the Fifth Legislative District and held other minor offices. Matters of a public nature have always held the active attention of Mr. Cleary—his professional practice serves to give him both an intimate and a broad outlook upon political events in the making and the results attained. His concern with local progress along civic and commercial lines quite naturally follows in his work as correspondent, and this general interest commends him to the further regard of the people. One of the honors the town conferred upon him was that of president of the Board of Health, the duties of which office he discharges with punctilious regard for the health of the community.

Mr. Cleary is a lifelong resident of "Old Shawnee," and a charter member of Plymouth Council, No. 984, Knights of Columbus, and Plymouth Aerie, No. 546, Fraternal Order of Eagles, and an honored member of the Father Mathew Society. He and his family worship at St. Vincent's Roman Catholic Church.

William B. Cleary married, January 1, 1901, Mary T. Lynch, of Plymouth, daughter of Thomas and Mary Lynch. Their children are: Mary Theresa, Ann Elizabeth, and William B. Jr.

**ROLAND GROVER**—Since 1923 Roland Grover has been assistant cashier of the Miners' Bank of Wilkes-Barre, one of the largest financial institutions in the State of Pennsylvania. He is a man of wide experience in his chosen occupation, having held a number of positions with various banking houses, both in Pennsylvania and elsewhere, and he has proved himself a man of exceptional ability and acumen. Aside from his business career he is extremely prominent in the social and fraternal life of his community.

Mr. Grover was born on November 29, 1886, at Hobbie, Hollenback Township, Pennsylvania, the son of Marshall E. Grover, now retired, and of Emma May Grover, both of whom are living at No. 487 South River Street, Wilkes-Barre. Marshall E. Grover is the son of Joshua and Ellen (Shortz) Grover, members of old Luzerne County families, Joshua Grover, who, in early life was a farmer, lived until his ninetieth year. Marshall and Emma May Grover became the parents of two children: 1. Thaddeus Raymond, who is now assistant superintendent of the Manhattan Eye, Ear, and Throat Hospital, in New York City. 2. Roland.

Roland Grover attended the public schools of Luzerne County, and the Wilkes-Barre High School, from which he was graduated in 1905. Later he was graduated from the Wilkes-Barre branch of the Wharton Extension School of the University of Pennsylvania, being a member of the class of 1916. Meanwhile his business career was well under way. His first position was with the Lehigh Valley Railroad in a clerical capacity. Later he became connected with the Hanover Bank of South Wilkes-Barre, and after one year accepted a position with the Luzerne County National Bank, where he remained until 1923. At that time the Luzerne County Bank was merged with the Miners' Bank of Wilkes-Barre, and Mr. Grover became assistant cashier of the latter institution, in which position he has continued since that time with great success.

Politically, he is a member of the Republican party. He is a member and a liberal supporter of the First Evangelical Church, of Wilkes-Barre. He is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, in which

organization he is a member of Blue Lodge, No. 61; of Shekinah Chapter, No. 182 of the Royal Arch Masons; Dieu le Veut Commandery, No. 45, of the Knights Templar; Caldwell Consistory, at Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania, of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Masons of the thirty-second degree, and Irem Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of the Wyoming Valley Motor Club, and of the Irem Temple Country Club.

Mr. Grover is unmarried and resides with his parents at No. 487 South River Street, Wilkes-Barre.

**ARTHUR E. BOOTH**—Attainment of the supreme executive control of the school system of such an important municipality as Luzerne at the age of thirty years is an achievement of which Arthur E. Booth may well be proud. Qualified for the position of supervising principal by education and personal attributes, his selection for the post has met with the approval of all citizens who have made more than a cursory study of the educational situation and who have watched his rise. His work prior to coming to Luzerne was of such quality as to indicate the correctness of his choice of vocation and there is every reason to expect him to continue to advance, although self-interest would cause the community to deplore a promotion that would remove him from his present position in control of the instruction of the youth of Luzerne.

He was born in Sweden, June 26, 1897, a son of John A. Booth, a lace finisher by trade and English by birth, and Helena (Helberg) Booth, a native of Sweden, who came to America when their son was an infant and settled in the Wyoming Valley of Pennsylvania. His education was attained in the public schools of Wilkes-Barre, he was graduated from high school in 1915 and then attended the Pennsylvania State College for four years, graduating with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1919, when he began teaching at Pottsville. He continued there for three years and then came to Luzerne, where he held the post of principal of the high school for five years, when he was selected for his present position. The Luzerne schools are housed in two buildings, with a capacity of one thousand and four hundred students under thirty-six teachers. The present high school building was erected in 1912. Mr. Booth is a Republican in politics and attends the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is affiliated with Free and Accepted Masons, member of the Blue Lodge, No. 61; Shekinah Chapter, No. 182, Royal Arch Masons; Dieu le Veut Commandery, No. 45, Knights Templar; and Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. His college fraternity is Sigma Phi Sigma.

Arthur E. Booth married, November 28, 1922, Florence Carey, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Carey, of Wilkes-Barre.

**DANIEL W. DAVIS**—In the business of plumbing contracting, Daniel W. Davis, of Plymouth, has reached a secure position and applies to his work an estimable quality of intelligent effort and high grade material and construction. He entered the business after a long and careful preparation, which is reflected in the class of work he has done for the builders of this district, where many fine structures bear the mark of his industry and capability. Of the highest character as a citizen and business man, he has drawn a trade to his establishment which has brought him prosperity as well as fame. Of





*Geo. J. Janowski.*

happy personality, engaging in his attractive qualities, he makes friends readily and holds them securely, being considered one of the leaders in the field in which he operates.

He was born in Plymouth, Pennsylvania, March 18, 1889, a son of William Davis, a coal miner, now deceased, and Elizabeth (Evans) Davis, both natives of Wales, living, and received his education in the public schools here and in Wilkes-Barre, where he also attended business college, taking a special course in accounting. He then took up the study of plumbing and heating and followed this trade for five years, at the end of which period he established himself in contracting, opening his first store in 1912 on Hanover Street, Plymouth, Pennsylvania, and purchased another in Wilkes-Barre, at No. 331 South Main Street, in 1925, employing an average of seven men. He is a Republican in politics and belongs to the Kiwanis Club, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Knights of Pythias, Master Plumbing and Heating Association, Knights of Malta and Patriotic Order Sons of America. He attends the Welsh First Baptist Church. A director of the Clark Lumber & Supply Company, Plymouth, Pennsylvania.

Daniel W. Davis married, October 30, 1916, Stella Pilgret, daughter of John Pilgret, an electrical engineer, who died in 1901, and Mary (Knox) Pilgret, a native of England, still living. They are the parents of one son: Theodore A., born September 27, 1917.

**ISAAC WILLIAM GRANGER**—Having a combined education in the professions of mining and civil engineering, with practical experience from his sixteenth year, Isaac William Granger, of Plymouth, Pennsylvania, has reached a position of high importance in the coal mining industry of this State, as well as won the regard and respect of a large circle of acquaintances and friends. From boyhood he has shown himself to be of an unusually industrious nature, with a mind peculiarly suited to the technical and mechanical details of the professions he followed. He has made a notable success in organization of the units that comprise the operating forces that build and that wrest from the earth the products demanded by modern civilization. He has been known through all his works as a man of fairness to all, with a capacity for achievement and a technical knowledge that has enabled him to erect with speed and exactitude transportation facilities, or to bring to the market the products of the mines or fields. His personality has made him a host of friends and his high plane of citizenship has brought to him the sincere respect of his fellow-citizens.

He was born in Girardville, Pennsylvania, March 5, 1885, son of John B. Granger, a native of Tamaqua, Pennsylvania, and of Ellen (Jarvis) Granger, born in England, in 1860, whose death occurred December 16, 1890. His father was born in 1859 and at the time of his death, September 14, 1902, was overseer of the Girard Estate at Girardville. Their son was educated in the public schools of his native town and was graduated from high school in 1901. He then became associated with the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company and made a study of civil and mining engineering, with headquarters in Pottsville, where he worked until 1907. He was then employed by the Piney Creek Coal Company to go to West Virginia and open the soft coal beds of the new river fields. This work required one year,

when he returned to Pennsylvania and became assistant to the mining engineer of the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company at Lansford, where he remained until 1914. In that year he became county engineer of Carbon County, holding the office for four years. In 1918 he built the trolley railroad from Shenandoah to Pottsville for the Schuylkill Railway Company, after which he became associated with the technical division of the Du Pont Powder Company, of Wilmington, Delaware, where he continued for two years. This work was abandoned to accept the post of assistant to the consulting engineer of the Hudson Coal Company, with offices at Scranton, where he remained for one year, when he was transferred to the Lorce Division of that corporation at Larksville, with the post of assistant colliery superintendent. He is a Republican in politics and attends the Presbyterian Church, being president of the Men's Club of that religious body. He is also president of the Kiwanis Club and is affiliated with Lodge No. 597, Free and Accepted Masons, of Scranton; with Lackawanna Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, and Melita Commandery, No. 68, Knights Templar; also with Ashland Camp, No. 84, Patriotic Order Sons of America.

Isaac William Granger married, August 18, 1908, Dora Holmes, of Lansford, Pennsylvania, daughter of John E. and Hannah Holmes. They are the parents of six children: Ellen Jarvis; Isaac William, Jr.; Doris; Charles Avar; John Holmes; and Jean Ruth.

**JOSEPH J. JANOWSKI**—Coming to America from his birthplace in Poland when he was fifteen years of age, Joseph J. Janowski began a career in the new land that has been a constant advance, until he now is recognized as one of the leading retail merchants and most progressive citizens of Nanticoke. In large measure success perches upon the banners of those who select a business early in life and never deviate from the original. This has been the case with this merchant, except that he has added to his enterprise other lines of trade that have proved equally advantageous. He is a man of broad commercial vision, of unflagging industry, of impeccable honesty, sound in his religion and meritorious as a citizen.

Joseph J. Janowski was born in Poland, March 17, 1874, a son of William and Apollonia (Osowski) Janowski. In 1889 he emigrated to America, settled in Philadelphia, and obtained work in the sausage department of a local meat store, where he remained but for a short time. He then went on to Chicago, Illinois, and was employed by Swift & Company in the packing department of that great house. One year there and he came to Nanticoke and took a clerkship in Gable's meat store, where he remained until 1907, when he founded an independent butcher business on a small capital. His place was at No. 519 South Market Street and with groceries as a side line he met with immediate encouragement and prosperity began to smile on his efforts. His vision told him of another venture that seemed to be promising and he established a school supply store at No. 7 East Noble Street, which he has conducted for upward of twenty years. He became financially interested in other enterprises and was one of the organizers of the Miners' Bank of Nanticoke, of which he has been a director since its foundation. He is treasurer of the Merchants' Association of Nanticoke and a member of the National Polish Alliance of America, as well as of the Polish Union of America and the Falcons Lodge of America.

He is religiously affiliated with the Roman Catholic churches of St. Stanislaus and Holy Trinity.

Mr. Janowski married, in 1897, Frances Bozanski, of Nanticoke. Their children are: 1. Leo, a meat merchant, who married Julia Groblowski and is the father of one child, Jeanie. 2. Henry, engaged in business with his father; married Mary Sikut and is the father of one child, Joseph. 3. Cecelia, wife of Alphonse Groblowski, a druggist, with two children, Marietta and Joseph. 4. Edward, a student at St. Thomas' College, Scranton, Pennsylvania. 5. Casmere, a student in Nanticoke High School. 6. Eleanor, a student at Nanticoke High School. 7. Joseph J., Jr. They reside at No. 7 East Noble Street, Nanticoke.

**BALA S. NEARY**—Starting out in life without a dollar, Bala S. Neary has made himself one of the substantial citizens of Kingston, Pennsylvania. He was born in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, August 17, 1895, only son of Stephen and Telka (Perchy) Neary. The father is dead, but Mr. Neary's mother still survives.

As a boy Mr. Neary attended the public schools of Kingston. At the age of ten, he was employed in the grocery store of S. A. Boyd, at Kingston Corners, Kingston, where he remained for fifteen years. In 1918, the entrance of the United States into the World War took him into the Motor Transport Corps of the United States Army and he served at different stations in the United States. Honorably discharged and once more in civilian life, Mr. Neary, in 1920, formed a partnership with L. R. Turner and together they have successfully managed the Quality Restaurant, a business in which they are engaged at the present time.

Mr. Neary is Republican in politics and he is a member of the Presbyterian Church. He is a member of the Kingston Lodge, No. 395, Free and Accepted Masons; Shekinah Chapter No. 182, Royal Arch Masons; Dieu le Veut Commandery, No. 45, Knights Templar; Irem Temple, Ancient Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; Irem Country Club; Kingston Lodge No. 709, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Patriotic Order Sons of America, of Kingston. He is also a member of the Craftsman's Club, and the Black Diamond Post, No. 395, of the American Legion.

Mr. Neary married, March 4, 1924, Ruth Ebbeson, daughter of John Ebbeson, of Wilkes-Barre. They are the parents of one son, Robert Ebbeson Neary.

**HARRY TREBILCOX**—A resident of Plymouth, Pennsylvania, for many years, Harry Trebilcox is prominent in all phases of community affairs. He has had much experience in mines and local mining operations, and when, in 1919, he was appointed adjuster of the State Compensation Board, by Governor Sproul, no man could have been found better fitted by temperament and training than Mr. Trebilcox. In addition to this work he has occupied various positions in the Plymouth government, and taken an active part in the civic and social life of this place.

Mr. Trebilcox was born in Plymouth, on March 1, 1882, a son of James Trebilcox, a coal miner, who was born in Cornwall, England, in 1844, and died in 1900, and of Eliza (Moore) Trebilcox, who was born in 1853, also in Cornwall, and who is still living.

Harry Trebilcox attended the public schools of his birthplace, and at the age of ten began work in a coal breaker. In the course of a year, merited promotion came to him and he

became fireman, and then assistant foreman in the mines, retaining this position until 1919, when he was appointed adjuster of the State Compensation Board by Governor Sproul. To the work of this office he has since devoted his time and attention, discharging all duties which come to him, in a highly efficient manner.

Politically, Mr. Trebilcox supports the principles and candidates of the Republican party. Since 1910, he has been a member of the Plymouth Borough Council, and during the years 1908 to 1910, he served as borough auditor. Mr. Trebilcox is affiliated fraternally with the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, and is also a member of Lodge No. 872, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a member of Fire Department No. 3. He and his family worship in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in the Plymouth Church of this denomination, Mr. Trebilcox is a local minister.

On March 25, 1903, Harry Trebilcox married Lydia May Horley, of Plymouth, daughter of William and Lydia Horley of this place. Mr. and Mrs. Trebilcox are the parents of two children: 1. Myra Lydia, a graduate of Bloomsburg Normal School, and now a teacher in the public schools of Kingston, Pennsylvania. 2. James, who was graduated from Plymouth High School, and Wyoming Seminary, and is now taking the course in mining engineering at Lafayette College.

**DALLAS C. SHOBERT**—It is not often that fate decrees more than one successful career for an individual, yet such is the case of Dallas C. Shobert, of Wilkes-Barre, who, for a quarter of a century has been one of our leading musicians and who has, at the same time, been a vital force in several political activities. Add to these the business of a successful merchant and a very unusual combination of talents appears. Mr. Shobert's interest in civic affairs of the Wyoming Valley has commended him to the progressive element of the community, while his talents as a musician, his attractive personality, his friendly accord with all manner of social and fraternal activities and his stainless reputation make him one of our most valuable citizens.

He was born in Hollenback Township, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, November 12, 1879, a son of Amos Shobert, born in 1843 in Hollenback Township, and a merchant in Shickshinny and Hollenback Township, until his death in May, 1927, and of Sabilla (Grover) Shobert, born in Hollenback Township, in 1846, deceased September, 1927. He was educated in the local public schools and afterward attended the Philadelphia Conservatory of Music, from which he graduated as a pianist in 1897. He then took up the profession seriously and established himself in Wilkes-Barre in orchestral and church musical work. He also established a piano merchandising business which he has conducted for six years. Interesting himself in politics and affiliating himself with the Republican party, he served on the Pennsylvania State Board of Motion Picture Censors for five years, was chief deputy sheriff of Luzerne County under Sheriff La Bar for four years and in 1928 became personnel deputy to Sheriff MacLuskie. He is a member of Fidelity Lodge, No. 655, Free and Accepted Masons; Shekinah Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Dieu le Veut Commandery, Knights Templar, and Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a member of St. Clement's Protestant Episcopal Church.

Dallas C. Shobert married, in 1907, Bertha

Erath, of Wilkes-Barre, daughter of Charles W. and Emma (Hassert) Erath, both natives of this county.

**HARRY LOUIS REESE**—For twenty-two years Harry L. Reese was identified with the Susquehanna Collieries Company, of Wilkes-Barre, as an electrical engineer, in which field he has long been an expert. Mr. Reese is a graduate of Lafayette College, of Easton, Pennsylvania.

Abraham Reese, father of Mr. Reese, was living in the South at the time of the opening of the Civil War, and he promptly joined the Confederate Army, with which he served throughout the four years of the conflict, the greater part of the time under the command of General Albert Sidney Johnson. After the close of the war he came to Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, and located at Plymouth, Pennsylvania, where he was a successful merchant for many years. Upon his retirement from active business life he located in Wilkes-Barre, where he passed the remainder of his life in retirement. He died at the family home, corner South and Franklin streets, on February 17, 1914. Abraham Reese's wife, Sarah, was the daughter of Louis and Fannie (Mayer) Reese. Louis Reese was murdered, and his slayer was the first man hung in Luzerne County. His widow married (second) Isaac Livingston, a prominent merchant of the early days in Wilkes-Barre. Abraham and Sarah Reese were the parents of the following children: Ella, unmarried, who resides in Brooklyn, New York; Ruth H., deceased; Jeannette R., wife of Jacob Fleishman, of Philadelphia; Harry L., of further mention; Dr. William C., who died of the "flu" while in service as a lieutenant in the Medical Reserve Corps of the United States Army during the World War, his death occurring in 1918; Gertrude, married Samuel W. Myers, of Brooklyn, New York; and Marion R., who married Arthur A. Sternberger. Both Abraham Reese and his wife Sarah died in Wilkes-Barre, he dying February 17, 1914, at the age of seventy-four, and his wife, on January 14, 1922, at the age of fifty.

Harry L. Reese, son of Abraham and Sarah Reese, was born in Plymouth, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, April 8, 1882, and as a boy attended the public schools of Plymouth. Later he graduated from the Wilkes-Barre High School with the class of 1900, and in the fall of 1901 he matriculated in Lafayette College, at Easton, Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated with the class of 1905, receiving at that time the degree of Electrical Engineer. After graduation he secured practical experience and training by taking the apprentice course in the plant of the General Electric Company, at Schenectady, New York, and in the spring of 1906 he associated himself with the Susquehanna Coal Company. Later he became identified with the Susquehanna Collieries Company, and his connection with that concern was continuous to October, 1927. He served as electrical engineer, and during the many years of his connection with the concern he has rendered service of marked efficiency. He is a member of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, and is well known among his professional associates. He is a Republican in his political sympathies, and is public-spirited but prefers to serve his community as a private citizen rather than as a public official. While in college he was a member of Delta Upsilon Fraternity, and he is prominent in Masonic circles, being a member of Lodge No. 61, Free and Accepted Masons; and of Keystone Consistory, of

Scranton, in which he holds the thirty-second degree; also of Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; also of Wilkes-Barre Lodge, No. 199, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and Kiwanis Club. Mr. Reese has his office in the Wells Building, at Wilkes-Barre.

**JOHN A. PARRY**—A resident of Luzerne County since infancy and now a member of the Board of County Assessors, John A. Parry has given much of his time and ability to work for his community. As a Federal and county official he has ever performed his duties with efficiency and impartiality.

Mr. Parry was born December 16, 1867 at Mt. Carmel, Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, the son of John and Mary (Jones) Parry, the former for many years superintendent for W. G. Payne and Company, East Boston Colliery. He died in 1916 at the age of seventy-four years, and his wife, the mother of John A. Parry of this record, passed away in 1913 at the age of seventy-one years.

John A. Parry is a grandson of the founder of the family in this country, Hugh Parry, who came to the United States in 1830 and settled in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania. The maternal grandparent of John A. Parry was John R. Jones, who immigrated to this country in 1832, going first to Carbondale, but finally locating in Minersville, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania. Both of these ancestors of Mr. Parry were from Wales.

Mr. Parry's father, John Parry, was a soldier in the Union Army in the Civil War, serving with the 129th Pennsylvania Volunteer, and later with the 39th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He married Mary Jones and they were the parents of seven children, as follows: 1. William J., of Luzerne Borough. 2. John A., of this record. 3. Miss Helen G., of Kingston. 4. Mrs. Esther Parry Moore, wife of Guy W. Moore, of Kingston. 5. Benjamin F., of Kingston. 6. Frederick H., of Kingston. And one daughter who died in infancy.

When John A. Parry was about two years of age he was brought to Wilkes-Barre by his parents. He received his education in the Luzerne Borough public schools and in the Wyoming Seminary, and after leaving school he went on the road as traveling salesman for a Philadelphia dry goods and notion house. Later he became traveling salesman for the wholesale grocery firm operated by the William Stoddart Company, of Wilkes-Barre. In October, 1917, he was appointed to a post in the office of the State treasurer at Harrisburg and in 1922 Mr. Parry was appointed division chief of Wilkes-Barre Division, Twelfth District Internal Revenue Department, located at Wilkes-Barre, where he served until January, 1927, when he was appointed a member of the board of assessors of Luzerne County, which post he holds at the time of this writing, 1930.

Mr. Parry for many years has been an active worker in the ranks of the Republican party. He has served as treasurer of the Republican County Committee and in numerous civic and political committees. He was at one time a member of the School Board of the borough of Forty Fort where he resides.

Mr. Parry was twice married. On February 18, 1892, he married Lizzie B. Welter, of Kingston, who died December 16, 1894, and on June 6, 1900 he married (second) Grace L. Pettebone, a daughter of George and Helen (Space) Pettebone, both members of pioneer families of Luzerne County.

**WILLIAM S. NORTON**—Having learned the coal-mining business in the anthracite region, from the headings to the point of shipment, William S. Norton has risen to the high position of superintendent of all the mines of the Alden Coal Company at Alden Station. He is a product of the mining region and of the mines themselves, starting as a breaker-boy and mounting by steady grades in the favor of the company, while adding to his experience and efficiency in the different departments until installed in the responsible position second only to the executive management in importance.

William S. Norton was born in Wilkes-Barre, November 24, 1874, the son of Henry and Margaret (Lloyd) Norton, his father, born in England, and for many years a farmer, died in 1925; and his mother, a native of Wales, died in 1876, about two years after her son was born. His education was received in the public schools of Wilkes-Barre, and at the tender age of eleven years he went to work in the coal-breaker, where he was employed for several years. It was a humble beginning, to be sure, but he had his eye to the future, which he fully believed had something better in store. For the following six years he assisted his father on the home farm. Then he returned to his old occupation, and four years worked in the mines of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company. He had done something more, in the meantime, than mere drudgery work in the mines, and had enlarged his capacity for usefulness by learning the details of mine engineer. In the latter position he went with the Alden Coal Company at Alden Station, and he proved his worth to the concern, which showed his appreciation by advancing him to the superintendency of all its mines. In 1925, and he has fully measured up to the expectations of his superiors and fellow-officials.

Other business associations of Mr. Norton comprise the Nanticoke National Bank, Susquehanna Lumber Company and Nanticoke Construction Company, of each of which he is a director. The Republican party's local organization is strengthened by his membership and activity. For many years he served the Newport Township as its civil engineer. He is affiliated with Wilkes-Barre Lodge, No. 61, Free and Accepted Masons, and has his religious connection with the Christian Science Church.

William S. Norton married, in March, 1912, Bessie Millington, of Richmond, Virginia, daughter of Richard Millington, of an old family of that State.

**REVEREND LOUIS M. LEVITSKY**—Rabbi in charge of Temple Israel, No. 239 South River Street, Wilkes-Barre, Rev. Louis M. Levitsky is one of the most excellently educated of citizens residing in this community, and the synagogue under his care is known widely as the finest and most modern of buildings of its character outside the city of Philadelphia in the State of Pennsylvania, with one other possible exception, that in Pittsburgh.

The congregation was organized in 1922, by Rev. Levitsky, and the Temple was built under his supervision. It was dedicated on September 13, 1925, and in building cost some \$250,000. The synagogue has a membership of more than 1,500 souls. In it is maintained a fine library numbering three hundred and fifty volumes in Hebrew and 1,200 in English. It contains twenty-two rooms, and its exterior is executed in Byzantine design, faced with buff tapestry brick and trimmed with granite and polychrome terra cotta. The

building is sixty-four feet wide and is superimposed by a large copper covered dome rising seventy feet above the finished grade, and flanked on either side by two lesser domes. The entrance into the edifice, which is set back considerably from the building line of the street, is reached by an approach of granite steps thirty-six feet in width. The vestry rooms contain class rooms, one wall in each room being given over to window space. There is a general cloak room for the pupils. The Beth Hamidrash, which is also the Junior Congregation, has a seating capacity of one hundred and twenty-five, and is reached by two separate entrances from without. The kitchen is equipped to serve three hundred guests. The auditorium seats four hundred, and its stage is propped for all dramatic presentations, having the necessary lights and adjustments as well as two dressing rooms. Upon entering the synagogue floor one is ushered into the vestibule forty-five feet wide and fifteen deep, at each end of which there is a cloak room. The main synagogue seats six hundred on its ground floor, which is a square space measuring sixty-two feet on a side. Two groups of three windows each contain in their artistic stained glass designs the symbols of the twelve tribes of Israel, centered around a seven-branch Menorah. Rising forty-two feet above the floor in the center is the dome, thirty feet in diameter, with its stained glass design giving the effect of a bursting sun. The dome is lighted from the inside. Interior decoration is carried out in an ivory shade, with oil painted and sand finished walls. Around the dome are suspended eight lanterns, and there are ten auxiliary wall brackets around the walls. The Ark, built of stained brown wood, is topped by two tablets on which are engraved in gilt Hebrew characters the Ten Commandments. On either side of the Ark are two arm chairs for the Rabbi, Cantor and other officials. The two Menorahs are placed on the ends of the pulpit platform, which is lighted by a battery of powerful concealed lights. The whole lighting system in the main synagogue is controlled by a rheostat. On the same floor are found the library, the Rabbi's and Cantor's dressing rooms, and the office of the Rabbi's secretary. Above the Ark at one end of the main synagogue floor is the choir loft. On one side of it is Rabbi Levitsky's study, and on the other is a music room and trustee's meeting room. Directly across, in the rear of the main synagogue, is a balcony with a seating capacity for one hundred persons. Directly across the street from the Temple building, at Nos. 236-38 South River Street, is located the Temple Israel Religious School. It is a three-story building, forming externally a unit with the Temple building. It is built on a lot forty feet by one hundred and ten feet deep, going in depth from River Street to Wright Street. It contains on the ground floor an office for the Rabbi and his secretary, an assembly hall, a study room, and two class rooms in addition to a wash room. On the second floor are to be found four large classrooms, a faculty room and another study room. The third floor is given over partly to living quarters for the janitor and partly to storage space. The building is erected on forty by sixty feet, the remainder of the ground devoted to playground space for the children. The building accommodates four hundred pupils. It is in charge of the Rabbi as supervisor and a staff of six teachers giving instruction in the Jewish religion after school hours each day.

Rev. Levitsky was born in Russia, May 12, 1897, and is a son of Samuel and Freda





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(Valovick) Levitsky, natives of Russia, now of Montreal, Canada, residents of Montreal since 1903, when they migrated to Canada from Russia. Samuel Levitsky is a merchant. By his wife, Freda, he is father of five children: Rev. Louis, of Wilkes-Barre, of whom further; Leah, wife of Boris Naturnman, of Montreal; Boris, of Wilkes-Barre; Lucian, of Doylestown, Pennsylvania; and Nathan, a student in McGill University, Montreal.

Rev. Levitsky was only six years of age when his parents left Russia to establish their home in Montreal, and in Montreal he received instruction in both French and English. Upon completion of his preparatory courses he matriculated in McGill University, Montreal, but immediately left to continue college studies in New York. He graduated from the College of the City of New York with the class of 1920, at the age of twenty-three years. He then continued his studies at Columbia University. From Columbia he went to Harvard University, following graduate studies at the Andover Theological School. His professional work he took at the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York City, and here graduated in 1923. He was ordained a Rabbi in New York City that year. Meanwhile, the year preceding, he had organized the Temple Israel congregation in Wilkes-Barre, and upon being ordained Rabbi he at once located here in charge.

In Wilkes-Barre Rev. Levitsky is not alone devoted to the Temple and his people, but gives a large portion of his time and effort to general enterprises for development of the community. He is a member of King Hiram Lodge, No. 721, of the Free and Accepted Masons; Shekinah Chapter, No. 182, of the Royal Arch Masons; the Wilkes-Barre Rotary Club; in 1928 and 1929 chairman of the character building division of the Community Welfare Federation; and he is a member of the executive council of the Rabbinical Assembly of America. He is a member of the National Committee on Jewish Education of the United Synagogues of America, and was one of the organizers of the Young People's League of the United Synagogues of America.

Now (1929), at the age of thirty years, in charge of one of the principal synagogues of Pennsylvania, the progress of Rev. Levitsky seems remarkable and should be an inspiration to youth. Finding it necessary at the age of six to learn and use thenceforward a foreign language, then, mounting ever upward in education in that language, he made his own advancement, for his parents could not send him away to school. Rev. Levitsky secured money with which to educate himself by teaching in and organizing synagogues and religious schools in the United States and Canada. He is unmarried.

**GARRICK MALLARY MILLER**—In banking circles in Wilkes-Barre and throughout the Wyoming Valley, one of the best known men is Garrick M. Miller, trust officer of the Wyoming Valley Trust Company, of Wilkes-Barre. Mr. Miller has been identified with this concern since 1898, and in this connection has filled practically every office except those of president and vice-president.

Stephen H. Miller, father of Mr. Miller, was born in that part of the old Luzerne County which is now Lackawanna County. He received the education which the rural schools of his time afforded and then learned the trade of the blacksmith. This trade he followed for many years, becoming well known also as a plow maker. He married Mary A. Stark, a descendant of John Stark, pioneer settler in Plains, near Wilkes-Barre, Penn-

sylvania (see Stark Family History.) Stephen H. and Mary A. (Stark) Miller were the parents of five children: Jennie C., wife of Charles S. Crane, who is now deceased and was for forty years connected with the First National Bank of Pittston; Fremont S., of West Pittston, Pennsylvania; Mabel, who died in 1908; Martha Stark, who died in 1925; and Garrick M., of further mention.

Garrick M. Miller, son of Stephen H. and Mary A. (Stark) Miller, was born at Old Forge, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania, November 14, 1877, and began his education in the public schools of Old Forge. When he was ten years of age his parents removed to Wilkes-Barre, and here he grew to manhood, attending the public schools of the city. In 1898, when he was twenty-one years of age, he entered the employ of the Wyoming Valley Trust Company in the capacity of messenger boy, and his connection with that financial institution has been continuous since that time. He has held practically every office in the bank with the exception of those of president and vice-president, and it is probably true that no other man in the employ of the bank is more thoroughly familiar with every detail of its business. Mr. Miller is a Republican in his political faith. Fraternally, he is identified with Lodge No. 61, Free and Accepted Masons; with Keystone Consistory, of Scranton, Pennsylvania, in which he holds the thirty-second degree; and he is a member of all of the Scottish Rite bodies. He is also a member of Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and of Irem Country Club. He likewise holds membership in Wyoming Lodge, No. 39, Independent Order of Old Fellows. His religious affiliation is with the Episcopal Church.

Garrick M. Miller was married, November 16, 1914, to Florence E. Search, of Wilkes-Barre, and they are the parents of two children: Mary Stark, and Garrick Mallary, Jr.

#### **IGNATIUS MARTIN STADULIS, M. D.**—

Engaged in the general practice of medicine in Wilkes-Barre, Ignatius Martin Stadulis, M. D., has for a number of years played an important part in the affairs of this community, and here he is highly esteemed among his fellowmen. He is especially fitted for work in Wilkes-Barre and this part of Pennsylvania, in view of the fact that this is the region of his birth and he is thoroughly acquainted with the people and industrial conditions here.

Dr. Stadulis was born at Plymouth, Pennsylvania, on October 6, 1898, son of Ignatius and Frances Stadulis. His father, who was born in Russia, in 1869, came to the United States and here took up mining for his life's work; he is now living retired. The mother, Frances Stadulis, is also a native of Russia. Dr. Ignatius Martin Stadulis received his early education in the public schools and the high school of Plymouth, his birthplace, and was graduated from high school here in 1917. He then studied at Bucknell University, from which he was graduated in the class of 1921 with the degree of Bachelor of Science. For his professional studies he attended Jefferson Medical College, in Philadelphia, from which he was graduated in the class of 1924 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine; and he then studied as an interne at St. Mary's Hospital, in Philadelphia, where he acquired a practical knowledge of medical science. After he had completed that period of training, he came to Bresleau, and since that time has been a practitioner of his profession in Wilkes-Barre. His gentle qualities

of character and his amiable personality have constantly been an asset to him in his work, while his professional skill is regarded here as placing him high in the ranks of Luzerne County medical men.

In addition to his work as physician, Dr. Stadulis takes a leading part in the affairs of his profession, being a member of the medical staff of Mercy Hospital, Wilkes-Barre, member of the Luzerne County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He is also deeply interested in the public and civic life of Wilkes-Barre and his State, especially in political affairs, his own alignment being with the Republican party, whose policies and candidates he regularly supports. In his fraternal affiliations he is a member of the Lithuanian Catholic Alliance of America, the Lithuanian Alliance of America, and the Knights of Columbus. Dr. Stadulis belongs to the Tatra Club, as well as to the Phi Chi medical fraternity, which he joined while at Jefferson Medical College. His religious faith is that of the Catholic Church, he being a member of St. Casimir's Lithuanian Church, of Plymouth, Pennsylvania.

Dr. Stadulis married, in June, 1926, Mary Magdalene Sincavage, of Sugar Notch, Pennsylvania, daughter of Anthony and Rose Sincavage. By this marriage there has been one son, Ignatius Jerry, born on March 23, 1927, and one daughter, Alma Margaret, born on June 19, 1929.

**ALFRED D. THOMAS**—The field of education has called with undeniable appeal to our greatest minds. In Pennsylvania are counted many of the most celebrated educators in the United States. Prominent among them is Alfred D. Thomas, president (1928) of the District Superintendents' Section of the Pennsylvania State Educational Association, and active in its workings. He is also a member of the National Education Association, taking a progressive interest in all new and worthwhile theories of pedagogy. For many years he has been identified with the public school system of Hazleton, Luzerne County. As superintendent of the Hazleton schools he is in a position to effect lasting good, through the agency of perfected instruction. Nor has he failed to take advantage of this great opportunity for public service. The system of schools in Hazleton never at any other time has been so admirable as under his control.

Alfred D. Thomas has a deeply rooted interest in Hazleton and the Wilkes-Barre area, as he is a native of Hazleton. He was born July 4, 1875, son of Francis and Jane (Bowlden) Thomas, both of whom were natives of Cornwall, England. They came to the United States in 1869, located first in Morris County, New Jersey, later in Port Oram, still later at Mount Hope, and finally, in 1875, the year of Alfred D. Thomas' birth, came to Hazleton. Francis Thomas worked in the iron mines of Port Oram and Mount Hope, and in Hazleton engaged in local mining. He died in 1898, at the age of fifty-eight years, one of the most respected members of the community, whose loss was mourned sincerely. Francis and Jane (Bowlden) Thomas had five children: 1. Richard, who began his career as a worker in the coal mines, became a dealer in coal, and died in 1923. 2. William F., a contractor, of Hazleton. 3. Alfred D., of whom follows. 4. John, a teacher in Central High School, Washington, District of Columbia. 5. Charles, a merchant, at Bradley Beach, New Jersey, formerly a teacher, having held various posts

in separated schools. John, Charles and Alfred D. Thomas had college and university educations. Frank Thomas had training in a normal school, and Richard Thomas only a short educational experience in the public schools, as he went to work at the age of only eight years.

In the Hazleton Township schools, Alfred D. Thomas secured his elementary and secondary academic training. Thereafter he attended normal school at Bloomsburg, and for eight years taught in night and graded schools. In 1901, at the age of twenty-six years, he entered Lafayette College, and from it, 1905, took the degree of Bachelor of Arts, graduating as valedictorian, with Phi Beta Kappa honors. Later, in 1918, he took the degree of Master of Arts from Columbia University, and in 1927 was conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Pedagogy, by Muhlenburg College. Meanwhile, directly after his graduation from Lafayette, Mr. Thomas was appointed to the staff of Hazleton High School as teacher of history. Two years later, 1907, he was made assistant principal; nine years later, 1916, he became principal; and in 1920, at the death of D. A. Harman, succeeded to the superintendency, which he has held uninterruptedly, and to the great appreciation of the townspeople.

Aside from his career, Mr. Thomas has been active diversely. He is a member of Azalla Lodge, No. 687. Free and Accepted Masons; Hazleton Chapter, No. 277, Royal Arch Masons; is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias, and belongs to the Craftsman's Club, Hazleton Rotary Club, and Hazleton Chamber of Commerce. A communicant of the Presbyterian Church, he is a moving figure in undertakings and the guidance of the Sunday school.

Mr. Thomas married on June 27, 1906, Hatie M. Corby of Nesquehoning, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Thomas was formerly a teacher in the public schools of Nesquehoning. Educated in the public schools she graduated from Nesquehoning High School in 1893 and later attended East Stroudsburg State Teachers' College, graduating from that institution in 1894, and has continued her live interest in the advance of contemporary education. She is president of the Women's Missionary Society of the First Presbyterian Church of Hazleton, secretary of the Tuberculosis Society of the Middle Coal Field District, trustee of the Hazleton State Hospital, member of the board of directors of the Young Women's Christian Association, former president of the Women's Civic Club, and Past Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star, Hazleton Chapter, No. 248. The family residence is at No. 585 James Street, Hazleton, Pennsylvania.

**JOSEPH BECKER**—Associated throughout his career in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, with the coal industry, Joseph Becker is now an outside foreman for the Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre Coal Company, with which he has been connected in this capacity since 1902. At all times he has taken a lively interest in the affairs of community and State, and he is now especially active in the civic and social life of Plymouth, the city of his residence.

Mr. Becker was born in Jeddo, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, on August 3, 1865, a son of Thomas and Lavinia (Evans) Becker. His father was born in Germany in 1820, came to America in 1844, became a miner, was mine foreman for years for the George E. Markel Company, the owner of the Jeddo mines, and died in February, 1885. The mother, Lavinia (Evans) Becker, was born





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in Columbia County in 1830, and died in 1904. She was a granddaughter of James Evans, a soldier of the Revolutionary War, who served under Washington. Mr. Becker has in his possession several volumes of his great-grandfather's library, which goes back to the early years of the nineteenth century including a family Bible printed in 1828 and Franklin's Autobiography, printed in 1831. The Becker family has been living in the Wyoming Valley region of Pennsylvania since 1869.

Joseph Becker received his preliminary education in the public schools, and while he was still less than ten years old started to work in a coal breaker. Working on the outside of the mines, he began as a young man to take up the blacksmith's trade. Since 1902, however, he has been doing his present work as an outside foreman for the Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre Coal Company.

In addition to his own work, which keeps him constantly a busy man, he has taken a lively part in the political and civic affairs of Luzerne County. He is a Republican in his political views, and is affiliated prominently with several fraternal organizations. He is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which his affiliation is with Lodge No. 332; the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he is a member of the Plymouth lodge; and the Patriotic Order Sons of America, in which he is identified with Lodge No. 137. His religious affiliation is with the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he is one of the trustees.

**THEODORE STERLING ELLIS**—Manager of the foreign and travel department of the Miners' Bank, Wilkes-Barre, Theodore Sterling Ellis was born at Owego, New York, July 6, 1878. On his paternal side he is a nephew of the late Addison A. Sterling of Wilkes-Barre, who for many years was well known here as cashier of the People's Bank and a prominent citizen of the community.

Theodore Sterling Ellis received his education in the public schools of Meshoppen, Pennsylvania, and came to Wilkes-Barre when nineteen years of age, in 1897. He took a situation in the People's Bank, and served in various capacities until 1912, when he resigned as paying teller to enter business independently, opening a foreign exchange and travel bureau. In 1916 this business had reached a goodly proportion, and he disposed of it to the Miners' Bank, though continuing with it as manager. Mr. Ellis is a Republican, and is a member of the Presbyterian Church. He is president of the Franklin Club, and a director and treasurer of the Oak Lawn Cemetery Association of Wilkes-Barre.

Theodore Sterling Ellis married Vera L. Pneuman, and they are the parents of three children: Addison Sterling, William Pneuman, and Elizabeth Pneuman. The family resides at No. 20 Park Place, Kingston.

**STANLEY W. WARAKOMSKI**—A life of purposeful effort and of worthy achievement has been that of Stanley W. Warakowski, secretary and general manager of the Polish Union of the United States of North America. Although Mr. Warakowski came to this country at the age of seventeen, unable to speak English, he has become one of the important men of the State among his compatriots in this land, and has rendered service of a high order in several different Polish organizations. He is an effective and pleasing public speaker, with the gifts of the natural born orator, and during the World War he was one of the speakers who most effectively placed before the Polish people of this coun-

try the case of the United States Government and of the Allies.

Stanley W. Warakowski was born in Poland, June 15, 1888, son of Wladyslaw and Mary Warakowski, who still reside in Poland, and who are the parents of eleven children. His father was for many terms the mayor of his native town succeeding his grandfather who likewise served in the same capacity for many terms. Stanley W. Warakowski attended schools in Poland until he was seventeen years of age, and then in 1905, accompanied his uncle to this country, where he first found work as a breaker-boy, or slate picker, in the employ of the Susquehanna Coal Company, Nanticoke, Pennsylvania. While employed in this humble capacity he entered evening school and soon learned to speak the language of the country in which he had planned to spend his future. For two years he continued as a breaker-boy, and then secured work in the mines of the Delaware and Hudson Coal Company as a day laborer and miner's helper. Two years later he left the mines, and secured a position as clerk in the grocery store. In 1912, at the age of twenty-four, Mr. Warakowski was married, and after his marriage he secured a position as a bookkeeper for a lumber concern, and while filling this position he became auditor for the Polish Union of the United States of North America, in which office he continued until 1921, when he was made secretary and general manager of that union, a beneficial and fraternal organization for the general aid of Polish residents and citizens of the United States. The organization has a membership of 50,000, and is one of the largest, best known and most popular Polish organizations in the country. The duties connected with his office have necessitated extensive travel by him throughout the United States and Canada. His intense interest in organization and public affairs manifested itself in his having written many articles on those subjects for the Polish newspapers.

He is secretary of St. Stanislaus Orphanage of the Diocese of Scranton, and is also a member of the Polish National Alliance of America, Polish Falcons of America, Fraternal Order of Eagles, and other organizations, and has been a delegate several times to Conventions of the National Fraternal Congress with which the Polish Union of the United States of North America, is affiliated, as well as of those of which he has been a member.

Stanley W. Warakowski was married, July 7, 1912, to Mary Novicki, daughter of Felix and Pelagia Novicki, a resident of Nanticoke, Pennsylvania, for over forty-five years, and they are the parents of three children: Valeria M., Alphonse S., and Chester. The family home is at No. 154 East Greet Street, in Nanticoke.

**BOWMAN CURWOOD**—In 1919 Bowman Curwood, who was widely experienced in the plumbing and heating trade, established the firm of Curwood and Kleckner, plumbers, and retail dealers in hardware, in Shickshinny, Pennsylvania. His thorough training in this work together with the sound business judgment and executive ability which he displayed, made this venture very successful, a success which has continued through subsequent reorganization in which Beach Shoemaker succeeded Mr. Kleckner in the firm.

Mr. Curwood was born in Shickshinny, on March 18, 1886, a son of Samuel K. Curwood, a miner, born in Devonshire, England, in 1837, died in 1910 at the age of seventy-three, and of Mary Estella (Drum) Curwood, born

in Huntington Township, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, in 1850, died in 1923.

Bowman Curwood attended the Shickshinny public schools, and while still a boy began work in a local woolen mill, where he remained for about six months. At the end of that time, in his thirteenth year, he took up the plumbing and heating trade, and in this work as apprentice, journeyman, and master plumber, he has continued since, starting with I. H. Wilkinson for three years, and with J. D. Woodworth's Son until in 1918, Mr. Curwood, having had then some seventeen and a half years' experience, began contracting under his own name, and in the following year, the partnership of Curwood and Kleckner was formed. In 1920 Mr. Shoemaker purchased Mr. Kleckner's interest, and this arrangement has been continued to the present time. Few firms in the vicinity have so high a reputation for the consistent excellence of their products and their work.

Politically, Mr. Curwood supports the principles and candidates of the Republican party. He is a member of the Sons of Veterans organization, and a member of Lodge No. 180, at Shickshinny, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a member of the local fire department and of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and has always been vitally interested in civic affairs in the community.

In 1910, Bowman Curwood married Della Irene Eckrote, of Wilkes-Barre, a daughter of Nathan and Rosanna (Fletcher) Eckrote of that city. Of this marriage there are no children.

**BEACH SHOEMAKER**—A resident of Shickshinny, Pennsylvania, for many years, Beach Shoemaker has come to occupy a position of importance in the business life of the community. As a member of the firm of Curwood and Shoemaker, retail dealers in hardware, plumbers, and heaters, he has devoted his attention to providing the residents of Shickshinny with a hardware and plumbing service of high quality, while in the various civic and social activities of the city he plays a prominent part.

Mr. Shoemaker was born in Shickshinny, September 16, 1883, a son of Daniel H. Shoemaker, a miner, who was born at Fairview, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania in 1849, and died in April, 1922, and of Anna (Smith) Shoemaker, born in Lehman Township, Luzerne County, in 1859, died in January, 1927.

Beach Shoemaker attended the public schools of his birthplace, and later took the business course of the Scranton Correspondence School. As a young man he worked for a few years in a local coal breaker, and also acted as clerk in a grocery store. For five years thereafter he was assistant paymaster of the West End Coal Company, rendering entirely satisfactory service in this position. As a result of his diligence and thrift, Mr. Shoemaker was able, in 1920, to purchase Mr. Kleckner's interest in the firm of Curwood and Kleckner, plumbers, and dealers in hardware, the name of which thereupon became Curwood and Shoemaker. In the employ of this firm there are now five men, who devote their attention to satisfying the many demands made on their services.

Politically, Mr. Shoemaker is a member of the Republican party, and for several years he was a member of the local school board. He is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, in which organization he is a member of Shickshinny Lodge, No. 354, and is also a member of Lodge No. 180, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and a member of Shickshinny Council of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics.

Mr. Shoemaker is also a member of the Shickshinny Fire Company, and of this organization he has been treasurer since 1913. He is a director of the Farmers' State Bank, of Shickshinny. Mr. Shoemaker worships in the faith of the Presbyterian Church, and no movement designed to promote the growth and welfare of the community lacks his hearty support.

**DANIEL R. PEFFER**—Born of old Pennsylvania stock, of the pioneer blood that has made the State one of firm stability and unshakable foundation, Daniel R. Peffer, horn at Locust, May 20, 1876, is the son of George and Elizabeth (Ramey) Peffer. George Peffer was born at Covode, Indiana County, in 1842 and died in June, 1925. He was a successful builder and contractor. Mrs. Peffer was born at Smicksburg, also in Indiana County, in 1837 and passed away in January, 1919.

Daniel R. Peffer was educated at the public schools at Punxsutawney and graduated from its high school with the class of 1898. After a year at Dickinson College he entered the employ of the Adams Express Company in their Philadelphia office and remained there for five years. In 1904, he organized his own business, dealing in wholesale oil, at Punxsutawney, continuing the firm of Peffer Oil Company until 1911, when he sold it and came to Wilkes-Barre to associate himself with the oil firm of Payne and Company, as its manager. In 1913, he again organized his own company in the wholesale oil commerce, which firm he located in Kingston and continued until 1927 when he gave up the oil business for good in favor of a general insurance business which he has carried on ever since, under his own firm name. With a wide connection over the State and a reputation for business integrity as assets, his business has grown to a gratifying extent. Mr. Peffer is a member of the Kingston Business Men's Association, the Kingston Chamber of Commerce and of the United Commercial Travellers. He is a Republican politically, and takes an interest in city affairs, without holding office. He and his family are attendants of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Daniel R. Peffer was married, in 1903, to Jessie E. Gilliland of Sharon, a daughter of Matthew and Adeline Gilliland. They have two children: Clara Frances, who married William S. Stephens, and Daniel R. Jr., born in 1914.

**FRANK HERMAN FRITZ**—An educator of wide experience and thorough training, Frank Herman Fritz has been superintendent of schools in Ashley, Pennsylvania, since 1925. In his administration, he has adopted a consistent, progressive policy which has proved very successful in operation and has won him the complete confidence of teachers, pupils, and the community at large.

Mr. Fritz was born on January 21, 1883, at Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania, a son of Andrew L. Fritz, who was born in Benton, Columbia County, Pennsylvania, and died in 1913, and of Frances Endora (Evans) Fritz, who was born in Bloomsburg, and who is still living. Andrew L. Fritz was a lawyer, having read law with United States Senator Buckalew after his graduation from Bloomsburg State Normal School.

Frank Herman Fritz attended the public schools of Bloomsburg, and the State Normal School there, from which he was graduated in 1900. For five years he taught school at Berwick, Pennsylvania, and at the end of this time, entered Bucknell University, where he







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was graduated in 1909 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Soon afterward, he came to Wilkes-Barre as principal of the Union Street School, remaining for four years, after which, for three years, he acted as dean of the Pennington School for Boys, at Pennington, New Jersey. For nine years, he was director of English in the schools of Springfield, Massachusetts, and for three years he taught public speaking in several cities in Massachusetts for the Massachusetts State Department of Education. For three summers he taught in Bates College at Lewiston, Maine. Meanwhile, in 1921, he had received the degree of Master of Education from Harvard University, and in 1925 he took charge of the Ashley school system, comprising four school buildings with accommodations for more than sixteen hundred pupils, and in this position he has since remained.

Politically, Mr. Fritz is a member of the Republican party. He is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, in which organization he is a member of Landmark Lodge, No. 442, Wilkes-Barre. He and his family attend the local Methodist Episcopal Church, where Mr. Fritz is active in choir work.

In 1920, Frank Herman Fritz married Marjorie Ladd, of Springfield, Massachusetts, a daughter of Charles E. and Mary E. Ladd of that place. Mr. and Mrs. Fritz are the parents of two sons: 1. Frank Herman, Jr., born February 4, 1922. 2. Charles Ladd, born December 11, 1925.

**THOMAS C. CARR**—Throughout the many years of his business experience, Thomas C. Carr has been connected with the Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre Coal Company. His ability and the value of his services have been recognized by this company, and Mr. Carr has risen gradually in their employ to his present position as outside foreman, in which capacity he has acted with conspicuous success.

He was born in Mauch Chunk, Pennsylvania, on August 14, 1866, a son of Thomas Carr, a rock contractor, who was born in Mauch Chunk in 1838, and who died in 1891, and of Nancy (Shields) Carr, who was also born in Mauch Chunk, in 1840, and who died in 1897.

Thomas C. Carr attended the public schools of his birthplace, and later entered Wyoming Seminary. When he completed his education, he began work for the Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre Coal Company, as a clerk in their Wilkes-Barre office, and in this association which has continued for so many years, was immediately successful. In the course of the years merited promotion came to him, and he is now one of the company's most valued and trusted employees. Mr. Carr is also vice-president and a director of the Peoples State Bank of Newtown, in Wilkes-Barre, giving to this organization the benefit of his keen business judgment. Politically, he supports the principles and candidates of the Republican party, and he is a member of St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church.

In February, 1890, Thomas C. Carr married Nellie Farrell of Wilkes-Barre, a daughter of Dennis and Ellen (Moran) Farrell, of that place. Her father, a carpenter by trade, was born in Wilkes-Barre in 1835, and died in 1913. Her mother was born in Ireland on April 11, 1835, and died in 1910. Mr. and Mrs. Carr are the parents of four children: 1. Irene, born November 15, 1894. 2. Thomas, Jr., born May 19, 1896. 3. Helen, born March 2, 1901. 4. Shields, born May 22, 1903. The family home is at No. 415 Hazle Street, Wilkes-Barre.

**BENJAMIN LEONARD HAUS**—In a variety of capacities Benjamin Leonard Haus has served the Wilkes-Barre public from his desk in the county courthouse and, whether it was as clerk in the county treasurer's office, deputy controller, as deputy clerk of the courts, or as deputy county treasurer, he has always discharged his duties efficiently and with conscientious regard for the interests of the people.

Born in Lewistown, Mifflin County, December 6, 1879, Mr. Haus is the son of William and Ellie M. (Sills) Haus, the latter born in Lewistown, in 1843, died in February, 1894. The father, born in Mifflinburg, in 1810, died in December, 1893, served in the Civil War with the Pennsylvania Volunteers. He was a printer by trade, but spent part of his life as a railway postal clerk. His son attended the grammar schools in Sunbury, Pennsylvania, then went to the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. For fourteen years he was with the Pennsylvania Railroad in various capacities stationed at Sunbury and Nanticoke. It was in 1909 that he came to Wilkes-Barre as a clerk in the county treasurer's office, later receiving his appointment as deputy controller from Comptroller Fuller Hendershot. For four years Mr. Haus served as deputy clerk of the courts, and since 1925 has been deputy county treasurer. Politically, Mr. Haus is Republican and his fraternal affiliations are with Nanticoke Lodge, No. 541, Free and Accepted Masons; Keystone Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, of Scranton; Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; the Knights of Pythias, and the Craftsman's Club. With his family Mr. Haus is a communicant in the Methodist Episcopal Church. In 1898 Mr. Haus joined the 7th Regiment, Pennsylvania National Guard, but was later transferred to the 12th Regiment. During the World War he was with the 2d Pennsylvania Regiment of the Reserves.

In 1908, Mr. Haus married Anna Elizabeth Kelley, daughter of William and Margaret (Eicham) Kelley of Nanticoke. Their two sons are: William Leonard, born June 15, 1915; and John Benjamin, born in July, 1919.

**REV. NICHOLAS CHOPEY**—Few men are better known or more sincerely respected in Wilkes-Barre than is the Rev. Nicholas Chopey, rector of St. Mary's Greek-Rite Catholic Church of this city. Father Chopey has been caring for this parish since 1903, and during his rectorship the church membership has increased from 74 families to 600 families, with a total membership of 3,500 communicants. A new church building has been erected and many other improvements made, while the spiritual life of the parish has been greatly stimulated and developed. St. Mary's Greek-Rite Catholic Church is located at No. 695 North Main Street in Wilkes-Barre.

Rev. Nicholas Chopey was born in Ungvar, Hungary, January 2, 1876, son of Gabriel and Carolina Chopey, both of whom are deceased. Father Chopey received his early education and his college training in his native town, and then, as he had decided to enter the service of the church, matriculated in Esztergom, and later in Budapest University. He was ordained a priest at Ungvar, Hungary, December 18, 1898, and five years later, in 1903, came to this country and located in Wilkes-Barre, where he took charge of St. Mary's Greek-Rite Catholic Church, where he has since been rendering most valuable service. When Father Chopey came to Wilkes-Barre, the St. Mary's Greek-Rite Catholic Church was meeting in a small frame building which stood at No. 668 North

Main Street. The building had been erected in 1887, and at the time Father Chopey took charge the membership of the parish included only seventy-four families. In 1907, just four years after his arrival, Father Chopey built the present large brick church and the parish house. In 1910 he built the parish school, and in 1923 he built the convent for the housing of the Sisters who teach in the parochial school. From the beginning, Father Chopey has devoted his energies to the up-building of the spiritual life of the church as well as to the work of developing its material equipment. Under his leadership the membership of the parish has increased steadily and rapidly and the seventy-four families which represented the total membership in 1903 has now grown to six hundred families with a total membership of thirty-five hundred communicants. While thus building up so successfully the church which is his special charge, Father Chopey has also been very active in the general work of the Greek-Rite Church in the county and in the State. He is a member of the Greek Catholic Union in America, also of the Union of Greek Catholic Priests, and is Dean of the Greek Catholic Priests in Luzerne County, and consultant of the Greek Catholic Bishops, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and an honorary consultant of Ungvar, his native town in Hungary. Although the improvements which Father Chopey has made in the parish have been so extensive, he is still hard at work, and recently he purchased sixty-five acres of ground which tract has been dedicated for the cemetery of St. Mary's Greek-Rite Catholic Congregation and parish.

In his contact with his people and with other citizens of the city, Father Chopey has shown rare sympathy and understanding. His work has been of a character which has commanded the respect not only of his own parishioners but of all with whom he has been associated throughout the city. Politically, he gives his support to the Republican party, but his chief concern is the spiritual and material welfare of the parish of which he has had charge for the past twenty-four years. The welfare of his people has come to be his first thought, and his consecrated service has called forth from his people respect and devotion, which is a source of power in the parish.

**BRUNO GORSKI**—Through years of industry and toil, Bruno Gorski has advanced steadily until today he is a leader in the business and financial life of Nanticoke, owning and operating an important bakery and grocery at No. 126 East Ridge Street. He was a director of the Miners' Trust Company from its inception, in 1920 to 1928 and was one of the founders. Mr. Gorski is a splendid example of a self-made man, having come to this country with his only assets, a remarkable energy and a determination to succeed, and his present high position in the commercial world shows to what extent he took advantage of all the opportunities offered by this great land.

Mr. Gorski was born in Poland, March 18, 1877. He learned the bakery trade in his native land, and for two years, was employed at this work in Warsaw, Poland. On November 1, 1900, he arrived in New York City, and coming to Luzerne County, was employed by various bakers in Wilkes-Barre for five years, having at first been engaged in mining for four months. He operated a hotel in the Plains for one year, and in 1906, opened his first bakery shop in Nanticoke. He was successful from the beginning, due to his admirable policy of quality and service, build-

ing up an enviable reputation for the excellence of his products. The organization expanded and trade increased steadily, and at the present time, he conducts a thriving wholesale and retail business, employing eight people in its proper operation. The shop enjoys the steady patronage of hundreds of satisfied customers, who can always depend upon receiving products of the highest purity and quality and courteous and agreeable service. In addition to his bakery and grocery business, Mr. Gorski is a prominent factor in the financial life of the community, being active in the affairs of the Miners' Trust Bank, as aforementioned. He takes a deep and sincere interest in civic affairs, giving active and generous support to all projects for community welfare and advancement. He is a member of the Z. and P. Lodge, No. 145, and its treasurer. His religious affiliations are with St. Stanislaus Roman Catholic Church.

Bruno Gorski married, in 1901, Velaria (Zielinski) Struzwski, a native of Poland, whom Mr. Gorski knew in that country, and who came to the United States about six months after his arrival in his adopted land. They have one adopted daughter, Julia, who married Stanley Yuzviak, of Hudson.

**HARRY E. SMITH**—Actively engaged in business in Shickshinny since he was eighteen years of age, Harry E. Smith has established a fine reputation in the field of his efforts and is making commendable progress with each passing year. He is a man of much ability, absolute honesty, indefatigable industry and enterprise of an unusual quality. His interest in civic affairs has been notable and he has served in both public and association office with satisfaction to those who gave him their trust and votes. This sort of citizen is of great value to a community and the district in which he operates is to be congratulated in his possession.

He was born in Shickshinny, Pennsylvania, December 5, 1878, a son of Lemuel E. Smith, a native of Brier Creek Township, Columbia County, who became superintendent of a coal company and whose death is recorded as of March, 1900. His mother was Catherine (Kaylor) Smith, born in South Wilkes-Barre and died in 1916. He attended the public schools and was graduated from high school, after which he established himself in the business of manufacturing and retailing lumber, in which occupation he remained until 1914, when he discontinued this for the automobile trade, and opened the Smith Garage in Shickshinny, handling the Chevrolet car. In 1916, he obtained the agency for the Studebaker and is still associated with that automobile, employing several men at his plant. For sixteen years he has been a member of the local school boards and is now the president of the Rotary Club. He is a director of the First National Bank of Shickshinny and attends the Methodist Episcopal Church. In fraternal circles he is affiliated with Lodge No. 180, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; with Lodge No. 354, Free and Accepted Masons; Bloomsbury Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Masons, and Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, having the thirty-second degree of the order.

Harry E. Smith married, June 30, 1897, Grace M. Smethers, of Berwick, Pennsylvania, daughter of George and Harriett (Edwards) Smethers. Their children are: 1. Fred E., born in 1901. 2. Ray F., born in 1903. 3. Claude E., born in 1906. Their only daughter, Maude C., died at the age of sixteen years.

**JAMES G. JEFFREIS**—Both for his work in the coal mining industry of Alden and the surrounding parts of Pennsylvania and for his participation in the public affairs of the community in which for so many years he has lived and worked, James G. Jeffreis is regarded highly by his fellowmen and his associates. He has acquired a wide circle of acquaintances, and is a member of one of the most respected families of this community.

Mr. Jeffreis was born in Scranton, Pennsylvania, on March 25, 1884, a son of Richard and Elizabeth (Gliddon) Jeffreis. His father was born in Pittston, Pennsylvania, in 1863, worked for the greater part of his life as a miner, and died in 1890; while the mother was born in England in 1866 and died here in 1891. James G. Jeffreis received his early education in the public schools of Nanticoke, attending night classes, and at the age of nine years started work in a coal breaker. He actually was working in the mines at the age of ten. In 1898 he became associated with the Alden Coal Company as door tender; and, as the company officials recognized his abilities, they advanced him from time to time, so that in 1913 he became assistant foreman and in 1925 was made general foreman for the organization. In this work he has gained the confidence of company officials and of the men working under his guidance, and, in short, has fulfilled the promise which he showed early in his career and the hopes of those who placed their trust in him.

In addition to his work with the coal industry, Mr. Jeffreis takes an active part in the affairs of his community. In his political views he is identified with the Republican party, whose policies and candidates he regularly supports. He is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which order he is affiliated with Lodge, No. 541; and Keystone Consistory of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, of Scranton, Pennsylvania. He also is a member of the Loyal Order of Moose. His religious affiliation is with the Methodist Episcopal Church.

In 1903, on December 31 of that year, he married Helena Hermansen, of Alden, Pennsylvania, daughter of John and Emma Hermansen. By this union there have been ten children, of whom eight are now living: 1. Charlotte Elizabeth, now Mrs. Charlotte Elizabeth Burn. 2. John E. 3. Helen, who died at the age of fifteen years. 4. Carl. 5. Irene. 6. James, Jr. 7. Keith. 8. Hazel. 9. Alice, died in infancy. 10. Richard. Mr. Jeffreis also has a grandchild, Elizabeth Burn.

**REV. JOHN BURROUGHS CRAVEN**—A leader in the religious life of his community, the Rev. John B. Craven has served for more than three decades as pastor of the Grant Street Presbyterian Church, in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, where he has won the love and the esteem of the people. He has proven himself to be one of those men who are thoroughly interested in the welfare of the city and ready at all times to do whatever is in their power to improve conditions in every possible way. He has worked constantly with his congregation to build up the Grant Street Church, which holds a prominent place in the religious life of Wilkes-Barre and this vicinity; and furthermore, there is scarcely a phase of the civic or social life of the community that has not received his careful and valued attention. He has participated to a considerable extent in the work of several societies and organizations, and is a generally public-spirited citizen.

Descended from early colonial families in the United States, he is a son of Charles V. and Aramanda (Eagle) Craven, both of whom

are now deceased; a grandson of John and Elizabeth (Hart) Craven; and a great-grandson of Giles and Ann (MacNair) Craven, who were among the early settlers of Bucks County, Pennsylvania, and were of English and Scotch descent. Charles V. and Aramanda (Eagle) Craven were the parents of four children: 1. Rev. John B., of whom further. 2. Frank B., who handles real estate in Ocean City, New Jersey. 3. George W., who is now deceased. 4. Bessie, who is the wife of Hugh T. Mason, of Churchville, Bucks County, Pennsylvania. Charles V. Craven was himself a soldier in the Union Army in the Civil War, a private in the 104th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and he served for three years the Union cause, in which he was a firm believer.

The Rev. John B. Craven spent the early days of his life on the old Bucks County farm; and while a lad he attended the public schools of his native district, having been born at what was known as Washington's Crossing, in Bucks County, on November 7, 1866. When he finished his public school work, he went to Doylestown Academy, from which he was graduated in the class of 1885. Then he became a student in Lafayette College, from which he was graduated in the class of 1892 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. When he received this degree, he entered the Princeton Theological Seminary, from which institution he was graduated in theology in the class of 1895. Shortly afterward he came to Wilkes-Barre, where he became pastor of the Grant Street Presbyterian Church, in which position he has served continuously since that time. The Rev. Mr. Craven is interested in political matters as they affect his city, State, and Nation, and he supports the principles of the Republican party. Also active in fraternal work, he is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which order he is affiliated with the Landmark Lodge, No. 442.

Mr. Craven married, on July 10, 1895, Mabel Hulsizer, of Easton, Pennsylvania, who is a daughter of Peter and Rachel Hulsizer, both of whom are now deceased. This marriage has been blessed with the following children: 1. Charles Y., who is a farmer at Tunkhannock, Pennsylvania, and who married Estella Williams, and they have two children, Jane Louise and John Charles. 2. John B., a mechanical engineer for the Hudson Coal Company, of Scranton, Pennsylvania; he married Genevieve Hammond, of Scranton, Pennsylvania, by which marriage there is one daughter, Elizabeth Genevieve. 3. William D., of Wilkes-Barre, an electrical engineer, and is unmarried. 4. Rachel, who is unmarried, and is living at home.

**JOHN E. PIATT**—No group of persons holds a more responsible position in the progress of human affairs than that which is actively interested in the affairs of education. Particularly is this responsibility important for the principals of schools who have the duty of directing the teachers as well as pupils under their respective jurisdiction. John E. Piatt, of Wyoming, Pennsylvania, who holds the honorable position of supervising principal of schools here, is especially qualified for his office by reason of both experience and education. He is thoroughly familiar with the educational needs of this vicinity, which is a qualification most essential to one who would be successful in public school work. He is the son of Edwin E. and Ellen (Tubbs) Piatt. His father, who was a lumber mill owner, was born in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, in 1861, and died February 18, 1928. His mother, born in

Luzerne County in 1860 continues to live in the county.

John E. Piatt was born at Broadway, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, on July 23, 1885 and began his education in the county schools of Luzerne County. He then attended the Bloomsbury Normal School in Bloomsbury, Pennsylvania, from where he graduated in the class of 1908. He then taught in country schools for four years gaining by this experience a rich fund of information as to needs of country schools. From this work, he taught in the schools of Franklin and Ross townships, respectively, and here learned the village school. In 1912, Mr. Piatt came to Wyoming to fill a position as teacher of an eighth grade and in 1913, he was made a teacher in the high school here and in November, 1915, he was made supervising principal of the Schools of Wyoming and has continued to hold that position. He is a zealous student and keeps himself informed of all progressive methods of education. He has done extensive work in the extension department of the University of Pennsylvania and the State College, and graduated from the Susquehanna University in the class of 1928, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He is a Republican in politics, and a member of Lodge No. 887, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and of the Methodist Episcopal Church, where he is on the official board.

On June 24, 1916, John E. Piatt married Tacie K. Kittle of Sweet Valley, Pennsylvania, daughter of Robert E. and Alice Kittle. They had two children: 1. Evan Hale, who died at the age of sixteen months. 2. John E., Jr., born March 23, 1922.

**JOHN S. LOPATTO**—One of the distinguished members of the legal profession in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, is John S. Lopatto, who has his offices at Nos. 703-711 Miners' Bank Building in Wilkes-Barre. Mr. Lopatto graduated from the Law School of the University of Pennsylvania, in 1907, and in 1919 was a member of the Lithuanian Commission to negotiate peace, which met in Paris, France, after the close of the World War and secured the recognition of the Lithuanian Republic. He is active in local public affairs in Wilkes-Barre and in Luzerne County, and is one of the well-known and highly esteemed members of his profession.

John S. Lopatto was born in Lithuania, September 16, 1882, son of Simon Lopatto, who came from sturdy Lithuanian stock, now deceased, and of Ursula Lopatto, who passed away February 8, 1929. Mr. Lopatto grew to manhood in Pittston, Luzerne County, where he attended the parochial school, and later became a student in Wyoming Seminary, at Kingston, Luzerne County. When his preparatory course was completed he began professional study in the Law School of the University of Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated with the class of 1907, receiving at that time the degree of Bachelor of Laws. He was admitted to the Luzerne County Bar soon afterward and at once opened his offices for practice in Wilkes-Barre. For the past twenty-one years he has been engaged in general practice here and during that time he has built up a large and still growing clientele. Mr. Lopatto has always been actively interested in public affairs, local, national, and international, and has been willing to share in hearing the burdens of public office. He was assistant district attorney for Luzerne County from 1916 to 1920. He is attorney for the Heights Deposit Bank of Wilkes-Barre, in which capacity his legal knowledge and his good judgment enable him to render valuable

service. He is a member of the Luzerne County Bar Association, of the Pennsylvania State Bar Association, and of the American Bar Association, and is well known among his professional associates. Politically, he gives his support to the principles and the candidates of the Democratic party, and his fraternal association is with Wilkes-Barre Lodge, No. 109, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and Wilkes-Barre Council, No. 302, Knights of Columbus. He is attorney for the Lithuanian Alliance of America, for the Lithuanian Catholic Alliance of America, and is very influential among the Lithuanians of America, as well as among his associates in general. In 1915 he was candidate for the office of registrar of wills. Mr. Lopatto is a director of the Beneficial Loan Society of Wilkes-Barre; member of the Wyoming Valley Country Club, and the Tatra Club of Wilkes-Barre. He is a member of the Arbitration Commission to settle disputes between Lithuania and Sweden. His religious affiliation is with Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church of Wilkes-Barre.

John S. Lopatto was married, June 24, 1913, to Mary C. Skritulsky, of New Britain, Connecticut, and they have four children: Mary, Edward Wilson, John S., Jr., and Richard. The family residence is at No. 136 Park Avenue, Wilkes-Barre.

**JOHN F. KROPP**—For about twenty years John F. Kropp was employed about the mines in Plains, Pennsylvania, but he was one of the many of this State who make the mining industry a stepping-stone to other lines of activity, and after acquiring experience in several different capacities in the work of coal mining, he became a salesman. Since 1907 he has been in the employ of the Anchor Packing Company, of Philadelphia, and since 1920 he has held the responsible position of district representative for that concern. Mr. Kropp is a member of several fraternal orders. He is a director and vice-president of the Plains State Bank.

John F. Kropp was born in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, April 21, 1875, son of John Kropp, who was a native of Wilkes-Barre, born in 1852, and who was engaged as a mine superintendent to the time of his death, which occurred at the age of forty-eight years, in 1906, and of Mary (Kridler) Kropp, also a native of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, born in 1854, died in May, 1923. School days for Mr. Kropp were brief, for when he was eight and a half years old he started work in the coal breaker, and around and in the mines he remained for nearly twenty years, filling various positions and working at different jobs until he was twenty-eight years of age, finally becoming outside foreman. At the age of twenty-eight he made a change and secured a position as salesman in the employ of the Garlock Packing Company, of Philadelphia. That was in 1903. Four years later, in 1907, he became associated with the Anchor Packing Company, of Philadelphia, and since that time he has been continuously identified with the interests of that concern. In 1920 he was advanced to the position of district representative, after a selling experience of thirteen years, and his ten years as district representative have been as successful as his period of service as a salesman. In addition to his activities in the interest of the Anchor Packing Company, Mr. Kropp is interested in local affairs in Plains and in Plains Township. He supports the Republican party and for two terms served as a school director. When the Plains State Bank was under consideration as a possibility only, he was one of those who ably





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forwarded the project, becoming one of the organizers, a member of the board of directors, and vice-president of the bank. He is a member of Lodge No. 109, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and of the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

John P. Kropp married, in 1899, Mary G. Hoban, of Plains, Pennsylvania, daughter of Dennis and Ann (Egan) Hoban, and they are the parents of five children: 1. Charles F., who is now (1930) twenty-three years of age, a graduate of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, class of 1928. 2. Anna L., aged twenty-one, is a graduate of the State Teachers' College, at Westchester, Pennsylvania, class of 1928. 3. Edward J., aged twenty, a student in the Pennsylvania State College. 4. Marlon G., aged nineteen; married Peter Grimes, of Kingston. 5. Frances C., aged fifteen.

**RICHARD HENRY MITCHELL**—One of the prominent and progressive citizens of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, is Richard Henry Mitchell, assistant cashier of the Miners' Bank, one of the largest in the State. Mr. Mitchell's success has come about as the result of his ability and hard work, and his advancement to his present position in the bank has been gradual and continuous since his humble beginning there as messenger boy. He is conversant with all departments of banking and finance, as well as with the resources of his section, and he takes a constructive part in all forward movements in Wilkes-Barre.

Richard Henry Mitchell was born in Parsons, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, December 30, 1877, son of William and Elizabeth (Davies) Mitchell, both deceased. Born in England, the parents came to America in 1871, and the father, a master mechanic, conducted a machine shop at Parsons and was also, for some years, a mechanic for the Delaware and Hudson Coal Company. He died at thirty-eight; his widow, at sixty-seven. Children: William J., who died in 1892 at the age of eighteen; Joseph C., who died in childhood; Richard Henry, of further mention; James Samuel, who died at ten years of age; Frederick A., who died in childhood; Susan Mary, who also died in childhood; Anna Louisa, wife of Oscar B. Ross, and now deceased, having died in Wilkes-Barre at the age of forty-two; Ada E., wife of Harry R. Bettenbender, of Wilkes-Barre.

The boyhood of Richard Henry Mitchell was spent in Parsons, where he attended public schools. When he was thirteen, he found employment at the Westmoreland Club. Thence he went to a grocery store operated by William Miller and Company, located on the site of the thirteen story Miners' Bank Building today. It was on August 1, 1897, that Mr. Mitchell took a position with the bank as messenger boy. He worked his way up through the various bank departments, winning steady promotion through his application to business, his alertness, his readiness to assume responsibility, and his faithfulness in its discharge. He is now a popular and much trusted official of this wealthy and important bank. He is also prominent in other departments of local affairs. A Republican in politics, he is an outstanding Mason; a member of Landmark Lodge, No. 442, Free and Accepted Masons; Caldwell Consistory, Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, in which he holds the thirty-second degree; Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Wilkes-Barre; and of the Irem Country Club. He belongs also to the Concordia Singing Society

and is chairman of the Music Committee, and to the Franklin Club. He is a member of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, the Church Choir and is treasurer of the Kindergarten Federation of Wyoming Valley.

**ARCHIE L. PARRISH**—A member of one of the oldest families of the Wyoming Valley, Mr. Parrish himself is a native and lifelong resident of that section of Pennsylvania. Throughout his active life, ever since having completed his education, he has been identified with that region's leading industry, the coal mining industry, and for the past twenty years he has been associated in responsible positions with the Kingston Coal Company. In that industry he is widely known as a man of wide practical experience and as the inventor of several important devices used extensively by many of the most successful coal mines. For many years a resident of Kingston, he has been prominently active in that community's fraternal, civic and religious life and is considered one of its leading and substantial citizens.

Archie L. Parrish was born at Beaumont, Wyoming County, Pennsylvania, February 18, 1869, a son of John F. and Almira E. (Frear) Parrish. His father, who was a native of Evansfalls, Pennsylvania, and who died in 1904, was for many years successfully engaged in the lumber business, while his mother, who is still living, is a native of Beaumont, Wyoming County. Mr. Parrish is of very distinguished ancestry on both sides of his family. The Wyoming Monument, erected at Wilkes-Barre to commemorate the Battle of Wyoming, one of the important battles of the Revolutionary War, contains no less than three names of men who fought there to establish this Republic and of whom Mr. Parrish is a direct descendant; John Williams, Daniel Downing and Asa Stephens. Another active participant in the Revolutionary War, who is an ancestor in the direct line of Mr. Parrish, was Ebenezer Parrish. On his mother's side, too, he is descended from pioneer stock, the Frear family having been settled in this country for about three centuries.

Mr. Parrish received his education in the public schools of Le Grange, Pennsylvania. After leaving school he learned the construction of coal breakers and ever since then it has been chiefly with the construction end of coal mining that he has been identified. In the beginning of his career he was a foreman for the Lehigh Valley Coal Company for several years, after which he held similar positions with a number of other important coal mining companies. In 1908 he became connected with the Kingston Coal Company, a connection which has continued without interruption since then. For many years he was superintendent of construction for this company, but since 1927 he has been its outside superintendent. In these several positions of great responsibility he has always shown notable ability and fidelity, gaining for himself alike the confidence of his employers and the liking of those who worked under his direction. At different times during his long connection with the coal mining industry he has designed and patented several devices for use in coal mining and preparation. The most notable of these, perhaps, is the Parrish Shaker, known throughout the industry as one of the most effective devices of its type and used extensively today by many of the largest coal mines in this and other countries. Mr. Parrish has been very active for many years in Masonic affairs and he is a member of Lodge No. 474 at Ashley, Pennsylvania, Free

and Accepted Masons; Shekinah Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; and Dieu le Vent Commandery, No. 45, Knights Templar. In politics he is a supporter of the Republican party, while his religious affiliations are with the Presbyterian Church of Kingston.

Mr. Parris married, in 1889, Margaret Gettinger, of Pottsville, Pennsylvania, a daughter of William and Katherine Gettinger. Mr. and Mrs. Parrish are the parents of seven children: Ida, Floyd, Calvin, Lola, Martha, Esther, and Archie L., Jr., and also have one grandson, Daniel Glass Parrish. The family home is located at No. 378 Chestnut Street, Kingston.

**WILLIAM SAMUEL RITTER**—From the day that he began work as a breaker boy in the coal mines of the Wyoming Valley William Samuel Ritter showed that he would reach a prominent place in the business. He was industrious, ambitious, willing and capable and faithful to the interests of his employers, while his interest in civic matters was recognized by his selection for office of honor and responsibility, which he filled to the complete satisfaction of his fellow-citizens. He is an upright member of the community and an honor to the calling which he has followed all his life.

He was born in Shickshinny, Pennsylvania, September 5, 1879, a son of Henry Ritter, a miner, deceased June 2, 1891, and Anna Martha (Moyer) Ritter, a native of Shickshinny, who died here in 1925. Until he was ten years of age he attended the public schools, then going to work picking slate from the coal that went through the breakers. He was promoted from place to place and finally became outside superintendent in 1911. This post he held until 1920, when he was made general superintendent and served in that capacity until 1924, when failing health compelled him to abandon it and return to outside work entirely as superintendent of the E. S. Stackhouse Coal Company. He served on the city council for eight years and in November, 1925, was elected a burgess for a term of four years. In politics he is a Republican, in religion a Protestant. He belongs to the Chamber of Commerce and the Grange and is affiliated with the Order of Free and Accepted Masons, with membership in Lodge No. 354. He has the thirty-second degree and as such is a member of the Bloomsbury Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Masons, and of Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He also belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and to the Junior Order United American Mechanics.

William Samuel Ritter married, in August, 1906, Mary C. Geist, daughter of Thomas and Sarah Geist, of Shickshinny, Pennsylvania. Their children are: 1. Ralph Raymond, born in 1907. 2. Charles E., born in 1910. 3. Lester W., born in 1913.

**ARCHIE WOOLBERT**—After having spent thirty-two years in the dairying industry, Archie Woolbert abandoned this pursuit for that of retail merchandising, and for more than four years has conducted a retail grocery and meat business in Trucksville, the scene of his nativity. Already well versed in business processes, through his long career as a dairyman, Mr. Woolbert has utilized this experience for the benefit of his patrons in Trucksville and surrounding territory.

Mr. Woolbert was born April 12, 1878, in Beaumont, Wyoming County, Pennsylvania, son of the late Almon Woolbert, who was born at Carverton, Pennsylvania, followed agricultural pursuits throughout his life,

which ended in 1898, and of Sarah (Phoenix) Woolbert, who survives her husband. She, too is a native of the Keystone State, having been born at Noxen, Wyoming County.

Archie Woolbert, like many other successful business men of this country, launched upon his commercial career with the close of his studies in the public schools of Trucksville. His first venture was an independent one, and the scene of his operations was Plymouth, Pennsylvania, where, in 1892, he established the dairying concern that was to occupy him for thirty-two years. While located in Plymouth, Mr. Woolbert strived earnestly to conduct his enterprise on a high plane, and as a result, when he entered the grocery and meat business, in 1924, his reputation for honesty and square dealing brought him many customers in this establishment. Here he has taken his place in the ranks of the respected and substantial business men of Trucksville, and at the same time assumed all the responsibilities of the public-spirited citizen. He is a Republican, and for nine years worked diligently for the betterment of the local schools in his office as school director. His civic interests are expressed to a great extent through the Kiwanis Club of Mount Greenwood, and in the affairs of his church, the Methodist Episcopal, he is a familiar figure, being a member of the official board.

Archie Woolbert married, in 1903, Millie Anderson of Carverton, Pennsylvania, daughter of Asa M. Anderson, and this marriage has been blessed with three children: 1. Nelson, born in December, 1904. 2. Kenneth J., born in August, 1906. 3. Willard, born in November, 1916.

**JOSEPH J. SUDNICK**—There is an inspiration for the young man entering business life in the record of Joseph J. Sudnick, of Plains, who, in less than eight years from the day he left school and began his career, has risen to a post of high honor and responsibility in the financial circles of this district of Pennsylvania. That he is unusually equipped in mentality for the work he has been called upon to do need not dishearten others, for success in life comes to the plodder as well as to the brilliant meteor. His own success may be attributed to an unflagging industry and a tireless devotion to the interests of those with whom he has been associated, as well as to certain natural endowments that were sympathetic with financial operations. And there is also the fortunate possession of personal attractions that are of great assistance in business life and which are outstanding in his case. He has many friends, for he has been known and observed in this district from his boyhood and has been pronounced a young citizen of ability and sound civic interest in whom the community takes pride.

He was born in Shenandoah, Pennsylvania, March 9, 1899, a son of Charles Sudnick, a native of Russian Poland, now a retired merchant of Schuylkill County, and of Anna (Alberts) Sudnick, a native of the same country. Following the regular course in the public schools of Shenandoah, with two years of high school, he attended Wyoming Seminary, from which he was graduated with the class of 1920. He then obtained a position in the Second National Bank of Wilkes-Barre, where he remained until 1923, when he transferred his services to the Plains State Bank and was made assistant cashier, a post he held until February 1, 1928, when he was promoted to be cashier and assistant secretary, the posts he holds at this time. He is a member of the Republican party and at-



Joseph J. Ludwick



tends St. Mary's Catholic Church. Fraternally, he is affiliated with Lodge No. 109, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of Wilkes-Barre.

Joseph J. Sudnick married, May 22, 1927, Kathryn Zawoiski, daughter of John and Mary Zawoiski, of Plains, Pennsylvania.

**ASA ARTHUR RUTE**—Like many other boys of the Wyoming Valley who began their life work at the coal breakers and rose to distinction, Asa A. Rute, of Freeland, found his way up the ladder of success by a native perseverance and keen intelligence in harmonious accord. Personalities such as his cannot be kept at low levels, for they bear the force of optimism in conjunction with indefatigable industry, two attributes that are conducive to success. Aside from these, this boy grew to manhood with a firm determination to win the just reward of constant application, never departing from the principle that there is always room at the top for him who climbs with persistency and skill. Step by step he rose, eventually finding himself upon a parallel with others of equal fortitude and far above many who had fallen by the wayside because of less vigorous attainments and faith in themselves. He has always taken a sincere interest in the civic affairs of the community and also in fraternal and other organized activities, holding office with dignity and ability and gaining the esteem of the electorate by virtue of his fidelity to the trust. Having attained a position in commercial life of satisfactory height, he was moved to retire from active labor with the respect of all with whom he has been for years identified and associated.

He was born in Tunkhannock, Pennsylvania, November 25, 1878, a son of Benjamin F. and Sarah (Shive) Rute, and acquired a limited education in the public schools of Freeland, going to work at the breakers at the age of thirteen years. During the course of the years he worked at various occupations, learned the fundamentals of the electrical business and became identified with that industry by establishing himself in electrical contracting, which he followed for twenty-five years, until his retirement. He also travelled for twelve years as salesman for the Anchor Packing Company and founded the Freeland Bobbin Works, of which he was president for about five years. Investing in financial enterprises, he became a director of the Citizens' Bank and a member of its finance committee, and vice-president and director of the Freeland Water Company. In politics he is a Republican and has served as a member of the State and county committees of that party and as chairman for the first legislative district. During the legislative sessions of 1909-10 he was sergeant-at-arms of the State Senate. He is a member of the Freeland Fishing Club and fraternally affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; Arbutus Lodge, No. 611, Order of Free and Accepted Masons; Lehigh Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Masons, and Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He attends the Protestant Episcopal Church.

Asa A. Rute married, October 3, 1904, Elthea Johnson, daughter of William and Margaret (Burbbeck) Johnson, members of a pioneer family of this district.

**RUSSELL C. DAVIS**—Among the business men of Luzerne none of equal duration in the field is entitled to greater credit than Russell C. Davis, who, since the close of the World

War, in which he was actively engaged, has established himself firmly in a prosperous and growing business. He is a young man of happy personality, engaging manners, sympathetic nature and honorable character, bound to enlarge the circle of his friends as he journeys through life. His business, that of mortician, is an essential in every civilized community, its details solemn, yet Mr. Davis so conducts it as to minimize its solemnity and assuage the sorrows of his patrons. He is a worthy and valuable citizen of the community.

He was born in Plymouth, Pennsylvania, April 20, 1895, a son of William R. Davis, engaged in mining, deceased in 1915, and of Jane (Reese) Davis, a native of Wales. He was educated in the Plymouth public schools and at Wyoming Seminary. When called to the service of his country because of the World War, he was attached to the 311th Machine Gun Company and served overseas for eleven months with the American Expeditionary Forces, being honorably mustered out June 19, 1919, when he returned to his native county. Determining upon his career, in which his brother Harry was already engaged, he took the course of embalming at the Eckles school in Philadelphia, from which he was graduated. Entering the business with his brother as an employee, he continued there until May, 1926, when he purchased the Honeywell Undertaking Company, established in Luzerne in 1855, and changed the name to Honeywell & Davis. He has every modern equipment for the work, with private chapel and other conveniences. Mr. Davis is a member of the Republican party and attends the Methodist Episcopal Church. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias, to the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, Walnut Lodge, No. 953, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Kingston Post, American Legion.

Russell C. Davis married, October 10, 1921, Argenta Linskill, daughter of David and Fannie Linskill, of Plymouth. Their children: Clara Jean and Carley Jane, twins, and Russell C., Jr., born August 31, 1929. Clara Jean died January 22, 1929.

**NICHOLAS P. LUCKENBILL**—Finely equipped for the life task which he has allotted himself, both by training and natural attributes, Nicholas P. Luckenbill, supervising principal of the Freeland Public Schools, is one of the foremost educators in this section of Pennsylvania. Possessed of a judicial mentality, which inspires him to weigh with care every individual problem that comes before him for adjudication, he has won the esteem of all who have come within the purview of his professional activities, because of his unwavering fairness in treatment and his sound sense of justice. Fundamentally a student himself, he implants in developing intellects a desire to acquire knowledge and communicates to those teachers under his jurisdiction similar characteristics in their treatment of students. Additional to these qualities, he has been active in patriotic work and in his interest in social, religious and civic enterprises, making him an estimable citizen and a leader in his professional field.

He was born in the village of Virginville, Berks County, Pennsylvania, a son of Cyrus and Elizabeth (De Turk) Luckenbill, was educated in the public schools and was graduated from Normal School at Kutztown in the class of 1902. For the following five years he taught in the public schools of the county and then devoted one year to preparatory study at Perkiomen Seminary, where he also

taught in the interval. This was followed by a course of three years at Franklin Marshall College, from which he was graduated in 1911 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He then accepted the principalship of the Nesquehoning High School and remained in that office for six years, during which time he took special courses in pedagogy, receiving for these the degree of Master of Arts and a special diploma from the Teachers' College of Columbia University for specialization. He then moved to Freeland, in acceptance of the position of supervising principal of schools here. He is a member of the National Education Association and of the Pennsylvania State Education Association; of the Young Men's Christian Association; of the executive committee of the local branch of the American Red Cross, and is a trustee of the First Presbyterian Church of Freeland. During the participation of the United States in the World War he was an active worker in various fields. Under his supervision the Freeland High School won the State scholarship for its district three times out of four examinations.

Nicholas P. Luckenbill married, June 15, 1913, Elizabeth Donald, of Nesquehoning, a teacher and for eleven years organist of the Methodist Episcopal Church there. She is a member of the Civic Club and of the Missionary Society and was superintendent of the primary department of the Sunday school of the Presbyterian Church for a number of years. She and her husband are both members of the choir. Their children are: Donald, a pianist of much promise; Robert, and John.

**THE REV. JAMES EDMUND GRYZKA**—In his twenty years as a priest of the Roman Catholic Church, the Rev. James Edmund Gryzka has achieved a record of notable distinction. He has become a leader in the Polish Roman Catholic Church. His congregation numbers thirty-one different societies; he is recognized as a man of wide culture, an eloquent orator, and a vigorous and capable executive. But the record can never show or explain the affection and esteem in which he is held by his parishioners of St. Hedwig's Church, Kingston, Pennsylvania, and indeed by all those with whom he comes in contact. This can come only from a personal knowledge of the man, his fine spirit, his devotion to his charge and to the best interests of his community.

Father Gryzka was born July 22, 1883, at Blossburg, Tioga County, Pennsylvania, a son of Martin and Catherine Gryzka, both of whom were natives of Poland, who came to the United States about 1880. The father died at the age of forty-six, but Mrs. Gryzka lives at Kingston. There were seven children in the family: 1. James Edmund. 2. Luke, who is in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. 3. Stephen, a physician at Reading, Pennsylvania. 4. Francis, who lives at Kingston. 5. Leon, the organist of St. Hedwig's Church. 6. Connie, an attorney of Detroit, Michigan. 7. Victor, who is a student at the Wharton School.

James Edmund Gryzka attended the public schools of Hoytville, Pennsylvania, and later entered St. Stanislaus College, at Chicago, from which he was graduated in 1901 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He entered the Polish Seminary at Detroit, to pursue the course of philosophy and theology. Finally, he entered St. Bonaventure College, where he completed his course in theology, and was ordained a Roman Catholic priest on June 30, 1906. Soon afterward, he became assistant pastor of the church at Duryea,

Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, but served in that capacity for only seventeen days before he was promoted to the rectorship of the Roman Catholic Church at Forrest City, Pennsylvania, where he remained as rector for a little over ten years. During this time he entirely built the Sacred Heart Church, the school and parish house and the Sisters' house. In 1916, he was transferred to St. Hedwig's Polish Roman Catholic Church at Kingston, and here he has also built the parish house and school and the Sisters' house, as well as improved and redecored the interior of the church. Under Father Gryzka's inspirational direction the spiritual growth of the parish has kept pace with the material. He has taken a special interest in the welfare of the young, and believing that healthy minds are best developed in healthy bodies he has made it his business to provide facilities for physical exercise and recreation. At the Silver Jubilee of St. Hedwig's Congregation, Father Gryzka was especially honored for this work. Of all the Polish American priests in the diocese of Scranton it was he who first established and equipped a parochial club for his young people. At a cost of nine thousand dollars, one-half of which he himself paid, he provided billiard tables, bowling alleys, a grill room and the magnificent parish hall. This example was soon followed by the other reverend gentlemen of the diocese. He next organized a baseball team, securing a park, the necessary paraphernalia and a county league franchise. Father Gryzka has also organized troops of Boy Scouts, both in his own and in neighboring Polish parishes and has completed recently a great Scout camp at Dorrance Corners.

Politically, he is a member of the Republican party, and he is also a member of the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce. His influence and his work extend beyond the church, for he has at heart all projects for the best interests of the people of Luzerne County. He has assisted in the making of over fifteen hundred American citizens, and this record alone would assure him a grateful remembrance in his community.

**MINOT E. GRAY**—In his store at No. 3 North Main Street, Minot E. Gray has built up one of the most impressive retail drug businesses in Wilkes-Barre, a business that testifies in no uncertain terms to the ability and industry and wide-awake comprehension of modern economic conditions of its proprietor. A native Pennsylvanian, Mr. Gray is a Mason of distinction who has progressed through the various orders to membership in the Shrine, and in fraternal circles, as well as in the business and civic life of Wilkes-Barre, and he enjoys the sincere respect and esteem of his fellow citizens.

Mr. Gray was born in Dimock, Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania, January 7, 1879, the son of James E. Gray, a carpenter by trade and a native Pennsylvanian, born in 1854, died in August, 1924, and Arletta L. (Osborne) Gray, born in 1856 in Pennsylvania, died in July, 1925. Their son attended the public schools in Kingston, graduating from the high school there with the class of 1897. He entered the employ of a Kingston druggist with a view to learning pharmacy and the conduct of the drug trade. After spending sixteen years as a druggist Mr. Gray purchased, in 1914, the retail drug store that had belonged to E. F. Maxey at No. 23 North Main Street, Wilkes-Barre, and established



his own business under the name of Gray and Company. At this address he constantly expanded his business until 1920, when he moved to the more desirable location at No. 3 North Main, where the Gray and Company drug store has become one of the established centers of the town. Mr. Gray is the sole owner of the place, in which he employs five persons, pharmacists and clerks. He is also a director of the Pennsylvania Wholesale Drug Company of Wilkes-Barre. Republican in his political affiliations, Mr. Gray is also a member of Kingston Lodge, No. 395, Free and Accepted Masons; Shekinah Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Dieu le Vent Commandery, No. 45, Knights Templar, Caldwell Consistory, Bloomsburg, and Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. With his family, Mr. Gray is a member of and worker in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

On April 25, 1906, Mr. Gray married Fannie Clark, daughter of Arthur and Grace (Bradford) Clark of Luzerne, Pennsylvania. They became the parents of three children: Dorothy, born August 18, 1907; Arletta Osborne, born July 9, 1911; and Minot, born November 6, 1914.

**LOUIS J. STASKIEL**—Merchandising in Glen Lyon has been given a marked uplift through the progress and enterprise of Louis J. Staskiel, who was at the head of his own establishment for ten years and president of the board of commissioners for four years, a man of influence in business and civic circles of the community. He is especially interested in the work of musical organizations and as a director of a charitable institution.

Born in Glen Lyon, February 16, 1889, Louis J. Staskiel is the son of Peter and Pauline (Kolwitz) Staskiel, the former, as was his wife, a native of Russian Poland, a coal miner, and died in February, 1928; the mother died in October, 1918. He received his education in the Glen Lyon public schools, and at the age of thirteen started to work in the coal mines. He pursued that occupation until he was thirty-one years of age, when he established himself in business as a merchant in 1920, and was thus engaged until 1929, when the business was discontinued. He enjoyed a large and desirable good-will from among his people of the village. Upon the termination of this business he was elected tax collector of Newport Township.

Early casting in his lot with the Democratic party, Mr. Staskiel has steadily mounted in the favor and confidence of his fellow-townsmen. In 1921 his party put him forward as their representative on the Glen Lyon Board of Commissioners, in which office he served continuously, having been reelected for his second term, and since 1924 holding the highly important position of president of the board, having held office for the years 1921-30. In 1929, as has been previously stated, he was elected tax collector and treasurer of Newport Township for a term of four years. For two terms he was a member of the board of directors of the Orphanage at Shaytown, and his presence and counsel in the proceedings of that body were highly prized by his colleagues. He is also of great assistance to the aims and purposes of the Paderewskiego Polish Society and the Młodzieży Polish Society, of which he is a member. He affiliates with the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Independent Order of Moose, having his religious connection with St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church, and was chairman of the church for five years.

Louis J. Staskiel married, in 1914, Sophia

Andrechak, of Glen Lyon, daughter of Harry and Sophia Andrechak, and they are the parents of five children: Louis, Anna, Pauline, Josephine, and Mary.

**HARRY J. HARTER**—One of the most extensive dairy farms in Luzerne County is owned by Harry J. Harter, who, since he first started in this business, on April 23, 1907, has been most successful. He employs twelve people on his extensive dairy farm at Trucksville, and supplies the wholesale and retail trade with milk, cream and other dairy products, to the amount of four thousand quarts per day.

Mr. Harter was born in Trucksville on August 15, 1888, the son of Walter and Estella D. (Shaver) Harter, the former a native of Trucksville, who is with the Spring Brook Water Company. Mr. Harter's mother, who was born in Dallas, Luzerne County, passed away on November 2, 1925. Mr. Harter received his early education in the public and high schools of the county and later took a commercial course at the Wyoming Academy. He graduated from the latter institution in 1906 and at once started in the dairy business, with the success which has already been related. Mr. Harter stands high in the Masonic fraternity, being affiliated with Trucksville Lodge, No. 561, Free and Accepted Masons; with Shekinah Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; with Dieu le Vent Commandery, Knights Templar, and with Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of Toby Creek Lodge, No. 1078, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a Republican in politics and a member of his local Methodist Episcopal Church.

In 1917, Mr. Harter married Marion Hildebrandt, daughter of Sherman W. and Jane Hildebrandt, of Dallas. Mr. and Mrs. Harter are the parents of one child, a son, Sherman H. Harter, born April 3, 1918.

**CONSTANTY TARNOWSKI**—From slate picker in a coal-breaker to head of his own grocery establishment and postmaster of his town of Glen Lyon, meanwhile having served his community as school director, constitutes a part of the career wrought by Constanty Tarnowski, who is a fine example of a foreign boy who has come to this country and made good all along the line. While earning his livelihood by the hardest work at the coal mines, this ambitious native of Poland was going to school at night, thus laying the foundation of his future of usefulness to the town of his adoption.

Constanty Tarnowski was born in Poland, April 23, 1880, the son of John and Valeria (Zoluska), his father Polish-born, was a coal miner, who died in October, 1926; and his mother, also a native of Poland, survives her husband. The son Constanty came to the United States at the age of ten years, in 1890. His education was received in the night schools, where he made the most of his opportunity to learn English and the rudiments at least of other subjects necessary to his getting on in his new relations. For two years he was employed in a coal-breaker, and subsequently worked in various capacities in the mines.

At the age of thirty-four, he thought to better his circumstances, and in 1914 left his job at the mine to open a grocery under his own name at Glen Lyon. The business at this store he has built up to goodly proportions during the some fifteen years that have elapsed since he made the brave beginning

that has resulted so satisfactorily to himself and his patrons. Before he engaged in merchandising, Mr. Tarnowski had come to be looked upon as a helpful citizen, who had a broad outlook on affairs, and was desirous of coöperating in any department of civic life where his services might be required. In 1911 he was elected school director of Glen Lyon and served in that office until 1915, manifesting a keen and intelligent interest in the operation of the local educational system. President Coolidge honored him with appointment as postmaster of Glen Lyon, his commission dated September 17, 1923, and his incumbency has been featured with efficiency in the dispatch of the business of the post and uniform courtesy to the patrons of the office and the public in general which it serves.

As will have been surmised, Mr. Tarnowski is a Republican and a man of large political influence in the community of Glen Lyon. He is a member of the Paderewski Glee Club; the Church Society of St. Barbary, and of St. Albert's Roman Catholic Church, with which he has his religious affiliation.

Constanty Tarnowski married, in 1903, Lottie Grabinski, of Glen Lyon, daughter of Frank and Kathreen Grabinski, and they have a daughter, Josephine, born in May, 1915.

**HENRY GEORGE**—Starting in business with a capital of one hundred dollars, Henry George was one of the most inconspicuous merchants of Freeland at the time, buying his goods in small lots. By indefatigable industry and a regard for that precept of mercantile life that demands a recognition of the rights of others, he built up his enterprise to one of the largest in this district, and, after twenty-four years and when he was buying in carload lots, was able to retire with a competence and the esteem of the entire community. It was no freak of fortune that brought about these conditions, but the operation of a keen business mind and an understanding of the desires of those who gave him their trade. He treated them as he would have them treat him and exacted nothing that he was not ready to extend in reciprocity. Deeply interested in the prosperity and happiness of the people among whom he lived, he took an active part in civic matters and accepted the call to public office as a part of his duty, administering his affairs with ability and to the advantage of the entire citizenry. He made friends easily and retained them securely through the attractions of his magnetic personality, taking the good wishes of all with him into his well earned retirement.

He was born in Stockton, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, February 27, 1865, a son of Philip and Catherine (Adams) George, both natives of Germany, who came to this country shortly after their marriage and settled in Stockton, where the elder George went to work in the coal mines. In his hours of recreation he indulged in music, being a musician of ability, and died early in life as a result of an accident in the mine in which he was at work.

Henry George was educated in the public schools, but at nine years of age was compelled to go to work in the coal breakers, in order to help support his mother. Until he was in his teens he worked at this trade, then became a carpenter's apprentice and at the same time took a course in business college. Commercial life appealed to him and he undertook the agency for a sewing machine manufacturing house, but in 1896 concluded that this was not his forte, and with

one hundred dollars in capital, set himself up in the grocery business. From that moment he never took a backward step. He catered to his early customers, who brought him others because of their satisfaction with his treatment, and treated all alike with fairness and justice. Prosperity came to him and his orders to the wholesalers finally filled entire freight cars in a single instance. Satisfied with sufficient for his wants, he decided to retire, and in 1919 disposed of his business. He is a director of the First National Bank of Freeland and has served as a member of the Borough Council for three terms totaling eleven years, having been president of the board one term, during which period many important improvements in the borough were accomplished. He is a member of the Pentecostal Church of Freeland, and is affiliated with the Woodmen of the World, being treasurer of Lodge No. 273. He also belongs to the Fraternal Order of Eagles and has served his lodge for eight years as its treasurer.

Henry George married, January 9, 1888, Ellen Eberts, of Rockport, Carbon County, Pennsylvania, daughter of Jacob and Harriet (Libey) Eberts. Their children are: 1. Ida, a graduate of Findlay, Ohio, Bible School and now a traveling missionary of the Pentecostal Church, for which she has labored in several states and is now in Kaya Haute, Volta, French West Africa. 2. Bertha May, married the Rev. J. Grayson Jones, pastor of Freeland Calvary Gospel Church, and they are the parents of Mirian Ilene and Henry Wilson Jones. Mrs. Jones is a graduate of Bloomsburg State Normal School, and was a teacher for three years in the Freeland schools before her marriage.

**WILLIAM R. SULMAN, M. D.**—Establishing himself in practice immediately after his post-graduate hospital training, William R. Sulman, of Hazleton, is forging ahead in the medical profession and gives exceptional promise of rising to important heights. This district of Pennsylvania has been fortunate in acquiring a number of high grade medical graduates to add to the ranks of its older practitioners, among them being none of his years and experience who may be looked to for greater special achievement. He is alert, studious, ambitious and industrious, qualities that in any trade or profession are valuable and which, in the exacting work of medicine and surgery are a priceless asset, of which he is bound to take advantage.

He was born in Reading, Pennsylvania, September 12, 1899, a son of Benjamin and Florence Sulman, and was educated in the public schools of that city, graduating from high school and then attending the University of Pennsylvania for three years. He then took the medical course at the University of Maryland, in Baltimore, graduating therefrom with the class of 1925 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He became an interne in the hospital in York, Pennsylvania, and in 1926, came to Hazleton and established himself in practice. Dr. Sulman is surgeon for the Lehigh Coal Company, and medical examiner for the Pennsylvania Mutual Life Insurance Company. He is a member of the State and County medical associations, the Phi Alpha and Phi Delta Epsilon fraternities, and of the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Young Men's Hebrew Association.

William R. Sulman married Fannie Deitch, of Hazleton. They reside at No. 89 North Wyoming Street, Hazleton.





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**SENATOR LANING HARVEY**—The family of the surname Harvey of which Laning Harvey of Wilkes-Barre is a member, had its origin in England and was founded in this country by Thomas Harvey, who came with several relatives from Somersetshire and settled in New England in 1636, first in the colony of Dorchester, Massachusetts, and thence to Taunton, Massachusetts, where he died, in 1651. His wife was Elizabeth Andrews; and they had several children, of whom the youngest son, John, had a son John, who had a son Benjamin; and it was Benjamin Harvey, in 1772, who made a settlement in the town of Plymouth in the Wyoming Valley, Pennsylvania.

Benjamin Harvey, son of John Harvey and his wife, Sarah, was born in Lyme, Connecticut, July 28, 1722, and died in Plymouth, Pennsylvania, November 27, 1795. He married (first), in 1745, Elizabeth Pelton, and after her death, about 1786, married (second) Catherine Draper, widow of Major Simeon Draper. Elisha Harvey, seventh child of Benjamin Harvey, by his first marriage, was born in Lyme, in 1758, and was fourteen years of age when he came with his parents to the Wyoming Valley. He served valorously in the Revolution, and was a soldier under Sullivan in the campaign of 1779 which resulted in the destruction of the Indian villages of the Genesee country. In December, 1780, he was captured by British Rangers and Indians, and taken to Montreal, and given into the custody of a Seneca chieftain. Next he was taken, by the chieftain, to Green Bay, Wisconsin, with a trapping and hunting party, and finally, in exchange for half a barrel of rum, was given over to a Scotch trader, in 1781. In the late summer of the year following he was exchanged for one Adam Bowman, and returned to his home in Plymouth, replete enough of adventure. He married, in 1786, Rosanna Jameson, daughter of Robert and Agnes (Dixon) Jameson. Benjamin Harvey, their fourth child and second son, engaged in business as merchant and miller. He removed from Plymouth to Huntington Township in 1816, and his principal commercial enterprises were concerned with Huntington. For twenty years he was postmaster at Harveyville, a justice of the peace, and a captain of the militia. He married, in 1815, Sarah Nesbit, daughter of Abram and Bethlah (Wheeler) Nesbit. They had several children, among them Jameson Harvey, sixth child and third son, born in Plymouth Township near what is now West Nanticoke. He was a farmer, but in 1828 began operations in coal, and after 1863, when he turned over his mining interests to his sons, engaged in lumbering enterprises. In 1869 he came to Wilkes-Barre, where he died, in 1885, after a useful and prosperous career.

William Jameson Harvey, second child and first son of Jameson Harvey and his wife, Mary (Campbell) Harvey, was born in West Nanticoke, Luzerne County, May 13, 1838, and was educated in the Wyoming Institute in Wyoming, Wyoming Seminary in Kingston, Professor Chase's Academy in Middletown, Connecticut, and the Edgehill School, in Princeton, New Jersey. He began in active business in 1859, foregoing plans for college, at the age of twenty-one years, as superintendent of his father's coal mining operations in West Nanticoke. In 1861, at the outbreak of the Civil War, he entered military service, acted first as recruiting officer and second as private in Company F of the 7th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Reserve Corps; on November 7 he was elected first

lieutenant of Company I, on November 20, was promoted to adjutant, and on November 25, 1862, resigned. It was his intention to re-enlist, but at the request of his father he resumed his responsibilities in the mining enterprises. With a brother, Henry Harrison Harvey, he continued in charge of the West Nanticoke interests until they were sold, in 1871, then gave his principal direction to the lumber business, which had been incorporated with that of coal until the latter was sold. In 1886 he sold the lumber concern. Mr. Harvey was a director of the First National Bank of Plymouth, 1865-66; in 1870, with two associates, he secured control of the Wilkes-Barre and Kingston Street Railway, which in 1892 became a valuable unit of the Wilkes-Barre & Wyoming Valley Traction Company. He was up to the time of his death a director of this company, and held considerable control in like interests in other cities. In 1874 he was independent candidate for the office of mayor of Wilkes-Barre, in 1875 was elected school director and was for five years president of the board, in 1885 was elected to the City Council and was for eight years or two terms its president, and in 1892 was Presidential Elector, serving in similar capacity in the National Republican Convention of 1901. He was a director of the Miners Savings Bank, president of the Wyoming Valley Lace Mills, president of the Wilkes-Barre Grand Opera House Company, and fraternally was affiliated with the Grand Army of the Republic, the Military Order of the Loyal Legion, and the Free and Accepted Masons. He was the oldest living Past Eminent Commander of Dieu le Veut Commandery, No. 45, Knights Templar; also a thirty-second degree Mason, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, a member of Irem Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Westmoreland Club, Union League Club of Philadelphia. He married (first), December 9, 1869, Jessie Wright, born in 1848, died in 1877. He married (second), October 21, 1880, Amanda Mary Laning, daughter of Augustus C. and Amanda (Christel) Laning, she having been the widow of Rodman Merritt. There were, by the first marriage, children: 1. William Jameson, born in 1870, died in 1871. 2. Robert Rieman, born in 1871, graduate of Lehigh University, degree in Electrical Engineering, superintendent of the Wyoming Valley Lace Mills. 3. Edward Darling, born in 1873, died in 1878. 4. Emily Cyst, born in 1877, died the same year, thirteen days before the death of her mother and three days after her birth. By the second marriage, there was a son, Laning, of whom further.

Laning Harvey was born in Wilkes-Barre, February 17, 1882; he received his preparatory education in the public schools and the academy of Wilkes-Barre, his native city, also at the Hill School, Pottstown, Pennsylvania. He entered the business world under the able guidance of his father, and as a man of commerce and general affairs has become one of the best known figures in the city and in Luzerne County. He has strong business connections; is a director in the Miners Savings Bank of Wilkes-Barre and owns large holdings in real estate and building development. Mr. Harvey is founder and vice-president of the Henry German Company, bakers of Luxury Bread, of Wilkes-Barre. He is president of the Wilkes-Barre Baseball Club of the New York-Pennsylvania League; a director of the Wilkes-Barre Institute for the Blind, a director of

the United Charities, and a director of the Wilkes-Barre Playground Association. Under Governors John S. Steward and John K. Tener, over a period of twelve years, Mr. Harvey served as member of the Pennsylvania State Game Commission; under Governor Brumbaugh, as member of the State Board of Public Charities, and for four years, in Wilkes-Barre, as member of the City Council, represented the Seventh Ward. Like his father before him Mr. Harvey was one time candidate for the office of mayor in 1923. A Republican, he is loyal to and has constantly and consistently been staunch in support of the principles of the party; and in matters political in the city and county he is possessed of a considerable influence, which he exercises without fanfare, always to the best interests of the greatest number of persons. For more than a score of years he has been a member of the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce, and in this connection as in others has been identified with all progressive movements for the betterment of the community.

Fraternally and socially Mr. Harvey has entrée in a wide assortment of organizations and circles. He is a member of Landmark Lodge, No. 442, of the Free and Accepted Masons, Keystone Consistory of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite in Scranton, Pennsylvania, thirty-second degree, Irem Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; Wilkes-Barre Lodge, No. 109, of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Loyal Order of Moose, and the United Sportsmen's Association of Pennsylvania. He is furthermore a member of the Press Club, the Kiwanis Club, of Wilkes-Barre, the Irem Temple Country Club, the Wyoming Valley Motor Club, the Wyoming Valley Country Club, the Franklin Club and Westmoreland Club, the Union League of Philadelphia, and the Loyal Legion. Mr. Harvey is a communicant of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Wilkes-Barre, is devout in its service, and most generous in donations to charity, regardless of whether or not the appeals are sponsored by his own denomination. During the World War Mr. Harvey served with the Red Cross in the Regular Army and was stationed at Camp Green, North Carolina, for one year, after which he was promoted and transferred to Washington, District of Columbia, where he was made director of Camp Service of the Red Cross, and had charge of all work in the camps of the United States, and also had charge of all Red Cross work in the various army hospitals of the United States Army. Mr. Harvey was also liaison officer to the Surgeon General office, at Washington, District of Columbia. Laning Harvey was elected to the State Senate on November 6, 1928, to represent the Twenty-first Senatorial District, from a normally Democratic territory, the Democratic candidate for President, Alfred E. Smith, carrying this district by 10,000, Mr. Harvey carrying the same district by about 3,500. He was endorsed by the labor interests, the Prohibition and the Non-Partisan League. Endowed in large measure with those qualities which tend to make a man warm in the affections of his fellows, Mr. Harvey is accordingly endowed with numerous firm friends. Temperate, kindly, firm in his opinions yet ever ready to alter them in the face of new evidence, just in his dealings, honorable always, it is said of him by those who know him well that he is a valuable asset to community, State and nation, as a citizen, and that he is worthy indeed of his ancestry.

On November 15, 1905, Mr. Harvey was united in marriage with Marion Elizabeth Burgess, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Arthur Burgess. To this union have been born children: Laning, Jr., and Robert B. Harvey. The family resides in an imposing dwelling at No. 75 Riverside Drive, Wilkes-Barre.

**CHARLES E. CUNNINGHAM**—Specializing in weather strips and rustless window and door screens, a business occupation which he has followed for twenty years in Wilkes-Barre, Charles E. Cunningham is one of the leading business men of the city. His family ancestry mingles the blood of pioneer Pennsylvanians and Virginians, while in that of his son flows an additional quantity of Revolutionary strain, the Peyton family landing in Jamestown, Virginia, in 1620, and active in all early American conflicts, and his mother having been a member of the McHenry family, in honor of whom Fort McHenry, Maryland, was named, and where Francis Scott Key wrote the "Star Spangled Banner."

Charles E. Cunningham was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, September 14, 1875. His father was William F., and his mother, Lida Rebecca (Musser) Cunningham, of Lancaster County. She was a relative of the late Dr. Musser, of Lancaster, member of one of the oldest and most highly respected families of Pennsylvania, while her husband was a son of William Cunningham, a native of Stanton, Virginia, and America (Peyton) Cunningham, of Westmoreland County, Virginia, both members of distinguished families of the Old Dominion. Mr. and Mrs. William F. Cunningham were the parents of four children: Charles E.; Grace America, wife of J. E. Miller, of Indianapolis, Indiana; Maude Elsie, wife of Bernard R. Batty, coal merchant of Indianapolis, Indiana, and William Peyton, who died of the "flu" while on his return trip from Europe at the close of the World War.

Charles E. Cunningham was educated in the public schools of Indianapolis, after which he took an engineering course at Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana. He then came to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, associating himself with C. H. Bradley, Jr., of Oil City, as a boiler salesman. In 1903 he came to Wilkes-Barre, and took a position in the same line with E. Keeler and Company, of Williamsport, selling boilers throughout Northeastern Pennsylvania. Later, he became general agent at Wilkes-Barre for the Chamberlin Weather Strip Company, and for the Kane Rustless Screen Company, and radiator furniture, which business he has since followed. He is also distributor for Aeropel ventilating fans. He is a Republican and a member of the Presbyterian Church, and holds membership in Wilkes-Barre Lodge, No. 61, Free and Accepted Masons, also in the Local Royal Arch Masons, and in Dieu le Veut Commandery, No. 45, Knights Templar. He is also affiliated with Irem Temple, of Wilkes-Barre, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and is a member of the Irem Temple Country Club, and of the Kiwanis Club.

Mr. Cunningham married, June 1, 1904, Zora Hughes, daughter of H. H. and Alice (McHenry) Hughes, of Dauphin County. They have one son, William Peyton Cunningham, Yale University, class of 1928.

**WILLIAM R. DYKINS, D. D. S.**—In the practice of dental surgery, Dr. William R. Dykins is making a favorable impression upon the people of Glen Lyon and vicinity, to whom he has ministered ever since he left the uni-

versity. His services are highly valued as those of a surgeon with an unusually fine training which supplements a technical ability out of the ordinary. He belongs to the younger group of professional men who have come on the stage of action in recent years, and are rapidly taking front rank in their respective departments of service.

William R. Dykins was born in Nanticoke, January 10, 1904, the son of William J. and Emily (Powell) Dykins, his father born in England, in 1873, is a stationary engineer, his mother also born in England in 1876. Having passed through the grade and high schools of his native village, graduating from the latter in the class of 1921, he entered the University of Pittsburgh, where he completed his studies of the dental profession and from which he was graduated in the class of 1925 with the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery.

From Pittsburgh, Dr. Dykins came at once to Glen Lyon, where he opened an office for the reception of patients. Knowledge of his skill and careful attention to the requirements of those who sought his services soon began to give him a reputation which resulted in steady increase in the volume of his practice. He overcame the handicap, presented to some minds, of his comparative youthfulness, and soon demonstrated to the satisfaction of his patrons that, professionally, he was older than his years. Today he holds the confidence and enjoys the esteem of a great number of the Glen Lyon inhabitants, who are appreciative of the privilege of having a dental surgeon of Dr. Dykins' ability settled in their midst. His practice, while nominally general, can be applied on occasions to special work. Undoubtedly, all things considered in the equation, he has a large and promising future.

Dr. Dykins has another endowment, which he might have employed as a chief endeavor of life, had he so elected. He is a musician of unusual excellence, and performed professionally for a number of years. Now and again, he delights the family circle and groups of friends by his artistry, and his instrumentation is second only to his technical ability in his dental office. The Republican party has his undivided support, and he is affiliated with Nanticoke Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons. His religious affiliation is with the Methodist Episcopal Church, and he belongs to the Craftsman's Club.

Dr. William R. Dykins married, in November, 1925, Mildred McLon, of Pittsburgh, daughter of Mrs. Josephine McLon, and they have their residence in Glen Lyon.

#### E. HOWARD SMITH, ROBERT A. SMITH—

The largest wholesale and retail floral business in Hazleton, Pennsylvania, is the one owned by the Smith Floral Company, located at No. 30 East Broad Street. The business was founded by E. Howard Smith, but since the retirement of the founder in 1927 has been taken over by Robert A. Smith, son of the founder, and M. G. Shields, a son-in-law. Robert A. Smith was "brought up" in the business and became a partner in the concern in 1924, after which time he practically had full control. Though a young man of twenty-eight years, he is an expert in his special line of business, which now (1930) consists in the retail and wholesale handling of all kinds of floral stock, which is purchased from the growers.

E. Howard Smith, founder of the business, was born in East Mauch Chunk, Pennsylvania, in 1868, and as a young man was engaged in the confectionery and farm produce business in Hazleton. As time passed he

added floral stock to his other commodities of trade and, becoming interested in this phase of his business, began the growing of plants and shrubs on his farm. Being a man of more than average ability he achieved substantial success. When he established the business in 1896 he had his stand on West Broad Street in Hazleton and his greenhouses in the valley outside the city limits, where he raised stock under glass and in the open, raising a large amount of ornamental stock. About 1914 he engaged in the real estate business in Philadelphia, while still continuing his well established floral business, and of this venture, too, he made a decided success. His son, Robert A. Smith, had been his assistant for some time, and when, in 1924, the son was made a partner in the business, he was given virtual control, while the founder continued to devote his attention to his real estate and other interests, though still nominally at the head of the floral business also. In 1927 E. Howard Smith retired, and since that time he has divided his time and his interest between Lake Harmony in the Poconoes, where he spends his summers, and Miami, Florida, where he spends his winters. During his active years he was interested in local public affairs in Hazleton, serving as a member of the council, and aiding in all projects planned for the advancement of the best interests of Hazleton.

Mr. Smith married Sally A. Andreas, of West Hazleton, and they became the parents of seven children: Emory, who is employed as a salesman; May, a Red Cross nurse, who married K. S. Reynolds, of Forty Fort, Pennsylvania; Jean, wife of M. G. Shields, who is associated with Robert A. Smith in the Smith Floral Company; Miriam, wife of John J. Miles, of the Miles Flower Shop, in Frackville, Pennsylvania; Howard, who resides in Miami, Florida; Robert A., of further mention; and Dorothy, wife of Charles Sweeney, of Hazleton, who is employed as a salesman of auto parts.

Robert A. Smith, son of E. Howard and Sally A. (Andreas) Smith, was born April 29, 1902, in Hazleton, Pennsylvania, and received his education in the public schools of this place. From boyhood he was made familiar with the floral business and was trained as his father's assistant in that line of activity. In 1924 he was admitted to partnership and from that time on was given practical control of the business. Upon the retirement of his father in 1927, he and M. G. Shields, his brother-in-law, took over the business under the name of the Smith Floral Company, and the young men are continuing the success which the founder achieved. They have ceased to grow stock and now limit their operations to the wholesale and retail handling of all kinds of floral stock, buying from the growers. They have a very extensive trade and the company has long enjoyed the advantages of a reputation which is in itself a valuable business asset. Robert A. Smith devotes his whole attention to the business and is proving to be a worthy successor of his able father. He is a member of the local, State, and national florists' associations, and fraternally, is identified with the Fraternal Order of Eagles, No. 193, of which his father is a member; and with Lodge No. 200, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. His religious affiliation is with the Presbyterian Church.

Robert A. Smith is married to Mary Levkolic, of Hazleton, and they have one son, Robert A., Jr. Their home is at No. 54 South Laurel Street, in Hazleton.

**HOYT E. HELLER**—As assistant county superintendent of schools in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, Hoyt E. Heller fills an office whose usefulness to the community is greater than would at first glance appear. For in this position, he handles practically all the details of school administration here, and thus plays an important rôle in the work of educating the youth.

Mr. Heller was born on November 2, 1891, in Wapwallopen, Pennsylvania, the town in which he now resides, a son of Wesley and Flora E. (Swank) Heller, who came from families that have been prominent in Luzerne County. The father, Wesley Heller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Absolem Heller, was born at Wapwallopen on July 11, 1854; served as a hardware, lumber and coal merchant in Wapwallopen for about thirty years, at the end of which time he sold his business to C. M. Harter; was a justice of the peace there; was a school director of Conyngham Township at one time, president of the Hollenback Telephone Company, president of the Citizens' Water Company, and an active worker in many local activities. He is a member of the Reformed Church, having served for several years on the official board of this institution. Wesley Heller married Flora E. Swank, of Hollenback Township, Luzerne County, daughter of Reuben Swank, and by this marriage there were three children: 1. Clark W., who was graduated from Gettysburg College, as well as from the Reformed Theological Seminary of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and is now active in the ministry in Danville, Pennsylvania; he was born January 23, 1889, and married Jeanette Ritter, of Allentown, Pennsylvania, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ritter, and by this marriage there were four children: Mary Louise, Adam Wesley, Dorothy Jane, and Richard Eugene. 2. Ruth Aedline, who died in infancy. 3. Hoyt E., of further mention.

Hoyt E. Heller received his early education in the public schools and the high school at Wapwallopen, Pennsylvania, and later became a student at Gettysburg College, from which he was graduated in the class of 1912 with the degree of Bachelor of Science. After his graduation, he taught school in Luzerne County and at other places, including Franklin and Marshall Academy, of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, where he taught for a year, and also schools in New Jersey.

His career was temporarily interrupted in 1917 by the entrance of the United States into the World War. When that conflict affected this country, Mr. Heller became affiliated with the air service, and was stationed at a number of different air bases, as well as in the aerial gunnery schools, in which he held the position of a classified instructor. After the war, he taught again for two years, and then became associated with his father in business in Wapwallopen. For a number of years he remained in business, until, in May, 1926, he took his present position as assistant county superintendent of schools, which he has held since that time. In this work, he has won the esteem of the teachers and of his colleagues in Luzerne County's educational system, and holds a place of esteem in the hearts of his fellow-citizens throughout the county.

Although his business and school duties have kept him constantly busy, Mr. Heller has found it possible to devote considerable time to the affairs of his community. He always has carefully observed political developments, and is himself affiliated with the Democratic party. Mr. Heller also is a mem-

ber of the Patriotic Order of the Sons of America and the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity. For one term he served as school director in Conyngham Township. His religious affiliation is with the Reformed Church.

In September, 1923, Hoyt E. Heller married Miriam La Wall, of Wapwallopen, Pennsylvania, daughter of Thomas A. and Mary Alice La Wall. By this marriage there have been two children: 1. Elinor June, born July 4, 1924. 2. Quentin Eugene, born May 27, 1928.

**JOHN J. MEEHAN**—In the building industry of Freeland John J. Meehan occupies an important position. Specializing in several branches of the trade, he has erected many works that bear testimony to the high character of his material and the skilled labor utilized. Recognizing the value of a reputation for honesty of effort and skill in construction, Mr. Meehan has followed the principles of all successful business enterprises in extending to all patrons the same fairness that he exacts in exchange. Operations on this line bring friends and win the esteem of the public, finely illustrated in this instance by his prosperous business and his army of friends. He is, in short, one of the important citizens of this district and a distinct addition to the community's activities.

He was born in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, January 20, 1883, a son of Patrick and Bridget (Gallagher) Meehan. His father before his retirement was a successful contractor, who had been a miner, and erected many of the church edifices and schools in this district. He was a native of County Donegal, Ireland, who came to America in his youth and amassed considerable property. He and his wife were the parents of twelve children, John J. being the eldest, all but five now deceased. The elder Meehan was somewhat active in the local political affairs and served several terms as a member of the Council, elected by the Democratic party. He was a Roman Catholic in religion and a member of the congregation of St. Ann's Church.

His son, John J. Meehan, was educated in the public schools and St. Ann's parochial school of Freeland, and when nine years of age was taken under the guidance of his father in learning structural brick and cement work. He eventually established himself in this trade and engaged in general contracting, later adding a marble and granite business and cement construction. He has always been active in politics and has served as a member of the borough council. He is a member of the Tiger Athletic Club of Freeland and attends St. Ann's Roman Catholic Church.

John J. Meehan married, November 25, 1920, Margaret Boyle, daughter of William F. Boyle, who had been a school teacher in Freeland Borough and Foster Township. They are the parents of John, Jr., and reside at No. 712 Front Street, Freeland, Pennsylvania.

**WILLIAM BULFORD**—Member of a pioneer Pennsylvania family, William Bulford was a native and life-long resident of this State. From his earliest years he was interested in horses and throughout his career was known chiefly for his activity in buying and breeding the finer strains. Every horseman of prominence in the State was a friend of Mr. Bulford and indeed his reputation extended beyond Pennsylvania borders to the Nation at large. In other phases of life in his community he was equally active, winning the admiration and respect of all who knew him





*William Bullford*



by the sterling integrity of his character and the great kindness which he always displayed.

Mr. Bulford was born on March 12, 1874, at Penfield, Pennsylvania, on the West Branch, a son of Samuel and Jeanette (Hoover) Bulford. His grandfather, John J. Bulford, was an early settler at Dallas, Pennsylvania, and built the first two-story house in that town. This is an old pioneer family of the State, and the grandfather, father and son were all blacksmiths by occupation.

William Bulford received his education in the county schools and early determined to follow the example of his father in seeking an occupation in life. He became a blacksmith, continuing this trade for a number of years as a youth and young man. Mr. Bulford was always a great lover of horses and before he was twenty-one was engaging in their purchase and sale in a small way. Eventually he became the owner of many fast track horses and extended his interests to all the great horseracing sections of the East and Middle West. In the course of time he became associated with David Robertson, of Moosic, Pennsylvania, joining with him in a horse and mule business which soon reached prosperous proportions. At his sales stables in Wilkes-Barre, an enormous volume of trade was carried on, and the headquarters of the business there became a gathering place for horsemen and horse lovers of the entire State. The fine qualities of Mr. Bulford's character, his soundness of judgment and breadth of vision would have brought him success no matter in what occupation he chose to engage. Thus it was natural that he should become one of the greatest authorities on horses in the State and should be known in this capacity through many parts of the country. Mr. Bulford continued his association with Mr. Robertson in their joint business enterprise for eighteen years, and their connection was severed only by death.

Through all phases of his career Mr. Bulford was a great lover of the outdoor life and of athletic sports. In his younger days he was an athlete himself of considerable renown, engaging in many amateur boxing bouts, in which he was invariably successful. As it was said of him at the time of his death: "In this line of sport, as well as in the racing game, he had the respect and confidence of everybody. His happy considerate disposition and his reputation of being strictly on the level attracted to him hundreds of friends who always stood ready to risk their all on his integrity and straightforwardness."

Mr. Bulford achieved success, as it is measured in this life, "But with all his financial successes he was always the same 'Billy' to everybody who knew him. Kind, tender-hearted, smiling 'Billy' Bulford will never be forgotten by those who were fortunate enough to know him. The radiance of his pleasant smile and his cheery words fairly warmed the souls of the downcast and unfortunate and the warm clasp of his rugged hand seemed to melt pessimism and despair. Take it from one who knew him from a poor, struggling boy—who watched his struggles and successes with the interest of a true friend—the world may have men on a parity with William Bulford, but it has none better. Fear was one of the things he knew little about. And this trait stayed with him to the end."

On January 18, 1895, William Bulford married Minnie Hunsinger of Noxen, Pennsylv-

ania, daughter of William and Jemina (McCall) Hunsinger. Mrs. Bulford, who survives her husband, continues her residence in the old family home at Wilkes-Barre. She has been active in various phases of the community life here, and is a member of the Wyoming Valley Women's Club.

Mr. Bulford died on April 27, 1930. His passing, though following an operation, was entirely unexpected and brought the deepest sorrow to his many friends everywhere. Mr. Bulford was the soul of honor and integrity. He gave himself to the duties of this life with determination and great fidelity, never shirking any task which was his to do, however difficult it might seem. His opinion and his judgment were frequently consulted by important interests. With all the other affairs of life, he was a financier of some prominence, and his association with the First National Bank of Dallas, Pennsylvania, was an important factor in the success of that institution. Mr. Bulford's home was his club. Although the most companionable of men, he had little time for club activities or fraternal association, preferring to spend his leisure moments with his wife—his true companion through the years. As an indication of the high respect in which he was held, the following resolution adopted by the board of directors of the First National Bank of Dallas is quoted:

Whereas the Creator of all things, animate and inanimate, has in His wisdom and mercy, seen proper to remove by death our companion and friend, William Bulford, we here desire to express our appreciation of his character, ability and accomplishments, as well as reveal our sorrow over the loss of one highly respected by the members of this Board, and,

Whereas Mr. Bulford was an original supporter in the establishment of this institution, and for many years a director and who was in many ways instrumental in the growth and prosperity of the bank where his honesty and judgment were essential to progress, and,

Whereas he was endowed with that intuitive comprehension of men and projects as to enable him to quickly visualize the basic principle involved and so resulting in a prompt decision advantageous to the welfare of our corporation, and as he also possessed a characteristic geniality and fairness in all discussions which materially promoted harmony in the ultimate conclusions of the Board, we recognize our loss and sorrowfully realize that death precludes our further affiliation with him. Therefore be it,

Resolved; That this testimonial to our deceased associate and friend be inscribed in the minutes of the Bank.

Resolved; That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the widow of deceased, with whom we sympathize in her bereavement.

Resolved; That the Board of Directors, collectively, attend the funeral.

Resolved; That this expressed action of your committee be published in the Wilkes-Barre "Record" and Dallas "Post."

To this may be added the tribute of a local paper which well expressed the universal sentiment of all those who knew him:

And so we must say a sad farewell to this noble, worthwhile character. Good bye, Billy, and may the breezes which sweep that beautiful isle of somewhere unceasingly fan the brow which for weary months never flinched under the ravages of earthly pain. And may the love and prayers of those you have left behind entwine themselves into a garland of roses, ever to mingle with the flowers of reward in the sun-kissed gardens of a joyous eternity.

**GEORGE H. HARRIS**—In a survey of the legal field of Northeastern Pennsylvania the name of George H. Harris, of Hazleton, stands out conspicuously. Although satisfied with a prosperous general practice in his native district, Mr. Harris has been recognized as a valuable counsellor in public corporate affairs and has been called upon to act for the benefit of the administrators of these activities, as well as to assume the duties of elective office. In such work he has displayed an ability that has highly commended him to the whole body politic, achieving for himself an enviable reputation as an attorney with an intimate knowledge of his profession and a comprehensive grasp of its details. He is a man of pleasing personality, of consociational inclinations and of great civic spirit, a combination of traits and qualities that commends him to the approval of the community, while his ability in his profession places him in an eminent position among the many prominent and erudite attorneys of the district in which he lives and labors.

Mr. Harris was born in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, December 30, 1880, a son of James Davis and Sarah (Hughes) Harris, the last named being a daughter of George H. Hughes. The father was born in May's Landing, New Jersey, a son of John Harris, was educated in the common schools and for many years was a caretaker on the extensive estates of the late Senator Don Cameron. He came to Wyoming, Pennsylvania, in the early days of the Civil War and enlisted for service, being attached to the 6th Pennsylvania Cavalry. He remained in the Northern Army during the period of the War and was a witness of intimate operations of the troops as they were commanded by such general officers as Meade, Hooker, and Sheridan, whom he served as orderly. With the surrender of General Robert E. Lee, he was honorably mustered out of the service and returned to civil life, first working in the flour and feed mills of George Hughes and later establishing a business appealing to wealthy sportsmen at Mountain Lake, where he propagated trout and developed a fine resort. His active nature caused him to abandon this enterprise and to engage with the Valley Railroad as storekeeper at Penobscot. Here he was elected on the Greenback ticket to be county commissioner, in which office he served one term and in which he proved himself of value to the people by his efficient work and in raising the valuations of property throughout the county. He was an unsuccessful candidate for county treasurer and after that defeat went to Ohio for a short period, helping in that State to build the Hocking Valley Railroad. He became a widower in 1880 and married (second) Mary Teots, of Wilkes-Barre. Governor Foraker, of Ohio, appointed him caretaker of the State House grounds in Columbus, in which office he again proved his efficiency. He later returned to Luzerne County, but kept in close touch with the Ohio Governor and later went with him to Washington, when he became United States Senator, where he was active in his work of securing pensions for deserving old soldiers. He also acted, while in Ohio, as a writer of life insurance and wrote policies for Mark Hanna, William McKinley and other prominent men. He was a man of self-education, a great reader and a fine orator, interested in the cause of labor and with a hand ever ready to help an honest cause. In Washington he was employed at the Capitol and lived on a farm he had purchased near the city, where he frequently entertained men of political prominence. His death occurred in

Luzerne County in his eighty-first year. His children were: 1. James D., deceased at the age of twelve years. 2. Grace, married Warren Distelhurst. 3. George H. By his second wife he had a son, Foraker J.

George H. Harris was educated in Hazleton, where he was graduated from high school in 1903 and then attended the University of Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated with the class of 1907 and the degree of Bachelor of Laws. He was admitted to the bar in the following year and then went to Oklahoma, where he established himself in practice in Elk City, remaining for four years and then returning to Hazleton. Here he became solicitor for the Hazleton school board and for the boards of Sugar Loaf, Conyngham Borough and Butler Township as well as solicitor for Conyngham Borough. For the last ten years he has been deputy register of wills of Luzerne County, under William E. Morgan and Stanley M. Yetter. He is a Republican in politics and has been a candidate on that ticket for the State Legislature and Senate. He is fraternally affiliated with Hazel Lodge, No. 227, order of Free and Accepted Masons, and with Hazel Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Royal Arcanum, Grand Fraternity. He attends the English Lutheran Trinity Church.

George H. Harris married, March 6, 1908, Emily May Beck, daughter of William H. Beck. Their children are: 1. Nancy May, a sophomore at Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania. 2. Jean Lucile. The family residence is at No. 622 Grant Street, Hazleton, Pennsylvania.

**JOHN JAY HIBBARD**—The son of Welsh immigrants, John Jay Hibbard, of Wanamie, has largely through his own efforts become one of the leading legal-lights of Luzerne County, in the comparatively brief period that he has practiced. Like many of the younger generation of legal practitioners, Mr. Hibbard was hampered in his life's career through devotion to his country during the World War, when he served with the rank of first lieutenant. Mr. Hibbard was on the verge of launching his practice in 1917, and after serving with the Government forces, returned to Luzerne County where he has since carried on a general practice with offices in Nanticoke. His training and innate ability have combined to create a large and steadily increasing clientele here, and he also has been further recognized by being appointed attorney for various school systems in this community. As befits a public-spirited citizen, he devotes liberally of his time toward outside interests, including political affairs, fraternal organizations and the church.

Mr. Hibbard was born September 24, 1890, at Wanamie, son of John and Margaret (Price) Hibbard. John Hibbard was born in Monmouthshire, Wales, and is a miner. Margaret (Price) Hibbard also was a native of Monmouthshire, and died in May, 1908. John Jay Hibbard gleaned his earliest education from the courses prescribed by the local public school system and graduated from Newport Township High School in 1906. Thence he entered Stroudsburg Normal School, was graduated therefrom with the class of 1909, and this was followed by a period of four years' teaching in the Newport Township schools. With the money thus earned he matriculated at Dickinson Law School, and by close devotion to his studies was graduated from this school with the class of 1916, having won the degree of

Bachelor of Laws. In the autumn of this same year he was admitted to the bar, but had little opportunity to practice his profession before the entry of the United States into the World War. At the commencement of this crisis he volunteered for service in the United States Army, and was commissioned a first lieutenant. During his period of military service he was stationed in various training camps, engaged in instruction work. In January, 1919, Mr. Hibbard received his honorable discharge and returned to Luzerne County, where he launched his law practice, which has continued to occupy him. His offices are in Nanticoke, and he was selected attorney and school solicitor for the township schools at Newport, Plymouth, and Slocum. He was appointed solicitor to the county comptroller January 1, 1929, which position he resigned and was appointed county solicitor on November 15, 1929, an office he holds at present. As county solicitor he has participated in many important cases such as the appeals by the coal companies from their assessed coal valuations, and the litigation affecting the New Market Street Bridge. He handles the details of this work most satisfactorily, while at the same time gradually is building up a large general practice. His clients find him ever faithful and devoted to their cause, and his skill and talent in pleading cases has brought prosperity and success. What is more important, however, he has won the trust and confidence of his fellow-citizens and is often called upon to aid in projects planned for the public weal. Mr. Hibbard is a Republican and is ever faithful in his support of the candidates and issues of this party. His fraternal associations include membership in Nanticoke Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Keystone Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, of Scranton; Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; Wanamie Lodge, No. 867, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; the Junior Order United American Mechanics, and the Loyal Order of Moose. A devout Christian, Mr. Hibbard is a most helpful member in the ranks of the Methodist Episcopal Church, serving this congregation as trustee and member of the official board.

John Jay Hibbard married, May 29, 1919, Kathryn George Phillips, of Wanamie, daughter of John D. and Kathryn (George) Phillips. Previous to her marriage Mrs. Hibbard was a teacher, and for ten years served as instructor of the Newport Township schools. She is a graduate of the Newport public schools, including high school, and of East Stroudsburg Normal School. Her father, John D. Phillips, was born in Aberdare, Wales, was a miner, and died in 1925, survived by his wife, also a native of Aberdare. The children of John Jay and Kathryn George (Phillips) Hibbard: 1. John Humphrey, born June 13, 1920. 2. Kathryn Margaret, born January 10, 1924.

**PIERCE BUTLER** was a member of one of the oldest and finest families of Wyoming Valley and one whose history is closely allied with the growth and early pioneer history of the county. The first of the name to come to the State was Colonel Zebulon Butler, born in Connecticut, but migrating to Wyoming Valley prior to the Revolution and purchasing a large tract of land, which included part of the present site of Kingston. Four of this city's streets are named for the family: Butler, Pierce, James and Reynolds, the latter from the wife of one of the pioneers and all

commemorating the activities of this family in the annals of the town. Colonel Zebulon Butler had a son, Colonel Lord Butler, who in turn had a son, Pierce, who was the grandfather of Mr. Pierce Butler, of further mention.

Pierce Butler was born in the old Butler homestead, the third generation of Butlers to see the light of day in this old mansion, on March 21, 1854. He was the son of James M. and Martha (Lazarus) Butler. His earliest education was received in the local public schools, but when his studies there were completed, he continued his courses at Wyoming Seminary, where he graduated. He began his active business career with the Payne Coal Company, severing his connection with that organization to affiliate himself with the Wyoming Valley Traction Company, which later was organized as the Wilkes-Barre Railroad Company. Mr. Butler was chosen as cashier upon this re-organization, and was eventually promoted to the post of paymaster, which position he retained up to a couple of years before his death. A man greatly appreciated for his able, efficient services and one whose high ideals of probity and strict sense of honor, made him a greatly esteemed individual in his community. His demise at the age of fifty-eight, on September 13, 1913, seemed sadly premature to a sorrowing family and to the social and business associates who had felt his influence as a stimulating force exerted always for the best. Always ready to render service where he felt that service to be due, he served as borough president for a year. He gave his support to the Republican party, and was a consistent promoter of the interests of the community, aiding in those quiet ways which the loyal citizen can best serve in private capacity. He was a man of refined and cultivated tastes, deeply interested in history and proud, in the best sense, of the history of his own family. A member of the Sons of the Revolution, he was a typical American of our best stock. Mr. Butler found healthful recreation in fishing and in the ideally happy social life of his home, giving to his family that simple devotion and affection which is the treasure and inspiration of its members.

Pierce Butler married on December 8, 1896, Mary Beardslee, daughter of Hon. Howkin Buckeley and Charlotte (Clark) Beardslee. Mrs. Butler died November 13, 1923. Mr. Beardslee was a prominent member of the Pennsylvania bar, practicing in Wilkes-Barre and district attorney for Wayne County, before he was twenty-one years of age. He later became editor-in-chief of the "Times Leader," Wilkes-Barre's daily paper and was elected to represent his district in the State Senate for two years.

Mr. and Mrs. Butler were the parents of one child, a daughter, Mary Beardslee, born October 29, 1898. On December 8, 1926, she was married to Joseph B. Lippincott. Mrs. Lippincott is one of the brilliant women of the county and deeply interested in politics. She is club historian of the West Side Woman's Club and president, secretary and treasurer of the Butler Estate Company, which administers the affairs of the family as a unit.

**MERTON ELWOOD MARVIN, M. D.**—Descended of one of the earliest settlers of Luzerne County, the late Dr. Merton Elwood Marvin devoted his life to the healing of the sick in this section of the State, and during his many years of practice acquired for him-

self not only a high reputation as a physician, but also the esteem and respect of the community as a whole.

Merton Elwood Marvin was born at Muhlenburg, Luzerne County, August 21, 1872, the son of Alanson Monroe and Sophia (Santee) Marvin. His father, who was born in 1841 and who died in February, 1925, was for many years a prominent and prosperous farmer of Muhlenburg. Dr. Marvin's mother was also a native of Luzerne County, where she was born in 1841 and where she died in May, 1923. David Marvin was the first of the name to settle in Luzerne County, being one of the original forty pioneers who located in Plymouth in the early years of the nineteenth century.

Having received his early education in the public schools of his native town, Dr. Marvin then attended the academies at Sweet Valley and Huntington Mills. Next he took up the study of medicine at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, from which institution he graduated in 1896 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. For one year he officiated as an interne at St. Mary's Hospital, in Philadelphia, at the end of which period he returned to Luzerne County and started in the general practice of medicine at Luzerne. For many years he served on the staff of Nesbitt Hospital, and he was also a member of the Luzerne County and Pennsylvania State Medical Societies, as well as of the American Medical Association. In politics Dr. Marvin was a Republican, but he never sought for or held public office. He was affiliated with Kingston Lodge, No. 395, Free and Accepted Masons; Shekinah Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Dieu le Veut Commandery, Knights Templar; and Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. His religious affiliations were with the Kingston Presbyterian Church.

In 1907 Dr. Marvin married Bertha Faulds, daughter of Dr. W. H. Faulds, a leading physician of Kingston. Mrs. Marvin died in January, 1927, leaving one child, a daughter, Eleanor Faulds Marvin, born in March, 1908. Dr. Marvin died soon after his wife.

Dr. Marvin's comparatively early death was a distinct shock to his family, to his many friends and to his fellow-townsmen. During his long residence, covering some five decades, in Luzerne County, he had greatly endeared himself to all, who had the privilege of coming into contact with him. His skill as a physician gave him a large practice, while his many fine qualities of the mind and the heart won for him an exceptionally large circle of friends. He will long be remembered as one of the most useful, most representative and most public-spirited citizens of Luzerne County.

**FRANK F. MATHESON**—The family of the surname Matheson of which Frank F. Matheson, president of the Matheson Warehouse Company, is a member is of Scotch origin, and was founded in the United States in 1866, by Alexander Matheson. Alexander Matheson was a native of Scotland, born in 1832. At the age of sixteen years he migrated to the Dominion of Canada, and there, in 1864, was united in marriage with Janet Johnston, like himself, of Scotch descent. They came to the United States two years later, first locating in Kalamazoo, Michigan, where they remained for a number of years, later removing to Grand Rapids, Michigan. Alexander Matheson was by trade a stone mason, and in that occupation he spent the balance of his years in Grand Rapids, a

kindly, industrious and temperate man beloved of all who knew him. Alexander and Janet (Johnston) Matheson were the parents of children: 1. Rosanna, wife of Ralph Phelps, of Detroit, Michigan. 2. Robert Alexander, of Grand Rapids. 3. Frank F., of whom directly. 4. William B., of Grand Rapids. 5. Charles Walter, of Detroit. 6. Mary Louise, wife of B. M. Fox, of Grand Rapids. 7. Katherine, wife of George P. Anderson, of Detroit.

Frank F. Matheson, third child and second son, was born in Kalamazoo, Michigan, June 27, 1871, five years after Alexander and Janet (Johnston) Matheson established residence there from Canada. While a child he went with them to Grand Rapids, and there received his preparatory education, matriculating in the University of Michigan upon graduation from high school. Upon leaving college Mr. Matheson formed a connection with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, as chief clerk in the engineering department, Grand Rapids; but after two years with the Pennsylvania road he left it, for the more desirable position of assistant to the president of the Consolidated Street Railway Company of Grand Rapids. In 1894, at the age of twenty-three years, he went to Chicago, and there engaged in the oil business, for four years, and in 1898 returned to Grand Rapids, to become manager of the department of business system in the Fred Macey Company, an organization which then carried on a world-wide business in mail orders, at retail.

The two Matheson brothers, Frank and Charles, were among the earliest manufacturers of automobiles in the United States—entering into the manufacture of the Matheson car in 1902 at Grand Rapids, Michigan. In 1903 the Matheson Motor Car Company purchased the large plant and development of the Holyoke Automobile Company of Holyoke, Massachusetts, to which point their operations were moved from Grand Rapids, Michigan. The success of the Matheson car was so pronounced that larger quarters were required and in 1906 the affairs of the Matheson Company were moved to Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, where a large plant was built for their occupancy; and in which plant their operations were conducted until 1913, when the business was liquidated.

Mr. Matheson then entered upon the retail automobile business, in which his affairs prospered ever to greater degree, enabling him, in 1922, to purchase for the use of his retail business, the plant built for and formerly occupied by the Matheson Automobile Company for the manufacture of the Matheson car. This plant he greatly enlarged and improved, devoting some acres of floor space to the use of the Matheson Warehouse Company, a company which he organized for general warehouse purposes.

In 1926 this plant suffered a disastrous fire, involving a loss of approximately one million dollars; but which checked but temporarily the expansion of the automobile and warehousing businesses. In 1921 Mr. Matheson retired from the automobile business, which had developed into one of the largest of its kind in Pennsylvania, turning his entire interest in the company over to the members of his organization, and who had so effectively contributed to its development. Except for the retention of the presidency of the Matheson Warehouse Company, he withdrew from active business.

While he gave a great deal of time, necessarily, to his complex commercial affairs, Mr. Matheson has not neglected other affairs,

pertaining to the community. Politically, he is in sympathy with the Republican party. His influence is considerable, and he uses it discreetly, to best effect for the citizenry at large. Fraternally his affiliations are broad. He is a member of Landmark Lodge, No. 442, Free and Accepted Masons, of Wilkes-Barre; Keystone Consistory, at Scranton, Pennsylvania, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Masons, of the thirty-second degree; and Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Wilkes-Barre. He is a member of the Irem Temple County Club, the Westmoreland, Franklin and Craftsman's clubs, the Wyoming Valley Motor Club; the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce, of which he is a past president; past president of the Kiwanis Club; life member of the Wyoming Valley Historical Society, and the Columbia Fire Department of Kingston. Although somewhat advanced in years for service in the military during the World War, Mr. Matheson did serve, and tirelessly, in the Liberty Loan drives, and on the boards and committees in charge of war work. He is a communicant of the Presbyterian Church, Wilkes-Barre, and in matters of charity deals with large heart, ever generously, without regard for race or creed. Firm in his opinions, usually right but quick to admit himself wrong in face of evidence, talented in commerce, honorable in his actions great or small, Mr. Matheson possessed those qualities of character which tend to warm a man in the affections of his fellows; and his friends, who esteem him highly, are numerous.

On November 10, 1896, Mr. Matheson was united in marriage with Cora E. Hester, of Grand Rapids, a daughter of Myron and Katharine Hester. They resided at No. 26 Park Place, Kingston.

#### WILLIAM NICHOLAS REYNOLDS, JR.—

The Reynolds family, which is represented in the present generation at Wilkes-Barre by William Nicholas Reynolds, an able member of the Luzerne County Bar and leader in civic movements, originated in England, where it attained great prominence, some of its representatives having been attached to the royal house, while others distinguished themselves as statesmen, artisans, colonizers and leaders in the educational world.

The progenitor of the Reynolds family of Wyoming Valley, William Reynolds, was born at Kingstown, Rhode Island, near the close of the seventeenth century, having been fourth in descent from William Reynolds, who is said to have been originally of Gloucestershire, England, and then of the Islands of Bermuda, whence he immigrated about 1629 to Salem and joined the new Puritan Colony of Massachusetts Bay. The elder Reynolds joined the First Church at Salem under the ministry of its aged pastor, Samuel Skelton, and of his successor, Roger Williams, and later was associated with Williams in the early settlement and founding of the colony of Providence Plantations. In August, 1637, William Reynolds and twelve others, "desirous to inhabit in the town of Providence," signed an agreement in which they promised to ally themselves "in active or passive obedience to all such orders or agreements" as might be formulated for the happiness and advancement of their neighborhood. He and thirty-eight others signed an additional agreement in July, 1640, at Providence, offering stable local government to the Crown of England, and not quite four years subsequently a royal charter was

granted them and their associates for the incorporation of the colony of Providence Plantations. A considerable amount of land was allotted to William Reynolds, and a part of his original residence "lot" is included in the holdings of Brown University. Deciding to remove to Kingstown (now North Kingstown, Washington County, Rhode Island<sup>71</sup>), he sold his lands at Providence in 1646, according to deeds of record there. The descent from the original William Reynolds to William Nicholas Reynolds is through the following line:

James Reynolds, son of William Reynolds, was born May 13, 1625 (by some genealogists said to have been in England in 1617), became constable at Kingstown, and took a prominent part in 1677 in the boundary disputes among disputants of Connecticut, Rhode Island and Providence Plantations; and in consequence of acrimonious discussions of the disputants, was carried off bodily in May of that year to Hartford by a company of Connecticut adherents, and imprisoned some time. He married Deborah, and died at Kingstown in 1702.

Their son, Joseph Reynolds, born November 27, 1652, married (second) Marcy; lived at North Kingstown, and was known from his stature and strength as "Big Joe."

Their son, Joseph Reynolds, Jr., a man of property who married Susannah Babcock, who later married Robert Spencer November 7, 1723; his will was proved in 1722 or 1725.

Their son, George Reynolds, of Exeter, Rhode Island, born August 14, 1708, a justice of the peace; married, September 14, 1729, Joanna Spencer, daughter of Robert and Theodosia (Whaley) Spencer.

Their son, Captain Robert Reynolds, born at Exeter, Rhode Island, in 1736, married, January 20, 1757, Eunice Walte, daughter of John Waite; died in 1806 and was buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Factoryville, Pennsylvania. He was of a military turn of mind, and it is well to remember this in considering the records of the eighth, ninth and tenth generations, on down to William Nicholas Reynolds. In 1767 he was made captain of the First Company of Trained Band Militia, Kings County Regiment, Exeter. He served in his neighborhood at the time of the attack at Lexington, and started to the scene, but the orders summoning his company were countermanded. Later he commanded a detachment of the army of General Nathaniel Greene, which received highly favorable commendation when it joined the army of General George Washington in the spring of 1775. Robert Reynolds became captain of the First Exeter Company, Second Regiment of Kings County, from 1781 to 1788. He left Exeter, Rhode Island, in 1790 for the wilderness of Northeast Pennsylvania, and after weeks of rigorous travel arrived at Abington, Luzerne (now Lackawanna) County, and he and others were the first white men to view the hills of Abington; he later brought his wife and she became the first white woman of the settlement. In 1803 the first military training of the neighborhood was established as the men and boys dragged out old uniforms which had seen service in the Revolution; quite a celebration was had, in which the women took part and refreshments were served. On this occasion Captain Robert Reynolds was made colonel of the company by courtesy, and this title clung to him ever after. The first sawmill at Abington was built by Robert, who cleared the land which still remains in the ownership of the family connection. He was interred on the old farm

which in the later days was owned by the widow of M. N. Reynolds, but in 1901 his remains and those of his wife were removed to the burial lot of the family of Stephen C. Reynolds, in Evergreen Cemetery, Factoryville, where five generations sleep side by side.

Their son, George Reynolds, born February 19, 1761, at Exeter, Rhode Island, died December 19, 1844, and was interred at Evergreen Cemetery in Factoryville. He married Freelope Northup, born in 1760, died October 25, 1834. George Reynolds enlisted in the Revolutionary Army at the age of seventeen from Exeter, Rhode Island, in Benjamin West's company of Colonel Topham's regiment, and was wounded by the Hessian hired troops of the British in the Battle of Newport Island; he resided during the latter part of his life at Nicholson, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, and in 1832, at more than seventy years of age, set forth a statement of his service in the memorial to the Pension Office at Washington.

Their son, Robert Reynolds, born June 17, 1791, at Exeter, Rhode Island, married Susan Capwell, daughter of Stephen and Hannah Capwell, died in 1856 and was interred in the family lot at Factoryville; she was born in 1798 and died in 1855. With his father's family Robert came to Abington, Luzerne County, now Clinton Township, Wyoming County, in 1805. He was a farmer, lumberman and millwright. In the War of 1812 with Great Britain Robert lived up to the reputation of his forebears by enlisting in Company 45, 1st Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteers, in which he was made ensign. This detail joined the main force under Captain Camp, at Wilkes-Barre, embarked in rafts on the Susquehanna River to Harrisburg, thence to Havre de Grace, Maryland, where they were ordered home, news of the Jackson victory at New Orleans having been received.

Their son, Joseph Whipple Reynolds, born March 11, 1815, in Clinton Township, Wyoming County; died March 10, 1866, at West Nicholson; married Phoebe Stark; a veteran of the Civil War and for whom the Grand Army Post at Tunkhannock, his one-time residence, was named.

Their son, William Nicholas Reynolds, also served in the Civil War, as a member of the 187th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, married Ida Ella Billings, and had two sons, J. Wells Reynolds, deceased, served in the Spanish-American War, the Philippine Campaign, and in the World War, and at the time of his death held the rank of captain in the United States Navy, and William Nicholas Reynolds, Jr., of whom further.

William Nicholas Reynolds, Jr., was born May 31, 1874, in Tunkhannock, Pennsylvania. He attended the local public schools and Friends School at Washington, District of Columbia, and graduated from LaFayette College at Easton in 1897 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He was admitted to the Luzerne County Bar in 1897 and has since successfully practiced his profession here, now in the Dime Bank, Title & Trust Company Building. He has brought an unusually valuable equipment into the practice of the law, and by his close application to duty and his unswerving loyalty to the interests of his clients has made numerous friends. During the World War he rendered essential home service and received the thanks of a grateful government.

Mr. Reynolds is a leading member of the Luzerne County Bar Association, the Pennsylvania Bar Association and the American

Bar Association. He belongs to the Spanish-American War Veterans, having served as a major in the Pennsylvania National Guard during the war in 1898. His fraternal order affiliations embrace Lodge, No. 61, Free and Accepted Masons; Bloomsburg Consistory, Scottish Rite Masons, thirty-second degree; Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; Wilkes-Barre Lodge, No. 109, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and Wyoming Lodge, No. 39, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a member of the Rotary Club and a director of the Chamber of Commerce. His interest in civic and human betterment is evidenced by the fact that he served as chairman of the Wilkes-Barre Recreation Committee when the first Municipal Golf Course in Northeastern Pennsylvania was established. He adheres to the principles of the Republican party, and in religion is a Presbyterian. His clubs include the Wyoming Valley Country, the Westmoreland, the Fox Hill Country, of Wilkes-Barre and vicinity, and the Old Colony Club of New York. He is fond of motoring and is a director of the Wyoming Valley Motor Club.

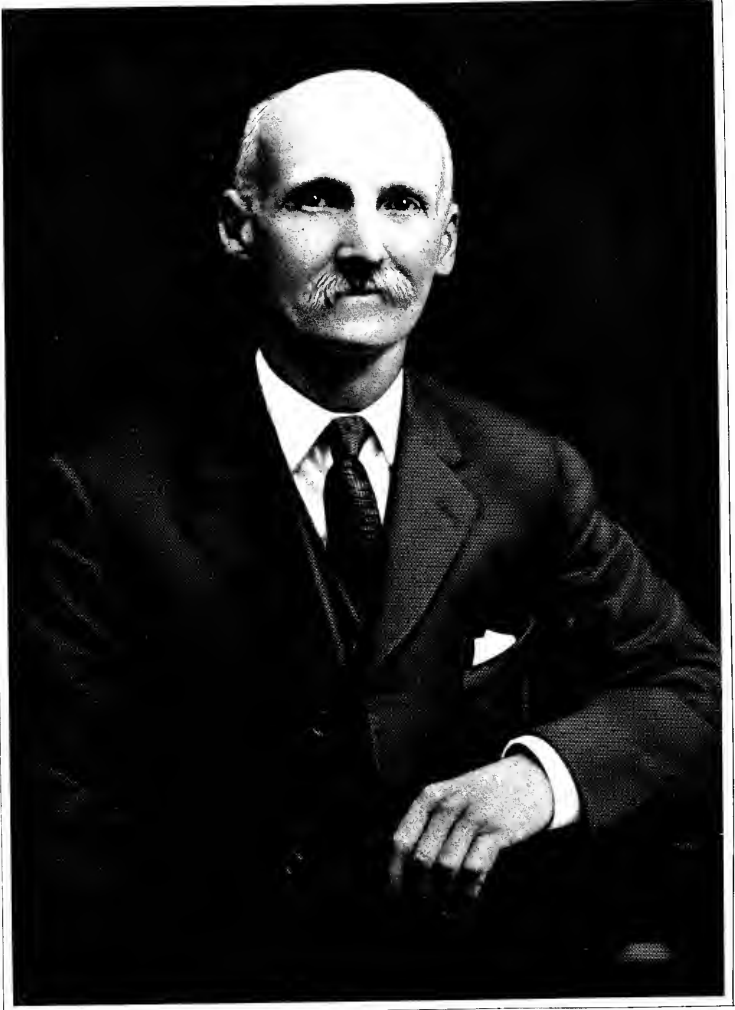
**GEORGE THOMAS MORGAN**—A native and life-long resident of Kingston, Mr. Morgan has been engaged there in the grocery and provision business ever since he completed his education at the age of nineteen, excepting almost two years during the World War. Since completing his education he has been associated in the conduct of this business with his father, who had founded it, but since the latter's death in 1926, he has managed it alone. Able, energetic, progressive and a tireless worker, he is considered one of the most successful of the younger generation of Kingston's business men. He is also prominently identified with the fraternal and religious activities of the community, in which he enjoys the respect, liking and confidence of a very large circle of friends and acquaintances.

Richard William Morgan, the father of the subject of this article, was born at Templeton, South Wales, in 1868. After coming to this country he was employed for fifteen years by the Wilkes-Barre Railway Company. In 1907 he resigned from this position and engaged in business at Kingston in which he continued with marked success until his death in 1926. He married Sarah Jane Reese, likewise a native of Templeton, South Wales, and they were the parents of four children: George Thomas, of whom further; Philip J., a resident physician, at Jefferson Hospital, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Richard William, Jr., a student at Jefferson Medical College, class of 1933; and Sadie G. Morgan.

George Thomas Morgan, eldest son of the late Richard William Morgan and Sarah Jane (Reese) Morgan, was born at Kingston, Pennsylvania, April 17, 1894. He was graduated from the high school of his native town and from Wyoming Seminary. He then became associated with his father in the business founded by the latter in 1907 at Nos. 803-805 Wyoming Avenue, Kingston, in which business he has continued to be engaged since then with much success. After his father's death, which occurred November 6, 1926, he took over the sole management of this enterprise, which is carried on under the firm name of R. W. Morgan Company and which is considered one of the most successful and progressive establishments of its type in Kingston. Under his very able management, which he carries on in behalf of his mother, who inherited the business from her husband,







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the firm has continued to enjoy prosperity and growth, until today some fourteen people are employed in its conduct. During the World War Mr. Morgan served overseas for eleven months with the 311th Field Artillery Headquarters Company, 79th Division, receiving his honorable discharge, June 4, 1919. He is a member of Kingston Lodge, No. 395, Free and Accepted Masons; Shekinah Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Dieu le Vent Commandery, Knights Templar; Irem Temple, of Wilkes-Barre, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; Walnut Lodge, No. 953, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; American Legion; and Veterans of Foreign Wars. He is also a member of the board of directors of the West Side Building and Loan Association of Kingston. In politics he is a supporter of the Republican party, while his religious affiliations are with the Methodist Episcopal Church and more particularly with the Dorancton Methodist Episcopal Church of Kingston. In the work of the latter he has been very prominently active for a number of years, being a member of its official board, treasurer, and superintendent of its Sunday school.

Mr. Morgan was married June 27, 1929, to Anna E. Morgan, and they make their home at No. 25 South Bennett Street, Kingston, Pennsylvania.

**JOHN R. JAMES**—For many years the family of James of which John R. James is a member, has been well and honorably known in the city of Wilkes-Barre. It is of Welsh origin, founded in its American branch, in Wilkes-Barre, by John E. James, father of John R. James and son of John E. James, Sr. This John E. James, Sr., lived in Parkwen, South Wales, England, and there John E. James, father of John R. James, was born. He came to Luzerne County soon after his majority of years, and in 1895 engaged in business as mason's contractor, Wilkes-Barre, which business he continued with good prosperity until the time of his death, February 15, 1927. He was until his demise a director of the board of the Wilkes-Barre Deposit and Savings Bank, and had besides the contracting enterprise a number of business connections, which gave him a prominent position in commercial circles of the city. He was a communicant of the Welsh Presbyterian Church of Wilkes-Barre, an officer in it, and most devout in service, while his personal manner was at all times temperate, exemplary, above reproach. He was one of those citizens constantly interested in movements for the public welfare; indeed, a progressive man in all ways, forceful, kindly, and possessed of many sincere friends who recognized in his death a loss to the community, and a loss to themselves. John E. James married Hannah Edwards, and they were the parents of three children: 1. John R., of whom follows. 2. Mary, wife of Clyde Henshall, of Scranton, Pennsylvania. 3. David E., associated with John R. James in the contracting business inherited from their father.

John R. James, eldest child of John E. and Hannah (Edwards) James, was born in Wilkes-Barre, October 21, 1885. Here he attended the public schools, graduated from high school with sound academic standing, matriculated in Lehigh University, at Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, and graduated in 1906, at the age of twenty years, with the degree of Mechanical Engineer. Having completed his professional courses he went to Rhode Island and entered the employ of the Saylor

Bleacheries Company, Saylesville. Later he removed to Bristol, Connecticut, where he had a place with the New Departure Manufacturing Company, which has since become a subsidiary of General Motors Company. In 1911 Mr. James returned to Wilkes-Barre, and here joined in association with his father in contracting. The broader experience gained by him between 1906 and 1911 has served him and the contracting business most beneficially in the years that have followed. Meanwhile his younger brother, David E. James, as noted heretofore, came into the organization. Since the death of the founder, the firm style has been retained, John E. James.

Although he has been busily engaged in the affairs of the contracting company, Mr. James has never failed to take part in public movements of worth to the community at large. Like his father, he is known as a citizen of public spirit. A Republican, he is loyal to the principles upheld by the party, and has within its circles a fair degree of influence. Fraternally, Mr. James is affiliated with Lodge No. 61, Free and Accepted Masons, Wilkes-Barre; Shekinah Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Dieu le Vent Commandery, No. 45, Knights Templar; Caldwell Consistory, at Bloomsburg, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; and is a member of the Craftsman's Club and Irem Temple Country Club. He is a communicant of the Welsh Presbyterian Church, South Main Street, Wilkes-Barre, and has filled several offices in the denomination.

On October 21, 1919, Mr. James was united in marriage with Florence Koch, of Wilkes-Barre, daughter of Henry P. and Mrs. Koch, deceased. Mr. and Mrs. James are the parents of two children: John E., 3d, and Mary Louise. They reside at No. 465 South River Street, Wilkes-Barre.

**JEREMIAH ALEXANDER McCaa**—Few educators come to their tasks with better preparation or more enthusiastic ambition for improvement of system where improvement can be made than did Jeremiah Alexander McCaa, the present supervising principal of the public schools of Plains, Pennsylvania. Mr. McCaa has been well known to the residents of this district from childhood, his steady progress noted by those who take the deepest interest in the cultivation of the youthful mind and in the development of all civic enterprise, with the result that his eligibility for leadership in the profession he has adopted was readily recognized. In addition to his other qualifications he possesses a personality of unusual attractiveness and has that elusive quality that readily makes and holds friends.

He was born in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, May 5, 1882, a son of Robert Dunn McCaa, a native of Hazleton, where he was born in 1852, and who is now a stationary engineer employed by the Lehigh Valley Coal Company at its Oakwood mines; and of Millie M. (Shiffer) McCaa, born in Hudson, Pennsylvania, deceased in April, 1926. He received his education in the local public schools and was graduated from the Wilkes-Barre High School in 1900. He then attended Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts with the class of 1905. Entering the educational service, he became principal of Cunningham school in Wilkes-Barre, which position he held for five years, then being transferred as a teacher in the high school of junior and senior English. He

performed the duties of that position with such satisfaction that, in 1924, he was called to take the position of supervising principal of the schools of Plains. These schools consist of thirteen buildings, with an enrollment of 5,000 pupils and students and a force of one hundred and forty-two teachers. The present high school was dedicated in 1926. Mr. McCaa is a Republican in politics and attends the Presbyterian Church.

**GEORGE J. GABUZDA**—In the land of opportunity, to which he came when a boy, George J. Gabuzda quickly grasped a medium through which, within a period of sixteen years, he and a younger brother have established one of the most progressive commercial enterprises in the Wyoming Valley of Pennsylvania, with headquarters in Freeland. With aspirations of a high order, fine ability, accurate business judgment and tireless energy he went to work with a will and early learned the lesson that independence of action is the watchword of success in the business world. During the period of his labors in the employ of others he acquired an intimate knowledge of the medium of trade in which he operated and brought this to bear when he eventually established an independent enterprise. He understood the priceless value of honesty in dealing and of pure wares for public consumption, of the virtues of coöperation with the general commercial machine and of mingling fraternally with his associates in and out of business. Applying the principles of positive honor in all his dealings, he achieved the esteem of his fellows and a resulting prosperity through a constantly developing trade. He has made himself one of the upstanding citizens of this community by his devotion to sound principles, with a legion of friends in many walks of life.

He was born in Czecho-Slovakia and emigrated to America in 1904, when he was twelve years of age, first locating in Mahanoy City, Pennsylvania, where his brother joined him a year later. His first work was as a breaker boy at the mines, where he remained for two years, then coming to Freeland, where he obtained work in a meat market and where he learned the trade of butcher. For six years he worked at this occupation, then withdrawing and setting up his own establishment in partnership with his brother, Stephen. Since then they have built up a substantial business, which is growing with satisfactory strength. He has been a director of the Citizens' Bank since 1923 and is interested in other lines. When the United States entered the World War he enlisted and was attached to the Motor Mechanics School at Pittsburgh, later to be sent to the Motor Transport Corps, in which he served at Camp Johnston, Florida, and Camp Humphries, Virginia, until he was honorably mustered out, February 3, 1919. He then returned to Freeland and continued his business operations. He is a member of the American Legion, Knights of Columbus and Benevolent and Protective of Elks and attends the Roman Catholic Church of St. John.

George J. Gabuzda married, August 6, 1916, Anna Silvas, of West Hazleton, Pennsylvania. Their children are: George, Joseph and Lawrence. The family residence is at No. 941 Center Street, Freeland.

**ELIJAH M. ELLSWORTH**—Like many other successful business men of today, Elijah M. Ellsworth, real estate operator and

insurance representative of Kingston, followed many lines of endeavor before finally entering into the vocation for which he deems himself best fitted. His career, which has been confined in the main to this section of Pennsylvania, was started in the teaching profession, and during the years that have elapsed he was a post office employee, organizer and president of a financial institution, and unusually active in political and civic circles. Fraternal and social organizations also have benefited materially through having Mr. Ellsworth as a worker in their ranks, and he has been especially devoted to religious enterprises.

Mr. Ellsworth was born May 28, 1864, in Wyoming County, Pennsylvania, son of Elijah B. and Elizabeth (Switzer) Ellsworth. Elijah B. Ellsworth was born at Vernon, Wyoming County, Pennsylvania, in 1835, and was a farmer during his life-time. Elizabeth (Switzer) Ellsworth, native of Larkville, Wyoming County, was born August 31, 1843.

After completing the prescribed courses of the public schools in Wyoming County, Elijah M. Ellsworth entered Wyoming Seminary in Kingston, and after being graduated therefrom, became a post office clerk in Kingston, serving thus for four years. This was during the administration of Grover Cleveland as president, and Mr. Ellsworth was employed in the general merchandise store owned by N. J. Pringle, of Kingston, for eleven years. At the expiration of this period, he entered the real estate and insurance business, in 1905, and since has operated under his own name in Kingston. Previous to his employment in the post office, however, Mr. Ellsworth was engaged as a teacher for five years, serving as an instructor in the schools of Luzerne County. Another accomplishment credited to him was the organization of the West Side Trust Company, of Kingston. Mr. Ellsworth was the first president of this institution, which later was merged with the Kingston Bank & Trust Company. Thus it will be seen that his several contacts, professional and commercial, were so varied and comprehensive, that he was thoroughly fitted to take up the work he now (1930) carries on, inasmuch as insurance and real estate dealings are more or less identified with them, this being especially true of finance.

His early experience as an educator familiarized Mr. Ellsworth with the needs of this profession, and he since has maintained a deep interest in educational affairs. For four years he served as school director here and much of the development of the local schools was furthered through his stimulus and incentive. A Republican, Mr. Ellsworth is loyal to his political convictions, but perhaps his main outside accomplishments have been achieved through his work and coöperation in the Methodist Episcopal Church of which he is a trustee, and for more than twenty years has been president of the board of trustees. Mr. Ellsworth's fraternal affiliations have been confined almost entirely to the Masonic order, he being a member of Kingston Lodge, No. 395, Free and Accepted Masons; Shekinah Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Dieu le Veut Commandery, No. 45, Knights Templar, and Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

Elijah M. Ellsworth married Dora Wilcox, of Kingston, daughter of James and Martha Wilcox, and they have a large circle of friends in this community. Mr. Ellsworth's offices are at No. 71 North Dorrence Street, while the family home is located at No. 76 North Dorrence Street, Kingston.

**WILLIAM B. FINE**—Publisher of the leading weekly newspaper in Dallas, Luzerne County, William B. Fine may well be said to be one of the commanding influences of his community. Although but young in years, Mr. Fine had already made for himself an outstanding reputation in the field of mechanical engineering, when he decided to enter the field of journalism, and purchased the "Dallas Post," the weekly referred to above.

Mr. Fine was born at Alden Station, Luzerne County, June 7, 1900, the son of Harvey and Hannah (Griffith) Fine, the former a native of Newport Center, Luzerne County, where he was born in 1875. His wife, the mother of William B. Fine of this record, was born in Alden Station in 1877. Mr. Fine is one of a family of eight children, seven of whom are living today.

The early education of Mr. Fine was acquired in Wanamie, Luzerne County, graduating from the latter institution with the class of 1918. He then attended the Pennsylvania State College, in the town of State College, Center County, graduating in 1922 with the degrees of Bachelor of Science and Mechanical Engineer. In his early boyhood, Mr. Fine had been interested in newspaper work by selling the "Times Leader," and when he was fifteen years old showed his journalistic ability by acting as correspondent for that paper in Newport. It is therefore not strange that after two years of work in structural engineering in New York State he returned to his native county, and finding the "Dallas Post" for sale, he purchased it. This weekly was started in 1891 by Mr. Holbrook, and associated with him were Harry Anderson and D. N. Blocksage. It was purchased by Mr. Capwell from Mr. Holbrook in 1893, and the former published it until 1900, when J. Harry Anderson, one of the originators of the publication, took it over and operated it until 1924, when he sold it to Mr. Fine. The paper is issued every Saturday morning and has a paidup subscription list of somewhere around two thousand copies per issue. It is Republican in politics, with which party Mr. Fine is in sympathy, although he had never sought for or held office. The college fraternity of Mr. Fine is Phi Kappa Psi, and he is also affiliated with the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Patriotic Order Sons of America. He is a member of the Dallas Rotary Club, and its vice-president in 1927-28, now a member of its board of directors. His religious connections are with the Methodist Episcopal Church.

On October 15, 1924, Mr. Fine married Gessie Margaret Norton, of Nanticoke, Luzerne County, daughter of John and Elizabeth Norton, of that township. Mr. and Mrs. Fine are the parents of two children, as follows: Lois Elaine, born August 21, 1925, and Gessie Hannah, born July 5, 1927.

**CHARLES P. BETZ**—After several years in the grocery business with his father in Luzerne, Charles P. Betz decided to engage in undertaking as a profession, a course that proved his wisdom, for he has within a few years attained a position of importance in the field. He learned the trade of mortician thoroughly and conducts it with a sympathetic understanding that has won him the high regard of those whom misfortune has brought to his emporium and chapel. He is a citizen of upright character and civic virtues, commendable in his public enterprise and private life.

He was born in Plymouth, Pennsylvania, September 15, 1886, a son on Michael Betz, a native of Russia, and Mary (Yestrzemska) Betz, born in Poland, died in November, 1916. Charles P. Betz obtained his education in the public schools and the Sacred Heart institution in Luzerne. For four years he worked in his father's grocery store here, then abandoned that work to learn the undertaking profession. He attended the Eckies School of Embalming in Philadelphia, from which he was graduated in 1906, when he returned to his home and until 1908 worked at it under others. His own establishment was opened in 1908, since which date he has constantly striven to improve his facilities, having today one of the most complete establishments of its character in the Wyoming Valley. In politics he is a Republican, his church being the Sacred Heart of Luzerne. Since July, 1927, he has been a director of the Kingston Bank & Trust Company.

Charles P. Betz married, June 29, 1909, Stella Summa, daughter of Peter and Veronica (Passa) Summa, of Kingston. Their children are: Veronica, Charles and Joseph.

**EDGAR ALBERT**—Conducting one of the oldest mercantile establishments in Freeland, an enterprise founded here more than sixty years ago by his father, Edgar Albert, proprietor of F. H. Albert & Son, not only has demonstrated superior ability in trade and commerce, but has a meritorious record in endeavors designed for the public weal. His business ethics have been irrefragable; his conduct in non-commercial spheres has proven helpful to his colleagues, and his unaffected demeanor has brought him popularity and esteem in Freeland and surrounding territory.

Mr. Albert is a son of Frank H. Albert, and a descendant of Peter Albert, who came to America during the Revolutionary War as a soldier in the Hessian forces. He settled at Mauch Chunk, Pennsylvania, where he married and became the father of Henry Albert, who was a school teacher, and the father of Frank H. Albert. Frank H. Albert was born at Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania; was employed in lumbering at various points in this State until 1889, when he came to Freeland. He married and became the father of three children: 1. Edgar, of further mention. 2. Calvin, professor of Mechanical Engineering at Cornell University. 3. Howard, wholesale dealer in druggists' and physicians' supplies, located at Allentown, Pennsylvania.

Edgar Albert completed the usual courses in the public schools and soon thereafter began work in the undertaking and furniture concern established by his father in 1889, at Freeland. This enterprise, since its inception, on a small scale, had been devoted to undertaking and retail furniture. It experienced a sound and steady growth from the start, and in 1906, Edgar Albert was made a partner by his father, the firm bearing the title of F. H. Albert & Son, and expanding rapidly under the dual management until 1908, when the father died. From the time he assumed control of the firm, in 1908, Edgar Albert maintained the methods and practices established by the founder, but in 1921, he disposed of his undertaking department. Since then he has confined his operations to dealing in furniture and various other household furnishings. This concentration has proved justified, as is evidenced by Mr. Albert's present establishment, which now covers a trading area for thirty miles around Freeland. The concern utilizes an entire building at No. 526 Center Street, the structure meas-

uring four stories in height and occupying ground space twenty-five by one hundred feet. A large, commodious basement also forms a part of the building, and the business admittedly surpasses all competition in Luzerne County.

With the expansion of his commercial enterprise, Mr. Albert found himself gradually drawn into other interests, where his sagacity and acumen were desired, one of the more important being the First National Bank of Freeland, of which he is a director. Mr. Albert finds pleasant social contacts through his membership in the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and his religious affiliations are with the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Edgar Albert married, in June, 1904, Emma Zimmerman, native of Luzerne County, and they have two children: Mary E. and Helen. Mr. Albert and his family reside at No. 557 South Street, Freeland.

**JOHN W. KIRSCHNER, M. D.**—For over twenty years Dr. John W. Kirschner has practiced his chosen profession of medicine in Luzerne. Dr. Kirschner was born in this county, in the township of Hazleton, on January 13, 1882, the son of George and Martha (Fisher) Kirschner, both natives of Germany, and the former for many years a mine foreman in this section. The father of Dr. Kirschner, who was born in Germany in 1845, died here in 1924. His wife, the mother of Dr. Kirschner, was born in 1846 and died in 1917.

After receiving his preliminary education in the public and high schools of Luzerne County, Dr. Kirschner entered the University of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia, from which he graduated with his degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1905. For a year after his graduation, Dr. Kirschner was an interne in the City General Hospital at Wilkes-Barre, and in 1906 he located in Luzerne, where he quickly established a large practice. He is a member of the staff of Nesbitt West Side Hospital. He belongs to the County and State Medical societies, and is also a member of the American Medical Association. He is a member of the Luzerne Board of Health, and a director of the Merchants' and Miners' Bank. His fraternal affiliations are with the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, and he is also a member of the Patriotic Order Sons of America. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and in politics he is a Republican.

In 1908, Dr. Kirschner married Bertha M. Denniston, daughter of John and Margaret Denniston, the latter members of a very old family in Luzerne County. Dr. and Mrs. Kirschner are the parents of one child, a daughter, Margaret Denniston Kirschner, born in 1910, a student at Wilkes-Barre Institute.

**JOHN VAN BUSKIRK**—Though John Van Buskirk learned the blacksmith's trade he has been engaged in business as a rock contractor during the greater part of his active business life. He followed his trade long enough to accumulate some capital, but with the going of the horse and the coming of the automobile a large proportion of the blacksmiths in the country have found it profitable to turn to other fields of business interest and Mr. Van Buskirk turned to the rock contracting business. He is now head of the firm of Van Buskirk and Wasley, rock contractors, with offices in the Bennett Building, at Wilkes-Barre.

John Van Buskirk was born in Larksville, Pennsylvania, November 26, 1883, son of Loren Van Buskirk, who was born in Larksville in 1861, is a blacksmith by trade, still living, at the age of sixty-seven, and of Emma (Walton) Van Buskirk, who was born in Pittston in 1863 and died in 1910. After attending the Larksville public schools, including the high school, Mr. Van Buskirk followed in the footsteps of his father and learned the trade of the blacksmith, which he followed for eight years. That trade had been a good one for many years, but back in 1895 an occasional curious looking motor vehicle began to appear upon the highways in increasing numbers, frightening the horses and arousing the ire of careful drivers of spirited animals. To some the appearance of this new invention was but a passing incident which aroused curiosity and ridicule, or even hope and conjecture. But innocent and apparently harmless as was its solitary appearance among a host of horses, it was sounding the call to a new day in transportation and the knell of the horse-drawn vehicle for general use. Slowly but surely, as time passed, it dawned upon the consciousness of the many blacksmiths, livery men, and others whose business affairs had to do with the old order of things, that some of them, and, perhaps, eventually, all of them, must seek new ways of serving the public in return for a living. Mr. Van Buskirk had learned his trade at the end of its era of greatest usefulness, and after eight years of blacksmithing he associated himself with Davey and Wasley, rock contractors, of Wilkes-Barre. In 1921, after the death of Mr. Davey, Mr. Van Buskirk became the partner of the remaining member of the firm, John Wasley, under the firm name of Van Buskirk and Wasley, and this association has been successfully continued to the present time. The business has steadily grown until the firm has found it necessary to employ seventy men in order to meet the requirements of the rapidly increasing demands made upon them. They have established a reputation for sound business principles and for skillful and honest work, and the already large concern of Van Buskirk and Wasley is still steadily developing. Politically, Mr. Van Buskirk supports the principles of the Republican party, and holds membership in the Kiwanis Club. He is identified with several fraternal organizations, including Lodge No. 332, Free and Accepted Masons; Dieu le Veut Commandery, Knights Templar; and Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; also Lodge No. 109 Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; Fraternal Order of Eagles; and the Patriotic Order Sons of America. His religious membership is with the Presbyterian Church of Plymouth.

John Van Buskirk was married, in December, 1913, to Clara Glidden, of Plymouth, Pennsylvania, daughter of John and Clara Glidden. Mr. and Mrs. Van Buskirk have their home at No. 548 Rutter Avenue, in Kingston, Pennsylvania.

**JOHN CHARLES McALARNEY**—The present deputy warden of the Luzerne County prison is the son of the late James and Mary (Longenberger) McAlarney. James McAlarney was born in the County of Longford, Ireland, in 1815. He was a merchant in Plymouth, Pennsylvania, where he carried on a general merchandise business for a number of years. He died in 1898. His wife, Mary Longenberger, was born in Columbia County, Pennsylvania, in 1825.





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John Charles McAlarney was born at Plymouth, Pennsylvania, on March 22, 1877. He got his education in the public schools of Plymouth and when he finished school, he entered the employ of A. L. Davenport and Company, who conducted a general merchandise store in Luzerne and there remained for eight years. Before this time, when he was just a small boy, he had worked in the Ambrose West Knitting Mills, being Mr. West's first employee. His experience in the general merchandise store of A. L. Davenport and Company was very valuable to him for in that he learned the fundamentals of selling and the business of merchandising. By being thus prepared, he was able to successfully manage the general store of Haddock, Fowler and Company at Plymouth where he was for another eight-year period. After this, he obtained a position with Paine and Company of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, in the capacity of traveling salesman. This concern deals in meats and provisions and after carrying on this work for several years, Mr. McAlarney took employment in the Courthouse in the transcribing department where he was occupied for one and a half years when he was transferred to the Luzerne County Prison where he is deputy warden. He has held this position with great satisfaction to the authorities since 1914. In politics, Mr. McAlarney is a member of the Democratic party. He is also a member of the Kiwanis Club and of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

In June, 1907, John Charles McAlarney married Bessie L. Allen, of Forty Fort, Pennsylvania, daughter of Nelson E. and Elizabeth Allen. They had one son, John C., Jr., born November 19, 1908, a graduate of the Plymouth High School and Wyoming Seminary and now a student at Lehigh University. Mrs. McAlarney died on October 29, 1926.

**WILLIAM E. SMITH**—The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania probably numbers among its citizens more natives of Wales or descendants of Welshmen than any other State in the Union. They are a sturdy race possessed of moral as well as physical stamina. Upright, industrious, thrifty, possessing the same ideals of liberty that are the foundation stones of this Republic, they fit right into American economic, political and social life, which explains why the Welsh immigrant does not have to be "Americanized." Of such stock comes William E. Smith, the well-known Burgess of Plymouth.

He was born in Wales, March 29, 1880, son of Thomas H. and Elizabeth (Dobbs) Smith. The father, who was born in Wales in 1854, was a carpenter by trade. He died in 1918. His wife was born in Wales in 1855 and died in 1885. The son, William E. Smith, was but a small child when his parents came to America and located in Plymouth. There he attended the grammar and high schools. His business life began as a clerk in a cigar and stationery store, and he continued thus employed until 1907. Besides improving every opportunity to learn every detail of the business during these years, he also practiced thrift and saved his earnings; for he had confidence in his ability to conduct a business of his own and the courage to make the venture. So from 1907 until 1912 he owned and operated such a store on his own account. Mr. Smith is fortunate in possessing that kind of a personality that wins and holds friends. He is just naturally fair and straightforward in all his dealings inspiring confidence in all with whom he comes into contact. He has always taken an active

part in local affairs and since his majority has been allied with the Republican party. In 1913 he was the party's candidate for justice of the peace and was elected, and at the end of that term in 1919 was re-elected. In 1918 he became assistant clerk of the Orphans' Court and has been continued in that office to the present time. So efficiently and acceptably has he performed the duties of these various offices that in 1926 he was nominated for the office of Burgess of Plymouth and was elected. As far as lies within his power Mr. Smith is seeking to give the borough an economical administration, free from favoritism, and in which every important phase of the general welfare receives careful and competent consideration.

In 1912 William E. Smith married Edith Reese, daughter of George and Priscilla Reese, of Plymouth. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have adopted a son, Douglas. They are members of the Welsh Congregational Church, in which Mr. Smith is an active worker.

**CLARK WRIGHT EVANS** was born in Waverly Place, New York City, September 1, 1857, son of John Henry and Maria Louise Evans, his father having been of Welsh descent and his mother of Dutch parentage, the daughter of Leah Van Houten and Adrian Onderdonk.

Early in life he displayed marked talent for music and art and his earliest education was of private character at the hands of tutors. After about five years of private tuition, during which time his talent for music and art was encouraged, he entered private schools in New York. Later the family moved to Plainfield, New Jersey, where he entered the Plainfield High School, followed later by study in Boston and Baltimore. He spent several years abroad studying music and art in Paris and Berlin where he was a private piano pupil of Kullak. Returning to New York, he became associated with his father in the firm of Wing & Evans, chemical importers. Later he was identified with his brother in the grain business in Baltimore. Meanwhile his purposes had gone through several transitions; although talented in art, he relinquished this in favor of music, and almost decided to follow music professionally. His favorite instrument is the piano and he has appeared many times on the concert stage. A number of his compositions have been published. Architecture, however, appealed to him so deeply that he later decided to make it his profession. He was associated with two architectural firms in New York, but after his marriage in June, 1892, to Marion Edith Wells of Wilkes-Barre, the daughter of Annette and Charles D. Wells, he determined to make his home in this city; and a few years later decided to take up the profession of architecture in Wilkes-Barre.

Many local buildings may be cited as indicative of his talent. Other examples of his work are in New York, New England and Maryland. In professional identifications he is a member of the American Institute of Architects, the Philadelphia Chapter of the A. I. A., the American Society for Testing Materials and the American Specification Institute. He is also a member of the New York Produce Exchange. His club and other affiliations include Anchor Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, Plainfield, New Jersey, Wilkes-Barre Wyoming Valley Chamber of Commerce, Westmoreland Club, life member of Wyoming Historical and Geological Society, Wyoming Valley Motor Club, Concordia

Society, Kiwanis and the Young Men's Christian Association. He is a member of St. Stephen's Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Evans have one daughter, Marion Annette. The family residence is No. 117 West River Street. Mr. Evans' offices are in the Coal Exchange Building, Wilkes-Barre.

**ALVA CLINTON KELLY**—The several communities in which Alva C. Kelly has resided during his mature years have benefited materially through his sojourn therein, in various capacities, he having been connected with business, manufacturing, fraternal and religious activities, as well as those of public life. Now a resident of Trucksville, where, in association with his son, he operates a modern undertaking establishment, Mr. Kelly also is serving as deputy coroner of Luzerne County.

Mr. Kelly was born at Lemon, Wyoming County, March 21, 1881, son of James Henry and Kate (Garrison) Kelly, and grandson of Dr. James W. Kelly, who served as Wyoming County's first sheriff. James Henry Kelly, born in 1831, at Tunkhannock, Pennsylvania, and died in 1925, was a farmer, and one of the early settlers of Wyoming County. Kate (Garrison) Kelly was born at Lymanville, Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania, in 1841. She has been deceased since 1882.

Alva Clinton Kelly attended public schools in Lemon, and for a period of four years after his graduation therefrom was employed with the undertaking concern operated by Peter W. Tague, located at No. 113 South Main Street, Scranton, Pennsylvania. It was while he was thus engaged that Mr. Kelly decided that, in order to fully equip himself as a mortician he needed further institutional training, and he thereupon entered the Pittsburgh College of Embalming, completing his studies there in January, 1903. After graduation he purchased the undertaking business of G. H. Stroh, at Center Moreland, Pennsylvania, and was thus occupied until 1922. Conducting his establishment with a sympathetic regard for those desiring his services, and exercising the natural tact and foresight so necessary to his calling, Mr. Kelly soon won the regard of his fellow-citizens, and, as a consequence, his concern gained a high rating in Center Moreland and vicinity. In the meantime, in 1911, Mr. Kelly had enlarged his interests by purchasing the planing mill, retail furniture store and hardware business owned by Mr. Stroh. These, too, he conducted under his own name until 1922, in which year he disposed of his holdings at Center Moreland, and came to Trucksville, where he since has been in the mortician's profession. Here Mr. Kelly has one of the most modern and complete establishments in Luzerne County, his equipment comprising everything required in a first class undertaking business, and ambulance service being a department thereof.

As additional pursuits, aside from his business, Mr. Kelly has devoted liberally of his time and talents to public service. For eight years he served as Master of the Poor in Wyoming, and in 1928 he was chosen as deputy coroner of Luzerne County, his term in this office to expire in 1931. A loyal Republican, Mr. Kelly has been consistent in his support of this party's issues and candidates, and is an influence in Republican councils in his community. Among his fraternal connections may be listed Tobyscreek Lodge, No. 1078, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Center Moreland Lodge, Improved Order of

Red Men. He is a valued worker in the sessions of the Kiwanis Club, and especially devoted to the Methodist Episcopal Church, wherein he serves as president of the Men's Bible Class and president of the Men's Club.

Alva Clinton Kelly married, January 20, 1904, Bessie Amelia Decker, of West Nicholson, Wyoming County, daughter of George W. and Ida Amelia Decker. Two sons have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Kelly: 1. Kenneth, who died at the age of two years. 2. Theron Decker, born February 3, 1907; graduate of Center Moreland public schools and of Wyoming Seminary, class of 1925. Theron Decker Kelly died at Grace Memorial Hospital, New Haven, Connecticut, on October 28, 1928, from injuries sustained in a football accident which occurred on October 26, 1928.

**ADAM IFFERT**—The name of Iffert has long been favorably known in business, social and religious circles of Hazleton. A widely known member of this family, Adam Iffert, senior member of the firm of Iffert and Iffert, dealers in meats and provisions, is a director of a leading local financial institution and prominent in the civic affairs of the city.

Henry Iffert, father of Adam, was born in West Pittston, and at the age of fourteen years came to Hazleton to learn the meat trade. In 1880 he established the market on Wyoming Avenue, now operated by his sons, and which is the oldest business of its kind in the city. Upon his retirement from the meat trade, he gave all his attention to his real estate affairs, since he had accumulated large property holdings. He built the New Washington (now the Winfield) Hotel, which he managed for some time. He also erected many business buildings and dwellings. He is rated as one of Hazleton's largest property-owners and heaviest taxpayers. He has played an important part in the local government, having served three terms in the City Council as a member of the Common and then of the Select councils. He continues active in his affairs and deeply interested in the progress of the community. He is identified with the German Lutheran Church. Henry Iffert married Elizabeth Bachman, daughter of one of the old families of this part of the State. Children: 1. Adam, of whom further. 2. Harry, lives in New York City. 3. Clayton, a partner of Adam in the meat business. 4. Walter, engaged in the automobile business in Hazleton. 5. Florence, married Henry Reinhardt, of Hazleton. 6. Irene. 7. Helen.

Adam Iffert received his education in the Hazleton school, and when a boy learned the meat business while working with his father. About the year 1908 he took over the ownership of the market, his father retiring to enter the real estate field, and has since been engaged with cumulative success in that line. He has built up the business on an enviable reputation for high quality offerings and personal integrity. The market is the oldest meat establishment in Hazleton. About the year 1923, Adam Iffert received his brother Clayton into the business as a partner and the style was changed to Iffert and Iffert. On January 1, 1929, Clayton Iffert located in Allentown, Pennsylvania, Adam Iffert's son, Henry, taking his interest in the business. Therefore, now the third generation remains in the same business, established in 1880.

As director in the City Bank and Trust Company, Adam Iffert's counsel in the board's meetings is contributory to the standing and success of that institution, of which he was

one of the organizers. He is active in civic movements in Hazleton, and is a member of the Hazleton Motor Club and the German Lutheran Church.

Adam Ifert married, in 1909, Emma C. Pippert, of Hazleton, and daughter of John Pippert. Their children: Henry, Emily, Catharine, Walter, Martha, and Anna. The Ifert family residence is No. 151 South Laurel Street, Hazleton.

**FRANKLIN PIERCE OLIVER**—Recognized as one of the leading business men of Sweet Valley and Kingston, Franklin Pierce Oliver plays a significant part in the civic life of the two communities for, in addition to being connected with a half dozen business concerns, he is a member of the Kingston Business Men's Association and through that organization works for the various community betterment projects that it furthers. He is also a life member of the Columbian Fire Department, and a member of notable attainments in the Masonic order.

Mr. Oliver was born in Wilkes-Barre on November 19, 1872, the son of Benjamin Franklin and Elizabeth Ann (Payne) Oliver. The father was a carpenter and served with a Scranton regiment in the Civil War. His son attended the public schools and, at an early age, embarked upon a business career that eventually made him proprietor of a mercantile business with stores in both Sweet Valley and Kingston. For sixteen years he maintained this concern, prospering in the field of retail trade, but during that period he was establishing other business connections that eventually required so much of his time, he was forced to dispose of the stores and now he devotes himself entirely to his other interests. Mr. Oliver is first vice-president of the West Side Mortgage Company of Kingston, a director of the Dorrance Realty Company, and a director of the Valmont Development Company, and a member of the directorate of the West Side Building and Loan Association. The latter three concerns also operate mainly in Kingston. He is also vice-president and a member of the board of directors of the Kingston Bank and Trust Company. Mr. Oliver belongs to the Sweet Valley Christian Church and he is fraternally affiliated with Sylvania Lodge No. 354, Free and Accepted Masons, of Shickshinny; Keystone Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, of Scranton, and Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Wilkes-Barre. He is a member of Irem Temple Country Club.

At Sweet Valley on August 3, 1894, Mr. Oliver married Lillian Elizabeth (Bronson) Oliver, daughter of Daniel W. and Martha A. (Edwards) Bronson. They became the parents of two children: Ralph Arden, born May 6, 1895, and Durward Deane, born November 8, 1896.

**CHARLES F. YETTER**—As one of the publishers of the "Courier Herald," Charles F. Yetter is well-known in civic affairs of Wilkes-Barre, and his opinions have much influence upon the determination of questions of community import. But in addition to his newspaper work Mr. Yetter has, from time to time, held a number of clerkships in Luzerne County offices which have kept him in direct contact with public affairs.

Mr. Yetter was born October 12, 1881, in Monroe County, Pennsylvania, the son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Bogert) Yetter, both of whom were natives of Monroe County. The father, a farmer, was born in 1846 and died

in June, 1907; the mother, born in 1847, died in 1893.

Their son attended the public schools of Wilkes-Barre and was graduated from the high school in 1898. He did clerical work until 1904, when he and his brother, Harry W. Yetter, purchased, from the Central Labor Union, the "Courier Herald," a weekly newspaper of Wilkes-Barre, which the brothers have since continued to publish under the same name. The paper, which appears on Thursdays, has a 5,000 weekly circulation and enjoys a considerable following, particularly among Wilkes-Barre citizens sympathetic with the Republican political tenets of the publishers. In connection with their newspaper printing plant the brothers conduct a job printing business. Charles F. Yetter has held a number of positions in the Court-house. Between 1906 and 1912 he was a clerk in the county commissioner's office and in 1924 he was appointed by his brother, Stanley M. Yetter, as chief deputy register of wills and second assistant clerk of the Orphans' Court, offices he has since held as he is now serving a second term. Mr. Yetter is a faithful and active member of St. John's Lutheran Church and a member of the Junior Order United American Mechanics.

On April 19, 1905, Mr. Yetter married Bessie Swank, daughter of Alfred C. and Emma Swank of Wilkes-Barre. To this union was born, on July 23, 1906, a son, Gordon S. Yetter, who completed a preparatory course at Wilkes-Barre High School in 1925 and, after taking a business course at Wyoming Seminary the following year, became marriage license clerk of Luzerne County.

**ERNEST E. WATKINS**—Prominent in the building trade of Kingston, in and about which he has been responsible for the erection of many of our most important edifices, Ernest E. Watkins followed successfully in his father's footsteps, who was a mason-contractor here in the Wyoming Valley for many years prior to his death in 1917. From his young manhood Mr. Watkins, who is at present secretary and treasurer of the Watkins Construction, Incorporated, was associated in business with his father, learning from that past master the fundamental principles of the business and developing his knowledge as time went on, all the while building a reputation for good work and honesty in every activity in which he engaged. Sound in his business principles, keen in his judgments, fair in all his dealings, the public has responded to the unsolicited invitation to test his work and has been liberal in its attitude because of the high reputation of the company. Creative forces are of great value to a community and in this respect Mr. Watkins stands high on the rolls of good citizenship, with a host of friends and possessed of the good will of the community.

He was born in Plymouth, Pennsylvania, April 22, 1889, a son of Charles and Mary (Coombs) Watkins, his father having been born in Wales in 1863 and emigrating to the United States in 1880. His wife, mother of Ernest E. and Mary L., was also born in Wales and at present lives in Kingston with her daughter, who is a graduate of Westchester Normal School and a teacher. The elder Wales died May 13, 1917. He was a mason-contractor and established himself in that business in Plymouth, taking his son into the business with him after he had completed his educational work and attained his twenty-first year. They worked together in the firm of Charles Watkins & Son until the

death of the founder, when the son continued alone for a time, operating under the title of the Watkins Construction Company until 1920, when Mr. Watkins admitted Charles Malpass to partnership and changed the name of the firm to Watkins and Malpass. They operated two branches, one each in Plymouth and Kingston, but in 1922 discontinued the Plymouth house and in 1924 the junior partner disposed of his interest to Mr. Watkins, whereupon the company was incorporated, with the following officers: Thomas A. Davis, president until his death in February, 1925, when Fred E. Brown assumed the presidency; Charles H. Heness, vice-president; Ernest E. Watkins, secretary and treasurer. The concern employs an average of twenty men and recently completed the erection of the Fernwood Methodist Episcopal Church building in Wilkes-Barre, and the grand stand in Artillery Park, with a seating capacity of 6,000. Mr. Wilkins is a Republican in politics. He is a director of the Plymouth Lumber Company, of the Shawnee Clothing Company of Plymouth, of the Wilkes-Barre Erick Company, of the West Side Building & Loan Association of Kingston, and of the West Side Mortgage Company of Kingston. He attends the Dorrance-ton Methodist Episcopal Church of Kingston. He is a charter member of the Kiwanis Club of Plymouth and is fraternally affiliated with the Masonic order, Free and Accepted Masons; Plymouth Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Dieu le Veut Commandery, Knights Templar; Cauldwell Consistory of Bloomsburg, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Masons, and Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He also belongs to the Knights of Pythias of Plymouth, and to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Lodge No. 109.

Ernest E. Watkins married, July 7, 1914, Ethel Brown, of Dorrance-ton, Pennsylvania, daughter of Harry and Alice Brown. Their children are: 1. Charles Robert, born June 15, 1918. 2. Ernest E., Jr., born August 21, 1919. 3. Irma Louise, born October 10, 1924.

**DANIEL M. LITTS**—A builder and contractor for many years at Forty Fort, Pennsylvania, Daniel M. Litts took over the business first established here by his father in 1855, and has continued it with much success. The importance to the community of high quality building work is of prime consideration, and the structures of Mr. Litts which embody both excellence of materials and excellence of design, are a distinct asset to Forty Fort as well as a credit to him.

Mr. Litts was born at White Haven, Pennsylvania, on October 30, 1884, a son of Zachariah Litts, builder and contractor, who was born in Pike County, Pennsylvania, on August 2, 1848, and of Abbie (Kocher) Litts, born at White Haven, died in 1889. The father is still living in Forty Fort, having retired from active business.

Daniel M. Litts attended the public schools of Wilkes-Barre, after which he undertook and completed the construction course of the Scranton Correspondence School. Beginning his professional career, he became associated with his father in his building and contracting business at Forty Fort, gaining valuable experience under his father's direction, and revealing a talent for the work. Eventually, in 1912, Mr. Litts assumed full control of the business, his father's retirement coming in this year, and from that time he has carried on the enterprise under his own name in a very successful way, employing on the average about twelve men. Among other

important buildings he has designed and constructed the W. J. Phillips store, the Piccone Apartments, the largest building in Forty Fort, and the new addition to the Luzerne School Building.

Politically, Mr. Litts supports the principles and candidates of the Republican party, while he and his family worship in the faith of the Presbyterian Church. He is a member of the Sons and Daughters of Liberty, and has always been vitally interested in the growth and progress of the community, giving his complete support to worthy movements toward this end.

In September, 1913, Daniel M. Litts married Catharine Schoonover, daughter of Thomas G. and Rhoda (Smith) Schoonover, of Forty Fort. Mr. and Mrs. Litts are the parents of one son, Millard F. The family residence is situated at No. 84 Oak Street.

**LOUIS MARINOS**—The life of Louis Marinos, president of the West Side Amusement Company, is an interesting example of a successful career achieved by determination and ability in the face of adverse circumstances. The company of which Mr. Marinos is executive head is well known throughout the Wyoming Valley, controlling four of the finest moving picture theaters in this section, but its original establishment in a very modest way was due entirely to Mr. Marinos' initiative while its continued expansion and present prosperous business have resulted from his able management of its affairs.

Mr. Marinos was born in Sparta, Greece, on March 10, 1884, a son of Peter Marinos, born in Greece in 1850, and of Stella (Ducas) Marinos, also born in Greece, in 1854. His father has been a merchant in his native country for many years.

Louis Marinos acquired only a rudimentary education in the Greek schools, although this training has proved very serviceable to him, and in 1896 he came to the United States. He was first employed in a candy kitchen in Brooklyn, where he remained for thirteen months, after which he was connected with a restaurant in New York City for three years. Desiring larger opportunities Mr. Marinos came to Wilkes-Barre in 1900, and for two years worked at the Boston Candy Kitchen in this city. In 1902, however, he began his independent business career, establishing a small candy shop in Luzerne, which he operated under his own name until 1906. After a year spent working in the local mines, he entered the moving picture business in 1907 and his first small venture proved completely successful. Mr. Marinos was quick to see the future in this field and he worked diligently for several years, guiding his enterprise through the first critical period of expansion with the utmost care. He was rewarded by a remarkable growth in his business which was soon soundly established on a prosperous basis. Since that time he has gradually widened his interests, and now, as president of the West Side Amusement Company, he controls and operates the following theaters: the Marinos Theater, in Luzerne, the Marinos Theater, in Wyoming, the Kingston Theater, at Kingston, Pennsylvania, and the Parsons Theater at Parsons. All these theaters are most modern in construction and equipment, with a seating capacity just under a thousand, and in each is installed a splendid organ, which is a feature of their excellent programs. Their presence in these cities is a distinct credit to Mr. Marinos as it is also an asset in the community life.

Politically Mr. Marinos is a member of the

Republican party, and he has been for some years a member of the Luzerne Borough Council. In other capacities he has given Luzerne the benefit of his ability and services, and is now fire chief of the borough. Aside from his moving picture interests Mr. Marinos is a director of the Kingston Bank and Trust Company and was one of the original directors of the West Side Trust Company, which later merged with the Kingston Bank and Trust Company. He is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Fraternal Order of Eagles, prominently identified with the activities of each, while he is also a member of Wyoming Ahepa Greek Lodge. Mr. Marinos worships in the faith of the Greek Orthodox Church, and has been most generous in his support of all worthy civic and benevolent enterprises.

**HENRY SIPPLE**—As general manager of the water companies of Dallas and Shavertown, Luzerne County, Henry Sipple holds an important and responsible position in his community. He is also secretary and treasurer of the companies, which combined posts he has held with much credit since May, 1925.

Mr. Sipple was born in Upper Lehigh, Luzerne County, December 18, 1886, the son of John and Anna M. (Shaupe) Sipple, both natives of Germany, who came to this country in their infancy. Mr. Sipple's father was born in Germany in 1850, and died in November, 1906. He came to this country at the age of five years, and was a contract miner. His mother, Anna M. Sipple, was born in Germany in 1851, and passed away in January, 1922. Following his early education in the local schools of Jackson Township, Luzerne County, Mr. Sipple took a course with the International Correspondence School, Scranton, and later with the Wharton School. His first position was with the Luzerne Milling Company, of Luzerne, and with this concern he remained for some seventeen years, becoming local manager. In May, 1925, he resigned in order to take up his present offices with the water companies. Mr. Sipple is chairman of the advisory committee and one of the organizers of the Merchants' and Miners' Bank of Luzerne, and he served on the loan and discount committee until 1927. In political belief Mr. Sipple is a Republican and fraternally he is affiliated with Toby Creek Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a charter member of the Dallas Rotary Club, has served on the program committee of that body, and is treasurer of the organization. His religious affiliations are with the Methodist Episcopal Church.

On August 10, 1910, Mr. Sipple married Florence Corby, of Larksville, Luzerne County, daughter of William and Sarah Corby. Mr. and Mrs. Sipple are the parents of two children, as follows: 1. Glendon W., born September 28, 1911. 2. Leland H., born July 31, 1914.

**JAMES WILLIAM PRICE**—Although a native of Wales, James William Price of Wanamie, came to America in early manhood and, following in the footsteps of his father, entered the mining industry here. Although he had received a fair education in the public schools of his native country, he was not satisfied with his qualifications and, after coming to the United States continued his studies while employed in the mines. Through the aid of correspondence school courses he has added materially to his knowledge of

mines and mining, and from the humble position of slate picker has risen until now he is outside foreman for one of Luzerne County's largest mining companies. Mr. Price early became a citizen of his adopted country, and his life since has been devoted to maintaining the institutions and customs which are responsible for the ideal conditions obtained in America. He participates freely in political and fraternal matters, and is a popular and respected citizen of Wanamie.

Mr. Price was born December 18, 1875, in Wales, son of William and Louisa (Owens) Price. William Price, a native of Wales and a sawyer by trade, passed away in 1900, while Louisa (Owens) Price, who was born in Wales in 1849, survived her husband until 1911. James William Price received a brief period of training in the public schools of his native country, which was interrupted by his coming to America at the age of twelve years, in 1887. After locating in Pennsylvania, he studied at Plains (Pennsylvania) High School, and subsequently completed courses prescribed by correspondence schools in Scranton. Mr. Price's first employment was with the Lehigh Valley Coal Company, with which he remained for one year, working as a slate picker. At the end of this time he entered the mines and continued as a miner with the Lehigh Valley Coal Company until 1900. In the last-named year he transferred his allegiance to the Lehigh & Wilkes-Barre Coal Company, with which he has since remained. Discontented with the hard lot of a miner, Mr. Price studied during his spare hours in order to fit himself for a better position, and his ambitious conduct soon brought him to the attention of the officials of his company. In recognition thereof, on January 1, 1908, he became outside foreman and has filled that position most satisfactorily. Mr. Price is a Republican, but not a bitter partisan, oftentimes voting for the man whom he deems best fitted for a public office. He has attained high rank in the Masonic fraternity, being affiliated with Lodge No. 61, Free and Accepted Masons; Keystone Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, of Scranton; Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; and Wyoming Lodge, No. 927, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He and his family are members of the Presbyterian Church.

Mr. James William Price married, in 1902, Alice Hudson, of Parsons, Pennsylvania, daughter of William and Mary Hudson, and they have four children: Cecil W., Thelma, now Mrs. Jones; Gladys, and James E.

**THOMAS M. MARTIN**—A native of Wales, but a resident of this country since his early childhood, Mr. Martin has been living in Kingston and has been connected with the Kingston Coal Company for considerably more than a half a century. With this company he has worked his way up from breaker boy to the responsible position of assistant superintendent, which latter he has filled for many years with great ability and success. He is also prominently active in the civic, fraternal and religious life of the community, where he is widely known and highly respected.

Thomas M. Martin was born in Wales, October 7, 1866, a son of the late David and Lydia (Williams) Martin. Both his parents were born in Wales, his father in 1844, his mother in 1845. The family came to this country, while Mr. Martin was still a small boy. His father was for many years actively engaged in coal mining and in farming and

died after a long and useful life in 1913, being survived by his widow until 1915. The son attended the public schools of Luzerne County, but began to work in the coal mines in 1874, when he was only eight years old. His first position was that of breaker boy with the Kingston Coal Company. He has continued with the same company ever since, his connection with it covering the unusually long period of fifty-four years. Strict attention to his duties and an ever-increasing knowledge of the practical side of coal mining gained him numerous promotions, until in 1916 he was made assistant superintendent, which responsible position he still holds. Though his own formal schooling was restricted to comparatively few years, Mr. Martin has always been keenly interested in the cause of education and has been a member of the Kingston Board of Education for the last thirteen years, his membership in this body still continuing. He is also a member of numerous fraternal organizations, including Lodge No. 395, Free and Accepted Masons; Shekinah Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Dieu le Veut Commandery, Knights Templar; Irem Temple of Wilkes-Barre, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; Knights of Pythias; Edwardsville Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and Craftsman's Club. In politics he is a supporter of the Republican party, while his religious affiliations are with the Welsh Congregational Church of Edwardsville.

Mr. Martin was married, in 1887, to Margaret M. Williams of Edwardsville, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Griffith P. and Mary Williams. They are the parents of four children: Stanley, Griffith, David and Mary, now Mrs. Lorence Spencer, her husband being a well-known and successful druggist of Kingston. Mr. and Mrs. Martin also have the pleasure of seeing two grandchildren grow up, Robert and Thomas Spencer. The family home is located at No. 389 Rutter Avenue, Kingston.

**ARTHUR HENRY EDWARDS**—One of the skillful druggists of Kingston, Pennsylvania, Arthur Henry Edwards, holds a prominent place in the life of his city and of Luzerne County. He has been engaged in pharmacy for a number of years in different capacities in this part of Pennsylvania, and since 1912 has owned a store in Swoyersville, although his residence is in Kingston.

Mr. Edwards was born on March 14, 1886, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, a son of Henry Jones, a blacksmith who was born in Wales and died in 1888, and of Ann (Rees) Jones, also a native of Wales. When his mother was married for the second time, Arthur Henry changed his name from Jones to Edwards, the name of his stepfather. He received his early education in the public schools of Edwardsville, Pennsylvania, and also went to the high school there. After he completed this preliminary education, he became a student at the Medico-Chirurgical College, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated in the class of 1910 with the degree of Graduate in Pharmacy. When he finished his work in the professional school, he served for two years as clerk in drug stores in the Luzerne County district, and then in 1912 purchased the drug store of William E. Evans in Swoyersville. Since that time he has continued to conduct this store under his own name, and in the years that Mr. Edwards has had control of it, it has made great headway and has become one of the most popular establishments of its kind in the Wyoming Valley.

In addition to his own business activities, Mr. Edwards takes a keen interest in the public affairs of his city and community. He is a student of political developments, he himself being affiliated with the Republican party, for whose candidates he casts his vote and whose principles he supports by his vote and influence. For two years he was a member of the Board of Health. His religious affiliation is with the Presbyterian Church in Forty Fort, Pennsylvania.

In 1911 Mr. Edwards married Joanna Lewis, of Plymouth, Pennsylvania, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William V. Lewis. By this marriage there were five children, three of whom are living, the other two having died in infancy. The three living children are: 1. Helen Louise, born in 1916. 2. William V., born in 1918. 3. Ann Romaine, born in 1923.

**GEORGE RALSTON THOMPSON**—Among the successful business men and widely liked citizens of Wilkes-Barre is George Ralston Thompson, who conducts a retail candy and ice cream establishment here, connected with which is a pool room. In the many years in which he has been working in Wilkes-Barre in one capacity or another, he has become widely known and respected; and, in addition to his business, he is active in the fraternal life of his city and community.

Mr. Thompson was born on May 22, 1874, a son of Albert Henry and Mary (Hummel) Thompson. His father, a native of Weatherly, Pennsylvania, where he was born in 1851, was a miner throughout his long and active life, and died in 1914; while the mother, Mary (Hummel) Thompson, was born at Beach Haven, in 1852, and is now living in Wilkes-Barre. George Ralston Thompson, although he was born in Shickshinny, Pennsylvania, attended the Wilkes-Barre public schools, and then, when he completed his formal education, took up work in the mines in this vicinity, which he continued for fourteen years, working in various capacities as time went on. It was in 1905 that he purchased his present business enterprise from Charles Hooper, who until that time had conducted it; and since that year, Mr. Thompson has worked steadily to build it up into the flourishing State in which it now exists, so that now the establishment of G. Ralston Thompson is regarded as one of the foremost institutions of its kind in the city.

In addition to his work in establishing his own business enterprise, Mr. Thompson is active in all phases of community life, keenly interested in political developments, and ever ready to participate in the civic affairs of Wilkes-Barre and Luzerne County. He is identified with the Democratic party, whose policies and candidates he regularly supports. He also is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he is affiliated with Lodge No. 108 and is a Past Grand of this lodge; and with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, in which his lodge is No. 1138, and in which order he is a life member. His religious affiliation is with the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mr. Thompson married (first), in 1895, Lilly Hooper, of Shickshinny, Pennsylvania, daughter of Henry and Anna Hooper. They had four children, two of whom, Elbert and Loraine, are living. Mrs. Thompson died in 1909, her death having occurred on May 22 of that year. Mr. Thompson married (second), in January, 1910, Elizabeth De Hart, of Catawissa, Pennsylvania, daughter of Calvin and Ada De Hart.





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**DANIEL W. DAVIS**—In the business of plumbing contracting Daniel W. Davis, of Plymouth, has reached a secure position and applies to his work an estimable quality of intelligent effort and high grade material and construction. He entered the business after a long and careful preparation, which is reflected in the class of work he has done for the builders of this district, where many fine structures bear the mark of his industry and capability. Of the highest character as a citizen and business man, he has drawn a trade to his establishment which has brought him prosperity as well as fame. Of happy personality, engaging in his attractive qualities, he makes friends readily and holds them securely, being considered one of the leaders in the field in which he operates.

He was born in Plymouth, Pennsylvania, March 18, 1889, a son of William Davis, a coal miner, now deceased, and Elizabeth (Evans) Davis, both natives of Wales, living, and received his education in the public schools here and in Wilkes-Barre, where he also attended business college, taking a special course in accounting. He then took up the study of plumbing and followed this trade for five years, at the end of which period he established himself in contracting, opening his first store in Plymouth and another in Wilkes-Barre, at No. 331 South Main Street, in 1925, employing an average of seven men. He is a Republican in politics and belongs to the Kiwanis Club, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Knights of Pythias, Knights of Malta and Patriotic Order Sons of America. He attends the Welsh First Baptist Church.

Daniel W. Davis married, in 1915, Stella Pilgret, daughter of John Davis, an electrical engineer, who died in 1901, and Mary (Knox) Pilgret, a native of England, still living. They are the parents of one son, Theodore A., born September 27, 1917.

**WILLIAM L. STACKHOUSE**—Steadfastness of purpose won for William L. Stackhouse more than economic independence. It brought to him the respect of all persons associated with him, and has made him one of the foremost citizens of Shickshinny. His influence has made itself felt upon the community in a constructive manner through long years, and now, in retirement from the more vexatious of his career's affairs, he is enabled to give a full degree of time to public works as private citizen and man of means.

Mr. Stackhouse was born at Berwick, Pennsylvania, September 25, 1864, son of Charles Stackhouse, a carriage maker, who was born in Columbia County, Pennsylvania, and died in 1865, and of Mary (Lockherd) Stackhouse, native of Luzerne County, who died in 1903.

In the public schools of New Columbus, Pennsylvania, Mr. Stackhouse secured his academic training, and until he was seventeen years of age worked upon his father's farm and other agricultural tracts, his father's death having occurred when he was one year of age. When he left farming he came to Shickshinny, and here went to work in the mines, in which he was employed for thirty-two years as a company man. In 1902 he retired from mining and became clerk in a local hotel, which position he retained four years, afterward leasing and operating the Eagle Hotel of Shickshinny. As proprietor of this hostelry he continued through four years with round profit, then purchased the Copeland Hotel, and ran it sixteen years, under the name style of the Stackhouse Hotel. In

1924 he disposed of the hotel, and retired from business, a successful man.

While his career as outlined has claimed the major part of his activity, Mr. Stackhouse has at all times participated in movements designed to further the interests of the Shickshinny community. A Republican, he has supported the party's principles and candidates with consistency, and at the present time is street commissioner of the town. For a year he was school director, and his financial interests include directorship of the State Bank of Shickshinny, together with other affiliations. Fraternally he is a member of Berwick Lodge No. 1138, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and Shickshinny Lodge, No. 36, Patriotic Order Sons of America. He is a communicant of the Presbyterian Church. During the war he was of valued assistance in the drives of patriotic appeal.

Mr. Stackhouse married, in 1892, Jennie Sorber, of Shickshinny, daughter of Isaiah and Barbara Sorber. Mrs. Stackhouse died on December 19, 1927, in Shickshinny. The residence is at No. 30 North Main Street, Shickshinny.

**BRUCE MILLER ESPY**—As a native of Wilkes-Barre who has made a notable record in real estate transactions, Bruce M. Espy, with offices at Nos. 418-22 Second National Bank Building, has played a commendable part in community growth and development, and has won high place in the estimation of his neighbors.

Mr. Espy was born in Wilkes-Barre, December 1, 1886, son of the late Barnet Miller and Caroline (Wood) Espy. His father, born in Nanticoke, Luzerne County, May 16, 1846, died at Wilkes-Barre in 1926, thus closing an unusually active and well-spent life, principally spent in a law practice covering half a century. This branch of the Espy family is descended from George Espy, a native of Hanover Township, Lancaster (now Dauphin) County, in 1729; his parents were among the first settlers of Pennsylvania. George Espy removed with the Paxton Rangers to the Wyoming Valley prior to the Battle and Massacre of Wyoming, which event will always be remembered in this section as having transpired July 3, 1778. He located on a tract of land not far from the city of Nanticoke, and built a log house in which he and his family resided until his death in 1814. He was commissioned justice of the peace, May 30, 1800, for the district of Hanover Township and Wilkes-Barre; he was a stone mason by trade and he built, among other important structures, the old stone jail at Washington and East Market streets. His wife was Mary Stewart, cousin of Captain Lazarus Stewart, who fell at the Battle and Massacre of Wyoming, and a granddaughter of the Lazarus Stewart who settled on the Swatara River in Hanover Township, Lancaster County, in 1729. John Espy, son of George Espy, was born July 26, 1776, and died February 3, 1843; he was a farmer and prominent man of his day; he married, April 5, 1809, Lovina Inman, a daughter of Colonel Edward Inman, and she died February 19, 1874. James Espy, a son of John and Lovina (Inman) Espy, was born in 1811 in Hanover Township, Luzerne County, and died at Rummelfield, Bradford County, June 16, 1872. He married, in 1840, Mary A. Miller, daughter of Barnet and Mary (DeWitt) Miller.

Barnet Miller Espy, son of James and Mary A. (Miller) Espy, was educated at Wilkes-Barre Academy and Wyoming Semi-

nary, which latter institution he finished in 1869. He then read law in the office of Edwin S. Osborne, and was admitted to the Luzerne County Bar September 25, 1873, two days after he had married Caroline Wood, a daughter of Abraham Wood. Thus started a career of legal practice which extended fifty-three years. During the Civil War, in 1863, Mr. Espy served as a member of Company F, 41st Pennsylvania Militia. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Espy: 1. Blanche, who died at the age of twenty-five. 2. Gertrude, died in childhood. 3. Ridgeway E., member of the Luzerne County Bar. 4. Bruce M., of whom further. 5. Helen, died in childhood. 6. Dr. Carl W., physician, who resides at Pottsville.

Bruce Miller Espy grew to manhood in Wilkes-Barre and received his education in the public schools and Wyoming Seminary at Kingston. After he had left school he engaged in the real estate and insurance business, in which he has been consistently successful.

Mr. Espy early volunteered for World War service; on May 25, 1917, he was mustered into Battery E, 3d Field Artillery, Pennsylvania National Guard, as a private, later he became corporal and then acting sergeant, having transferred to this command from the old 9th Regiment of Infantry, Pennsylvania National Guard. In August, 1917, he was promoted to the rank of second lieutenant, and later to first lieutenant of Battery E, 109th Field Artillery, serving at Camp Ricketts and later at Camp Hancock, Augusta, Georgia. He was trained at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, to be an aerial observer. On July 1, 1918, he was ordered to the port of embarkation, New York, and sailed from New York July 15 for overseas duty, first landing in England before going to France for active service. He was sent for a while to an aviation school at St. Maxient, and later to the 2d Aviation Instruction Center at Tours. On September 1, 1918, he was ordered to the Argonne front, and attached to the 1st Aero Squadron of the 1st United States Observation Group, in which duty he remained in active service until the Armistice on November 11, 1918. After the Armistice had been signed he was ordered into Germany as a member of the Army of Occupation, and was located near the City of Coblenz on the Rhine to protect the bridge head there, and was town mayor of the towns of Weissen-thuren and Kettig. Returning to the United States, he was mustered out of the service October 31, 1919. After his return home he again enlisted in the National Guard and served as captain of his old Battery E, 109th Field Artillery, and resumed his former business with success.

Mr. Espy is a member of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the United Sportsmen of Pennsylvania, and Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He married, August 11, 1925, Florence T. Frey, daughter of Martin Frey, of Wilkes-Barre, and their union has been blessed with three sons, Bruce Miller Espy, Jr., Edward Inman Espy, and Peter Warner Espy.

**WILLIAM A. JACKSON**—An expert in the production and preparation of coal for the wholesale and retail markets, who is widely known in the anthracite region, William A. Jackson occupies the important managerial position of general outside foreman for the Jeddo Highland Coal Company at its collieries at Harley and elsewhere that the concern operates. He is a professional civil

engineer who has practiced for many years in connection with coal mining, and is rated as one of the best-equipped men in the hard coal field. As a citizen he is keenly interested in the promotion of the welfare of the people resident in his village of Ebervale and in the entire region given up to the chief industry of coal mining.

Born in New York City, September 28, 1872, William A. Jackson is the son of William and Fannie (Stone) Jackson. His father, born in Connor, Ireland, in 1843, finished his education at Pocock College, Dublin. He came to this country when a young man and entered the coal mining industry. For more than forty years he was in charge of outside work and breaker operations at the Upper Lehigh Colliery. He died in 1917. His wife, born in Connor, Ireland, in 1839, died in this country in 1913. The family lived for some time in New York City, where the son, William A., attended the public schools, and studied civil engineering at Cooper Union in that city. For some five years he pursued his profession in coal mines of Upper Lehigh, Pennsylvania, and then returned to New York City, where he was a traveling salesman for the Dennison Manufacturing Company, remaining with that concern for about five years. The lure of the coal mines again found him in the Upper Lehigh region, and in 1910 he joined the forces of the Jeddo Highland Coal Company, being installed in the position of general outside foreman. This rating he has ever since held, having charge of the collieries of the company at Harley and other points of the concern's operations. He is an important contributing factor in the concern's sustained reputation for standard quality of coal in a well-nigh ceaseless flow of the mines' products from the colliery to the railroad. By his seniors and the company he is esteemed very highly for his technical ability and personal integrity, his capacity for the handling of men and his skill in advancing the mine output through its different grades and sizes in the management of the collieries.

To the Republican party, Mr. Jackson has always given his political allegiance, and he is considered one of the party's strong men in his district. His fraternal obligations are made to Lodge No. 327, Free and Accepted Masons; Chapter No. 227, Royal Arch Masons, of Hazleton; and Lodge No. 200, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of which he is a Past Exalted Ruler. His religious affiliation is with the Presbyterian denomination.

William A. Jackson married, in 1902, Harriett Mott Bobst, of Drifton, daughter of Frank and Libb Bobst. They have their residence in Ebervale.

**CAPTAIN WILLIAM A. CLARK**—Entering the ranks of the Pennsylvania State Police as a private, after having served five years in the United States Army, William A. Clark of Wyoming has advanced steadily in the State organization until he now holds the rank of captain, in command of Troop B, covering the northeastern district of Pennsylvania. The requirements of this police organization are not easy of accomplishment, and the present rank of Captain Clark speaks volumes for his training and inherent ability. The Pennsylvania State Police are second to no other institution in efficiency and discipline, and it is largely due to the efforts of such men as Mr. Clark that it has attained the prestige it now enjoys. Banking, fraternal organizations, and social life, too, have felt the influence of this man, for while he is a stern and conscientious official in the

conduct of his police duties, he also is the possessor of a temperament and personality that make him popular with all law-abiding classes.

William A. Clark was born June 26, 1880, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, his parents being the late Andrew J. and Margaret V. (Tracey) Clark. The father, also a native of Philadelphia, followed railroading throughout his life. He was born in 1844 and was a locomotive engineer at the time of his death in 1896. Margaret V. (Tracey) Clark was born in 1846, at Philadelphia, and died in 1894.

William A. Clark attended the public schools of Philadelphia, being graduated from high school there in 1897. His school days ended, Mr. Clark availed himself of an opportunity to enter the engraving trade, and this occupied him for three years. The lure of adventure removed him from this calling at the end of that period, and he entered military service in 1900, being assigned to the 21st Infantry, United States Army. With this unit he was transported to the Philippine Islands, where he assisted in quelling the insurrections that preceded the relinquishment of these islands to the United States by the Spanish government. Mr. Clark's enlistment expired in 1905, and he returned to his native State. Soon after his arrival he entered the Pennsylvania State Police as a private, but his previous military training soon brought him promotion. He filled various offices in the organization until 1917, in which year he was commissioned lieutenant, and shortly afterwards, in 1918, was made a captain, the rank which he now retains. Captain Clark has served in many districts of the State during his years with the State Police, and was placed in command of Troop B. This unit has eighty men on its rolls, covers the Northeastern District, and has its headquarters at No. 475 Wyoming Avenue, Wyoming.

Captain Clark was an important factor in establishing the First National Bank of Exeter, which opened its doors for business in February, 1928, and he now is a valued member of the board of directors and vice-president of that financial institution, which is headed by Louis N. Jacobs. Mr. Clark usually casts his ballot for Republican principles and candidates of that political party, and fraternal affiliations include Lodge No. 382, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; the Knights of Columbus, and the Fox Hill Country Club. A follower of Catholicism, Captain Clark attends St. Cecelia's Catholic Church, as do the other members of his family.

William A. Clark was married, June 26, 1913, to Rose C. Daley, of West Pittston, Pennsylvania. Her parents were Thomas and Anna Daley, and she and her husband have become the parents of six children: 1. William, Jr., born in February, 1916. 2. George E., born in February, 1917. 3. Eugene J., born in May, 1918, and died at the age of five years. 4. Thomas F., born in October, 1919. 5. Margaret A., born in April, 1923. 6. Lucille V., born in October, 1924, and died at the age of two years. Mr. and Mrs. Clark and their children reside at No. 298 Monument Avenue, Wyoming.

**B. FORD JOHNSON**—Conducting one of the oldest general merchandise concerns in Trucksville, one that was founded by his father in 1895, B. Ford Johnson has proved a worthy successor to his parent, having assumed full charge of the establishment at the

death of the elder Mr. Johnson. In this business he has striven to emulate the example of the founder, and that his efforts have not been in vain is attested to by the increased patronage given the store. Mr. Johnson has adhered strictly to a policy of giving the customer the benefit of shrewd buying and economical administration, and this has proved profitable, both from a financial viewpoint and from that of the satisfaction that comes with the knowledge of an honestly-conducted business.

Mr. Johnson was born June 6, 1893, and is a native of the county in which he since has lived, having been born at Chase. His father, William C. Johnson, was born in Jackson Township, Luzerne County, in 1865, and passed away in 1928, after a long and successful career as a merchant in Trucksville. He had married Jennie Coolbaugh, born in Jackson Township, in 1865, who survives her husband. She is a daughter of the family well known in Luzerne County.

B. Ford Johnson attended the public schools of Luzerne, graduating from high school in 1910. Then followed additional scholastic training at Wyoming Seminary and Wyoming College of Business, after which Mr. Johnson entered the business founded more than thirty years ago by his father. This association endured until April 9, 1928, when B. Ford Johnson assumed control of the firm, after the death of William C. Johnson. Everything usually found in a general store is stocked by Mr. Johnson, and special efforts are made to keep the merchandise fresh and up-to-date. This, and Mr. Johnson's ethical standards, combine to place the store among the better known business institutions of Trucksville. In political issues, Mr. Johnson has usually been a supporter of the Democratic party, although he refuses to allow partisan policies to blind him to the capabilities of a candidate of different faith. He is a member of the Mount Greenwood Kiwanis Club, and he and his family attend the Presbyterian Church of Luzerne.

The marriage of B. Ford Johnson and Pearl M. Barrett was solemnized on June 14, 1914, and on January 3, 1916, they became the parents of a daughter, Mollie Jean. Pearl M. (Barrett) Johnson is a native of Forty Fort, Pennsylvania, and her parents were John and Mary Ellen (Eustice) Barrett. John Barrett, born at Carbondale, Pennsylvania, in 1843, died in 1925, while his wife, born at Hartford, Connecticut, in 1854, passed away in 1917. Mrs. Johnson is a musician of note, and was engaged in piano instruction previous to her marriage. She has continued this teaching since her residence here, having taught in Kingston and throughout the Wyoming Valley.

**CHARLES MILLARD HARTER**—This family is one of the oldest in Pennsylvania, long resident in Cunningham Township, dating back to 1796 when the town was known as Hollenback. It was one of the original families to settle here. Charles Millard Harter, of Wapwallopen, has in his possession today a grant written upon sheepskin from the heirs of William Penn conveying a tract to the Harters. His father, Jacob William Harter, was born at Nescopeck, in 1848, and died in November, 1922, having spent many years actively engaged in agriculture. His mother, Martha (Weiss) Harter, was born in Wapwallopen, in 1848, and died in 1913.

Charles Millard Harter, foremost citizen of Wapwallopen, was born in this community, April 1, 1875. He attended the public schools,

studied at Wyoming Seminary, at Michaels University of Logansport, Indiana, and completed his academic instruction at Bloomsburg Normal School, following which he went to work for the Bell Telephone Company, at St. Louis, Missouri. For six years he was employed by this large organization, and became one of their valued men. He built the Hollenback Telephone Company's lines and exchange in the Wyoming Valley, 1904-05, then, for two years, served as manager of the Berwick Telephone exchange. In March, 1917, he went into the hardware business, in Wapwallopen, organizing his firm under the style of Harter's Hardware Company, handling a general line of farm implements, all hardware goods, and in addition a well-known make of tractor. During the somewhat more than one decade of his enterprise, fortune has followed him, and he is accounted one of the leading commercial figures of this part of the Wilkes-Barre area. He is vice-president and a director of the Nescopeck National Bank, holding other and similar connections of an extensive scale.

A Republican, Mr. Harter has interested himself liberally in the general affairs pertaining to the community's advancement, and served as auditor of Cunningham Township. Fraternally he is prominent in the works of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which order he is a member of Knapp Lodge, No. 62, of Berwick; Caldwell Consistory, at Bloomsburg, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; and Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Also, he is affiliated with the Patriotic Order Sons of America, being a member of Lodge No. 334, and with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a member of the Kiwanis Club and a communicant of the Lutheran Church. During the period of America's participation in the World War, Mr. Harter had just entered the hardware business. He was able, through his position in the town's affairs, to give valued assistance to the campaigns of the Liberty Loan and Red Cross, helping as he could to further all causes of patriotic appeal.

Mr. Harter married, in 1900, Sarah C. Karchner, of Wapwallopen, daughter of Absalom B. and Hannah Karchner. They have a son, Wilbur Allen, who was born March 21, 1904, and is now associated with his father in business. Wilbur Allen Harter is a graduate of Nescopeck High School and Gettysburg College, from which he took the degree of Bachelor of Science.

**ROBERT J. McNULTY**—Thoroughly equipped to enter into the profession of his choice, by inheritance and training, Robert J. McNulty, funeral director of Freeland, has combined these with tact and decorum, thus explaining the trust and confidence in which he is held here. His father, uncle, and brother have been similarly engaged, and thus the name of McNulty has become almost synonymous with reliability and finesse whenever qualifications of morticians are discussed. Mr. McNulty, while still a young man, has been engaged in Freeland as a funeral director for almost a decade, and during this period has conducted his professional duties in such a manner as to win the admiration of his colleagues and the esteem of those in need of his services.

Mr. McNulty was born on May 13, 1894, the son of Patrick F. and Margaret (Boyle) McNulty, of Sugar Notch, Pennsylvania, one of thirteen children: Peter, Nellie, Sarah, Hugh, William, Andrew, John, Charles, Robert J., of further mention; Mary, and three children

who died in infancy. Patrick F. McNulty for many years was in business in Hazleton, a partner in the firm of McNulty Brothers. This undertaking concern he continued after the death of his brother, coming to Freeland during the exciting period in which the "Molly McGuires" were active. Here he conducted his business until the time of his death, in June, 1908. He was well known throughout this section of the country, did a large business, and enjoyed the confidence and respect of a great number of the residents here. Although born in Ireland, he came to this country at the age of seven years. He was especially active in political circles, and wielded a great influence in local Democratic affairs.

Robert J. McNulty was educated at St. Ann's High School, and studied at the Mining and Engineering Institute. Later he received his professional training in one of the best known institutions of its kind in this country, the Eckels School of Embalming, being graduated therefrom in 1913. Previous to this course, however, he had worked with his father and had obtained many of the fundamentals of the undertaking business. Soon after his graduation he went to work for his brother-in-law, who also was a funeral director. He remained thus employed until 1922, when he opened his present concern in Freeland. With the commencement of his individual enterprise, experienced as he was in matters of this kind, he soon became well known for his reliability, refined demeanor, and tact. His establishment has grown rapidly and contains complete and thoroughly modern equipment, including a morgue, nicely appointed funeral parlors, and other appurtenances, including a splendid limousine hearse, for the conduct of such an institution.

Ever alert to new methods and practices concerned with his profession, Mr. McNulty affiliates with, and takes a serious part in the various societies peculiar to his calling. He is a member of the Luzerne County Funeral Directors' Association, the Pennsylvania State Funeral Directors' Association, and the National Funeral Directors' Association. Mr. McNulty served his country during the World War, having entered the military in 1918; went overseas with the 305th M. S. T. He remained in France for about fourteen months, most of this time being spent at the front, until the Armistice. He was mustered out in June, 1919, having given valorous service to his country. A man possessing full confidence of his fellow-citizens, Mr. McNulty has been conspicuous in the various movements designed for the community's advancement. A devout Catholic, he and his wife attend St. Ann's Roman Catholic Church, and Mr. McNulty is a member of the Knights of Columbus. He retains connections with his former comrades-in-arms through his membership in the American Legion.

Mr. McNulty married, in November, 1927, Mary Mezner, of Freeland, and in this town they make their residence at No. 405 Center Street.

**THOMAS HALE KEISER**—Associated with Victor Lee Dodson, Thomas Hale Keiser is proprietor and director of the Wilkes-Barre Business College at Nos. 29-31 West Northampton Street, Wilkes-Barre. He is known for his ability as an instructor, having been a teacher in (and director of) several schools, and one of the staff under Mr. Dodson in the Wilkes-Barre Commercial College, before their joint operation of the new institution,

which became effective on July 21, 1921, and was transferred to the more spacious and modern building.

Thomas Hale Keiser was born in Hanover Township, Luzerne County, on a farm, the son of Edward A. and Sarah (Edwards) Keiser. The father resides on a farm at Askam; the mother died in 1926 at the age of sixty-five years. Edward A. Keiser is the son of Emanuel Keiser, who was a contractor, and who built the old Methodist Church at Askam; and he is the father of ten children, nine of whom reached maturity: 1. Raymond, of Forty Fort, Luzerne County. 2. Valentine, who died in the influenza epidemic of 1918. 3. Ethel, wife of Robert J. Hagenbaugh, of Hanover Township. 4. Edna, wife of R. R. Metcalf, merchant of Askam. 5. Thomas Hale, of whom further. 6. Lavina, widow of Arthur Loewer of Nanticoke, Pennsylvania. 7. Anna, wife of Frank Regan of New Jersey. 8. Edward A., Jr. 9. Harry, of Askam.

Thomas Hale Keiser was educated in the public schools of Hanover Township, then graduated from the Bloomsburg State Normal School in the class of 1911, after which he taught school for eight years in Hanover Township. He was for five years principal of the Newtown Public School. In 1919 Mr. Keiser established residence in Wilkes-Barre and became teacher and principal in the commercial department of the Wilkes-Barre Commercial College, under Mr. Dodson, at that time located on West Market Street. Soon after followed the partnership between Mr. Keiser and Mr. Dodson and the establishment of the new school on Northampton Street, West. Mr. Keiser has extensive fraternal affiliations. He is a member of the Coalville Lodge, No. 64, of Ashley, Luzerne County, Free and Accepted Masons; Shekinah Chapter, No. 82, Royal Arch Masons; Dieu le Veut Commandery, No. 45, Knights Templar; Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Also, he is a member of the Shrine Country Club, the Franklin Club, Private School Owners' Association, the School Men's Club of Luzerne County, and of the Eastern Commercial Teachers' Association. Mr. Keiser was for many years a first-class athlete. While in the normal school at Bloomsburg he played football, basketball and baseball.

Thomas Hale Keiser married, June 30, 1915, Agnes A. Treas, daughter of Frank and Mary S. Treas of Luzerne County, and niece of Judge Andrew M. Treas of Wilkes-Barre. Mr. and Mrs. Keiser are the parents of two children, Thomas Hale, Jr., and Mary Lois.

Mr. Keiser is a self-made man, and of that he is proud, as he is of his family, which is one of the oldest in the county. His great grandfather, Valentine Keiser, was an early settler in Hanover Township, and for many years was the proprietor of the Old Red Tavern at Hanover Green.

**JOHN P. SCHMITT**—One of the well-known builders and brick manufacturers of Wilkes-Barre is John P. Schmitt, who with his brothers, Martin H. and Frank J., is one of the partners of the firm of John A. Schmitt's Sons, contractors and builders, workers in brick, stone, and concrete masonry, and manufacturers of brick, with offices at No. 38 Bennett Building, in Wilkes-Barre.

John A. Schmitt, father of Mr. Schmitt, was one of the well-known citizens of Wilkes-Barre and for more than fifty years was engaged in the contracting and building and brick manufacturing business here. The

business established by him, now known as John A. Schmitt's Sons, is one of the oldest concerns of its kind in Luzerne County, and has built many of the modern business houses and homes in Luzerne County. Mr. Schmitt was a Republican in his political allegiance, and was a member of St. Nicholas' Roman Catholic Church, of Wilkes-Barre. He married, and he and his wife, Victoria, were the parents of nine children: John P., of further mention; Martin H., Frank J., Mary, deceased; Otto, deceased; Elizabeth, deceased; Lena, deceased; Frederick J., a practicing physician in Wilkes-Barre, and Carl J., an architect in Wilkes-Barre. The father of this family died at the age of fifty-four years, and the mother is still living, aged seventy-four years.

John P. Schmitt, son of John A. and Victoria Schmitt, was born in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, August 5, 1875, and as a boy attended the public schools of his birthplace and St. Nicholas Parochial School. Later, he completed his education in Wyoming Seminary, at Kingston, Pennsylvania. As a young man he became associated with his father in the building and contracting business, also in the manufacturing of bricks, and as his brothers reached years of maturity they, too, were admitted to the business, which, after the death of the father, was continued under the name of John A. Schmitt's Sons, the name under which it still operates. As has already been stated, this concern is one of the oldest and best known in Luzerne County, and has been an important factor in the development of many sections of the county, building many of the modern business houses and also a very large number of private dwelling houses in this section. The three brothers, John P., Martin H., and Frank J., are well known for their skill and their sound knowledge of the business in which they are engaged, and they have also made a reputation for sound business methods. In addition to his responsibilities and activities as a building contractor and as a manufacturer of bricks, Mr. Schmitt is a member of the board of directors of the Lake Transit Company which operates on Harvey's Lake, in Luzerne County, a director of the Dime Bank Title and Trust Company of Wilkes-Barre, and a director of the Jones Oil and Supply Company, of Wilkes-Barre. Politically, he gives his support to the principles and the candidates of the Republican party, but has never participated in its activities. He is a member of Lodge No. 109, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and of the Wyoming Valley Country Club, and his religious affiliation is with St. Nicholas Roman Catholic Church, of Wilkes-Barre.

John P. Schmitt was married to Anna Mentoup, of New York, and they are the parents of four children: 1. John A., who is associated with the Haddock Coal Company, of Wilkes-Barre. 2. Mary E., wife of Frank Malenowski, of Wilkes-Barre. 3. Victor C., a musician, of Detroit, Michigan. 4. Bernadina, who lives at home with her father. Mrs. Schmitt died August 31, 1924.

**MICHAEL A. DONAHUE**—With the exception of the period during which he was serving in the World War, Michael A. Donahue has been continuously engaged in general legal practice in Wilkes-Barre since his admission to the bar in 1915. He has his offices at No. 203 in the Dime Bank Building, where he is taking care of a large clientele.

Michael A. Donahue was born in Lenox, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, Febru-

ary 22, 1890, son of John and Catherine (Barrett) Donahue, the first mentioned of whom was a coal miner, and the father of two children: Michael A., the subject of this review; and Mary, wife of John Walsh.

Mr. Donahue grew up at Glen Lyon, and after attending the local public schools, became a student in the State Normal School at Stroudsburg, from which he was graduated with the class of 1905. After the completion of his Normal course he taught school for two years, and then, in the fall of 1907, entered Holy Cross College, at Worcester, Massachusetts, where he completed his course in 1911 and received the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He had decided upon the legal profession as his future field of activity and in the following fall matriculated in the Law School of the University of Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated with the class of 1914, receiving at that time the degree of Bachelor of Laws. In 1915 he was admitted to the Luzerne County Bar, and since that time, with the exception of the time during which he was in service in the World War, he has been successfully engaged in general practice in Wilkes-Barre. In June, 1918, he enlisted in the United States Navy and served as ensign until mustered out of service in 1919, when he resumed legal practice in Wilkes-Barre. He is a member of the Luzerne County Bar Association, of the Pennsylvania State Bar Association, and of the American Bar Association, and has made for himself an assured place in his profession. He is solicitor of the borough of Newport, in Luzerne County, and attorney for the Glen Lyon Bank, at Glen Lyon, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania. In his political allegiance Mr. Donahue is a Democrat. Fraternally, he is identified with Wilkes-Barre Lodge, No. 109, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; with the Knights of Columbus; and with the Fraternal Order of Eagles; and he is a member of the Fox Hill Country Club.

**ARTHUR DAVENPORT**—Fourteen years of successful legal practice in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, have placed Arthur Davenport among the well-known and well established men of his profession in this part of the State. Since his admission to the bar in 1913 he has been engaged in practice in Wilkes-Barre, with offices at No. 713 Coal Exchange Building, where he is taking care of a large clientele. Mr. Davenport is a graduate of the Law School of the University of Michigan.

The branch of the Davenport family to which Mr. Davenport belongs has been settled in Luzerne County for three generations. Clark Davenport, grandfather of Mr. Davenport, came to Plymouth, Luzerne County, about one hundred years ago, coming from New York State and bringing his family with him. The maternal grandparents of Mr. Davenport were Thomas and Hannah (Howard) Gould, of Luzerne County. Samuel M. Davenport, father of Arthur Davenport, died at the age of eighty-six years. He married Harriet Elizabeth Gould, daughter of Thomas and Hannah (Howard) Gould, who lived to be eighty-four years of age, and they were the parents of eight children: Stanley Irving, of Kingston, Pennsylvania; Carrie, who died at the age of eleven years; Thomas G., of Plymouth, Pennsylvania; George P., who died in childhood; Frederick M., deceased, who was a leading physician of Scranton, Pennsylvania; Harvey Howard, who is a member of the Luzerne County Bar; Harriet Blanche, a teacher in the Plymouth schools; Maud G.,

who is the wife of Edgar S. Stern, of Alderson, Pennsylvania; and Arthur, of further mention.

Arthur Davenport was born in Plymouth, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, September 16, 1883, and attended the local public schools, graduating from the Plymouth High School in 1901. He prepared for college in Wyoming Seminary, at Kingston, Pennsylvania, completing his course there with the class of 1905, and then taught school for two years in order to finance his further preparation for a professional career, and later had charge of the shoe department of the Shawnee Cash Store at Plymouth. In 1909 he entered the Law School of the University of Michigan, where he completed his course with graduation in 1912, receiving at that time the degree of Bachelor of Laws. After graduation he returned to Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, where he successfully passed the required examinations and was admitted to the Luzerne County Bar in 1913. Since then he has been engaged in practice in Wilkes-Barre, where he has built up a large and important practice, and where he has made for himself a reputation for sound legal knowledge, for resourcefulness and ability in the presentation of cases, and for effectiveness in handling cases. Politically he gives his support to the principles and the candidates of the Republican party. While a student in the University of Michigan Law School Mr. Davenport was president of the Student Council, one of the highest honors of the campus, and he was also a member of the Greek Letter fraternity, Gamma Eta Gamma. Fraternally, he is identified with Plymouth Lodge, No. 332, Free and Accepted Masons, of Plymouth; Valley Chapter, No. 214, Royal Arch Masons, of which he is secretary; Dieu le Veut Commandery, No. 45, Knights Templar, of Wilkes-Barre; and Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. His religious affiliation is with the Christian Church of Plymouth, of which his parents were members.

Arthur Davenport was married (first) to Laura Myers, and to this marriage two children were born: Arthur, Jr., and Dorothy Blanch. Mrs. Davenport died January 6, 1921, and Mr. Davenport married (second), May 26, 1926, Marlon Caerns, of Wilkes-Barre. Mr. Davenport is one of the very well known and highly esteemed men of his profession, and he has a host of friends in Wilkes-Barre.

**JOSEPH W. MURPHY, D. D. S.**—Although one of the youngest dental practitioners in Wilkes-Barre, having been established here since 1925, Joseph W. Murphy is rapidly distinguishing himself for the excellence of his work and the sincerity with which he devotes himself to it. He is a man of commendable character and comes of a family which has long commanded the esteem of the people of this district. That he will continue to advance along the road of his professional choice is the undivided opinion both of the profession and the laity, while his fellow-citizens of Luzerne County accord to him their fullest confidence in his loyalty to civic progress and to the profession which he honors with membership.

He is a son of Edward A. and Alice (Mannales) Murphy, the first named having been born in Janesville, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, in 1863, and now retired from active business, and the last named a native of Wilkes-Barre. He was born in Freeland, Luzerne County, October 5, 1899, and completed the courses in the local public schools,

graduating from St. Mary's High School in 1917, and then attending Wyoming Seminary, where he took the business course. He then attended Temple University and was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery in 1925, since which time he has been in general practice here. He is a member of Luzerne County Medical Society, a Republican in politics and attends St. Aloysius Roman Catholic Church.

**MICHAEL FESCINA**—Successful in his business activities, Michael Fescina, of Hazleton, where he is commissioner of parks and buildings, also achieved distinction in the political field and won the regard of his fellow-citizens by his upright character, sincerity of purpose and general accomplishment. His intense spirit of nationalism, studious regard for the rights of others, industrious nature and pleasing personality have brought him many friends and won the approbation of all. He is a man who does things and does them thoroughly and well, who cares for the interests of those who have reposed confidence in him as he would for his own, and who never fails to do with all his might the tasks that are set for his hand. With the soul of a musician, he is a good comrade and delights in the society of his fellows and in his home, where his children are all musically gifted and trained and where melody and happiness are the reward at the close of the day's labor.

He was born in the village of Foundryville, Pennsylvania, August 16, 1882, a son of Joseph and Concetta (Lasca) Fescina, both natives of Italy, who emigrated to this country, where they met and married. The father has been for many years engaged in the service of the Lehigh Valley Railroad, being one of the oldest employees of that corporation. He and his wife are the parents of eight children: Frank, a carpenter; Mildred, who married John Leo; Joseph, an employee of the Lehigh Traction Company; Rocco, teller in the Hazleton National Bank, choirmaster and organist of the Most Precious Blood Roman Catholic Church; Mary, who married Nicholas Marshall; James, an employee of the Wilkes-Barre and Hazleton Railroad; Nancy, who married Neil Dinola; Michael, of whom further.

Michael Fescina was educated in the public schools of Luzerne County and at the age of sixteen years entered the employ of J. & C. J. Kirschner, wholesale flour and feed merchants, where he remained for thirteen years, then going to the Sasso Department Store as office manager and secretary of the corporation. He is second vice-president of the Middle Coal Field Building & Loan Association, and has shown great activity in civic affairs, having served as a member of the Select Council and a member of that body in his second term when the commission form of government was established in Hazleton, when he was elected to his present office of commissioner of parks and buildings. He is a member of Mountain City Lodge, No. 71, Knights of Pythias, of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and other fraternal organizations and belongs to the Most Precious Blood Roman Catholic Church.

Michael Fescina married, October 19, 1905, Jennie Di Joseph, of Hazleton. Their children are: Concetta, Joseph, Louise, Margaret, and Michael. The family residence is at No. 332 East Diamond Avenue, Hazleton, Pennsylvania.

**LESLIE J. HARRISON**, county commissioner of Luzerne County, and one of the best known citizens of Wilkes-Barre, is a man who has made his way upward as a result of his own ambition, intelligently directed industry and straightforward methods in the transactions and contacts of every day life. In this way he has exemplified the high ideals of those sturdy pioneers who, early in the seventeenth century, left an established social order and civilization on the other side of the Atlantic and braved the unknown terrors of the New World—wild beasts, savage men, rigorous climate and the dangers of disease and pestilence that they might found a society based on freedom, religious and political. The American progenitors of Leslie J. Harrison, both paternal and maternal, were among that number. In his veins flows the blood of many founders and patriots, men who fought Indians and who did their share in establishing the independence of the colonies. George P. Ransome, an ancestor, came from Connecticut and established the family in Pennsylvania. He was killed at the battle and massacre of Wyoming on July 3, 1778.

The paternal grandparents of Mr. Harrison were Jacob and Mary (Boney) Harrison. Their son, William Henry Harrison, married Amanda Ransome and they were the parents of four children: Ora, married George W. Roberts of Plymouth, Pennsylvania; Leslie J., of whom further; Mazie, who died at the age of eighteen; Stanley W., who is paymaster for the Ford Motor Company at Rouge, Michigan. In his younger manhood, the father of this family engaged in farming in Detroit, but later in life he was in business as a construction contractor for the Delaware and Hudson Coal Company at Plymouth.

Leslie J. Harrison was born in Wilkes-Barre, March 15, 1883, but he grew to manhood in Plymouth, where he graduated from the grammar and high schools. His formal education was completed at Wyoming Seminary at Kingston; but he has never ceased to be a reader and a student. After leaving school, young Harrison went to work in an engineering corps of the Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre Coal Company, at first as a chainman and later in the construction department. All the time that he was thus gaining practical experience, he was also studying privately and more deeply into the theoretical side of engineering practice. Thus, when the opportunity came in 1911 he accepted a position as a municipal engineer. He held positions of this kind in a number of towns, boroughs and cities in Luzerne and Lackawanna counties until 1928. In the previous November he was elected to his present position of commissioner of Luzerne County, as a result of one of the hottest political campaigns ever waged in this region; but Mr. Harrison won by a margin of 18,000 votes. He brought to this office a broad and most valuable experience; for besides the activities already mentioned, he had been for years a member of the engineering firm of Harrison and Butts, whose offices were in Wilkes-Barre.

On March 7, 1907, Leslie J. Harrison married Chrissie L. Henderson of Plymouth, Pennsylvania. They have four children: Helen Louise, Elizabeth Amanda, Mildred B., and Leslie J., Jr. The family residence is at No. 831 South Main Street, Wilkes-Barre.

**FREDERICK W. AHLBORN**—Widely known and respected citizen of Wilkes-Barre, Frederick W. Ahlborn was born in this city, Feb-

ruary 11, 1873, a son of Frederick C. and Henrietta (Tiefel) Ahlborn. Frederick C. Ahlborn was born February 10, 1830, engaged in various commercial enterprises, and in 1870, at the age of forty years, came from Philadelphia to Wilkes-Barre, and here established residence and opened a plant for the manufacture of soaps. Later, abandoning this, he operated in the business of packing and dealing in all kinds of produce. He became within a very few years one of the prominently recognized commercial leaders in the community, and was a director of the Wilkes-Barre Deposit and Savings Bank. In all he participated in the business life of the city some thirty years, and was active in all affairs pertaining to the development of the greater metropolitan area. Politically affiliated with the Republican party he was influential in questions of moment, and throughout his life was a loyal supporter of the organization. Fraternally too he was active, principally in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and he was a communicant of the Lutheran Church, temperate and charitable in all things. When he died, April 30, 1893, his loss was felt keenly, both as a citizen valuable to the community, and as a friend. Frederick C. Ahlborn and his wife, Henrietta, were the parents of children: 1. Frederick W., of whom directly. 2. Dr. Maurice B., a surgeon high in the medical fraternity of Luzerne County, practicing in Wilkes-Barre. 3. Hildegard, wife of Charles H. Webster, of Montclair, New Jersey. 4. Ernestine, wife of Dr. Alexander J. McRae, of Miami, Florida. 5. Emma, wife of Ernest Schroeder, of Montclair, New Jersey. 6. Gertrude. 7. Etta, deceased.

Frederick W. Ahlborn attended the public schools of his native city, and at the age of eighteen years took a place with the C. Chink Packing Company, of Buffalo, New York. There he became familiar with all phases of the packing business, and after four years of experience returned to Wilkes-Barre, to a position in his father's provision store on Pennsylvania Avenue. At the age of twenty-three he launched into business for himself, dealing in wholesale groceries, successfully; and he continued as wholesaler for a period of twenty-five years, disposing of his company in 1922, when he entered the insurance business. This he has continued through the years succeeding until the present time, and has, furthermore, dealt in policies for the Equitable Assurance Society of New York. Like his father a Republican, Mr. Ahlborn is staunch in support of the party principles and exercises a considerable influence locally, which he employs without fanfare, quietly, always in the interests of the community at large. He is a member of Lodge No. 61, Free and Accepted Masons of Wilkes-Barre; Keystone Consistory, Scranton, Pennsylvania, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Masons of the thirty-second degree, and Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of the Temple Country Club and of the Westmoreland Club. Toward charity Mr. Ahlborn ever has dealt with large heart, generous in contributions to all worthy causes without regard for race or creed. He is a communicant of St. John's Lutheran Church, and is devout in its service, actively a participant in its works. During the World War he served on the committees and boards having charge of the prosecution of the conflict from within this country, was instrumental in securing many subscriptions in the several Liberty Loan campaigns, and acted in

every manner possible in the assistance of his country's cause, though his somewhat advanced years forbade duty in the military. Of him his associates have only the kindest of things to say, as reflecting truly his possession in high degree of those qualities of character that cause a man to be warm in the affections of his fellows.

On June 9, 1909, Mr. Ahlborn was united in marriage with Marion Livia Ashley, of Wilkes-Barre, a daughter of Herbert Henry and Lydia (Davenport) Ashley; and they are the parents of two children: Frederick Ashley and Herbert Ashley. Mr. and Mrs. Ahlborn reside in a tastefully appointed residence at No. 236 South Franklin Street, Wilkes-Barre; and Mrs. Ahlborn, a woman of charm and refinement, is, as her husband, popular in the circles in which she moves.

**WILLIAM T. PAYNE**—One of the foremost citizens of Luzerne County and a leading business man in the Wyoming Valley, William T. Payne holds a prominent place in the industrial life of the community as president of the East Boston Coal Company, a mining firm of Luzerne County, and also as the president or as an officer of several other companies having to do with the production of coal in this section. He represents the fourth generation of the Payne family in America, three generations of which have been prominent in the Pennsylvania coal industry.

He is the son of William G. and Ellen (Roberts) Payne, deceased. His great-grandfather and the founder of the line in America was Robert Payne, of Ballycommon, Kings County, Ireland, who, with his wife, Mary A. (Chamberlain) Payne, the daughter of the Rev. William Chamberlain, a clergyman of the Established Church of England in Ballycommon, came to America, landing first in Montreal, Canada, and engaged in the milling business in Canada until his death. His son, Edward, who accompanied him to America, was born in 1814, came later to Minersville, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, where he became an extensive coal operator, owning three mines. He also owned in fee simple that tract of coal land known as the "Stanton," which was superintended by John Stanton, from whom it derived its name. Subsequently he engaged also in the wholesale coal business, with offices in Philadelphia and New York, marketing both his own products and those of other mines. He built a fine business, laying the foundations for future generations. Edward Payne married Priscilla Standish, of Pennsylvania parentage and distinguished English ancestry, who died in 1850. He died in Jersey City, New Jersey, in 1857.

William G. Payne, the son of Edward and Priscilla (Standish) Payne, was born in Minersville, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, on July 19, 1848. While he was still young, his parents removed to Jersey City, New Jersey, where he attended the public schools, and also went to private schools, until his father's death in 1857. He then was taken to the residence of relatives in Granby, Canada, where he attended school. Later he joined his uncle, William Payne, in Newark, New Jersey, and after he had completed his education he entered the employ of the Consumers' Coal Company, of Newark, in which his uncle had an interest. He started as clerk and worked up to the position of secretary-treasurer of the company. He remained in Newark until 1871, when he was made general superintendent of the East Boston Mines, whose headquarters then were in Luzerne,



Pennsylvania. In 1873 he purchased the mines and the business of the Consumers' Coal Company; and a little later, with W. H. Meeker, established the wholesale coal business of Meeker, Payne and Company, in New York City. Subsequently he made rapid strides in business, becoming president and principal owner of the East Boston Coal Company; president of the Dolph Coal Company, of Scranton; a manager of the Pierce Coal Company, of Scranton; president of the Consumers' Coal Company, of Newark, New Jersey; the owner of valuable coal lands in Pennsylvania; a director of the Wyoming National Bank, in Wilkes-Barre; a director and one of the principal owners of the Bridgeport Steamboat Company; and in 1892 was a Presidential elector on the Harrison ticket. He was a prominent Republican; a communicant of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, of Wilkes-Barre; a life member of the Wyoming Historical and Geological Society; the Westmoreland Club, of Wilkes-Barre; the Taquahanga Club of Vermont; the Lawyers' Club of New York; and the St. James' Club, of Montreal. On October 6, 1868, he married Ellen Roberts, the daughter of Lother Roberts, of Montreal, Canada, by which marriage there were two children: William T., of whom further, and Blanche E.

William T. Payne, the only son of William G. and Ellen (Roberts) Payne, was born in Kingston, Pennsylvania, on April 20, 1871. As a boy he attended Miss Widnall's private school in Kingston until 1883. In that year his parents removed to New York City, where his father had extensive business interests, whereupon he entered the Dwight School, preparatory to studying at the Sheffield Scientific School, in New Haven, Connecticut. When he completed his academic education at the age of twenty-two years, he entered the offices of the East Boston Coal Company as a clerk. Now, in addition to his being president of this company, he is president of the Miners' Mills Coal Mining Company; vice-president of the Evans Colliery Company; president of the Lackawanna Valley Fuel Company, of Scranton; chairman of the board of directors of the Burns Brothers Coal Company, of New York City; vice-president and a director of the Second National Bank, of Wilkes-Barre. He is a member of St. Stephens Episcopal Church; a member of the Westmoreland Club, of Wilkes-Barre; a member of the Engineers' Club, of New York, and the Engineers' Club of Northeastern Pennsylvania; and a trustee of the Wilkes-Barre Institute. In his political affiliations he is a member of the Republican party.

On June 15, 1897, Mr. Payne married Anna Piper, of Wilkes-Barre, the daughter of Agid and Anna R. Piper. They have two children, both of whom are unmarried and living at home: Anna Roberts and Priscilla Standish.

**REMMEL W. LaBAR**—When settlers first encamped in the wilderness of what is Pike County, Pennsylvania, there were a few who had come all the way across the Atlantic from the shores of France. Among them were the three LaBar brothers, one of whom was the ancestor of the sheriff of Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, Remmel W. LaBar. Ever since the days of that early settlement, the LaBars have been a long-lived family, and one of exceptional virility and constructive thought in the communities in which they have lived.

Mr. LaBar's father, John H. LaBar, died in 1923 at the age of ninety-two years and his mother is still living and in good health,

although she is more than ninety-three years old. His great-uncle, George A. LaBar, died at the age of one hundred and eighteen years. John H. LaBar married Louisa Duffy and they had eight children. 1. Amanda, who died in childhood. 2. Margaret, wife of Christian Walter, who founded the Walter Shoe Store in Wilkes-Barre. 3. Frank D., who was the first street railway motorman in Wilkes-Barre. 4. Samuel, deceased. 5. Ella, wife of H. R. Whitcraft, who helped to establish the old Wilkes-Barre "Leader," now the "Times-Leader." 6. Morris H., who died during the epidemic of influenza in 1918. 7. Estelita, wife of Charles Nash, of West Nanticoke, Pennsylvania. 8. Remmel W. LaBar, sheriff of Luzerne County.

John H. LaBar for many years was an undertaker and proprietor of a livery stable at Kingston Corner, Kingston, Pennsylvania, until he retired to a farm in Jackson Township, where his son spent most of his boyhood and later many of his vacations. Remmel W. LaBar was born in Wilkes-Barre November 13, 1880, and attended the public schools there. He began his business career when still a boy, his first employment being with the firm of Williamson and Wallace, in Wilkes-Barre. He continued to serve this wholesale grocery firm for nearly three years, then entered the employ of the Stegmaier Brewing Company, where he was employed for two years.

The life of a policeman appealed to his young fancy at this time, and he obtained an appointment to the force. His diligence and aptitude for the work earned him rapid promotion and he was eventually the first captain of detectives in Wilkes-Barre. After serving on the police force for twelve years, he was appointed an alderman to fill an unexpired term and was afterwards elected to the office. Two years later, in 1919, he was elected to the office of recorder of deeds for Luzerne County, which he occupied for four years. In 1923 he was elected sheriff of Luzerne County.

Mr. LaBar, an ardent and active Republican, is a member of Fidelity Lodge, No. 655, Free and Accepted Masons; Keystone Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; is an Elk, a member of the Odd Fellows, the Eagles and the Loyal Order of Moose and a charter member of the Craftsman's Club of Wilkes-Barre.

In 1901, Mr. LaBar married Lottie Williams, daughter of Joseph Williams, of Wilkes-Barre. They have two children: Margaret Louise, and William Remmel LaBar, who is a clerk in the office of his father. The family home is at No. 58 Virginia Terrace, Forty Fort, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania.

**JOHN H. DOUGHTY**—Numbered among the well-known citizens of Wilkes-Barre and veteran of the World War is John H. Doughty, mechanical engineer for the Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre Coal Company.

John H. Doughty was born in Dutchess County, New York, on February 3, 1876, a son of Dr. John H. and Elizabeth (Woodin) Doughty. Dr. John H. Doughty, the father, died at the age of seventy-five years, and is (1920) survived by the widow, aged ninety. Dr. John H. and Elizabeth (Woodin) Doughty were the parents of seven children, all of whom reached maturity: 1. Thomas J., died at the age of thirty-three years. 2. Edgar M., of Brooklyn, New York. 3. Robert W., of Beacon, New York. 4. Mary V., wife of Ralph Brinkerhoff, of Yuma, Arizona. 5. Phoebe V. E., unmarried, at Beacon, New York. 6.

John H., of whom further. 7. Elizabeth, deceased.

John H. Doughty, the son, attended the public schools at Beacon, New York, and graduated from Cornell University at Ithaca, New York, in the class of 1898, with the degree of Mechanical Engineer. Upon the conclusion of his studies in college he took a position with the Worthington Pump Company at Elizabethport, New Jersey, then removed to Pittston, Luzerne County, to become a draftsman for the Exeter Machine Company, and later assistant outside superintendent, after serving as draftsman for the Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre Coal Company. He continued as assistant superintendent for the Lehigh-Wilkes-Barre organization until 1905, when he was made mechanical engineer; and this position has been his during the years succeeding. Politically affiliated with the Republican party, Mr. Doughty is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Forty Fort, Luzerne County, and is a member in the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. In 1917 he was commissioned a captain in the Engineering Corps of the United States Army, and was located at Camp Lee, Virginia, until February, 1918, when he was ordered overseas. At a tank school in England he was instructor until October, 1918, when he became attached to the 10th Battalion of the British Expeditionary Forces at the British Tank Corps; in November, 1918, he was attached to the 301st Tank Battalion, United States Army, at Sault, France, and later to the 329th Tank Battalion, United States Army, at Bourges, France. Mr. Doughty was mustered out of the service in April, 1919. He is a member of the Black Diamond Post of the American Legion, at Kingston, Pennsylvania. As an attestation to his widespread interests, illustrating the scope of activities engaged in by the soldier-engineer, it may be noted that Mr. Doughty is a member of the Forty Fort School Board, is president of the Wyoming Valley Council Boy Scouts of America, a member of the Wyoming Valley Historical and Geological Society, the society of Military Order of the World War, and director of the Forty Fort State Bank.

John H. Doughty married, on August 18, 1921, Muriel Weston, of Forty Fort, Luzerne County, daughter of the late Dr. Eugene Weston of Pittston, Luzerne County and Ada (Reese) Weston. Mr. and Mrs. Doughty are the parents of a son, John H. Doughty, Jr.

**WALTER CHARLES FANCOURT**—Of English birth on both sides, Walter Charles Fancourt was born in Kingston, Luzerne County, April 12, 1889, and brought up in the schools of that place. His father was George Emanuel Fancourt, born in London, England, in 1857, and for many years a florist in Kingston. He died in 1904. Mr. Fancourt's mother was Jane Ingameels, and was born in Lincolnshire, England, in 1858, and died here in May, 1910.

Of keenest ambition, Mr. Fancourt acquired his technical education from the International Correspondence School, taking the mining course, and going also to the night school of the Pennsylvania State College, in the extension course. Having completed a theoretical training he entered the employ of the Delaware and Lackawanna Railroad Company, in the mining department in May, 1904, as an outside helper. In 1906, he was taken into the engineering department of the same company, a company that is now known as the Glen Aiden Coal Company. There he

remained until 1917, and then took the position of section foreman with their Woodward colliery, later to be promoted to mine foremanship with that colliery. In 1923 he was made division engineer of all that company's collieries in Luzerne County. Mr. Fancourt has steadily risen in responsibility in his various posts with this large company, and has acted as superintendent of the Pettybone Colliery, of the Loomis and of the Auchincloss collieries. He is recognized as an expert in knowledge in this great coal industry that is one of the most important sources of wealth of this industrial State of Pennsylvania. Mr. Fancourt gives his vote and influence to the Republican party, supporting the candidates and principles of that party with each election. He is a Free and Accepted Mason, and a member of the Shekinah Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Dieu le Veut Commandery, No. 45, Knights Templar; and Keystone Consistory, Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret. He belongs to the Franklin Club and to the Engineers' Society of Northeastern Pennsylvania. He and his family attend the Grace Episcopal Church.

On September 6, 1913, Walter Charles Fancourt was married to Grace Ellsworth, of Wyalusing, Bradford County, a daughter of Jesse L. and Lucy Ellsworth. They have adopted a little son, whom they have named Lewis Ellsworth Fancourt, born May 14, 1916.

**THOMAS PUGH**—At the age of thirty-eight years, in 1928, Mr. Pugh can claim the remarkable distinction of having been in business under his own name for almost a quarter of a century. For he was only sixteen years old, when he established himself in the produce business at Edwardsville, the town of his birth, and so able a businessman did he prove himself that today he is still engaged in the same business. The latter, owned and managed by one of such unusual enterprise and energy, naturally has enjoyed a steady growth and today it is considered one of the most successful, progressive and prosperous of its type in Edwardsville. Its owner, known to his fellow-citizens throughout his entire life, enjoys their confidence, liking and respect to an unusual degree, and undoubtedly will become even more successful and influential as the years pass.

William Pugh, the father of the subject of this article, was born in Wales in 1850. He came to this country as a boy of fifteen years in 1865 and like so many of his fellow-Welshmen settled in Luzerne County. Accepting employment with the Kingston Coal Company immediately after his arrival in the United States, he remained with this one company throughout his entire active life, a period of more than half a century. Having started in as a breaker boy, he gradually advanced, as the result of hard work and strict attention to his various duties, to different positions of ever increasing importance and responsibility and during the last few years of his connection with the Kingston Coal Company held the position of safety inspector. He also took an active part in politics as a supporter of the Republican party and in the civic life of both Kingston and Edwardsville, serving at various times for several years as a Councilman, in both these towns. He also saw service on the Kingston Board of Education and for two years was tax collector of Edwardsville. He died September 6, 1923, highly respected and greatly liked for his many excellent qualities of the heart and mind. He married, in 1878, at Edwardsville, Margaret Bennett, a native

of Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, and a daughter of Stephen and Mary (James) Bennett. Mrs. Pugh, who continues to make her home in Edwardsville, like her late husband, has always been keenly interested in civic affairs and, in 1928, held the important position of tax collector of the Borough of Edwardsville, in which town she is very highly regarded for her integrity, energy and public spirit.

Thomas Pugh, son of William and Margaret (Bennett) Pugh, was born at Edwardsville, December 6, 1890. He was educated in the public grammar and high schools of his native town. Immediately after leaving school at the age of only sixteen years, in 1906, he went into business for himself and under his own name. At first he handled produce only, but so successful was he in his business in spite of his youth that before long he was able to add groceries and meat. Within the comparatively short space of ten years the business had grown to such an extent that, in 1916, he was able to purchase his present building at No. 589 Main Street, Kingston, where his store and office have been located since then. Today he employs some ten people and under his energetic and able management the business is bound to continue its growth and prosperity. Like his father before him he is a supporter of the Republican party and takes a keen interest in civic affairs and in everything that has anything to do with the growth and welfare of the community, its people and its institutions. His religious affiliations are with the Congregational Church and more particularly with the Welsh Congregational Church of Edwardsville.

Mr. Pugh is not married and makes his home with his mother at No. 20 Church Street, Edwardsville.

**JAMES B. QUIGLEY**—Having been associated with the mining industry for almost half a century, James B. Quigley, of Jeddo, has become known as one of the most thoroughly informed men in all branches thereof, his experience ranging from the duties of a breaker boy to those of his present position as outside foreman. He has also attained an admirable standing in other walks of life, outside of his business, mingles in politics, and participates in the works of his church and of fraternal organizations.

The father of James B. Quigley is John B. Quigley, a retired police officer, who was born in 1847, at Philadelphia. His wife, Harriett (Amon) Quigley, was born in 1845, in Carbon County, and has been deceased since October, 1909.

James B. Quigley was born June 8, 1875, in Jeddo, and here attended the public school until he was nine years old. At this early age he began work in the coal breakers, and has, during the years that have elapsed, maintained continuous association with mining in its various departments. In 1890, Mr. Quigley accepted a position with the Jeddo Highland Coal Company as a pump runner. His executive abilities soon were recognized, which resulted in his promotion to the post of foreman in the breakers. A second promotion, in 1900, made him outside foreman, a position he has since maintained, a loyal and conscientious employee, and popular with his subordinates. Mr. Quigley, a believer in the teachings of Democracy, as established by Thomas Jefferson, is a staunch supporter of the Democratic party. He finds recreation and pleasure with the Lodge No. 1145, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and

with the Knights of Columbus. A devout Catholic, he worships at St. Anne's Roman Catholic Church, Freeland.

Mr. Quigley married, June 23, 1898, Annie I. Gallagher. She is a native of Eckley, Pennsylvania, her parents having been James and Annie Gallagher. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Quigley are: Joseph E., Raymond J., John B., Jr., Leo, Mary, James G., Thomas and Robert.

**HARRY T. FARRELL**—Enjoying the full confidence of many thousands of red-blooded Americans, whose predilection for professional boxing has brought about its legal control and elevated it to a high standard among sports, Harry T. Farrell, who makes his home in Wilkes-Barre, as Boxing Commissioner of the State of Pennsylvania, is one of the most popular officials in the United States. Long before his appointment to this position he had made a very wide acquaintance through travel in business operations and in a broad area became known and esteemed for his knowledge of the sport which he now, in his official capacity, largely dominates in this State. Mr. Farrell is a man of very attractive personality, a maker of friends and endowed with an honesty of purpose and a regard for the rights of all that has brought him the encomiums of the public and the praise of those most deeply interested in the manly art within the squared circle.

He was born in Wilkes-Barre, January 15, 1888, a son of Bernard Farrell, also of this city and a carpenter by trade, and of Mary (Ryder) Farrell, a native of Ireland, who died in September, 1925. She was a sister of Thomas Ryder, a veteran of the Spanish-American War and a newspaper correspondent of note, who served with the 109th Infantry at Chickamauga, and died in that place while in the service.

Her son, Harry T. Farrell, was educated in the public schools of Wilkes-Barre and was graduated from the Wyoming Seminary. He then entered the service of the Delaware & Hudson Railroad as a clerk and remained in that capacity for six years, when he joined the American Tobacco Company and traveled for that concern for four years. This led to an independent business, in which he engaged with William Kearney under the name of the Kearney Cigar Store, with its business on the Public Square in Wilkes-Barre. This continued for about nine years. He served in the Department of Justice at Harrisburg for two years and on August 25, 1926, was appointed State Boxing Commissioner by Governor Gifford Pinchot and re-appointed February 21, 1927, by Governor John S. Fisher, a position he still administers. During the World War he served in the United States Navy. In politics he is a Republican, in religion a Roman Catholic and a member of St. Francis congregation. He is a member of Nanticoke Post, American Legion.

Harry T. Farrell married, November 27, 1919, Bessie Riley, of Nanticoke, daughter of James K. and Catherine Riley.

**JOSEPH H. SCHWARTZ**—Business leader, public official, and man of affairs, Joseph H. Schwartz has been an important and familiar figure in the life of Plymouth, Pennsylvania, for many years. He has given freely of his services in the public interest. The same fine talents which brought him his own success have contributed much to the progress and advancement of this community.

Mr. Schwartz was born in New York City,

on July 26, 1860, a son of Bernard and Anna (Hertz) Schwartz. Bernard Schwartz, the father, born in Germany on January 25, 1823, was only six when his parents brought him to America. He grew to manhood here, and at the outbreak of the Civil War enlisted in the Union cause like so many others of German birth or parentage. At this time he was already captain of Company H, 6th New York Infantry Regiment, and before the termination of the conflict he won promotion to the rank of lieutenant-colonel through the merit of his services. Joseph H. Schwartz has now in his possession two swords formerly owned by his father, one, a captain's sword, given him in 1856 by his company, and the other, a lieutenant-colonel's saber, presented to him by his regiment in 1863. In business life the elder man had been a dealer in wholesale glass and paints and in real estate. His death occurred on December 28, 1888. Anna (Hertz) Schwartz, his wife, was also a native of Germany, born on June 7, 1826. She came to the United States when still very young, and died in New York City on November 10, 1868.

Joseph H. Schwartz, of this record, acquired his preliminary education in New York public schools. Later he attended the College of the City of New York for one year, and in 1876 came to Plymouth, Pennsylvania, where he has since made his home. Here he became associated with his brother Fred as a wholesale dealer in wines and liquors. In 1881 they organized the firm of Fred Schwartz and Brother, which continued until 1903 when Fred Schwartz passed away. Mr. Schwartz operated the business alone thereafter, retaining the old firm name. On July 30, 1919, in observance of the prohibition law, he retired from active business life, and since that time has devoted all his attention to matters affecting the common welfare. During his career as a merchant at Plymouth, covering a period of forty-nine years, there was never a single instance when Mr. Schwartz failed to meet promptly any bill which was due, nor did he ever ask for an extension of credit. Honorable in his relations toward all men, he expected as much in return, but he has been conspicuously kind to those afflicted by misfortune, and often extended a helping hand to those sadly in need of a friend. In addition to his own business enterprise, Mr. Schwartz was secretary and treasurer of the Black Diamond Knitting Mills Company of Nanticoke for twelve years.

In public life and politics Mr. Schwartz has always given his consistent support to the Republican party, being convinced that its policies will best promote the interests of the community, State and Nation. But although standing high in councils of his party he has never put purely party considerations above the public interest. He has frequently demonstrated his progressive public spirit, and his own place in the esteem of his fellow-citizens is well indicated by the fact that in 1920 he was nominated by both the Republican and Democratic parties for the office of representative in the Pennsylvania Legislature. He was overwhelmingly elected in the same manner in 1922 and 1924, serving also in the Special Session of 1926. He served at Harrisburg during these sessions with great distinction and success.

At Plymouth Mr. Schwartz has given his support to every worthy movement making for advance and progress, whether civic or benevolent in nature. He was one of the organizers of the Wyoming Valley Homeopathic Hospital, is a trustee of that institu-

tion and has contributed much to its success. Mr. Schwartz is also one of the three living charter members of the Plymouth Fire Department, and a member of Company No. 1. Since 1907 he has been a director of the First National Bank of Plymouth. Fraternally Mr. Schwartz is affiliated with Plymouth Lodge, No. 332, of the Free and Accepted Masons, of which lodge he is the third oldest living Past Master. He is also the third oldest living Past High Priest of Valley Chapter, No. 214, Royal Arch Masons, and is the oldest living Thrice Illustrious Master of Mount Horeb Council, No. 34, Royal and Select Masters. In the Masonic order he is also a member of all bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, including Keystone Consistory, and a member of Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is affiliated with Wilkes-Barre Lodge, No. 109, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and holds membership in the Craftsman's Club and the Shawnee Club of Plymouth.

Mr. Schwartz has been three times married: (first), in 1887, to Stella Janette Keller, who died in 1894, a daughter of Philip and Ellen Keller. Two children were born of this marriage: 1. Ethel, wife of Alexander Laird, of Wilmington, Delaware. 2. Marion, who married Dr. H. Walter Evans, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Mr. Schwartz married (second) in 1898, Anna Yerrick, daughter of Rush B. and Mary Yerrick, of Danville, Pennsylvania. She died in 1902. In 1908 Mr. Schwartz married (third), Aurella Grossman, daughter of George and Mary Grossman, of Catawissa, Pennsylvania. They have one daughter, Dorothy. Mr. Schwartz worships with his family in the Protestant Episcopal faith, attending St. Peter's Church.

**REV. FRANCIS KASACZUN**—For more than eighteen years the Rev. Francis Kasaczun has been pastor of the Holy Family Parish, in Sugar Notch, Pennsylvania. A man of wide culture and an accomplished linguist, he has occupied the pulpit of the church during this period with the fine dignity which constitutes true eloquence. His value as an administrator is proved by the highly satisfactory condition of the temporal affairs of the parish, and the inspiration of his presence and example are of inestimable value in the community.

Father Kasaczun was born in Scranton, Pennsylvania, February 2, 1886, a son of John Kasaczun, land owner, who was born in Poland, and who died in 1907, and of Rose (Zelinski) Kasaczun, who was also born in Poland, and who died in 1921.

Francis Kasaczun entered the public and parochial schools of Scranton, remaining for eight years. At the end of that time he went to Europe and for eight years pursued his studies in the Schools of the Missionary Fathers in France for two years, and for six years in Italy. Father Kasaczun is an accomplished linguist, speaking fluently seven languages—Polish, French, English, Italian, Slavic, Lithuanian and Spanish. On August 15, 1908, he was ordained priest in the town of Velletri, Province of Rome, Italy, after which he returned to the United States and was appointed assistant priest in the Sacred Heart Church, at Du Pont, Pennsylvania, where he remained for one year. For one year also, he was assistant in the parish of St. Stanislaus, in New York City, and for six months, first pastor of St. Michael's Church, at Glenlyon, Pennsylvania. In January, 1911, he was appointed pastor of the Holy Family Church, in Sugar Notch, and to this



*Rev. F. Kasaczyn*



position he has devoted himself ever since that time. He has as his assistant Father Joseph Kloss, who is a great help to him in the many duties connected with his parish. Father Kasaczun has been very active in organizing Polish patriotic causes in Wyoming Valley, and was the founder of the first Polish Day to be celebrated here. He was instrumental in establishing a recreation center and playground for children, and the first Field Day of the Orphanage, connected with the Holy Family Church, was entirely arranged by him. In all matters connected with the welfare of the children of his parish, Father Kasaczun is intensely interested. Since his coming here as pastor, a new orphanage has been dedicated, and a splendid new Holy Name School built, consisting of twelve modern class rooms, also a Holy Name Convent. Father Kasaczun was active in arranging for the celebration of the Silver Jubilee of Holy Family Parish.

In politics Father Kasaczun is an independent voter. He is a member of the local Chamber of Commerce, and is affiliated fraternally with Wilkes-Barre Lodge, No. 109, of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a member of the Polish Catholic Union of North America, the Polish National Alliance of America, and of the Polish Catholic Clergy Association of America.

Father Kasaczun has always been actively interested in civic and social progress. During the World War, he was very active in war work, and served as chairman of several local committees in the Liberty Loan, Red Cross, and other drives. The Red Cross Unit of his parish was one of the best organized of this community, Father Kasaczun being an organizer and director of unusual ability. He is a man of quiet force, the force that accomplishes large results with little friction, the force that counts in the upbuilding, maintenance, and true prosperity of a church.

**DANIEL F. DALEY, M. D.**—The career of Dr. Daniel F. Daley, of Kingston, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, is one which may well serve as an inspiration to aspiring youth, everywhere. At the age of fourteen he was making his own living around the mines of Luzerne. Now, at the age of forty, he is not only a successful physician, but he is a specialist and has the honor of being a Fellow of the American College of Physicians. He is well known as a clinical pathologist, and his work in this department of the medical profession has been, and is, of notable value. Dr. Daley is a graduate of Jefferson Medical College and has done special post-graduate work in the universities of Vienna and of Berlin.

Patrick Daley, father of Dr. Daley, was a stone contractor in Monmouthshire, Wales. With his wife and family he left his native land and came to this country, arriving in March, 1888, the year of the great blizzard, and located at Luzerne Borough, Pennsylvania. He and his wife, Alice (Whalen) Daley, became the parents of ten children: John, who is a resident of Forty Fort, Pennsylvania; James, of Kingston, Pennsylvania; Mary, deceased; Alice, who died of diphtheria at the age of eleven years; Helen, who married Patrick J. Munday, of Colgate, California; Dr. Daniel F., of further mention; Stephen, of Buffalo, New York; Patrick, of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania; Katherine, deceased; and William, of Kingston, Pennsylvania.

Dr. Daniel F. Daley, son of Patrick and

Alice (Whalen) Daley, was born in Monmouthshire, Wales, July 16, 1887, and was brought to this country by his parents in March, 1888, when he was eight months old. His boyhood years were passed in Luzerne, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, where his parents settled, and until he was fourteen years of age he attended school, first the public schools and then St. Mary's Parochial School. At the age of fourteen years he began his active career, finding work around the mines of Luzerne, and willingly giving his best effort to whatever employment he could find. He was an able and active lad, and had no intention of remaining in an humble position. He was ambitious to rise to a position of usefulness and of honor, and after serving in various capacities was made a clerk in the employ of the Temple Coal Company, with whom he remained for a period of four years. He had early taken an interest in public affairs, and when he was twenty-one years of age he was elected tax collector for Luzerne Borough, a position which he acceptably filled for a period of eight years. In the meantime, he had begun his professional training in Jefferson Medical College, at Philadelphia, and was spending the summer months in the dispensaries of the Wilkes-Barre hospitals, thus gaining the advantages of practical experience along with his medical study. He completed his course in Jefferson Medical College, graduating with the class of 1915, and later served internships at the Jefferson Medical Hospital and at the Mercy Hospital, at Wilkes-Barre. When his second period of internship was completed he located at Kingston, Pennsylvania, where for eight years he was successfully engaged in general practice. Always a student, Dr. Daley has never been content with less than the best possible preparation for his work, and in 1925, he went to Europe in order that he might deepen his knowledge and broaden his experience by taking post-graduate courses in Berlin, Germany, and in Vienna, Austria. Upon his return to this country in 1926, he engaged in practice as a specialist in internal medicine and pathology, and in that field he has successfully continued. He has made for himself a high place in his chosen special field, and has the honor of being a Fellow of the American College of Physicians. He is a member of the Luzerne County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania Medical Society, and the American Medical Association, and he is also a member of the American Society of Clinical Pathologists, of the Philadelphia Pathological Society, of the New York Pathological Society, and of the Medical Legal Society, of Boston, Massachusetts. Along with his professional achievements, Dr. Daley has also found time for one important business connection. He is a member of the board of directors of the Kingston Bank and Trust Company, one of the largest banking houses in the Wyoming Valley. His religious affiliation is with the Roman Catholic Church of St. Ignatius.

Dr. Daniel F. Daley was married, April 15, 1925, to Margaret Conlon, of Hudson, Pennsylvania, daughter of John Conlon, and they are the parents of one daughter, Mary Alice Daley. Dr. Daley's home and office are located at No. 214 Chestnut Street, in Kingston.

**ROSCOE B. SMITH**—One of the well-known and successful members of the Luzerne County Bar is Roscoe B. Smith, who has been engaged in general practice in Wilkes-Barre since 1913. Mr. Smith has been United States Commissioner for the Middle District

of Pennsylvania for the past thirteen years, and since December, 1926, has been assistant district-attorney for Luzerne County. He has his offices in the Bennett Building, in Wilkes-Barre.

The branch of the Smith family to which Mr. Smith belongs came to Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, from Warren County, New Jersey. John J. Smith, father of Mr. Smith, was for many years a merchant in Wilkes-Barre. He is a son of Isaac Newton and Emeline (Brown) Smith, and he married Christina Louise Angell, daughter of Frank and Melissa (Lowen) Angell, and granddaughter of William Angell, who was one of the early graduates of Yale College and was one of the pioneer teachers among the Indians of New York State. Frank Angell, the maternal grandfather of Mr. Smith, was a soldier in the Civil War, 143d Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry.

Roscoe B. Smith, son of John J. and Christina Louise (Angell) Smith, was born in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, July 15, 1891, and after graduating from Wilkes-Barre High School in 1909, entered Dickinson Law School, at Carlisle, Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated with the class of 1912, receiving at that time the degree of Bachelor of Laws. He was admitted to the Luzerne County Bar in March, 1913, and has since been continuously and successfully engaged in general practice in Wilkes-Barre, where he has his offices in the Bennett Building. He is a member of the Luzerne County Bar Association, and in 1914 was appointed United States Commissioner for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, which office he continues to hold. In December, 1926, Mr. Smith was also appointed assistant district-attorney for Luzerne County. In 1917 Mr. Smith volunteered for service in the World War, was assigned to the Quartermaster's Department of the United States Army, and assigned to Camp Merritt, New Jersey, where he was stationed for a period of twenty-one months, being mustered out of service in the summer of 1919. He is a member of the Diamond City Post of the American Legion, of Wilkes-Barre, and fraternally is identified with Wilkes-Barre Lodge, No. 442, Free and Accepted Masons; with all the Scottish Rite bodies; and with Keystone Consistory, of Scranton, Pennsylvania, in which he holds the thirty-second degree; also with Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Wilkes-Barre. He is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Patriotic Order Sons of America, the Sons of Veterans, and of the Lions Club and the Shrine Country Club, also of Delta Chi College Fraternity. His religious affiliation is with the Memorial Presbyterian Church of Wilkes-Barre, and in politics he is a Republican.

Roscoe B. Smith was married, September 25, 1918, to Madelyn Keiser Morton, daughter of Robert L. and Henrietta Morton, of Wilkes-Barre. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have two children: Roscoe Blaine, Jr., and John Donald. The family home is in Kingston, Luzerne County.

**ERNEST SLOAN MILLARD**—Since Ernest S. Millard first came as a business man to Kingston, the community's physical appearance and inherent prosperity have improved greatly. For a share of this favorable community evolution he is responsible, as he has served it consistently as financial figure and as private citizen. His record is interesting in its variety.

Born in Columbia County, November 28, 1867, Mr. Millard is a son of Mordecai and Sarah (Hoffman) Millard. His father was a native of Willow Grove, Columbia County, born in 1832, and died in March, 1898. He is recalled to the people as a foremost citizen, prominent in the law, associate judge of Columbia County for many years. Sarah (Hoffman) Millard was also a native of Columbia County, born in Center Township. Her death occurred in 1908.

Mr. Millard secured his elementary and secondary academic instruction in the public schools of Columbia County, then matriculated in State Normal School, at Bloomsburg. Following the completion of studies there he formed a connection with the J. C. Braden Insurance Company which endured twelve years. This company, located at Nanticoke, gave him his first real experience in business enterprise. He was engaged with it as clerk and office manager. Following this he came to Kingston, and, in association with Mr. Loveland, formed the partnership of Millard and Loveland, retail and wholesale feed and grain dealers. This partnership continued some eighteen months, when R. H. Scureman purchased the holding of Mr. Loveland and became joint partner, the firm name then being altered to the style of Millard and Scureman. In 1918 Mr. Millard incorporated the business under the style of Millard and Sons, Mr. Scureman having withdrawn. As Millard and Sons, Incorporated, business was continued until 1927, when it was disposed of to outside interests at a satisfactory figure. Of the company, under its charter, Ernest Sloan Millard was president; his two sons, E. H. and D. H. Millard (concerning whom more follows), and M. J. Moore and C. E. Norton were also members of the firm. Since 1927 Mr. Millard has engaged extensively in the real estate and insurance business, with offices at No. 416 Wyoming Avenue, Kingston, under the style of his own name. This, as indeed with all his projects, has proved roundly successful, and Mr. Millard continues to be, as he has been through so many years, one of Luzerne County's dominant business factors.

But business has not claimed the whole of his energy. Mr. Millard is a Republican, loyal to the party's principles and of influence in its local direction; a member of the Franklin Club; of Lodge No. 395, Free and Accepted Masons; Shekinah Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Dieu le Veut Commandery, No. 45, Knights Templar; Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; and is a communicant of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Kingston, of which he is a trustee and member of the official board. During the World War he was of assistance in the movements of patriotic appeal, and always has shown himself to have at heart the best interests of Kingston and Luzerne County.

Mr. Millard married, in 1893, Edna M. Moore, of Nanticoke, daughter of Mason and Margaret Moore. Of this union were born two sons: I. Ernest H., born June 12, 1894, is a graduate of Cornell University, class of 1916, degrees in Mechanical Engineering and Electrical Engineering. During the World War he had special training at Kelley and Ellington fields, and served as instructor in machine gun aviation. Later he was transferred to the Camp Hancock Machine Gun School, was made a second lieutenant, and was there when the war closed. 2. Dudley H. Millard, born in March, 1897, graduated from Culver Military Academy in 1916 and served



in the World War. He went with a contingent from Culver to Camp Custer, Michigan, and later volunteered for the machine gun school at Camp Hancock, to which he was sent, later being made a second lieutenant. Subsequently, transferred to Camp Funston, he became adjutant, serving in that military capacity until the close of the war. The family residence is at No. 633 Market Street, Kingston.

**CHARLES WASILEWSKI**—Familiar indeed to the citizens of Nanticoke is Charles Wasilewski, proprietor of a fruit, vegetable and delicatessen store at Nos. 37-39 Market Street. He is a man of considerable standing in this community, and public-spirited, supporting all enterprises directed toward the good of Nanticoke at large.

Mr. Wasilewski was born in Nanticoke, November 1, 1885, son of Karl and Josephine (Graski) Wasilewski, both of whom are living on Green Street, Nanticoke. Karl Wasilewski was born in Lithuania, and came to the Wyoming Valley to make his home in Nanticoke as a young man. A miner by training, he secured work here in that capacity, and pursued it for a time, then engaged in the hotel business. Prosperity came to him in this during the ten years which he spent as owner and proprietor of a hostelry, and enabled him to retire in comfortable circumstances. He is a communicant of Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church, and active in its works. Josephine (Graski) Wasilewski was born in Poland. She has been of much assistance to her husband in his career, a good wife and mother. To them were born eleven children.

Charles Wasilewski, fourth child and third son of Karl and Josephine (Graski) Wasilewski, received his academic training in the public and high schools of Nanticoke and then entered Wyoming Seminary, at Kingston, where he studied for one year. In 1905, at the age of twenty years, he founded what has evolved into his present lucrative enterprise, the fruit, vegetable and delicatessen business in Market Street. At first this was housed in the small building at Nos. 37-39 that occupied this site in 1905, but in 1917 Mr. Wasilewski rebuilt the structure, improving it in every way. Here he has a floor space 38x44 feet square, and carries a full line of edibles of the finer grades. His imported goods have a favorable reputation in the neighborhood. Mr. Wasilewski is a director of the First National Bank, and is a communicant of Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church. In matters of charity he deals largely, regardless of creed and race, and takes part wholeheartedly in works of benevolence as he does in those of civic nature.

Charles Wasilewski married Catherine Chimeych, of Plymouth, Pennsylvania. They live in South Market Street, Nanticoke.

**JAMES A. CORRIGAN, M. D.**—Well known among the people of Hazleton, Pennsylvania, is Dr. James A. Corrigan, who has been engaged in general practice of medicine here for the past fifteen years. He is a graduate of Jefferson Medical College, class of 1915, and has also studied in New York City. While conducting a general practice, Dr. Corrigan also gives special attention to obstetrics, and has achieved a noteworthy success in this special field, and also heads the Corrigan Maternity Hospital. He has his offices at No. 330 West Broad Street, in Hazleton.

Martin Corrigan, father of Dr. Corrigan,

was born in Ireland, and worked in the mines in Wales, where he became a very proficient miner. After some years of experience in his native land, he came to this country and settled in Milnesville, Pennsylvania, where he soon became known as an unusually skillful miner and as a man of more than ordinary technical knowledge. He opened many "slopes" in the vicinity of Milnesville, including "Corrigan's Counter, Milnesville, No. 7," and this particular slope was opened by Mr. Corrigan in the face of strong opposition on the part of operators and engineers, who insisted that no coal was there. Mr. Corrigan insisted as strongly that there was coal there, and finally prevailed upon his superiors to act upon his advice and open. The result fully justified his insistence and demonstrated the fact that Mr. Corrigan was a man of wisdom and experience, for the new mine proved to be one of the best in that section. As a boy and as a young man he had worked in the mines in Wales, and he had also from early years been one to read and to study. Though, as in the case with so many of those who work in the mines, his school training was limited, he did not for that reason content himself with merely plodding along through his day's work. He used his spare hours in acquiring knowledge and in close study, and throughout his life remained a student and a great reader, keeping his mind growing with the passing of the years. In his desire to make the most of his opportunities and to train his children in application and desire for an education he was ably helped by his wife, Mary (Walker) Corrigan, and all of the children grew up to be an honor to their parents and to the community. Along with his skill in his chosen occupation, Mr. Corrigan was of an inventive turn of mind and his resourcefulness and inventive ability was of great usefulness to him and to those with whom he was associated. A man of ability, a good citizen, a good father, he fairly won the high esteem in which he is held by his many friends.

Dr. James A. Corrigan, son of Martin and Mary (Walker) Corrigan, was born in Milnesville, Pennsylvania, July 5, 1881, and received his education in the public schools of his birthplace, in St. Gabriel's Parochial School, and in the Bloomsburg State Normal School. Later, he decided to enter the medical profession, and with that end in view began study in Jefferson Medical College, at Philadelphia, from which he was graduated with the class of 1915. After serving his internship in the Hazleton State Hospital, he took a post-graduate course in New York State, and then located here in Hazleton, where he has been engaged in general practice for fifteen years. As has already been stated, he is especially interested in obstetrics, and has added special practice in that field to his general practice, Dr. Corrigan, in association with his brother, Dr. John J. Corrigan, and the latter's son, Dr. L. F. Corrigan, having recently opened the Corrigan Maternity Hospital in Hazleton, of which Dr. James A. Corrigan is the superintendent. This is the only exclusive maternity hospital in the hard coal fields of Pennsylvania.

He is a member of the Luzerne County Medical Society, of the Pennsylvania State Medical Society, and of the American Medical Association, also of the New York and New England Railway Surgeons' Association. During the period of the participation of the United States in the World War he was a member of the County Examining Board, and

he had been accepted as a first lieutenant in the medical corps, but was not called. Fraternally, Dr. Corrigan is a member of the Knights of Columbus, of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Alpha Omega Alpha Honorary Medical Fraternity, and his religious membership is with the St. Gabriel's Roman Catholic Church. He is active socially and is a popular after-dinner speaker.

Dr. James A. Corrigan married, July 26, 1918, Anna L. Monahan, of Shenandoah, Pennsylvania, and they have two children: Mary and James.

**WILLIAM D. THOMAS**—A native of Wales, but for almost a quarter of a century a resident of Kingston, Mr. Thomas, ever since coming to this country, has been identified with the Pennsylvania coal mining industry and has been connected with the Kingston Coal Company. He is not only an experienced coal miner himself, but he also possesses the valuable gift of imparting his knowledge and experience to others and at one time was for a number of years a member of the teaching staff of the Wilkes-Barre Mining Institute. Throughout his residence in Kingston he has taken an active part in that community's civic, fraternal and religious life.

William D. Thomas was born in Wales, February 9, 1879, a son of the late Dr. David Thomas and Elizabeth (Davis) Thomas. His father, who was born in Wales in 1828 and who died there in 1889, was a physician and surgeon. His mother, too, was a native of Wales, having been born in 1856 and dying in 1878. Their son was educated in the public schools of Wales and later made special studies in mining, both in his native country and in the United States. He came to this country in 1905 and at once settled at Kingston, where he entered the employ of the Kingston Coal Company as a miner. In 1912 he was made an assistant foreman, a position which he filled so capably for the next four years that in 1916 he was promoted to foreman. This latter position he continues to hold with much success. During several years, from 1911 until 1918, he was also an instructor in the Wilkes-Barre Mining Institute. He is a member of several Masonic bodies, including Lodge No. 395, Free and Accepted Masons; Shekinah Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Dieu le Veut Commandery, No. 45, Knights Templar; and Irem Temple of Wilkes-Barre, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. In politics he is a supporter of the Republican party and its principles, while his religious affiliations are with the Edwards Memorial Church of Edwardsville.

William D. Thomas married, in 1901, Hannah Williams, a native of South Wales and a daughter of Thomas L. and Janet Williams. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas are the parents of three children: Emilie M., born in May, 1902; Aaron W., born in May, 1908; and William D., Jr., born in July, 1912. The family home is located at No. 374 Chestnut Street, Kingston.

**BURTON WILLIAM DAVIS**—One of the well-known members of the Luzerne County Bar, Burton William Davis, Bachelor of Philosophy and Bachelor of Laws, has practiced the law in Luzerne County since 1893. He has been attorney representing Kingston Borough for thirty years, is director of a bank in Wilkes-Barre, and has numerous fraternal and political connections.

Burton William Davis was born at Strat-

ford, Fulton County, New York, on November 7, 1867, son of William C. and Louisa (Brownell) Davis, his father having been a farmer, lumberman and cheese manufacturer, and the son of John W. and Esther (Jones) Davis, both natives of Llanarth, Cardiganshire, Wales, who came to the United States toward 1827. Mr. and Mrs. John Davis were the parents of nine children, whose names were Mary, David, Margaret, William C., John, Ellen, Evan, Edward, and Elizabeth Ann. William C. Davis and his wife were likewise the parents of nine children, viz.: 1. Arthur J., postmaster at Noxen, Wyoming County, Pennsylvania. 2. Burton William, of whom further. 3. Martin C., deceased, was a railway engineer on the D. L. and W. Railroad, killed in an accident at Mount Pocono, Pennsylvania. 4. Fred B., member of the Luzerne County Board (q. v.). 5. William K., died at the age of fourteen years. 6. Henry K., deceased, was a teacher in the medical department of Cornell University, at Ithaca, New York. 7. John W., a farmer, near St. Johnsville, New York, on the old homestead. 8. Edward, and (9) Esther, twins, Edward a merchant at St. Johnsville.

When a youth, Burton W. Davis attended grade and high school at St. Johnsville, then enrolled in the Starkey Seminary at Eddytown, New York, and later entered Cornell University, where he graduated in the class of 1891 with the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy. He then entered the law department of Cornell, and was graduated in the class of 1893 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. Mr. Davis took the New York State Bar examination after his graduation, then came to Wilkes-Barre. He was admitted to the Luzerne County Bar Association in 1893 and has since continued in the practice of law. In addition to his membership in the County Bar Association he is also a member of the Pennsylvania State Bar Association, and the American Bar Association. Mr. Davis was once a candidate for the presidency of the American association, and is affiliated with a large number of fraternal organizations, including the Kingston Lodge, No. 395, of the Free and Accepted Masons; Shekinah Chapter, No. 82, Royal Arch Masons; Dieu le Veut Commandery, No. 45, Knights Templar; the thirty-second degree of Keystone Consistory of Scranton, Pennsylvania; Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; the Irem Temple Country Club, the Craftsman's Club, and Wilkes-Barre Lodge, No. 109, of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a director of the Kingston Bank and Trust Company; and a member of the Kingston Methodist Episcopal Church.

Burton William Davis married, June 16, 1892, Rose L. Cross, daughter of John Cross, of Ithaca, New York. The union has resulted in two children: 1. Daniel Beach Davis, who is superintendent of the County Service Corporation, at Oakmont, Pennsylvania. He married Mildred L. Space of Forty Fort, Luzerne County, to them being born three children, Betty Jane, Dorothy, and Daniel Beach, Jr. 2. Esther L. Davis, unmarried, of Kingston, a graduate trained nurse from Mercy Hospital at Wilkes-Barre, with special training at Johns Hopkins Hospital at Baltimore, and a graduate of the Floating Hospital at Boston, Massachusetts.

Burton William Davis is known among his conferees in the law and in business as one of the most public-spirited citizens in Luzerne County.

**EDWARD FRANCIS McGOVERN**—An inspiring illustration of the success which comes to the man of ability and character who bends every energy toward advancement in his profession and who uses his gifts and attainments for the public welfare, is the life-story of Edward Francis McGovern, one of the leading lawyers and citizens of Wilkes-Barre and Luzerne County, Pennsylvania. He is chairman of the Democratic County Committee and maintains his law offices at No. 514 Second National Bank Building.

Edward Francis McGovern was born at No. 239 North Main Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, in 1896, son of Edward Francis and Ellen (Murphy) McGovern. The father, born in Darlington, England, September 10, 1860, was the son of Frank McGovern, and Frances (Ray) McGovern. This couple came to the United States when their son was about three years old and, after a brief residence in Carbondale, settled in Luzerne County, where the senior Edward Francis McGovern grew up. As a boy he worked in the mines and lost a leg in an accident as a young man. He had the same quality of ambition as was later displayed by his son, and refused to be downed by his misfortunes. He was a breaker boss for the Delaware and Hudson Coal Company, became interested in politics and was elected alderman of Wilkes-Barre, in 1881, and served for five years and saw the necessity of further educating himself. By unwearying efforts he surmounted all difficulties and entered the law school of the University of Pennsylvania, graduating with the degree of Bachelor of Laws, class of 1886, and winning admission to the Luzerne County Bar June 6, 1887. There he practiced with great success for fourteen years, building up an excellent reputation as a capable, honest, and alert lawyer. His career came to an abrupt close on April 27, 1902, when he died at the age of forty-five. His widow and several of their six children survive him: Francis, who died at the age of eight years; Edward Francis, of whom further; Lawrence John, who died at the age of twenty-seven; Paul George, foreman for the Glen Aldon Coal Company of Luzerne County; Theresa, a teacher in the Wilkes-Barre public school; Michael Francis, a clerk; Helen Esther, a medical student at Loyola University School of Medicine in Chicago. The father was an active Democrat for more than twenty years and declined the nomination to the office of judge of the Orphans Court of Luzerne County.

The son of this courageous and successful man, Edward Francis McGovern, Jr., attended the Wilkes-Barre public schools and graduated from high school in 1908. He followed this up with a post-graduate course in the high school in 1909, continuing his education in the Law School of the University of Pennsylvania in 1910 and graduating in 1913 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. That same year he was admitted to the Luzerne County Bar. Because of his father's early death, he had experienced many of the difficulties which confronted his father in his pursuit of an education. At the age of twelve he became a delivery boy for the "Times-Leader" and was a carrier for the Wilkes-Barre "Morning Record." He later worked in the circulation department of the first-named paper. Thus he was well known and conversant with affairs in general in his city when he began to practice law. Like his father a Democrat he is influential in his party and is now county chairman. He enjoys a large and growing practice, with a reputation for deal-

ing honestly and capably with important litigation. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus, Wilkes-Barre Lodge, No. 109, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Fox Hill Country Club. His religious affiliation is with St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church. Mr. McGovern has never married.

**WALTER C. WILLIAMS**—Born and educated in Wilkes-Barre, Mr. Williams has spent his entire life in that city, excepting only one year, during which he resided in Colorado. Having acquired in his youth a very thorough knowledge of the plumbing contracting business, by attending a trade school and by working for several years as a practical plumber, he established himself some twenty years ago as a plumbing and heating contractor in Wilkes-Barre. He has built up a very large and profitable business, employs constantly a large force of men and is considered one of the leading men in his field. For many years he has been prominent in Masonic affairs and in every way he is regarded as one of the most useful and substantial of the younger generation of Wilkes-Barre business men.

Walter C. Williams was born in Wilkes-Barre, December 30, 1882, a son of John M. and Catherine (Morgan) Williams. His father, who was born in Wales in 1856 and who came to this country early in his life, was for many years a miner and later a tipstaff in the County Courthouse in Wilkes-Barre. He died in November, 1923. His mother, likewise a native of Wales and born there in 1857, is still a resident of Wilkes-Barre.

Mr. Williams was educated in the public grammar and high schools of his native city, graduating from the latter in 1898. Always of a mechanical turn of mind, he then became a student in the New York Technical School, graduating there in 1902. Next he accepted employment with the firm of William Kaiser & Son, well known plumbing contractors of Wilkes-Barre, with which he was connected for two years. He then went to Colorado and there followed his trade for one year. In 1908 he returned to Wilkes-Barre and established himself under his own name as a plumbing and heating contractor, in which business he has continued since then, carrying on a general contracting business. As the result of his energy, reliability and ability the business has prospered greatly, and today Mr. Williams finds it necessary to employ as many as sixty men. Until February, 1928, his headquarters were located at No. 36 North Main Street, Wilkes-Barre, from where he moved at that time to No. 24 North Main Street. There he maintains spacious and modernly equipped offices and showrooms. He is a member and, in 1928, president of the Master Plumbers Association of Wilkes-Barre. He is also a member of Lodge No. 61, Free and Accepted Masons; Shekinah Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Dieu le Veut Commandery, No. 45, Knights Templar; Irem Temple, No. 71, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; and the Wilkes-Barre Rotary Club. In politics he is a supporter of the Republican party, while his religious affiliations are with the Congregational Church and more particularly with the Puritan Congregational Church of Wilkes-Barre.

Mr. Williams married, April 30, 1910, Eleanor Shadrach of Wilkes-Barre, a daughter of John and Agnes Shadrach. Mr. and Mrs. Williams are the parents of four children: Walter C., Jr., born in January, 1912; David S., born in January, 1913; Robert J., born in

December, 1915; and Catherine A. Williams, born in July, 1918. The family residence is located at No. 43 Carlisle Street, Wilkes-Barre.

**GEORGE F. ROYER**—As president of the Royer Foundry and Machine Company, of Kingston, Pennsylvania, George F. Royer heads a company which owes its success largely to his own energy and ability. He established a foundry and machine shop in Wilkes-Barre, in the early years of the century, carefully guided it through the critical first years, watched its business grow to successful proportions under his direction, and finally brought about its incorporation under the present name in Kingston. The company specializes in the manufacture of the Royer Sand Separator and Blender, a machine of unique excellence in its field, which is also manufactured in Birmingham, England, and in Paris, France, for European distribution under a royalty arrangement. Other apparatus is also produced, including the Royer emergency governor for mine cages.

Mr. Royer was born on February 23, 1863, at Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, a son of Enos and Lucy (Zugenfuse) Royer, both now deceased. His father, who came to Wilkes-Barre, then a small country town, in 1850, was a carpenter and builder by trade, a Democrat in politics, and a Protestant in religion. He and his wife were the parents of nine children: Emma, who is now a widow; J. F., who was a carpenter, now deceased; Charles R., also deceased, who was a painter; Mary E., who married John Lyons; Elizabeth, who married John Slusser; Ellen J., the widow of Harry S. Dalley; George F., of whom further; Lucy, also a widow; and Harry D., who lives at Forty Fort, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania.

George F. Royer grew up about Wilkes-Barre, and until he was nine attended the public schools there. At the age of nine, he was obliged to take a job, and he found work in a bake shop and later in a grocery store. While still a young man he learned the machinist trade at the shops of the Central Railroad of New Jersey, at Ashley, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, and in 1909, in association with a Mr. Weibel, he established a machine shop and foundry at Wilkes-Barre, which he conducted for eighteen years under the firm name of Royer and Weibel. In this enterprise he was very successful, and finally, in 1918 Mr. Royer bought out his partner, maintained the business for three more years at Wilkes-Barre, and then moved it to the present quarters at No. 158 Pringle Street, Kingston, Pennsylvania, at the same time that the company was incorporated as the Royer Foundry and Machine Company.

Politically, Mr. Royer supports the principles and candidates of the Republican party. He is a member of Wilkes-Barre Lodge, No. 174, of the Knights of Pythias, and is also affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, in which organization he is a member of Fidelity Lodge, No. 655, an Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Mason of the thirty-second degree, a member of Keystone Consistory, at Scranton, Pennsylvania, and a member of Irem Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Mr. Royer is also a member of the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce, and of the First Presbyterian Church of Wilkes-Barre.

In 1884, at Wilkes-Barre, he married Harriet E. LaBar, a daughter of Charles E. and Mary (Marshall) LaBar, of that place. Mr.

and Mrs. Royer became the parents of three children: 1. Gertrude, who died at the age of twenty-seven years. 2. Harriet E., who lives with her parents. 3. George F., who died at the age of three years. The family home is at No. 1740 Wyoming Avenue, Forty Fort, Pennsylvania.

**GOMER E. DAVIS**—As city controller during the years 1923-27, Gomer E. Davis fulfilled the duties of that office efficiently and creditably. An able man, natural leader, with wide interests and hosts of friends, he holds a prominent position in the civil, social, business and fraternal life of Wilkes-Barre.

Gomer E. Davis was born December 4, 1882, a son of Isaiah and Hannah (Williams) Davis. When he was only six months old, he was brought to America by his parents, who settled in Ashland, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania. Isaiah and Hannah (Williams) Davis were the parents of three children: M., Gomer E., of further mention, and John. When Gomer E. was six years of age, his father died. He attended the public schools and at the age of eight years began work to help support himself by selling newspapers. When he was sixteen years old he became a clerk in the book store of C. W. Hartman, in Ashland, Schuylkill County, where he served as a telephone operator in the early days of the telephone. His next position was with the Lehigh Valley Coal Company in Centralia, Pennsylvania; then, in 1910, he was transferred to the Wilkes-Barre office, where he held a post in the accounting department in addition to the city controllership. Ever on the alert to the best interests of his firm, Mr. Davis continues to be associated with the accounting department of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company in their Wilkes-Barre office. Mr. Davis is a staunch Republican, and has been prominent for many years in this section in the ranks of that party. In 1916 and 1917 he served his party as chairman of the Republican committee for the city of Wilkes-Barre. In 1923 the voters elected him as controller for a term of four years, where he proved himself a conscientious worker for the welfare and advancement of the community.

Mr. Davis is prominent in fraternal circles, being a member and a past officer of the Brotherhood of America; John Knox Commandery, No. 12, Knights of Malta; Past Master of Fidelity Lodge, No. 655, Free and Accepted Masons; member Shekinah Chapter, No. 182, Royal Arch Masons; Dieu le Veut Commandery, Knights Templar; a Past Master of Keystone Consistory, of Scranton, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, in which he holds the thirty-second degree; and Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Wilkes-Barre. He is also a member of Lodge No. 128, Loyal Order of Moose, of Wilkes-Barre. Mr. Davis is a member of the First Baptist Church of Wilkes-Barre, which he serves as a trustee. He is a member of the Irem Country Club, the Craftsman's Club, and the Pen and Pencil Club. Mr. Davis, who has won a leading place in the life and history of Wilkes-Barre and of this section of Pennsylvania, has attained his present position through his own efforts and endeavors, and is one of the best known and highly respected citizens. He is unmarried.

**GEORGE FREDERICK SCHROEDER**—For almost a quarter of a century Mr. Schroeder has been one of the leading architects of Wilkes-Barre. His high standing in his profession and the great success which he has





*August H. Genette*

achieved, are the result of his deep study of the work in which he is engaged. His technical education, followed by many years of practical experience, gained through his connection with various important construction companies and architects in New York City and elsewhere, explain why he has been able to make his way to the very front of his profession. During his long career he and his associates have designed and erected many important public and private buildings, and in every case the commissions entrusted to them have been carried out to the complete satisfaction of their clients.

George F. Schroeder was born at Hawley, Wayne County, Pennsylvania, February 28, 1880, a son of the late Frank E. and Louise (Seidler) Schroeder. His father, who was born in Germany in 1846, came to the United States as a boy in 1861. In spite of his youth he served in the Civil War under General McClellan. Later he became a successful contractor in Scranton, where he died in September, 1922. Mr. Schroeder's mother was born at Kingston, New York, in 1849 and died in Scranton in September, 1917. Mr. Schroeder was educated in the public grammar and high schools of Hawley and of Scranton and at the Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, New York, from which he graduated in 1902. Later he took special courses in engineering and architecture at Columbia University, New York City, and at the Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute. He commenced his active career as superintendent of construction for his uncle, Conrad Schroeder, a well-known builder and contractor of Scranton, with whom he remained one year. During this period he had charge of the supervision of the construction of depots for the Delaware and Hudson Railroad, of which his uncle's firm was building five depots in as many different cities at one and the same time. Next he served for one year as superintendent of construction with the General Electric Company at Schenectady, New York, and then spent one year with the Ransom Concrete Construction Company in New York City. The following two years he was connected with two of the leading architects of New York City, first for one year with Arnold Brunner in charge of various construction jobs, and then for another year with the architectural firm of Mowbray and Uffinger as that firm's field man. In 1904 he came to Wilkes-Barre and there established himself as an architect, forming a partnership with Austin L. Riley under the name of Riley and Schroeder. This arrangement continued until 1913, when the partnership was dissolved and Mr. Schroeder then engaged in the practice of his profession alone and under his own name in offices in the Weitzenkorn Building, Wilkes-Barre, which he still occupies. However, in 1923, he formed a new partnership with Carl J. Schmitt under the firm name of Schmitt and Schroeder, which has continued since then. The firm also maintains offices at Hazleton, Luzerne County. Amongst the very large number of different buildings designed and erected by Mr. Schroeder should be especially mentioned the Wilkes-Barre Police Station, the Wilkes-Barre South Side Bank and the Nanticoke National Bank. He has also been the architect for the Slovak Orphanage at Middletown, Pennsylvania, along with the mother house and other buildings, and numerous schools and churches, amongst the latter one of the outstanding examples of his work is the new St. Aloysius Roman Catholic Church at the corner of Barney and Division streets,

Wilkes-Barre. Since 1921 he has been the architect for the Luzerne County Commissioners. He is a member of the Wilkes-Barre Press Club, the Fraternal Order of Eagles and Lodge No. 109, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. In politics he is a supporter of the Republican party, while his religious affiliations are with the Roman Catholic Church and more particularly with St. Aloysius Church of Wilkes-Barre.

Mr. Schroeder married, in October, 1917, Mary Ruddy of Hudson, Jefferson County, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Anthony J. and Mary (Kilker) Ruddy. Mr. and Mrs. Schroeder are the parents of two children, Mary Louise, born in October, 1918, and George A., born in May, 1926. The family residence is located at No. 182 Carey Avenue, Wilkes-Barre.

**AUGUST H. GENETTI**—The largest food establishment in Hazleton, Pennsylvania, is the one generally known as the Genetti Markets, located at the corner of Broad and Pine streets, and operated, since the retirement of the founder in 1920, under the name of D. Genetti Sons. Here all kinds of food products of the finest quality may be procured, groceries, meats, delicatessen products, and pastry. A first class bakery and restaurant gives prompt and efficient service to those who wish to have their meals served here, and the twenty-five acre farm at Conyngham, Pennsylvania, provides fresh vegetables, milk, eggs, etc. Since the sons of the founder took charge they have erected a new two-story building to house their greatly expanded business, and they now (1928) give employment to one hundred and twenty-four people.

Damiano Genetti, founder of the business, was born in the Austrian Tyrol, in August, 1858, and came to this country as a young man of twenty-three years, in 1882. He located at Lattimer, Pennsylvania, where for many years he was engaged as a mining contractor. After his marriage, however, he returned to Austria, and there he remained for about eighteen years, taking an active part in the public and business life of his town and serving as mayor of Castelfondo for a period of seven years and as Senator for three years. He had the highest respect of his fellow-townsmen and of his many friends and was deeply attached to his home land, but after eighteen years of enjoyment of the association of his countrymen he again came to America, locating this time in Hazleton, Pennsylvania. Here he engaged in the meat business, but after a period of success in this line he again returned to the land of his birth. In 1904 he established a meat business of his own in Hazleton, and this he continued to operate until 1920, when he retired from active business life, leaving his four sons to continue the business under the name of D. Genetti Sons. Since his retirement Mr. Genetti has spent his time in this country and in Austria, alternating each year, spending one year here and the next in Austria. He married Olive Zambatti, and they became the parents of nine children: 1. Leo, married Angelina Morchetti, and has children: Rita, John, Catherine, Adeline, Joyce, and Leo, Jr. 2. Dora, wife of Vercondo Bott, of Hazleton, has children: Anna, Henry, Esther, Agnes, Helen, and Emma. 3. Tillie, wife of Peter Zambatti, of Weston, Pennsylvania, has children: Leo, Elizabeth, and Leona. 4. August H., of further mention. 5. Albert, unmarried. 6. Esther, unmarried. 7. Erma, wife of Henry Boduz, of Freeland, Pennsylvania; has one child, Catherine. 8. Stanley, unmarried. 9. Angelina, unmarried.

August H. Genetti, son of Damiano and Olive (Zambatti) Genetti, is associated with his three brothers, Leo, Albert, and Stanley, in the management and ownership of the Genetti Markets, under the name of D. Genetti Sons. In 1924 the brothers erected the two-story building in which the business is at present (1928) housed, and soon after removing to the new quarters, which are commodious and convenient, forty by two hundred feet in dimension, they began to enlarge the business, adding one new department after another until they had made the Genetti Market one of the most complete food establishments in this part of the State. Today they handle practically everything in the food line, groceries, meat, delicatessen stock, pastry, and they also conduct a bakery and restaurant. The business has grown by leaps and bounds, and the brothers are not content to be merely middle men. They own a twenty-five acre farm in Conyngham, Pennsylvania, where they grow most of their vegetable produce, and where they produce the finest milk and eggs, and in each of the various departments of the Genetti Market is found only the finest and best of food products. Quality of goods and quality in service have made the Genetti Market a center of interest to housewives, and fair prices have made the market a boon to many of the residents of Hazleton.

Along with their business success all of the brothers have shown a deep interest in the town and have been ever ready to lend a hand at the task of improving the community. They give employment to one hundred and twenty-four people. In 1925 the number of employees was only six, and this great increase has all come within the short space of three years. Able, progressive, and public-spirited in a practical and intelligent way, the Genetti family has been, and is, a factor to be reckoned with in the business and civic life of the town. Their contribution to the business life of the place is self-evident, and socially, as well as in civic affairs, they occupy a high place. As time passed the Genetti business has expanded far beyond the limits of its central location and three branch stores aid in the distribution of food products. One at No. 436 South Poplar Street was established in 1912, one at 598 Altar Street, was established in 1925, and the third, at 7 West Diamond Avenue, was established in 1926. Steady expansion has been the fixed policy since the sons took charge of the business, and the firm foundations laid by the father have made possible this rapid growth. In August, 1928, the firm took over the management of the Hotel Altamont dining room, in Hazleton, and have made it one of the attractive eating places of Eastern Pennsylvania.

August H. Genetti, general manager of all departments, is also active in civic affairs; is a member of the board of directors of the People's Savings and Trust Company and of the Hazleton Credit Bureau, and is generally known as one of the progressive citizens of the city. He is a member of Lodge No. 200, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and of the Rotary National Club. He married Mary Daugherty, and they have one child, Rose Marie. He and his wife, as well as the other members of the Genetti family, are communicants of St. Gabriel's Roman Catholic Church.

**DR. A. ERNEST SHAFER, D. C.**—Nine years of successful practice in the city of Hazleton have brought to Dr. A. Ernest Shafer, chiropractor, well earned success and

a large following. He is a graduate of the Universal Chiropractic College, at Davenport, Iowa, class of 1917, and served in the World War for nineteen months before locating in Hazleton in August, 1919. Dr. Shafer is active in civic and fraternal affairs in this district, and both he and his wife have made for themselves many friends here. His offices are located at No. 208 in the Markle Bank Building.

Dr. A. Ernest Shafer was born at Mountain Top, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, December 17, 1888, son of Henry and Ellen Shafer, and as a boy attended the grammar and high schools of his birthplace. Later he continued study in Wyoming Seminary, at Kingston, Pennsylvania, graduating in 1910, followed by undergraduate work at Syracuse University, after which he was variously engaged for a time working at several different occupations. Finally, however, he decided to complete his professional studies and with that purpose in view began a course of study in the Universal Chiropractic College, at Davenport, Iowa, where he finished his course with graduation in 1917, receiving at that time the degree of Doctor of Chiropractic. By the time he had finished his professional preparation, however, the United States had entered the World War, and soon after graduation he enlisted and was called to Camp Meade. For nineteen months, in all, he was in service, spending ten months of that time in France, and during the greater part of the time serving with the 79th Artillery, in professional capacity. This long term of professional service under special conditions gave him most excellent experience, and upon his return to civilian life he came at once to Hazleton, where he has since been located. He opened his office here in August, 1919, and during the nine years which have passed since that time he has built up a large and important practice. Each year brings to him more of those who are seeking bodily health without the use of drugs, and his success in a wide range of ailments has won for him a reputation which brings him confidence and the esteem of those whom he serves. He is a member of the State Chiropractic Association, also of the District Chiropractic Association of Northeastern Pennsylvania, and he is well known among his professional colleagues as a man of skill and experience. Dr. Shafer is interested in the civic welfare of Hazleton and is always ready to "do his bit" in promoting its progress. He is a member of Coalville Lodge, No. 474, Free and Accepted Masons; and of Lehigh Consistory. He is also a member of Mountain Top Lodge and of Berry Hill Encampment, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Lodge No. 200, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and Epsilon Chi Beta. Politically, he supports strongly the principles and the candidates of the Republican party, and in a quiet way accomplishes considerable in its behalf. Progressive and full of enthusiasm wherever his interest is enlisted, he is an effective worker in any cause which he espouses, and his cooperation and support are always eagerly sought. His religious membership is with the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Dr. A. Ernest Shafer was married, in 1920, to Veda L. Lueder, of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, and they have one child, Eugenia L. Mrs. Shafer is identified with several local organizations, and both she and her husband are among the representative citizens of the place. They have their home at No. 177 South Church Street, in Hazleton.



**REV. NICHOLAS MARTYAK**—St. John's Greek Catholic Church, Hazleton, of which Rev. Nicholas Martyak is the pastor, came into existence in July, 1893, as an offshoot of St. Mary's Greek Catholic Church, which was founded about seven years previously. Rev. Victor Martyak, a brother of the present priest in charge, was the first pastor, the parish then having a membership of about forty-five. They worshiped in a small edifice which stood on the site of the present church, and which was burned about 1896. Following the fire a part of the building of St. John's was erected, and later the structure was enlarged to its present capacity of five hundred persons. Rev. Victor Martyak resigned in 1900, and he was succeeded in the pastorate by Rev. John Halyko, who remained in charge until 1907, when Rev. Theodore Ladomersky, now stationed in Jessup, was pastor here for a short time.

Rev. Nicholas Martyak was born in Hungary, July 16, 1879. He was educated at Eperjes, Hungary, and was ordained to the priesthood, September 14, 1902. For five years thereafter he conducted his priestly office in his native land, and on October 1, 1907, arrived in America. He was called to MacAdoo in this State and was priest at St. Mary's Church there for three months. He then came to Hazleton and was settled over St. John's Church, December 16, 1907. At that time there were three hundred families in the parish, and under his ministrations that number has increased to four hundred families, and the church is said to be in a flourishing state. For five years after the present pastor came to St. John's, he had charge also of the Beaver Meadow Greek Catholic Church of St. Peter and Paul. Rev. Nicholas Martyak is actively engaged in the civic affairs of Hazleton. During the World War he participated enthusiastically and with great energy in the campaigns, especially for the Red Cross. He is a director of the City Bank and Trust Company of Hazleton.

Rev. Nicholas Martyak married, August 12, 1902, Olga Janiczky, a native of Hungary. Their children: 1. Anna, married Rev. Igor Maczko, priest at Beaverdale. 2. Emil, a medical student at Georgetown University. 3. Helen, a graduate of the Hazleton High School. 4. Gabriel, a pupil of the eighth grade of the Hazleton schools. St. John's Church and rectory are at 545-555 Arthur Street, Hazleton.

**WILLIAM J. COSTELLO**—Distinguished as a soldier in the late World War and conducting one of the leading clothing businesses in Plymouth, Pennsylvania, William J. Costello is one of the outstanding citizens of this place. He is the son of Michael and Mary (Gavin) Costello, both of whom are natives of Ireland. His father, who is now deceased, was a miner by trade.

William J. Costello was born at Larksville, Pennsylvania, November 15, 1895, and was educated there in the public schools. He then attended the University of Pittsburgh for six months after which he clerked in P. A. Roan's drug store at Plymouth, Pennsylvania, for eight years, and at the end of that period, Mr. Costello started a retail cigar business which he carried on under his own name for four years. In 1924, he made a complete change in his business activities by starting a retail gents' furnishing goods store. He successfully carried on this business until August, 1927, when the business reached such proportions that it was incorporated under the name of Thomas, Costello, Incorporated. The officers in this organization are W. J. Costello, president; David B.

Thomas, secretary and treasurer; Frank Martz, vice-president. The new company handles a full line of haberdashery and men's clothing. During the World War, Mr. Costello served with the 423d Motor Truck Division of the Transportation Department and was in service overseas for thirteen months. His rank was that of a sergeant. He received a special citation for distinguished service and was honorably discharged at Camp Dix in May, 1919. He is a member of the American Legion, the Loyal Order of Moose, the Knights of Columbus, the Republican party, and Saint Vincent's Roman Catholic Church.

In October, 1921, William J. Costello married Lillian Tischler, of Plymouth, Pennsylvania, daughter of Robert and Minnie Tischler. They have three sons: 1. William, born February 28, 1923. 2. Robert, born August 23, 1924. 3. Burton, born May 28, 1926.

**ABDIEL PHILLIPS**—Having been impelled by the commendable desire to advance, Abdiel Phillips, of Plymouth, has given evidence during his remarkable business career, of his great ability and fund of energy which have been powerful factors in his forging ahead to his present prominent position in the financial life of Pennsylvania. Mr. Phillips is cashier and secretary of the board of directors of the Plymouth National Bank, one of the most substantial banking institutions in Northeastern Pennsylvania, and his entire business life has been spent with this institution in which he started his career as a messenger boy in 1908, and just twenty years later, January, 1928, was elected to his present responsible positions. Still a young man, he possesses the youthful enthusiasm and idealism which have contributed so greatly to his success, while these same qualities have attracted to the bank many new and desirable clients. Esteemed by his townspeople, he is active in every-thing pertaining to civic progress and is a leader in the various activities and organizations which foster the work of public welfare and improvement.

Mr. Phillips was born in Plymouth, May 16, 1890, son of John L. and Elizabeth G. (Richards) Phillips, both of whom were born in Wales. John L. Phillips is actively engaged in the real estate and insurance brokerage business in Plymouth and is one of the foremost citizens of this town.

Abdiel Phillips was educated in the public schools of Plymouth and after high school took special courses with the International Correspondence School of Scranton in business forms and bookkeeping. Satisfactorily completing these studies, in 1908, he accepted a position with the Plymouth National Bank as messenger boy and from the first displayed the same estimable qualities which have marked his career, step by step, during the succeeding years. He applied himself to mastering the various details of the banking business and was promoted to the rank of clerk and later becoming bookkeeper, from which position he proceeded to the office of teller, and in this work by his contact with the patrons of the organization, proved his great value and made many friends among the depositors and clients. Successfully continuing as teller, Mr. Phillips was elected on January 1, 1923, cashier and secretary of the board of directors and as such has continued in his capable and prosperous direction of the bank's affairs. In fraternal circles, he is a popular member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Plymouth Lodge, No. 321, also Plymouth Chapter, Royal Arch

Masons, the Junior Order United American Mechanics, the Foresters of America, Knights of Malta, and the Kiwanis Club. His political principles are those of the Republican party and his religious adherence is given to the Welsh Baptist Church, where he is now president of the board of trustees and assistant superintendent of the Sunday school.

Abdiel Phillips married, in 1917, Hannah Morgan, of Plymouth, daughter of Winfield S. and Mary E. Morgan, and to this union were born three children: Elizabeth H., John W. and Abdiel, Jr. The family resides at No. 10 West Shawnee Avenue.

Mr. Phillips' career is a remarkable example to the younger generation and he deserves to be called a true, self-made man, having risen by his own untiring efforts and spurred on by a rightly fostered ambition.

**B. P. ROBERTS, D. D. S.**—Dentistry is really a highly specialized branch of medicine and surgery; and as such it may be considered the youngest of the healing arts. It is easily within the memory of men now living that the importance of the proper care of the teeth and gums came to be recognized, not only as an end in itself but in relation to health in general. And the most marvelous advances have been made within the past thirty-five or forty years in the knowledge of every phase of this subject. Every year witnesses a great stride forward. The doctor who has come from a great school of dentistry within recent years has at his command all the latest knowledge in the theory and practice of his profession. Dr. B. P. Roberts is one of those whose training includes the very latest word on the subject of dentistry. Oral defects that were not even recognized a few years ago now receive scientific attention. For example, defects in the formation and occlusion of teeth are corrected; teeth that a few years ago would have been extracted are now saved for years of useful service and similar progress has been made in the making and fitting of artificial teeth. But the dental profession lays greatest stress upon preventive treatment whereby the suffering and loss formerly endured through neglect and ignorance can be avoided by modern scientific attention.

Dr. B. P. Roberts was born in Plymouth, October 22, 1899, son of James and Margaret (James) Roberts. The father was born in Cardiff, Wales, and grew up in the coal mining industry. After coming to America he located in Plymouth where he was employed as section foreman in the mines. He died February 13, 1913. His widow, who is still living, was born in Aberystwith, Wales, February 6, 1860.

Dr. Roberts attended the grammar and high schools of Plymouth, graduating from the latter in the class of 1918. In 1927, Dr. Roberts was graduate manager of the Plymouth High School athletics. He pursued his dental studies in Temple University, from which he was graduated in 1926, with the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery. Immediately he opened an office in his home town where he is meeting with gratifying success. He is a member of the Luzerne County Dental Society, the Pennsylvania Dental Society and the National Dental Association. His fraternal memberships include the Junior Order United American Mechanics and the Knights of Pythias.

On April 11, 1925, Dr. B. P. Roberts married Mildred Keeley of Philadelphia. They are members of the Congregational Church. During the World War, Dr. Roberts served

with the 22d Infantry, 11th Division. He was discharged in May, 1919.

**WILLIAM G. NEILSON**—As a successful and progressive florist, there is perhaps no one more alert to the business of cut-flowers than William G. Neilson, of Plymouth, Pennsylvania. The history of Mr. Neilson's business career is of much interest. He is a native of Scotland, son of Hugh and Ann (Lloyd) Neilson, his father was a general contractor, who was born in Scotland in 1832 and lived until 1870. His mother was also a native of Scotland, born in 1834 and died in 1883.

William G. Neilson was born in Glasgow, Scotland, March 3, 1857. He was educated in the public schools of Wales, and when quite a lad, started to learn the plasterer's trade under the direction of his father. He followed this trade until 1894, after coming to this country and then engaged in a retail florist's business of his own at Plymouth, Pennsylvania. He has also carried on a general contracting business here during the years from 1902 to 1909. Prior to that time, from 1882 to 1902, he had been employed with Hershberger Brothers and Mains, contractors in Plymouth, and in 1902, when Mr. Mains and son retired from the business, Mr. Neilson became a partner and the firm name was changed to Hershberger and Neilson and so continued until 1909, since which time, Mr. Neilson has given all of his time to the florist business. He deals mostly in cut-flowers and has twenty-five thousand feet of space under glass. This enables him to produce quantities of flowers of high quality and supply the markets in the neighborhood. Mr. Neilson has taken active part in public affairs by serving as school director in the borough of Plymouth from 1896 to 1898. He is a member of the Kiwanis Club, the Shawnee Club, the Knights of Pythias; Lodge No. 332, Free and Accepted Masons; Chapter No. 214, Royal Arch Masons; Wilkes-Barre Commandery, Knights Templar; Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a Republican in politics and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

On December 25, 1880, William G. Neilson married Janet Noble of Avondale, Pennsylvania, daughter of Alexander Noble, Sr., who is now deceased, and Margaret (Ross) Noble. Mr. and Mrs. Neilson have had nine children, five of whom are living: Howard, Alexander Lloyd, Harry M., Walter Ross, and Janet Noble, now wife of Edward L. Fenn. Mr. Neilson also has two grandchildren: William G. Neilson and Janet N. Neilson.

**MICHAEL JOHN MRAS**—The great idea behind all merchandising is service; for the merchant is not a producer; he performs the important function of distributor. That merchant succeeds best who makes it a point to study the merchandise needs of the territory he serves and gets that merchandise into the hands of the consumer most expeditiously, giving in value the utmost possible for each dollar expended. Thus the merchant who serves his community best also serves best his own personal interests. Michael John Mras of Plymouth is such a merchant. The treatment he accords his customers is the kind he would like to receive were their relative positions reversed. And the success he is achieving shows that he made no mistake in choosing his vocation.

Michael John Mras was born in Kisfalu, Austria, April 24, 1874, son of Andrew and Mary Mras. The father was born in Austria in 1840, and followed farming there. After

he came to America he became a contractor and engaged in that business until his death in 1887. Young Mras began his elementary education in his native land. He came to the United States and Plymouth with his parents in 1887 and continued his schooling here, completing his grammar school grades and attending the high school. His first work was as a clerk in the general store of Charles Shupp, with whom he remained five years. He was then in the employ of Chamberlain and Company in a similar capacity for a year. During all this time he had been studying the merchandise he handled and the whims and peculiarities of people as well; also, he had been practicing the utmost thrift and economy that he might accumulate capital wherewith to start into business for himself when the opportunity presented. In March, 1899, he felt that the time to make the venture had arrived, and full of hopes, courage and confidence he opened his present store stocked with a good line of general merchandise. He did not trust to any element of luck or personal favor to put the new business on its feet. He worked indefatigably, early and late, he studied the business from every possible angle; he watched income and outgo and overhead; he followed the markets and bought to advantage, remembering the old adage, "A thing well bought is half sold." And the result was the only one to be expected—results were encouraging from the start and he has established for himself an enviable place in the confidence and good will of his fellow-citizens. Since 1908 he has been a director of the First National Bank of Plymouth, and he is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, the Merchant's Association, and the Shawnee Club.

He is identified with the Republican party and at one time served as clerk of the Board of Elections in the Second Ward. His interest in public affairs is not limited to the political phase, however. Every concern of the community is a matter of personal importance to him and he supports in every way in his power all movements that have as their object the promotion of the common good.

On January 13, 1901, Michael John Mras married Theresa Prokop, daughter of Michael and Veronica Prokop of Plymouth. Four children have been born from this union: George A., now in business with his father; Joseph, a law student at Carlisle University; John A., associated with his father; and Anna, a student in the Plymouth High School. The family are members of St. Stephen's Roman Catholic Church.

**REV. ANDREW PAUCO**—Holy Trinity Catholic Church, of Hazleton, was founded in 1907, when there occurred a schism in St. Joseph's Parish. Among the organizers of the new branch were Michael Cimbala, John Parish, Andrew Mike, George Hanisck, John Kallar, and John Petra. Subscriptions were taken, and a plot of ground on North Wyoming Street between Gum and Fern streets secured. A fine church of blue granite with a seating capacity of eight hundred was erected, together with the parsonage, at the intersection of Fern Street and Wyoming. The latter was completed in 1923, at a cost of \$25,000. The cost of the church edifice was \$60,000. It is one of the most prosperous parishes in the Wilkes-Barre area.

Rev. Joseph Zuchy was the first pastor of Holy Trinity, from 1907 to 1909; next, Rev. John Szeman, Rev. Frank Chevry, Rev. Joseph Marciuko, Rev. M. Tusch, Rev. Alex Kutka, Rev. Joseph Korman, and Rev. Andrew Paucó,

who assumed to the pastorate in October of 1916, and has held it since. His congregation numbers three hundred families, and the parish owns a cemetery of four acres at Laurel Hill.

Rev. Andrew Paucó was born in Czechoslovakia, November 3, 1863; was educated at the University of Budapest, and ordained to the priesthood in 1886. First he served as priest in a German parish, and in 1897, at the age of thirty-three years, came to the United States, serving at Scranton, Pittston and Freeland before assuming to the pastorate of Holy Trinity in 1916. He built the church and parish houses in Freeland, and the rectory in Hazleton, in addition to the parish house at Scranton. He is a devoted worker for the faith, unanimously esteemed by his parishioners, and well known in church circles.

**REV. LOUIS LUCHI**—The Hazleton area is wealthy in its assemblages of persons whose connection with Europe continues comparatively fresh, removed as they are from the mother countries by one, two or three decades, or by a single generation. Hazleton is interesting for its sociological aspects, and is fortunate in the possession of numbers of citizens from the Tyrol, that small and cultured section between Austria and Italy in the South of Continental Europe. The cultures of the Tyrol are developed to that degree possible only through centuries of contact with civilization, and its admirable people, whose tastes include something of the tastes of Italians and Austrians together with a blending of individual cultivation, make most worthy American citizens.

A recognized leader, at the head of the Tyrolean people in Hazleton, Father Louis Luchi has given long years of service to the happy amalgamation of Tyroleans and native citizenry. In him they have implicit confidence, having found his leadership of incalculable benefit, and the church of which he is pastor, the Lady of Mount Carmel, No. 102 South Church Street, is the center of their society. This parish, St. Vigilius, Roman Catholic, was the first Tyrolean founded in the United States, in 1905. At that time it included some one hundred and seventy families. Growth has been steady, healthful; and today the parish is composed of two hundred and twenty-five families, numbering about one thousand souls. Rev. Louis Luchi was founder of the church—a work for which he will own immortality. He has presided over it through the ensuing years to the present. The church edifice was erected in 1906, a year after foundation of the parish, and has a seating capacity of four hundred. In 1927 Father Luchi's parish completed a beautiful mortuary establishment in the Tyrolean Cemetery; and the parish also has a capacious hall, used by the St. Vigilius Society of Young Men, as well as by the Lady of Lourde's Society for Young Women, a sorority. On the whole, Father Luchi has lived to see this important parish attain to a flourishing condition. He founded the Italian Church of the Holy Rosary, Roman Catholic, and this too flourishes nicely, under the charge of his nephew, Rev. Henry Luchi.

Father Luchi was born in the Tyrol, in September, 1859. He received his earliest school instruction there, then studied at Verona, Italy, afterward taking an advanced course in the University of Padova, Italy, whence he received a certificate entitling him to teach. For eighteen years, accordingly, he did teach. It was in 1883 that he

was ordained a priest—in October of that year—of the Stigmatini, in Italy, then being twenty-four years of age. In 1905 he came to the United States, joined the people of his native blood in Hazleton, and established the Order of Stigmatina in Hazleton, Scranton and Springfield, himself having been founder of the order in this country. From the first, October, 1905, until the present, he has made his center of operations in Hazleton. For some years, in Hazleton, he took charge of two other churches besides his own. Both of them were Italian Roman Catholic. When they were suitably supplied with priests from the Stigmatini, he retired from control. The Tyrolese are among the most prosperous people in Hazleton, and the Church of the Lady of Mount Carmel is free of all financial encumbrance, leaving Father Luchi free to pursue works of good unhampered by monetary restrictions. He himself was responsible for many Tyrolean families coming to Hazleton, as they took residence here at his suggestion. Largely they are agriculturally inclined; sound business men of conservative habits. All became citizens of the United States of America at the earliest possible time, and are especially proud of their industry and their Americanism.

Father Luchi founded a newspaper for his people in Hazleton. This proved a worthwhile medium for exchange of news and comment, and was a valuable agent in the solidification of American-Tyrolese. During the period of America's participation in the World War Father Luchi served the cause notably, being the means of a unified Tyrolean support of American principles at that decisive period. He is sought after by the business and social spheres of the community. For by all classes he is respected for the work which he has carried through so admirably, and is esteemed most sincerely for his personal attributes of integrity and manliness.

**JOHN M. JANOSOV**—Owner of the Citizens Publishing Company of Hazleton, which issues the only Slavic newspaper in this city. John M. Janosov has one of the most profitable and, at the same time, one of the most valuable establishments from the public viewpoint, in this county, with its large percentage of Slavonic population. This paper, founded by Mr. Janosov's brother, has experienced satisfactory growth since John M. Janosov assumed charge of it, and among its other departments is included one for commercial printing. Another unique distinction held by the Citizens Publishing Company is the fact that four brothers are connected in various capacities therewith, all of them practical printers. Mr. Janosov is widely known and highly respected among the Slavic residents of this district, and is connected with virtually every society composed of members of this race. In political affairs, too, he holds a place of leadership, and plays an important rôle in the ranks of his party.

John M. Janosov was born October 30, 1898, in Hazleton, son of Michael and Theresa (Hlad) Janosov. Michael Janosov and his wife came from Czechoslovakia to this country and first located near Hazleton, where they now reside. For more than thirty years he has worked as a miner, and he and his wife have seven children: Michael J., George A., Mary, John M. (of whom further), Theresa, Joseph J., and Andrew A. All of these children were educated in Saint Joseph's Parochial School. The four sons apprenticed themselves to the printing trade in this city

and, as heretofore noted, are now connected with the Citizens Publishing Company.

The Citizens Publishing Company was founded by the oldest son of Michael and Theresa (Hlad) Janosov, Michael J. Janosov, in 1912, and he was responsible for the establishment of the "Slovak Citizen." He retained control of this company until 1922, when John M. Janosov took over the management of the concern. In the meantime, the other brothers have entered into the company and through their joint efforts are providing the people of their race with one of the best newspapers of its kind in America. The "Slovak Citizen" is a weekly publication, seven columns wide, and with a minimum issue of six pages. Two editions are printed, one for Hazleton and another for Lansford. The circulation, six thousand, is unusually large for a weekly newspaper, and the contents of this journal are devoted mainly to happenings of interest to members of the Slavic race, although general affairs also are given space within its columns. The concern also maintains a modern and completely equipped job printing department, producing commercial printing of the highest class. This newspaper is filling the needs of the community most adequately, and its conduct has brought praise and prestige upon the Janosov family.

John M. Janosov is a member of Saint Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, and having been a Republican since maturity, has devoted much time and effort in promoting the candidates and principles of that party. His fraternal affiliations, as heretofore noted, are confined to a great extent to those societies of Slavic origin.

Mr. Janosov married, in 1922, Veronica Mihalik, of Hazleton, and their children are John, Margaret, and Mary. The family resides at No. 588 North Vine Street, and Mr. Janosov's business headquarters are in the office of the Citizens Publishing Company, 36 South Wyoming Street, Hazleton.

**FELIX DOMBROWSKI**—From a beginning with a capital of nothing but a will to succeed and a knowledge of the business, gained by years of study under competent masters, Felix Dombrowski has built up one of the finest and most successful jewelry establishments in the Wyoming Valley, at Nanticoke. An exceptional industry, a keen business ability and a favoring personality have brought their reward in an ever-growing custom, making for him, as well, friends in all walks of life. His store is not only a credit to Nanticoke but would be a worthy companion of similar establishments of much larger centers. His motto has been that the best is none too good for his customers, a position that he has maintained in every respect, to the benefit of his trade and to his own.

Felix Dombrowski was born in Poland, January 10, 1888, a son of John Dombrowski, and emigrated to the United States when he was eighteen years of age. For a time he lived in Connecticut, coming to Nanticoke in 1910, where he has since resided and conducted his business. He learned the jewelry business in his native land and immediately went to work here as a salesman, doing considerable traveling and creating a good trade in the neighborhood and in New York and New Jersey. Eventually he established himself in business at No. 18 South Market Street, where he conducts his business and makes his home in the same building, which he erected a few years ago. He does a considerable mail order business through his annual catalogue, which illustrates a large and attractive

line of high grade goods. He is active in civic affairs and is a stockholder in the Miners' Trust Company and a member of the Nanticoke Kiwanis Club. He is district president of the Falcons Society and of other Polish organizations, including the Polish Union, and is a communicant of Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church.

Mr. Dombrowski married, January 9, 1910, Eleanor Roginski, of Nanticoke. They are the parents of six children: Stefania, a teacher in Nanticoke schools; Henry, Edwin, Sigfried, Girard and Eleanor.

**FRANCIS J. KRAJEWSKI, M. D.**—Well known as a physician and popular as a citizen of Wilkes-Barre, Francis J. Krajewski has been conducting a general practice of medicine here since 1909, when he came from Nanticoke, Pennsylvania, where he previously had engaged in his profession. Ready and able at all times to devote his time and energy to the work of advising and treating those who need his services, he has won the confidence and the esteem of those who come to him for aid, especially among the Polish-American population. As a matter of fact, the Polish-American citizens of the vicinity unanimously endorsed, in 1927, his candidacy for the coronership of Luzerne County, showing by this act the extent of their trust in him. Dr. Krajewski conducts his practice at No. 61 North Washington Street, Wilkes-Barre.

He was born in Poland on July 19, 1875, the son of Francis and Rose Krajewski, now deceased. His parents came to America in 1886 and settled in Nanticoke, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, where the father was for many years a coal miner for the Susquehanna Coal Company. Dr. Krajewski's father died at the age of sixty-four years, and his mother at the age of sixty-two years, leaving four children: Esletta D.; Francis J., of whom further; Catherine, and Thomas.

Francis J. Krajewski, who was reared in Nanticoke, attended the public schools, and later became a student at the Wyoming Seminary, in Kingston, Pennsylvania. Then he went to the Medico-Chirurgical College of Medicine, in Philadelphia, from which he was graduated in the class of 1902 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. In that year he returned to Nanticoke, the town of his boyhood, where he began the practice of his chosen profession. In 1909 he came to Wilkes-Barre, where he opened offices at No. 61 North Washington Street. Since that time he has built a lucrative practice. Thoroughly active in the affairs of his profession, Dr. Krajewski is a member of the American Medical Association, the Lehigh Valley Medical Society, the Pennsylvania Medical Society, and the Luzerne County Medical Society. He is a member of the Board of Directors and is chief medical director of the Polish Union of North America. During the World War he was a volunteer, having served in France in the Forty-first Division of the United States Army, in which he had the rank of captain in the Medical Corps. After the war he was appointed by the United States Veterans' Bureau as the district medical examiner for Luzerne County for the care of disabled veterans of the World War. He is now a member of the American Legion, in which organization he is affiliated with Post No. 132. He is identified with several fraternal orders, and is a member of St. Mary's Polish Catholic Church. Dr. Krajewski had made a place for himself in the community in and near Wilkes-Barre and the surrounding group of towns, and has won

the admiration and the respect of the people. An indication of his popularity is his candidacy for the office of coroner of Luzerne County.

In 1904, Dr. Krajewski married Alexandra M. Yacewicz, of Nanticoke, and they are the parents of four children: Lydia, Delphin, Rownd, and Yolanda.

**DOMINICK GURNARI**—The spirit which made Rome the Eternal City, built the vast Roman Empire of other times and has preserved the cultural and prosperous city of Rome and Nation of Italy of today is much the same as the spirit of America, richer than that of the newer land, however, in its traditions of great men. The Italians are well represented in our citizenry, and in the Wilkes-Barre area have contributed much to the general progress. Among them are most worthy representatives but none among them is worthier of citation than Dominick Gurnari, who came to this country without funds or friends, builded a large business, and is a foremost citizen of Luzerne.

Dominick Gurnari was born at Slorezo, Italy, January 9, 1890, a son of Joseph and Santa (Zumbo) Gurnari, both of whom are natives of Italy, now living. Joseph Gurnari having engaged for years as dealer in meats. In the schools of Italy, Dominick Gurnari secured his academic instruction, and in 1906, at the age of but sixteen years, embarked for the United States, here to seek his fortune. He landed at New York City April 27, soon thereafter removing to Pennsylvania. At Scranton he worked three years. In 1909 he came to Luzerne, learned and followed the trade of mason, and in 1912 started in a general contracting business, under the style of his own name. His commencement in this business followed years of saving, so that he would have the funds for necessary equipment, and years of application to learning the latest developments of the trade. He has been engaged as contractor through the years that have followed, and now employs twenty men the year entire. He maintains eight motor trucks, two concrete machines, five mixers, and one air compressor mounted on a truck, besides being the owner of two pleasure cars. His success as business figure has been extensive. He has erected some of the larger and more modern structures in Luzerne and vicinity, and has wide commercial interests, which include directorship of the Merchants and Miners' Bank of Luzerne. Also, he manufactures cement blocks, and in that business has met with the fortune which has marked his every enterprise.

Despite the time and attention required for direction of his affairs in business, Mr. Gurnari has not failed to play the role of good citizen. A Republican, he adheres to the principles of the party, supporting them and the party's candidates to good effect. He supports all worthy movements designed for the welfare and general advancement of Luzerne's interests, occupying a place high in the respect of those around him. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, as member of the Lodge No. 109. He belongs to the Italian Muti Sutorso and the Liberty Citizens' Club of Luzerne.

Mr. Gurnari married, in 1912, Angeline Zuppa, of Luzerne, a daughter of John and Mary Zuppa; and they have sons: 1. Joseph, born June 18, 1914. 2. John, November 27, 1916. 3. Francis, April 28, 1917. 4. Victor, November 11, 1918—Armistice Day, date of the closing of hostilities of the World War. Mr. Gurnari's offices in Luzerne are at No. 281 Miller Street.

**ROSARIO L. MANTIONE, M. D.**—In the life story of Rosario L. Mantione, physician, of Pittston, lies an inspiration for the youth who is left to his own resources to make his way in the world. This young man has risen superior to circumstances that would have held down a lesser spirit, has acquired, under most disheartening conditions, a splendid medical education and already has established himself high in the esteem of his fellow practitioners in this district. A native of Italy, he was brought to this country by his parents when ten years of age and was reared in Pittston, Pennsylvania. Like many of the children of the working people of this district, he became a breaker boy at the coal mines, but the secret of his later success was an ambition that sent him to night schools, where he laid the foundation of his subsequent professional education. Nothing could dishearten him and he strode forward to the position he now occupies, one of the most finished members of the medical profession in this section of the State, with a splendid future before him.

His birthplace was Montedoro, Italy, his parents being Marian and Rose Mantione. They emigrated to America in 1903 and took up their abode in Pittston, where they went to work. The son had had three years of schooling in Italy and acquired the remainder of his elementary work at night, after he had finished his labors at the coal breakers. Keeping up this until he was seventeen years of age, he abandoned the mines and for the following three years worked as agent for several mercantile factories. Saving his money, when he was twenty years of age he was able to afford further education and went to Springfield, Massachusetts, where he entered the American International College. There he completed the four-year course in three years, when he took another year of college work and then matriculated at Tufts College, where he studied for one year. The United States entered the World War and he entered the army and was sent to France with the American Expeditionary Forces, attached to the 79th Division. He saw severe service with this detachment and was in the activities of the Meuse-Argonne offensive, his discharge coming in June, 1919. Not yet satisfied with his college work, he took a three months' summer course at Harvard University and, in September, 1919, reentered Tufts College and took the medical course, from which he was graduated with honors and the degree of Doctor of Medicine in the class of 1923. For the following year he served as an interne in St. Mary's Hospital, Waterbury, Connecticut, followed by sixteen months' at Carney Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts, in which last-named institution he worked in the department of obstetrics and gynecology, in which he now specializes. He passed the examination of the State Medical Board of Massachusetts in 1923 and the Pennsylvania board in 1926, establishing himself in practice in July of that year in Pittston. He is a member of the American Medical Association, of the Massachusetts Medical Society, of the Pennsylvania State Medical Society and of the Luzerne County Medical Society, and is also a member of the staff of the Pittston Hospital. He belongs to the Loyal Order of Moose and to the Italian Century Club and attends St. Rocco's Roman Catholic Church.

Dr. Rosario L. Mantione married, July 27, 1922, Louise Lombardi of Boston, Massachusetts, daughter of J. L. Lombardi. They are the parents of the following children: 1. Rose Margaret, born July 8, 1924. 2. Rosario Lewis, Jr., born October 26, 1926.

Dr. Mantione has his residence at No. 24 Montgomery Avenue, West Pittston, and has his office in the New Dime Bank Building, Pittston, Pennsylvania.

**PETER A. SARLI, M. D.**—Native of Italy and a medical graduate in that land, Peter A. Sarli, established in the practice of his profession in Pittston since 1913, has made for himself a high reputation. There are few people who emigrate to this country from Europe who more readily assimilate the atmosphere of their adopted country than those of the Italian race and Dr. Sarli happens to be one of the most conspicuous examples of this trait. This, as well as his professional skill and meritorious services to the people of this community, bring to him a constantly growing clientele and an ever widening circle of friends.

Dr. Sarli was born in Naples, Italy, September 23, 1879, a son of Louis and Rosa (Pinto) Sarli, and received his professional education at the University of Naples, from which he was graduated, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine, in 1906. He then served as an interne in the Naples Hospital for incurables and, in 1907, came to America, establishing himself in practice in Philadelphia, where he remained for nearly seven years. He then came to Pittston and began a general practice, which he has since continued.

**FRANK KORONKIEWICZ**—One of the citizens well known and respected in Nanticoke is Frank Koronkiewicz, pharmacist, whose place of business is at No. 186 South Market Street. Here Mr. Koronkiewicz carries everything common to the most modern and best regulated of drug stores, and does an extensive trade. As a citizen of loyal public-spirit he is highly regarded by all associated with him in commercial and fraternal life, and it is with pleasure, indeed, that these associates accord him place in this history of Wilkes-Barre and centers nearby.

Frank Koronkiewicz was born in Nanticoke, September 28, 1892, son of Stanley and Martha (Rydlewski) Koronkiewicz. Stanley Koronkiewicz, who died in March, 1927, at the age of seventy-three years, was by trade a carpenter, and contracting foreman. Born in Poland, he came to the United States at the age of seventeen years, took residence in Nanticoke, and here spent the balance of his days. He was a forceful, kindly man, fond of his home and children, and early inculcated in them those principles of conduct and thought that have assisted them to attain and maintain responsible positions.

In the public schools of his native city, Frank Koronkiewicz secured his basic academic training, graduating from Nanticoke High School with the class of 1910. He entered the Philadelphia School of Pharmacy, and from it graduated in 1916. Meanwhile, from 1907 to 1913, he had served an apprenticeship in medicine under Dr. J. F. Hill, in Dr. Hill's pharmacy, and while in the school at Philadelphia was employed by the pharmaceutical firm of Shinn & Kirk, of that city. Soon after his graduation, however, our country's entry into the World War interrupted his career. Mr. Koronkiewicz enlisted in April, the month war was declared, and served until December, 1918, in the medical department, stationed at Atlanta, Georgia, and at Fort Slocum. When mustered out, he held the rank of sergeant, first class. It was in 1919 that he established himself in the pharmacy at Nanticoke, which he has continued to operate during the years that have followed. In college he was a member

of the Alchemists' Society, and is now a member of the pharmaceutical societies of Luzerne County and the United States. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. His religious adherence is given St. Stanislaus' Roman Catholic Church, and in matters of charity he deals with large heart, generously, regardless of race or creed. Mr. Koronkiewicz is active in affairs of the American Legion, and participates constantly in enterprises for the welfare of the city. He is a stockholder in the Miners' Trust Company, is recognized as of sound financial judgment by his confreres in business, and on the whole possesses a most substantial position in his community. Mr. Koronkiewicz takes a deep interest in athletics, in which he participated while a youth, and is especially interested in the sporting events of Nanticoke High School, which he supports heartily. He resides at No. 280 West Main Street.

**WILLIAM T. SCUREMAN**—For more than sixty years the name of Scureman has been associated with the leaders among the morticians of the Wyoming Valley, the present representative being William T., who has been so engaged since 1918 in the town of Wyoming. In that comparatively brief space of time he has maintained the traditions of his grandfather, who established the first house shortly after the Civil War and which has been handed down in the family in an unbroken line of inheritance. Mr. Scureman carefully prepared for the work he looked upon as a heritage and has since lived up to the rules laid down by the founder, that the very best of material and service should at all times be at the command of the public. His business life has been of the highest character, while his reputation for honesty of intent and careful execution of his obligations has grown with his life in this district. He has been called to public office and has served faithfully and well, while his fraternal interests and his social relaxations have brought him a multitude of devoted friends and admirers.

He was born in Wyoming, Pennsylvania, June 25, 1894, a son of George Scureman, a native of Pittston, who was associated with the company store at Forty Fort and whose death occurred in 1905. His mother was Mercy (Townsend) Scureman, who is still living in Wyoming, the place of her birth. His grandfather was William, who, with his brother, George Town(s)end, established his business as related and which has remained in the family. The present proprietor acquired his education in the local public schools and was graduated from high school, following which he took up the study of embalming and was graduated from the Eckles School of Embalming in Philadelphia in 1914. This was followed by the course at the Cincinnati School of Embalming, from which he was graduated in 1927. He had established himself in his own name and was conducting a complete establishment, with a mortuary chapel and a complete equipment for all details of his professional work. In 1926 he erected the present building in Wyoming which he occupies conjointly with the telephone exchange and Masonic lodge, to which organizations he rents space. He is a Republican in politics and is now on the school board and deputy county coroner of Luzerne County. His church is the Methodist Episcopal and his fraternal and other affiliations include the Junior Order United American Mechanics; Lodge No. 496, Free and Accepted Masons;

Keystone Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Masons; Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; Fraternal Order of Eagles; Monument Lodge of Wyoming, Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

William T. Scureman married, in 1918, May Griffith, of Kingston, Pennsylvania, daughter of Edward and Hannah Griffith.

**BERNARD S. ANDROSKY, M. D.**—One of the younger members of the medical profession in Pittston, Pennsylvania, is Dr. Bernard S. Androsky, whose offices are located at Nos. 201-202 New Rose Building, in Pittston. Dr. Androsky is a graduate of St. Thomas College and of Jefferson Medical College, and has done post-graduate work in the New York Lying-In Hospital and in the Seamen's Institute Clinic. He is one of the progressive young men of the profession and is already on the way to success as a physician and surgeon.

Bernard S. Androsky was born in Inkerman, Pennsylvania, February 15, 1901, son of Charles and Sophia Androsky, of Duryea, Pennsylvania, natives of Russia. Dr. Androsky was a student in the public schools, graduating from Duryea High School in 1918, and then continued study in St. Thomas College, where he completed his course in 1920. The following fall he began professional study in Jefferson Medical College, from which he was graduated in 1924, receiving at that time the degree of Doctor of Medicine. His internship was served in the Jefferson Hospital and he then greatly enlarged his experience by serving as chief resident physician in Haward Hospital. In 1926 he took post-graduate work in the New York City Lying-In Hospital and in the New York Post-Graduate Hospital. He also had charge of the Seamen's Church Institute Clinic, after which he came to Pittston and opened his offices in the New Rose Building, Rooms 201-202, where he has since been engaged in practice as a physician and surgeon. He is a member of the Luzerne County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania State Medical Society, and the American Medical Association, and there is every indication that he has before him a successful professional career. He is a member of Omega Upsilon Phi college fraternity, of Philadelphia, and of the Brubaker Physiological Society, and in addition to his general practice is a member of the Pittston Hospital staff. In 1926 he served as deputy-coroner in this district, and he is actively interested in local affairs here in Pittston. He is active in the affairs of the Republican party, locally, has served as school examiner for Jenkins Township and Duryea High School, and also as chairman of the Board of Health of Duryea, Pennsylvania. During the period of the participation of the United States in the World War, he served as a member of the Student Army Corps, at Villa Nova College.

Dr. Androsky is a member of the Knights of Columbus, and of the Roman Catholic Church of St. Cassinova. His many friends in Pittston, where he makes his home, predict for him the highest success, and during the short time he has been in practice he has made a most satisfactory beginning, both as a physician and as a surgeon.

**STANLEY MROWCZYNSKI**—Before he was of voting age Stanley Mrowczynski became independently established in business in Plymouth and so well adapted was he for the career, that prosperity has perched upon the banner of his ambition and he has become one of the representative retail mer-

chants here. With an ambition to forge ahead and the will to labor to that end, his future seems assured and his mature years secure. He is possessed in full with the hardihood and intellectuality of his race and of a native industry that will stand him in good stead in his march with the commercial army in the ranks of which he has enrolled. He was born in Poland, November 16, 1891, son of Tcofill and Rozalea Mrowczynski, both natives of Poland, who came to America when he was an infant and settled in Plymouth. Here he was educated in the public schools and at the age of fourteen years entered the employ of the mines as a breaker boy, which occupation he followed for three years. He then became associated with his father in his butcher store here and remained there for four years, learning the business, when, in 1911, he established his own shop and began independent operations, which he has continued. During the World War he served overseas with the American Expeditionary Forces in the 311th Field Artillery of the 77th Division for nine months. He was mustered out of the service May 2, 1919, and returned to Plymouth to reengage in business. He is a Republican in politics and belongs to the Polish National Catholic Church. He is a member of the Polish National Union; the Knights of Pythias; Lodge No. 109, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and the Kiwanis Club. He also belongs to Alexander's Band, of Wilkes-Barre, the oldest musical organization in the Wyoming Valley of Pennsylvania.

**STEVEN B. DVORSHAK** — Among the younger merchants of Freeland a prominent place is filled by Steven B. Dvorshak, proprietor of the Center Market and one of the most progressive citizens of this district. Establishing himself in business in a small way, he began his operations with the firm intention of serving those who gave him their patronage to the full extent of courtesy, fairness and quality of wares. Never departing from this original conception of what is due the public from a private enterprise, he won the natural reward of high principle and saw his trade grow to the substantial position it now commands. Understanding that interest in civic and fraternal affairs begets a wider friendship and more prosperous business clientele, he has affiliated himself with such organizations that appeal to the better element and has taken his share of the duties of all citizens.

Mr. Dvorshak was born in Freeland, Pennsylvania, September, 1897, a son of Andrew and Julia Dvorshak, and received his elementary education in the local public schools, going to work when a boy in the grocery, meat and provision business, which he learned so thoroughly that, in 1919, he felt qualified to establish his own market and did so, at No. 622 Center Street, Freeland, and which he conducts, on a greatly enlarged scale, at this time. He is a member of the Freeland Business Men's Association, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and other fraternal organizations. The family residence is at No. 712 Ridge Street, Freeland.

Steven B. Dvorshak married, in 1919, Emma Russell, of Freeland, who is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. Their children are: Marian, John and Steven, Jr.

**THE REV. F. X. DOMINIAK**—As pastor of the Roman Catholic Church of the Transfiguration, at the corner of Wayne and Green streets, West Hazleton, Pennsylvania, the Rev. F. X. Dominiak fills with fine ability

and dignity an important place in the spiritual and material life of the community. Under his able management the condition of the parish has prospered, the membership has increased and the finances of the church have been placed on a sound basis, while spiritual development has been equally noticeable.

The Church of the Transfiguration was founded in 1906 by the Rev. J. Gracza. Starting with a membership of some thirty families, services were held originally in a rented hall, but by the year 1909, a basement church had been completed, and dedicated by the Rt. Rev. M. J. Hoban, late Bishop of Scranton. Continued growth over a period of ten years resulted, in 1921, in the dedication of the present beautiful church building, with a seating capacity of nine hundred people, to care for the membership which now numbers more than five hundred families. The following pastors have been in charge since the establishment of the parish: the Rev. Paul Szulerecki, the Rev. A. Kowalczyk, the Rev. V. L. Biczysko, the Rev. Emil Sikorski, the Rev. Felix Nowak, the Rev. A. Ziebur, D. D., the Rev. W. Kwiatkowski, the Rev. Joseph Ziemia, the Rev. D. C. Tomkiewicz, the Rev. V. S. Matuszewski, and the Rev. F. X. Dominiak.

Father Dominiak has been active in the affairs of various church organizations and civic enterprises, and he is highly esteemed at West Hazleton by the community at large for his fine character and public-spirited participation in worthy movements.

#### **MICHAEL SALVATORE DE PIERRO**—

Having forged his way to a place of leadership at the Luzerne County bar, Michael S. De Pierro, of Freeland, is recognized in his native township and borough as one of the most efficient and progressive of the lawyers in his jurisdiction. As a member of the younger group of legal practitioners he has distinguished himself at the bar and in the municipal and civic affairs of Freeland. He is prominent also in financial and educational circles of the township and borough.

Michael Salvatore De Pierro was born in Freeland, April 4, 1886, a son of Frank and Anna (Bush) De Pierro. At the age of twelve years his father came from his native Italy and spent the rest of his life in Freeland, Drifton and Lattimer. In his boyhood years he spent much of his time working in the coal mines of this county. He was a violinist of ability and played for dances and many other forms of entertainment. By trade he was a painter and paper hanger, and rose to be a leading figure in the municipal life of Freeland. He was elected president of the Town Council, served as a member of the school board, and at the time of his death, in September, 1923, he was sixty-three years of age and holder of the office of chief of police of Freeland. His fraternal affiliations were with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, and the Knights of Pythias. He was a member of the Freeland Fishing and Hunting Club, and was a member and organizer of St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church at Freeland. His widow and four children survive, the latter being: 1. Michael Salvatore, of whom further, 2. Pauline. 3. Rachael. 4. Seraphine.

Having graduated from the Freeland High School, class of 1909, Michael Salvatore De Pierro entered the West Chester State Normal School, from which he was graduated in 1912. He next took a course at Bucknell University, concluding with studies in the law department of the University of Penn-



sylvania, from which he was graduated in the class of 1914 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. He was admitted to the bar of Luzerne County and to practice before the State Supreme Court in 1915. His practice has been general throughout Luzerne County. For a short time he was an associate of Thomas H. Farrell, of Wilkes-Barre. Mr. De Pierro is a director of the Citizens Bank of Freeland, solicitor of the Freeland Building and Loan Association, of which he was one of the organizers, and solicitor of the Conyngham Water Company. His public service, from a political standpoint, has been rendered as a member of the Republican party. He is solicitor for the Freeland Borough Council, the Borough School Board and the Township School Board and trustee of Hazleton State Hospital. For five years he held the office of first assistant district attorney of Luzerne County, and is now solicitor of the county controller of Luzerne. He is affiliated with the Luzerne County Bar Association; the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of which he is Past Exalted Ruler; the Fraternal Order of Eagles of Freeland; Hazleton Nest of Owls; the Freeland Fishing and Hunting Club; Hazleton Kiwanis Club; the Sons of Italy, of Freeland; the Società la Giovanna Italia, of Hazleton; the Knights of Columbus, fourth degree; and St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church of Freeland.

Michael S. De Pierro married (first) Fannie C. Thomas, of Eckley, and by this union there are four children: Dorothy, Frank T., Salvatore, and Lucile. Mrs. De Pierro died January 10, 1926, and Mr. De Pierro married (second), in November, 1927, Kate Breihoff, of Conyngham. The De Pierro residence is 934 Washington Street, Freeland.

**PASCO SCHIAVO**—As an attorney in Hazleton, Pennsylvania, Pasco Schiavo has taken his place as solicitor of some of the most prominent firms in this community. He is the son of Louis and Theresa Schiavo, both natives of Italy where his father was a laborer and came to Hazleton from Latium in 1893. He died on November 19, 1926, at the age of eighty-seven years.

Pasco Schiavo was born in New York City, August 1, 1883. He was educated in the Hazleton Township High School and then read law at Cumberland University at Lebanon, Tennessee, where he graduated in the class of 1914, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. He was admitted to the bar in Luzerne County in June, 1926, and since then has been engaged in the practice of law. For a time he practiced at Knoxville, Tennessee. Since, he has made his residence in Hazleton, where he carries on a general law practice. He is a director and solicitor of the Union Building and Loan Association; and of the West Hazleton Building and Loan Association, and director of the American Bank and Trust Company. He is active in the Republican party and was city comptroller from 1920 to 1924, and takes an active part in county and State politics. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias (Past Chancellor Commander); the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Roman Catholic Church of the Incarnation.

In June, 1909, Pasco Schiavo married Rose Cuozzo, of Hazleton, Pennsylvania. Their children are: Angeline, Therese, and Louis. Mr. Schiavo and family make their residence at No. 121 North Wyoming Street, Hazleton, Pennsylvania.

**W. A. OBORSKI, D. V. M.**—A graduate of the United States College of Veterinary Sur-

geons, of Washington, District of Columbia, Dr. W. A. Oborski has been engaged in general veterinary practice in Nanticoke, since 1916. He is also serving as City Food inspector, and is active in the affairs of the Democratic party, which he has served as secretary of the local committee. Dr. Oborski has his offices in the Gabriel Building, No. 147 South Market Street, Nanticoke.

William O. Oborski, father of Dr. Oborski, was born in Poland. There he married Catherine Kulinski, also a native of that country, and about 1878 the couple left the land of their birth and came to this country. They chose Nanticoke as their permanent home, and here William O. Oborski engaged in the retail meat business, which he followed to the time of his death. He was an able business man and a good citizen, and he and his wife were active and loyal members of St. Stanislaus' Roman Catholic Church.

Dr. W. A. Oborski, son of William O. and Catherine (Kulinski) Oborski, was born in Nanticoke, March 25, 1887, and as a boy attended the local schools. After deciding upon the profession of veterinary surgeon as his future field of work, he entered the United States College of Veterinary Surgeons, at Washington, District of Columbia, where he completed his course with graduation in 1916. He located here in his native town and from 1916 to the present time (1928) has been building up a prosperous practice, drawing his patronage from a large area surrounding this community. He is a member of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Veterinarian Medical Club, and is well known as a skilled member of his profession. He has taken an active interest in civic affairs since he was old enough to give public matters intelligent attention, and is also active in the affairs of the Democratic party. He has served as secretary of the local Democratic Committee, and on January 1, 1925, was appointed to fill the office of city food inspector, in which capacity he is still (1928) serving efficiently, giving entire satisfaction to the people of Nanticoke. Like his parents, he is an interested member of St. Stanislaus Roman Catholic Church. Dr. Oborski is very well known in Nanticoke, where his boyhood friends, as well as those he has made in later life, know him as a loyal and faithful friend, as well as an able professional practitioner. He is a member of Polish National Alliance and of the Falcons. He has always been interested in animal life, and has ministered to and relieved the suffering of numerous dumb patients in this part of Luzerne County. As a lover of animals, Dr. Oborski brings to his work a subtle understanding and sympathy, which, added to his thorough training and sound knowledge, enables him to render unusually valuable service.

Dr. W. A. Oborski married Julia B. Wanslewski, and they make their home at No. 143 South Market Street, in Nanticoke. His office is in the Gabriel Building, corner Main and Market streets.

**MICHAEL OLEYAR**—A prominent factor in commercial circles of Freeland is Michael Oleyar, conductor of a general merchandise store at No. 427 Center Street, a business that was established in 1901. Here Mr. Oleyar has a large trade, dealing in various lines of merchandise, carrying dry goods, clothing, shoes, groceries, hay, feed, and grain. The growth of this concern, which was started on a small scale, has been most remarkable and provides employment for a large number of clerks. Mr. Oleyar has had no roses strewn in his path to success, having emigrated to this country while quite young, and during

his early years has known the grime and back-breaking toil of the mines. Thus he deserves much credit for his attainments and success, which include membership on the board of directors of a bank.

Mr. Oleyar was born, November 20, 1869, in Austria-Hungary, but came to America in 1888, at the age of nineteen. He located at Highland, and immediately went to work around the mines, starting at a wage of seven and one half cents an hour and working ten hours a day. He worked seven years in the boiler house and six years in the engine house. During part of this time it was his duty to hoist the miners from Mine No. 4 at Jeddo. Dissatisfied with this calling, he determined to enter business as an individual, and in 1901, came to Freeland. In this year he opened a business with Frank Hayne as a partner, under the firm name of Oleyar & Hayne, the doors of the store opening in June, 1901. About two months later, the firm was hard pressed for money and it was necessary for Mr. Oleyar to borrow money from his friends. Seeing that the only way to succeed was to buy in large quantities, in order to get a better price, he again borrowed money from his friends. When the coal strike of 1902 started, Mr. Oleyar returned all the money he borrowed, fearing if the firm would fail, he might lose the money he borrowed from his friends. During the coal strike, the firm had to refuse most of the customers credit, due to the insufficient capital. After the strike was settled it was difficult for the firm to get back the customers to whom they refused credit, as they could not realize the situation. This partnership continued until October, 1905, at which time it was dissolved and Mr. Oleyar took over the concern and moved it to its present location, at No. 427 Center Street, Freeland. He has since devoted himself unremittingly to the building up of his general merchandise concern, which, as heretofore stated, comprises dry goods, clothing, shoes, groceries, hay, feed, etc. He now utilizes three floors of a building covering twenty-three by seventy-two feet. In view of the fact that his original capital was two thousand dollars, the present standing of this business appears all the more remarkable, for it now has one of the largest stores in Freeland. The service of four clerks are required in the conduct of the business, in addition to Mr. Oleyar and his two sons.

Coincident with the expansion of his commercial interests, Mr. Oleyar has become associated with various other enterprises and organizations in Freeland, being one of the directors of the First National Bank, wherein his sagacious counsel is appreciated by his conferees. A member of St. Mary's Greek Catholic Church, Mr. Oleyar is also a member of St. George's Society and Holy Cross Society, and St. Michael's Society.

Michael Oleyar married, February 10, 1899, Anna Hayne, of Lodi, New Jersey, and their children are: 1. Theodore Frank, graduated from the Mining and Mechanical Institute of Freeland and attended the University of Pennsylvania. He assists his father; and he married Seraphine Bonomo. 2. Mary, graduated from Freeland High School, attended Syracuse University for two years, and graduated from the New York School of Music and Arts. She married Harold M. Woelfel. 3. Oion J., graduated from the Mining and Mechanical Institute of Freeland, attended Culver Military Academy for a year, and attended Lehigh University. He also assisted his father. He married Sarah Gallagher. 4. Victor H., graduated from the Mining and Mechanical Institute of Freeland, class of 1928, and entered Bucknell University. Mr.

Oleyar and his family reside at No. 533 Vine Street, Freeland.

**JOHN J. PUSTI**—One of the active and progressive members of the community at Hazleton, Pennsylvania, John J. Pusti is a funeral director at No. 480 West Broad Street. Thoroughly trained in his profession, he carries a complete line of the most modern equipment, his quick sympathy and ready tact in the discharge of his professional duties, enabling him to carry on his work in a very successful way.

Mr. Pusti was born at Harwood, Pennsylvania, August 15, 1898, a son of John and Anna (Locker) Pusti, both natives of Austria. John Pusti came to the United States as a young man settling at Harwood. Until the year 1898, he worked in the mines at that place. Coming to West Hazleton at the end of this time, he established his hotel which he operated until his death on March 7, 1924, at the age of forty-nine. Politically a member of the Democratic party he was active in community affairs, and a member of St. John's Greek Catholic Church, of Hazleton. Anna (Locker) Pusti is still living and of her marriage with John Pusti, several children were born: 1. John J., of whom further. 2. Anna, who married Michael Lopchak. 3. Amel. 4. Jacob. 5. Helen.

John J. Pusti was educated in the public schools of Pennsylvania, after which for some years, he acted as bookkeeper for Swift and Company. On December 8, 1921, however, he was graduated from Eckels School of Embalming, in Philadelphia, and in January, 1923, was licensed to practice his profession. Soon afterwards he established his business in Hazleton, in which, having quickly won the confidence of the community, he was immediately successful. In 1928 he was appointed deputy coroner of Luzerne County for a term of four years, to operate in Hazleton and vicinity, and in June, 1928, he bought a fine invalid car, the only one in the city. Mr. Pusti is a member of the Luzerne County Funeral Directors' Association and also a member of the State association. He has always been interested in the growth and welfare of the community in whose various activities he plays an active part. He is a member of the West Hazleton Fire Company, and affiliated with the Fraternal Order of Eagles. He and his wife attend St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, at Hazleton and are members of the Sts. Peter and Paul societies, and Holy Trinity Society.

On July 1, 1924, John J. Pusti married Pauline Parish, of Hazleton. Mrs. Pusti is a talented musician, and is now organist at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, having played in local churches for several years past.

**LESTER P. TREVASKIS, D. D. S.**—A native of Freeland, Pennsylvania, Dr. Lester P. Trevaskis has spent the greater part of his life in his birthplace where, since completing his course in the University of Pennsylvania in 1919, he has been successfully practicing as a dental surgeon. His offices are located at No. 608 Center Street, in Freeland, where he is taking care of a large clientele.

Dr. Lester P. Trevaskis was born in Freeland, Pennsylvania, November 9, 1895, son of John H. and Mary A. (Phillips) Trevaskis, both natives of Freeland, the father a manufacturer of overalls in Sunbury, Pennsylvania. After completing the usual courses in the public school, Dr. Trevaskis prepared for professional life by entering the Dental Department of the University of Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated with the class of 1919, receiving the degree of Doctor of

Dental Surgery. Upon the completion of his course he returned to Freeland and engaged in practice. He is well known in this section and during the nine years which have passed since he opened his offices here he has won the confidence of a large following and has built up a large practice. He is a member of the Luzerne County Dental Association, also of the Pennsylvania State Dental Association, and of the American Dental Society, and among his professional colleagues is recognized as one who has demonstrated his right to be known as a successful man of his profession. He is interested and active in civic affairs, and there are few public projects planned for the general good which fail to receive his generous support. He is a charter member and treasurer of the Rotary Club, and a member of the Young Men's Christian Association. Fraternally, he is identified with Lodge No. 611, Free and Accepted Masons; and with Lehigh Consistory; and he is also a member of Lodge No. 1145, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. During the period of the participation of the United States in the World War Dr. Trevaszki served in the Medical Reserve Corps, being mustered out in 1919. He has many friends in Freeland and vicinity, and both he and his wife are held in high esteem among a large group of associates. His religious affiliation is with the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Dr. Lester P. Trevaszki was married, June 7, 1922, to Edna D. Davis, daughter of Benjamin Davis, of Freeland. Dr. and Mrs. Trevaszki make their home at No. 605 Main Street, in Freeland.

**JOSEPH C. KOCHCZYNSKI, M. D.**—Born at Mount Carmel, Northumberland County, the son of Jacob and Margaret Kochczynski, the former a native of Poland who came to this country in 1863, it did not take long for Dr. Joseph Kochczynski to decide that the healing of the sick and suffering was to be his career, and as soon as he completed his preliminary educational work he began the study of medicine.

The early education of Dr. Kochczynski was acquired in the State Normal School at Bloomsburg, Columbia County, from which he was graduated with the class of 1909. He then entered the medical school of the Medico-Chirurgical College in Philadelphia, and graduated in 1913 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. Dr. Kochczynski served as interne at St. Francis' Hospital at Trenton, New Jersey, for one year, and in 1914 he located in Hazleton, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, where he quickly acquired an extensive and lucrative practice. He is a member of the county, State and American medical societies, and is a past president of the Hazleton branch of the county organization.

In the World War, Dr. Kochczynski gave freely of his skill and science to the relief of those wounded and shattered in mind and body in that great struggle. He volunteered for service in 1917, and was with the Medical Department at Fort Oglethorpe. Later he was assigned to the 49th Infantry of the United States Army, and he went overseas with the American Expeditionary Forces in 1918. He was with the 308th Motor Transport Corps, and when the Armistice was declared was assigned to the American Armistice Commission, serving with this body on its visit to Berlin. He was placed in charge of Russian prisoners of war in hospitals in Chemnitz, Saxony, and other cities in that section, and helped in their repatriation. On his return from Germany, Dr. Kochczynski was placed in the medical detachment of the com-

posite regiment known as "Pershing's Own," and returned with the first division to America, being mustered out at Camp Dix in November, 1919, with the rank of captain. He resumed his practice in Hazleton and quickly gathered around him the patients who had regretted to see him depart, and welcomed his return.

Dr. Kochczynski is very much to the fore in all civic activities in Hazleton. He is a director of the American Bank, and a member of the leading Polish societies of that city. Fraternally, he is affiliated with Hazleton Lodge, No. 200, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and is one of the foremost members of the local Post of the American Legion.

In 1921 Dr. Kochczynski married Dorothy Waschko, of Hazleton, Pennsylvania. Dr. and Mrs. Kochczynski are the parents of one child, a son, Joseph C., Jr. The family residence is at No. 250 North Wyoming Street, Hazleton.

**VINCENT J. LUPCO**—One of Nanticoke's most progressive young business men, Vincent J. Lupco, is a leader in the insurance world, representing twelve different companies, specializing particularly in automobile insurance, in which he has a large clientele. He is one of this city's best-known citizens, taking an active interest in all projects for community advancement and improvement and is ever an enthusiastic supporter of all movements which tend to advance the welfare and good of all.

Mr. Lupco was born in Nanticoke, July 19, 1898, son of Andrew and Mary M. (Fabian) Lupco, both of whom are residents of Nanticoke, coming originally from Austria-Hungary to this country, and locating in Nanticoke about 1884. Andrew Lupco was engaged in the mining industry for a few years, after which he opened what was probably the first hotel in Nanticoke, conducting a prosperous business until 1904, when he became president and organizer of the Pennsylvania Slovak, Roman and Greek Catholic Union, the headquarters of which society are now located at the corner of North and North Main streets, Wilkes-Barre, being at present, one of the strong fraternal insurance organizations in this country. He was occupied in the affairs of this organization, building it up steadily from 1904 to 1911, during which time he officiated as its president. In 1911, he opened an independent office as an insurance broker in Wilkes-Barre and has ever continued to devote his entire attention to affairs of insurance. He was one of the prime factors in the founding of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church at Nanticoke, which edifice is located at Noble and Prospect streets. Mr. and Mrs. Lupco are the parents of seven children: 1. John, engaged in the oil business at Altoona, Kansas. 2. Andrew, one of the chief electricians of the General Electric Company plant at Los Angeles, California. 3. Anna, married Frank Hayne, a merchant of Freeland, Michigan. 4. Michael, a hotel clerk at Adrian, Michigan. 5. Vincent J., of whom further. 6. Joseph A., a collector in the Department of Internal Revenue, Scranton District. 7. Elizabeth, married Andrew Sable, a mechanic of Nanticoke.

Vincent J. Lupco was educated in the public schools of Nanticoke, graduating from high school in 1918, being the first boy of Slovak parentage to complete the high school course in Nanticoke High School. Having a desire and aptitude for the insurance business, he was occupied in 1919 for a short time as claim adjuster for the Ocean Accident & Guarantee Corporation of New York. He

then entered Bucknell University, where he took a special two-year course in business and insurance, graduating with distinction and honor. In 1923, he was appointed special agent for the Milwaukee Mechanics Fire Insurance Company, and in this capacity traveled over the entire State of Pennsylvania. In 1924, he became manager of the local agency of Andrew Lupco and Son, continuing in this association until May, 1927, when he engaged in business independently. In addition to the many companies that he represents, Mr. Lupco is district manager of the United Life & Accident Insurance Company, of Concord, New Hampshire. His business has grown remarkably, due mainly to his tireless energy and popular and affable manner, and he enjoys the distinction of heading an organization which is rated third in importance in this city for volume of business handled. Mr. Lupco is a member of the National Association of Insurance Agents, the Insurance Federation of Pennsylvania, the Luzerne County Insurance Exchange, and he was one of the organizers of the Nanticoke Insurance Exchange. In March, 1928, he was appointed Alderman of Nanticoke by Governor Fisher. He has been special police magistrate, and acting mayor during absence of the mayor. He is an active member of the Republican party and his religious affiliation is with St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church.

Vincent J. Lupco married, August 25, 1921, Bertha P. Zima, of Parsons, which is now a part of the city of Wilkes-Barre. Mr. Lupco is a graduate of Parsons High School and later studied stenography and secretarial work. They have one son, Carl, born February 1, 1923.

**DR. A. D. HOEBENER**—As the years pass and scientific knowledge increases, the means by which human suffering is prevented, relieved, and cured steadily change and grow in theory and in practice. Fifty years ago, the chiropractic, as such, was non-existent. Today, all over the world doctors of chiropractic are getting at the cause of numerous ailments by external treatment of the spine. Lesions, displacements, and old, muscle-bound mal-adjustments are being rectified without drugs, by mechanical manipulation, and in the wake of these corrections come innumerable cures. Among those who are successfully practicing this highly natural method of correcting some of the ills of humanity, is Dr. A. D. Hoebener, who has been engaged in practice in Hazleton, Pennsylvania, for the past five years. Dr. Hoebener is a graduate of the Palmer School of Chiropractic, and has his offices at No. 308 in the American Bank Building in Hazleton.

Born here in Hazleton, Pennsylvania, October 20, 1897, Dr. Hoebener is a son of John P. and Catherine E. (Reinmiller) Hoebener, the first mentioned of whom is living (1928). He attended the public schools of his birthplace, graduating from the high school with the class of 1916, and then entered the employ of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company, with whom he remained as assistant division shipper until 1920. By that time, being then a young man of twenty-three years, he decided that he would enter professional life and chose chiropractic as his field of endeavor. Accordingly, he entered the Palmer School of Chiropractic, at Davenport, Iowa, where he finished his course with the class of 1922, graduating in February of that year. For a period of one year he practiced in Palmerton, Pennsylvania, and then came to Hazleton, where he has since been engaged in practice. He has been successful in treating a wide range of ailments and has built up

both a practice and a reputation. Conscientious in his work, always ready to call in the assistance of an M. D. when he finds that the nature of the trouble is such, that drugs rather than chiropractic treatment are needed, he has won the confidence of his patients by his honest recognition of the limits of his profession as well as by his skill and success in giving treatment. Dr. Hoebener is a member of the Pennsylvania State Chiropractic Association and of Delta Sigma Chi Fraternity; and he is also a member of Lodge No. 200, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and of Lodge No. 34, Junior Order of United American Mechanics. His religious interest is with Christ Lutheran Church, of which he is a communicant.

Dr. A. D. Hoebener was married, October 20, 1926, to Anna E. Bohan, of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, and they make their home at No. 70 South Wyoming Street, in Hazleton.

**LEO LANDAU**—One of the finest business concerns in Hazleton, Pennsylvania, is the jewelry, music, victrola and furniture establishment owned by the four Landau brothers, and managed by Leo Landau. The brothers own two establishments, one located at No. 66 South Main Street, in Wilkes-Barre, and the other here in Hazleton, located at No. 17 West Broad Street, and they operate on the deferred payment plan. Though young in point of time in operation, the Hazleton business is prospering greatly and its operations cover a wide territory.

Leo Landau was born in Austria, February 8, 1897, son of Manual and Mary Landau. In June, 1910, the parents came to this country, bringing with them their little family, and Mr. Landau, who had been attending the common schools of Austria, finished his education in the public schools of Wilkes-Barre. From boyhood days he was associated with the music and jewelry business which was operated by his brothers, and in 1919, when he was twenty-two years of age he was admitted to partnership in the firm. In the business in Wilkes-Barre he received a thorough training, and for eight years he continued to work hard in the interests of the original concern. As time passed, however, it became evident that it would be advantageous to all concerned to expand the field of operations, and this was accordingly done by opening a second store in Hazleton and placing Leo Landau in charge as manager. The store was opened on November 11, 1927, under the name of Landau Brothers, and they are selling full lines of jewelry, music, radios, and furniture on the deferred payment plan. The business is owned by the four brothers, Hyman, Leo, Nat and Isadore; Leo Landau has full charge of the Hazleton district. The store is seventeen and a half by one hundred and fifty feet, four floors, and basement, and it draws its patronage from all sections of Hazleton as well as from a large territory surrounding the place.

Fraternally, Mr. Landau is affiliated with Landmark Lodge, No. 442, Free and Accepted Masons, Wilkes-Barre; also with Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; and with Caldwell Consistory, of Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania. He is a member of the Masonic Club and of the Kiwanis Club, also of the Craftsman's Club, and has been very active in the Young Men's Hebrew Association, of which he is a member of the board of directors. His religious membership is with the B'nai B'rith Hebrew Congregation, and he is a helpful member of all the various organizations with which he is identified.

Leo Landau was married, September 10,

1922, to Anna Weisberger, of Nanticoke, Pennsylvania, and they are the parents of two sons: Howard R. and Calvin Jerome. The family home is located at No. 160 North Church Street, Hazleton.

**ZOLTAN J. DROSDICK**—Though still a young man, Zoltan J. Drosdick has won a position of unusual importance in the financial world of Hazleton and the vicinity. After thorough preparation for his career and a period of preliminary training during which he revealed great talent, he became an officer and a director of the City Bank and Trust Company, of Hazleton, of which his father, Michael Drosdick, was then president. Aside from his business interests, Mr. Drosdick is highly regarded in his community as a public-spirited citizen, and he is a member of several local civic and fraternal organizations.

Mr. Drosdick was born October 8, 1899, in Hazleton, Pennsylvania, a son of Michael Drosdick, now deceased, who was born in Hungary, and of Malvina (Duboczky) Drosdick. His father came to the United States when he was fifteen years old and after working in various capacities for a number of years, entered the foreign exchange house of Martin and Nemeth, at Hazleton, of which he soon became manager and eventually a partner in the business. In 1917, he organized the American Bank and Trust Company, first known as the Hazleton Slavonic Bank, of which he was vice-president and manager of foreign exchange, and in 1922 he organized and served as first president of the City Bank and Trust Company, which position he retained until his death on December 21, 1926.

Zoltan J. Drosdick attended the public schools of Hazleton, and the high school, from which he was graduated in 1917. Later he undertook a course of study at the Wharton School of Finance in Philadelphia, and upon its completion, entered the employ of the Hazleton Slavonic Bank, where he remained from February, 1918, until February, 1922. At the end of that time, he and his father began the organization of the City Bank and Trust Company, which was chartered on February 8, 1923, and opened its doors on April 2, of the same year, at No. 31 South Wyoming Street, Hazleton. This bank has a capital of \$125,000, and deposits of well over a million dollars, its shares of capital stock selling now at a premium. The original officers of the institution were: Michael Drosdick, president; J. H. Lahm, vice-president; Zoltan J. Drosdick, secretary; J. L. Michel, treasurer; directors: Michael Drosdick, J. H. Lahm, John H. Bonin, M. A. Gallagher, Stephen F. Payer, John Eagler, Adam Ifert, E. F. Hanlon, E. D. Snyder, C. A. Mason, Charles H. Rice, and Zoltan J. Drosdick. Upon the death of Michael Drosdick, John H. Lahm became president, and Zoltan J. Drosdick, vice-president and treasurer, and this arrangement has continued since that time. Correspondents of the bank include: The City National Bank and Trust Company, of Philadelphia, the Mellon National Bank, of Pittsburgh, and the Chemical National Bank, of New York City.

Politically, Mr. Drosdick is a member of the Republican party, and he is affiliated fraternally with the Knights of Columbus, fourth degree. He is a member of the local Chamber of Commerce, and attends St. Gabriel's Roman Catholic Church. His residence is at No. 160 South Church Street, Hazleton.

**CLEMENT H. WARKOMSKI, D. D. S.**—Although he is one of the younger professional men of Pittston, Clement H. Warkom-

ski already has shown considerable promise as a practicing dentist of this city. Those who have become his patients and they include a large number of men and women of the community—have been impressed by his skill and craftsmanship, as well as with the care with which he goes about his work. He has been practicing only a few years, but in that time he has made a name for himself, both among his patients and among his fellow professional men.

Dr. Warkomski is a son of Barney and Josephine Warkomski, his father being a native of Russia and his mother having been born in Germany. His parents live in Nanticoke, Pennsylvania, where the father is engaged in mine work. As a boy, Clement H. Warkomski, who was born in Nanticoke, Pennsylvania, September 29, 1903, attended the public schools and the high school there. In the class of 1921 he was graduated from the Nanticoke High School. Then he became a student at the University of Pittsburgh, from which institution he was graduated in the class of 1925, receiving the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery. Then in 1926 he began his practice, settling in Pittston. He maintains offices at No. 200, New Rose Building, Pittston, and already has attained a large following of faithful patients who rely utterly upon his skill because they have learned to know his work and the care with which he performs it.

Dr. Warkomski keeps in close touch with affairs in his profession, especially through his membership in the National Dental Association, the Pennsylvania State Dental Association, and the Luzerne County Dental Association. In his religious affiliations, he is a member of the Roman Catholic Church of Pittston.

**LOUIS A. TURON**—When Louis A. Turon was ten years of age he had already begun to acquire his education in the "University of Hard Knocks," and if the character of his schooling is to be judged by the success of mature years, his school was a good one. In 1913, as a young man of twenty-three years, he formed a partnership with D. H. Schwartz under the firm name of Turon & Schwartz, and engaged in the lumber business in Pittston, and today (1928) that concern ranks as one of the leading lumber concerns of Pittston. Mr. Turon is very well known in this section of Luzerne County as a very able business man and also as a public-spirited citizen. He is chief of the Building Committee of the Italian-American Society of Wilkes-Barre, and active in all its affairs.

Lawrence P. Turon, father of Mr. Turon, was born in Italy, about 1862, but in 1885, as a young man of twenty-three years of age, he left his native land and came to America seeking the longed for opportunity to make the most of his ability unhampered by the restrictions of the Old World. He came to Pittston, Pennsylvania, and here for a time he worked as a mason and later as a carpenter. The energy and initiative which had enabled him to leave the land of his birth and come to a strange country for the betterment of his fortunes, however, was still his in large measure and he had no intention of remaining merely a carpenter working in the employ of others. He decided to study architecture and to this profession he brought not only his building experience but also first class artistic ability. As time passed he came to be recognized as one of the talented men of his profession and took his place among his fellows as one of the finest architects in the city. Some of the contracts executed by Mr. Turon are the Dime Bank, the Newrose

Building, the Kehoe residence, and the Planters Building, of Wilkes-Barre. In early life, Mr. Turon was a cabinet maker, and all his early experience has contributed to his pronounced success in later years. He is still active (1928) at the age of sixty-six years and is steadily adding to his well earned reputation as a skillful and talented architect and an able business man. He is a member of the Italian-American Society, of Wilkes-Barre; and of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, of Pittston. He married Mary Pulisanna, also a native of Italy.

Louis A. Turon, son of Lawrence P. and Mary (Pulisanna) Turon was born in Pittston, Pennsylvania, March 10, 1890, and secured his education wherever he could find something to learn. He says that his education was secured mostly in the "school of hard knocks," and it is certain that he began that training at an early age for when he was ten years old he was hard at work in a bake shop. He had inherited a goodly share of his father's progressiveness and ability, however, and he worked steadily toward his goal, never fearing hard work, giving full measure for the pay he received, and keeping a close look-out for opportunity in whatever form it might appear. He was well aware of the fact that if he was ever to become the owner of a business he must have capital, and with that end in view he not only worked hard but he also saved hard. In 1913, when he was still only twenty-three years old, he formed a partnership with D. H. Schwartz under the firm name of Turon & Schwartz, and engaged in the lumber business. Both of the partners were good business men, and both devoted their energy to the development of the business which they had founded. The result is that the enterprise has grown and prospered marvelously, and the boy who at the age of ten was working hard in a bake shop is now one of the leading business men of the city of Pittston. Like his father, Mr. Turon is a member of the Italian-American Society, of Wilkes-Barre, and he, too, is active in its affairs, serving as chief of its building committee. He is also a member and a director of the Roaring Run Fishing Club.

Louis A. Turon was married, April 14, 1920, to Jeannette Eagan, of Pittston, and they are the parents of four children: Jean, Louis A., Jr., Marie and Doris. Mr. and Mrs. Turon are members of St. John's Roman Catholic Church, but Lawrence P. Turon, the father, and his wife are communicants of St. Rocco's Roman Catholic Church. Louis A. Turon and his family make their home at No. 1110 Susquehanna Avenue, in Pittston.

**JACK LANDAU**—Since early 1927 Jack Landau had been manager of the Landau Music and Jewellery Store at Pittston. Though still relatively young he has proved himself a business man of the finest progressive type, maintaining the traditional excellence associated with the Landau name. The Pittston store, a direct outgrowth of the original store founded by Samuel Landau in 1898 at Wilkes-Barre, was established on October 21, 1921, by Harry Michlosky, Messrs. Hyman and Nathaniel Landau. Located first at No. 40 South Main Street, they moved in April, 1923, to larger quarters at No. 21 North Main Street, where they still remain, occupying a two-story building one hundred and sixty-five feet long and twenty-five feet wide. The store is well stocked with a complete line of the best jewelry, musical instruments, and radios, featuring especially Victor records and Victrolas, R. C. A. Radiolas, Atwater Kent radios, Buescher and Gibsons

instruments, Leedy drums, Bulova wrist watches and other merchandise of a high grade. For the first six years of its existence Nathaniel Landau acted as manager for the store, but in March, 1927, Harry Michlosky assumed full control of the enterprise, Hyman and Nathaniel Landau relinquishing their holdings, and at that time Jack Landau became manager, a position which he still holds.

His father, Samuel Landau, was born in Galicia, Hungary, in 1876. Coming to the United States as a young man, he established a jewelry and music store in 1898 at Wilkes-Barre, at the age of twenty-two, continuing in business there until his death in 1913. Mr. Landau was highly respected in the community and a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He married Sara Michlosky, a sister of the present proprietor of the Landau Pittston store, who is still living, and they were the parents of three children, Jack, Nathaniel, and Leroy. Of these Nathaniel is now connected with the Wilkes-Barre store, and the manager of the Victor department there.

Jack Landau was born in Wilkes-Barre, January 31, 1905. He attended the public schools there, and as he grew up, became associated with the Landau music and jewelry stores in Wilkes-Barre and Pittston, finally becoming manager of the latter. His initiative and undoubted business talent, besides being of great value in his work, have brought him the respect of his entire community. He is a member of the Young Men's Hebrew Association, and associated with the local Chamber of Commerce.

On January 16, 1927, Mr. Landau married Frances Baron, of Plymouth, and they are the parents of one child, Samuel, who was born December 29, 1927. The family home is at No. 85 First Avenue, Kingston, Pennsylvania.

**EDMUND NIKLEWSKI**—One of the younger doctors of dental science engaged in general practice in Nanticoke, with offices in the Hill Building, South Market Street, is Edmund Niklewski, who was born in Nanticoke, May 15, 1898, a son of Joseph and Anna (Niklewski) Niklewski. Joseph Niklewski was born in Posen, Poland; there attended public school, learned the trade of stone mason, and came to the United States soon after he had attained his majority of years. He located in Nanticoke and here engaged in his trade for many years, up until the time of his retirement. He is now (1928) living, still active in affairs of Nanticoke, and especially in those of the Polish circles in which he moves.

Edmund Niklewski attended the public schools of his native city. He graduated from Nanticoke High School with the class of 1917, and matriculated in Bucknell University. At Bucknell he was for four months in the Reserve Officers' Training Corps, up to the close of the war and to the end of his studies in that institution. Meanwhile he had decided upon dentistry as a career, and after leaving Bucknell, which is located in Lewisburg, he entered the University of Pittsburgh, and from its department of dentistry graduated in 1924, with honors for class standing and the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery. Without delay he began the practice of his profession in Nanticoke, and his offices are known to an ever increasing clientele. Dr. Niklewski is secretary-treasurer of the Nanticoke Dental Society; a member of the Dental Association of Luzerne County and of the National Dental





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Society, and in all organizations enjoys the highest professional standing. He is also a member of the American Legion, the Polish Union, and the Polish Falcons. While he does not profess great concern in matters of politics, his influence in Polish circles and in those fraternal bodies in which he is a member tends to be substantial, and he employs it quietly, always to the good of the community at large. He is a communicant of the Roman Catholic Church, is devout in the service of the church, and most kindly in his works for charity. Dr. Niklewski is one of the staff of physicians and surgeons attending the clinics held in the Polish Orphanage, and here, as in so many ways outside, he accomplishes material good.

Dr. Niklewski is possessed in generous degree of those endowments of character which elevate a man in the opinions of his fellows; and it is said of him by those who know him well, that in his profession he is skilled, strictly ethical; in his manner temperate; in conviction firm, but ready quickly to alter a contention upon discovery that it is in error; and a citizen whose value to community, State and Nation is not to be doubted. Bowling forms his chief recreation, and he is a member of the American Bowling Team (1928).

**FREDERICK A. MUSCHLITZ, M. D.**—Since 1917 Dr. Frederick A. Muschlitz has been identified with the medical staff of the Pittston Hospital where he devotes most of his activity to general practice and surgery.

Frederick A. Muschlitz was born in Slatington, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, December 9, 1887, the son of Robert F. and Amanda S. (Meensden) Muschlitz. He has received his education in most well known institutions in the State of Pennsylvania, going first to Mercersburg, then to the University of Pennsylvania, and then graduating from the Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in the class of 1911. This was followed by a term as interne in the Philadelphia General Hospital and when he had completed his internship, he returned to his native town and began the general practice of medicine. He continued in this work until the death of his father, when he found it necessary to retire from the practice for awhile and carry on the business of his late father. This he did for a period of five years, after which time he again resumed the activities of his chosen profession. It was at this time that he came to Pittston and became a member of the staff in the Pittston Hospital.

In 1917, Dr. Muschlitz enlisted in the United States Navy for the period of the World War. While waiting to be called into service, he went to Clinton, New Jersey, where he took charge of the practice of Dr. A. H. Coleman. He spent several months in Clinton and then came back to Pittston where he has since remained as a member of the surgical staff of the local hospital. He is also an assistant surgeon at the Pennsylvania Coal and Coke Company's collieries.

Dr. Muschlitz is a member of the Luzerne County Medical Society; the State Medical Society, and the American Medical Association. He is also a member of the Junior Order United American Mechanics, the Fox Hill Country Club and the Presbyterian Church.

In 1911, Dr. Frederick A. Muschlitz married Elizabeth Boyer, of Easton, Pennsylvania. They have one child, Charlotte. Dr. and Mrs. Muschlitz make their home at No 910 Susquehanna Avenue.

**JOHN H. HARACZ**—Patriotism runs high in the blood of John H. Haracz, of Plymouth, whose retail clothing business at No. 105 West Main Street, is well known and one of the prosperous establishments of the township. He was but twenty years of age when he enlisted in the army and spent more than two years at the fighting front in the World War. This indomitable spirit won for him the praise of his fellow-townsmen and a circle of friends that has been a powerful factor in his success as a merchant, although his individuality, industry and personality have had their full share. He has proven himself a citizen of great value to the community, for it is the younger element working today that will lead the way for another to follow and the example that is set by the present generation will have its effect upon the next. In this respect Mr. Haracz is a worthy example to follow.

He was born in Plymouth Township, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, September 21, 1896, a son of Anthony and Victoria (Ripski) Haracz, both natives of Poland, who came to this country when young and settled here. His father is connected with the fire department of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad. The boy acquired his education in the public schools of Plymouth and was graduated from high school, after which he entered the employ of Max Kaiser, clothing merchant, where he worked for five years, learning the business. In 1916 he enlisted in the army, before the United States entered the World War, and was assigned to the Machine Gun Corps, with which, in the 16th Company, he was sent overseas with the first 100,000 men of the American Expeditionary Forces. He was in action in the Toul sector and elsewhere and was wounded. He was discharged, with the rank of corporal, June 16, 1919, and returned to Plymouth, where he established himself in the men's clothing and furnishings business at No. 105 West Main Street, where he now continues to conduct the enterprise. He is a member of the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce, the American Legion, Kiwanis and Shawnee clubs, Lodge No. 109, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Société 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux and Plymouth Fire Company, No. 1. In politics he is a Republican. His church is St. Mary's Roman Catholic.

John H. Haracz married, in 1921, Blanche Surowinski, of Plymouth, daughter of Anthony and Catherine Surowinski. They are the parents of two children: 1. John J., born June 18, 1923. 2. Rosemary, born February 4, 1926.

**BENJAMIN C. RYDZEWSKI**—A fine example of rise to a position of importance and influence in the banking world of this district is furnished by the career of Benjamin C. Rydzewski, one of the organizers of the Glen Lyon National Bank, which, and its predecessor as a State bank, he has served as cashier for a period approaching twenty years. Mr. Rydzewski worked up from an employee at a coal-breaker, through various clerkships, to a position in a bank, where he made practical application of a course in banking taken at an institute. His ascent was rapid, and he is still a young man, a leader in the group of progressive financiers of the Wyoming Valley.

Benjamin C. Rydzewski was born in Plymouth, April 17, 1890, the son of Hilary and Anela (Niemkiewicz) Rydzewski, his father born in Russian Poland, in 1861, and is a miner; his mother, born in Russian Poland in

1874. His early education in the Plymouth public schools was followed by a special course in banking in an institution which made that one of its principal subjects. At that time even, it seemed that he had his mind fixed upon a career in the financial realm, and he bided his time against the day when he should make the desired connection. For a short time he worked in a coal-breaker; this was employment ready at hand and his father was also engaged in coal mining. Next he accepted a position as clerk for the Bartel Brewing Company, with which he remained for one and one-half years. The conclusion of his service there marked his entrance upon the line of work upon which he had set his heart.

He was offered a clerkship in the Plymouth National Bank, which, needless to state, he readily accepted. Every step of the banking profession that he took in the line of promotion he covered with the intention of mastering each detail. Such an exhibition of zeal, loyalty and thoroughness did not long go unrewarded, and in due time he was advanced to the position of teller. He had been with the Plymouth institution five years when called to another field in a similar service, but on a more important scale.

In 1912, Mr. Rydzewski was called to Glen L. on to organize the Glen Lyon Bank, which opened for business in April of that year under a State charter. The first board of officers comprised: President, Harry U. Nyhart; vice-president, John Barrett (since deceased); cashier, Benjamin C. Rydzewski. The institution continued to function as a State bank until January 3, 1928, when reorganization was effected under the National Bank Act, and its present style was adopted. The present board of officers consists of Harry U. Nyhart, president; Sander Engel, vice-president; Benjamin C. Rydzewski, cashier. The bank's quarters were built in 1912, and a remodeling of the building along modern lines was completed in 1928.

Mr. Rydzewski is a member of the Wyoming Valley Country Club, and is a helpful and influential member of the Republican party, affiliated with the Knights of Columbus, the Z. N. P. and the Polish Union; a director and treasurer of the Federation of Charities of Nanticoke and vicinity; and was treasurer of St. Stanislaus' Orphanage at Shaytown, and a communicant of St. Stanislaus' Roman Catholic Church at Nanticoke, in which city he and his family have their residence.

Benjamin C. Rydzewski married, in 1915, Anna Groblewski, of Plymouth, daughter of Albert G. and Helen Groblewski. Their children are: 1. Benjamin A., born October 17, 1916. 2. Gertrude, born February 14, 1919.

**A. PETER KANJORSKI**—Associated with his brother, Bruno Kanjorski, in the practice of law with offices in the Kanjorski Building at Nanticoke and the Bennett Building in Wilkes-Barre is A. Peter Kanjorski, who was admitted to the Luzerne County Bar in 1922 and to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania in January, 1923. He organized the Polish Miners Beneficial Society of the United States of North America, and is now its general counsel.

A. Peter Kanjorski was born April 5, 1897, in the city of Nanticoke, son of Peter and Constance Kanjorski. The father is identified with the mercantile and real estate business in Nanticoke; is a communicant of the Roman Catholic Church and in politics a Republican. The son was reared to man-

hood in his native city, attending the public schools until his graduation from Nanticoke High School in 1915 when he entered the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, from which he received the degree Bachelor of Science in Economics with the class of 1919. In the following autumn he entered the law school of the same institution and in 1922 was graduated with the degree Bachelor of Laws. While a student he was a member of the Philosophic Literary Society and was assistant business manager of the undergraduate literary monthly, "The Red and Blue."

He served in 1917 with the United States Food Administration under Howard Hinz and later in the course of the World War was transferred to the military intelligence staff and stationed in Washington, District of Columbia, until the declaration of peace. He is a member of Nanticoke Post, No. 350, American Legion; Kiwanis Club of Nanticoke; Wilkes-Barre Lodge, No. 109, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; Polish National Alliance of America; the Polish Falcons of America; the Polish Union of America; and he is a communicant of Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church of Nanticoke. In politics he is a Republican.

Mr. Kanjorski married, April 13, 1925, Wanda Isabelle Nedbolski, of Lee Park, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Nedbolski of Hanover Township, Luzerne County. They have a daughter, Wanda Isabelle.

**JOHN K. JENKINS**—One of the citizens of Wilkes-Barre whose services as a banker have been noteworthy is John K. Jenkins, who is assistant cashier of the Wyoming National Bank, of this city, with which firm he has been identified actively since 1907. He is keenly interested in the public affairs of his community, the inhabitants of which consider him as a leading figure here. He takes a prominent part in the club and fraternal life of this part of Pennsylvania, and is active in a political way.

Mr. Jenkins was born on July 29, 1887, in Wilkes-Barre, a son of George S. and Ida K. (Kinne) Jenkins. Although his father died at the age of sixty-nine years, his mother is still living, having been born in 1851. George S. Jenkins was during his lifetime a foreman at the Sheldon Axle Works, of Wilkes-Barre, a position which he held for many years. He and Ida K. (Kinne) Jenkins had four children: William A., of Wilkes-Barre; James W., of Newark, New York; Clara L., who is unmarried and is living in Wilkes-Barre; and John K., of further mention.

John K. Jenkins, while a boy, attended the public schools, and was graduated from the Wilkes-Barre High School in the class of 1905. Then he took a business course in the Wyoming Seminary, from which institution he was graduated in the class of 1906. On February 4, 1907, he took a position with the Wyoming National Bank, of Wilkes-Barre, and since that time has been continuously employed with this company. He has served as junior bookkeeper, as teller, and, since 1923, as assistant cashier. His years of faithful service have brought him the esteem of his co-workers, and have given him an important place in the banking circles of his community. Mr. Jenkins takes an active part in political matters, being a member of the Republican party, whose principles and candidates he supports. He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, in which order he is affiliated with the Wilkes-Barre Lodge, No. 109; of the Wyoming Valley

Country Club; of the Franklin Club; of the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce; and of the Memorial Presbyterian Church. Mr. Jenkins married, June 6, 1918, Jean W. Davis, daughter of J. Wallace and Martha (Nesbit) Davis. On her mother's side, Mrs. Jenkins is descended from a family which was one of the first to settle in the Wyoming Valley, originally having settled in Connecticut when they came to the United States. The Jenkins family residence is situated on East Pettibone Street, in Forty Fort, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania. John K. and Jean W. (Davis) Jenkins are the parents of one child, Elda Ruth.

**WILLIAM BENJAMIN HOUSER**—A business man of long experience and proved ability, William Benjamin Houser has been active in the life of Parsons and Wilkes-Barre for many years. Associated with several local ventures at various times, he is now chiefly interested in insurance and real estate, conducting a business in these fields under his own name. He has been very prominent in civic affairs and is now justice of the peace, an office to which he was first elected more than twenty years ago and which he has filled most successfully since that time.

Mr. Houser was born in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, on July 17, 1877, a son of Franklin Houser, a blacksmith by trade who died on December 5, 1898, and of Elizabeth (Keller) Houser, who was born in Berks County, Pennsylvania, and died in September, 1894. The father was a member of an old Schuylkill County family, the line running back in this section for more than two hundred years.

William Benjamin Houser came with his parents to Luzerne County in 1884, attended the public schools of Parsons, and was graduated from the local high school in 1892. With the completion of his academic training, he followed the trade of carpenter for a few years, keeping alert for the larger opportunities which might come to him. Eventually he acquired the ownership of a hotel here which he conducted for a few years, before retiring in 1908 to begin his activities in the local real estate market and in insurance work. He possessed a remarkably sound judgment in the matter of business trends and property values which brought him immediate success in his new venture, to which he has devoted most of his time and attention since he established his business. A director since 1922 of the Liberty State Bank and Trust Company, at Wilkes-Barre, Mr. Houser is regarded as an authority on local business conditions and his advice in matters of importance is frequently sought and highly regarded.

He has always considered service in the public interest no less worthy of his best attention than his own affairs, and from the time he reached his majority he held public office continuously in the Borough of Parsons until that borough was annexed by the City of Wilkes-Barre. It was in 1908 that he was first elected justice of the peace, an office which he still holds, while a few years later he served for a period as borough assessor of Parsons. In politics, Mr. Houser is a consistent supporter of Republican principles and candidates, while fraternally he is affiliated with the Patriotic Order Sons of America, the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, the Loyal Order of Moose, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which body he is a member of Uri Lodge, No. 433.

He is also a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, while with his family he worships in the Reformed faith, attending St. Luke's Church of this denomination at Parsons.

In 1898, William Benjamin Houser married Ida Wandell, of Scranton, Pennsylvania, a daughter of John Roth and Mary Wandell of that city. Mr. and Mrs. Houser are the parents of one daughter, Anna, now Mrs. William Hayes. There is also one granddaughter, Wilhelmina Hayes. The family residence in Parsons is situated at No. 217 Laurel Street.

**ALBERT W. DRIESBACH**—Among the best known and most popular business men of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, is Albert W. Driesbach, trust officer for the Miners' Bank of that city.

Born at Pittston, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, December 10, 1895, he was the son of David and Bertha Driesbach. His father, now dead, was for many years stationary engineer of the Shovel Works at Pittston, Pennsylvania. His mother is still living. Their children were: Eva, the widow of Dr. John M. Mulholland; Esther R., who married Stanley Smith, of Philadelphia; and Albert W., who was the youngest of the family, and of whom further.

Educated in the public schools of Wyoming, Luzerne County, Albert W. Driesbach then entered the Wilkes-Barre Business College, and was graduated in the class of 1916. For the next eighteen months he was employed in a clerical capacity by the Vulcan Iron Works. In 1917 he went into the service of the Miners' Bank of Wilkes-Barre as clerk and bookkeeper, and was promoted to trust officer in 1925.

Mr. Driesbach is a Republican. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church of Wyoming, Pennsylvania. He is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, of Wyoming Lodge, No. 468, Caldwell Consistory, of Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania, and has attained the thirty-second degree in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite.

On January 13, 1923, Mr. Driesbach married May E. Vance, daughter of John and Agnes (Elliott) Vance, of Wyoming, Pennsylvania. Their two children are William Vance and Robert Albert.

**HARRY MICHLOSKY**, once a newsboy on the streets of his native city, today carries the esteem of his fellow-citizens of Luzerne County. The fact that he is recognized as one of the leading jewelry and music merchants of Northeastern Pennsylvania is due largely to his dynamic personality and untiring perseverance in everything he associates himself with. He is a man who has depended entirely upon his own initiative. The county cannot boast a better citizen, as he gives unhesitatingly and unsparingly of his time and money to just causes. His name has been identified on numerous occasions where a committee of local men identify themselves for the promotion of better working conditions—reconciliation of mining disagreements—a champion of the working man's rights—a man with the courage to back up his convictions to the end.

Mr. Michlosky is a member of Landmark Lodge, 442, Free and Accepted Masons; Keystone Consistory at Scranton, Pennsylvania; Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Mason, thirty-second degree; Irem Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and the Shrine Country Club; Wilkes-Barre Lodge No. 109, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; the Young Men's Christian

Association and Young Men's Hebrew Association; one of the organizers and present directors of the Wilkes-Barre Industrial Loan Corporation; was an organizer and is a director of the Union Savings Bank and Trust Company of Wilkes-Barre. He has served three consecutive terms as president of the State Young Men's Hebrew Association.

Harry Michlosky was born in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, April 16, 1884, the son of the late Jacob and Yetta Michlosky. Mr. and Mrs. Michlosky were the parents of six children: Peter and David, connected with their brother, Harry, in the pursuit of his business; Joseph, the proprietor of the Joann Dining Room at No. 33 West Northampton Street; Mollie, wife of Hyman Landau of Wilkes-Barre; and Sara, widow of Samuel Landau, the founder of Landau's Music and Jewelry Stores. Mr. Michlosky's sole education was received in the local public schools, for, as aforementioned, he made an early start in business selling papers while still in his teens—and at the age of fifteen he entered the lunch and restaurant business with his brother, Joseph, purchasing a lot from Harold Rust on West Northampton Street. Together they built the Hampton Apartment Building which housed their dining room and public dance hall, at that time being known as one of the finest in the State. In 1913 he dissolved partnership relations with his brother, Joseph, and purchased an interest in the Landau Music and Jewelry Store at No. 34 South Main Street, Wilkes-Barre. In 1927 he bought out the other interests and is now the sole proprietor of the Landau Music and Jewelry Stores which are located at Wilkes-Barre and Hazleton, an institution catering to the jewelry, music, furniture and radio requirements of the public.

Mr. Michlosky married Tiba Rosenblatt on June 6, 1911, at Elmira, New York, the daughter of Charles and Minnette Rosenblatt. They have three children: Minnette, Roslyn and Charles.

**REV. EMIL SEMETKOVSKY**—Coming to the pastorate of St. Mary's Greek Catholic Church at No. 321 Chestnut Street, Kingston, Pennsylvania, in 1922, the Rev. Emil Semetkovsky quickly won the affection and esteem of his people, a condition so necessary for progress in the work of a parish. He has shown himself to be a man of fine spirit, cultured, tolerant, firm in the discharge of his duties, and with an executive capacity which has brought to the church a fine new school and parish and parish house, and a growing membership of three hundred families, totaling some fifteen hundred souls.

Dr. Semetkovsky was born in Austria-Hungarian territory, which is now a part of Czechoslovakia, on January 20, 1884, a son of Michael and Olga Semetkovsky, and their only child. The mother is now dead, but Michael Semetkovsky is still living in his native country.

Emil Semetkovsky attended the schools of Hungary and after further training was ordained to the priesthood in August, 1907, serving in Hungary in this capacity until 1921, when he came to the United States. His first charge in America was the rectorship of a Catholic church in Phillipsburg, New Jersey, and here he remained for one year. At the end of that time he was appointed rector in charge of St. Mary's Greek Church at Kingston, and in this position he has since remained.

The first St. Mary's Church was erected in Kingston in 1886 by the Rev. Nicholas Zu-

brisky, but the present structure of fine press brick with all modern improvements and a seating capacity of nearly one thousand, was built in 1913 by the Rev. Nicholas Molchany. To this work of his predecessors, Rev. Emil Semetkovsky has added the new church school and parish house, erected in 1923, and these are modern in every respect and worthy additions to the group of buildings which occupies one of the most beautiful locations in Kingston. While the material growth of the parish has been rapid, the spiritual growth is no less noticeable, and the present rector has been at pains to make one as much his care as the other. In this he has been entirely successful as the large church membership shows.

On July 16, 1907, the Rev. Semetkovsky married Mary Martak, who was also born in Austria, and they are the parents of two children: Mary and Edith, both of whom live at home with their parents.

**FRANK PUCKEY**—For more than half a century Frank Puckey was an active member of the firm of William Puckey and Brother, of Wilkes-Barre, dealers in art goods, books and stationery, the house having been established here by the elder brother in 1866. Frank Puckey was born in England and came to America when a young man, settling in Wilkes-Barre. He died here on August 2, 1925, aged seventy-seven years. He was a man of the highest character in business, social and religious circles and was a member of many fraternal organizations. During the course of his long business life here he had endeared himself to his fellow-citizens through his upstanding probity and real value to the community, as an exponent of the movements that have been made for the improvement of the social and business structure. His activity in civic matters was no less keen than his business studies, in both of which he maintained the highest standards and followed the Golden Rule to the letter.

Located at No. 54 South Main Street, Wilkes-Barre, the establishment founded by William Puckey in 1866 is the largest and oldest business of its kind in the Wyoming Valley. Frank Puckey was a Republican in politics and a leading member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which organization here he had served for many years as secretary of the board. He was a thirty-second degree member of the order of Free and Accepted Masons, holding membership in the lower ranks as well as in the exclusive Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He also belonged to the Young Men's Christian Association and for more than fifty years was a leading citizen of this community, being at the time of his death the oldest merchant in active business in the city.

Mr. Puckey married Emily H. White, a native of England, living in Wilkes-Barre at the time, the couple becoming the parents of two children: Francis Willard, of Chicago; and Grace White, now the wife of Randall Salisbury of New York City.

**MAMIE A. GAPINSKI, D. D. S.**—As the first Polish dentist to locate in Northeastern Pennsylvania, Dr. Mamie A. Gapinski has abundantly demonstrated the fact that the dental profession is one in which a woman may achieve pronounced success. A graduate of the Philadelphia Dental College, Dr. Gapinski received the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery in 1920, and since the fall of that year has been engaged in practice in Nan-

ticoke, where her offices are located at No. 104 South Market Street.

Adam Gapinski, father of Dr. Gapinski, now deceased, was of German-Polish birth. With his wife, Frances (Maciewski) Gapinski, he came to this country and settled in Nanticoke, where they made their permanent home, and where they reared a family of four children, two of whom are now (1928) living: Dr. Mamie A., of further mention; and Frank.

Dr. Mamie A. Gapinski was born in Nanticoke, and attended the public schools of this city. Always an able and ambitious girl, she early determined to prepare herself for the practice of a profession, and finally chose that of the dentist. In 1916, she graduated from the Nanticoke High School, and four years later in 1920, she received the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery from the Philadelphia Dental College. In the fall of that year she located in Nanticoke, the place of her birth and of her childhood and youth, and here she has remained, filling a place of usefulness and of honor, and making a financial success of her profession. She has the distinction of being the first dentist of Polish birth to practice the dental profession in Northeastern Pennsylvania, and this, together with the fact that she is a skilled dentist, has brought her marked success. Skilled, tactful, faithful, and enthusiastically interested in her work, she has the full confidence and trust of her many patients, and is performing a valuable work among her fellow-countrymen, as well as among many others who have tested her skill and found her amply prepared for her work. She is a member of the Luzerne County Dental Association, of the Pennsylvania State Dental Association, and of the American Dental Society, and among her colleagues is known as an able member of the profession.

Outside her profession, Dr. Gapinski is a woman of culture and refinement, much loved by her friends, and greatly respected by all who know her. For seven years she has been building the large practice which she now cares for, and as those years have passed, she has steadily grown in favor, both among her patients, who regard her as a friend in need, as well as a good dentist, and among her colleagues, whom time and experience have fully convinced and reconciled.

**WARREN E. SWANK, D. C., Ph. C.**—Thoroughly trained in his profession, Warren E. Swank is now a chiropractor at Hazleton, Pennsylvania, with offices at No. 305 Hazleton Bank Building. Mr. Swank furnishes to this district a chiropractic service of the highest type, usually obtainable only in the largest cities, and by his own efforts he has built up an extensive practice.

Dr. Swank was born in Sunbury, Pennsylvania, on October 15, 1895, a son of E. W. and Annie M. (Snyder) Swank, of that place. He attended the public schools of his birthplace, and the local high school, from which he was graduated in 1915. In 1917, when the United States entered the World War, Mr. Swank immediately enlisted, was assigned to Headquarters Troop, 28th Division, and stationed for a time at Camp Hancock, in Augusta, Georgia. In the spring of 1918, Dr. Swank went to France with his division as a member of the American Expeditionary Forces, was present at the engagement at St. Mihiel, the Argonne Offensive, and participated also in other major operations of the war. In the summer of 1919, while still in France, Dr. Swank attended the University of Beaume, and upon

his return to the United States he took up the study of chiropractic, at the Palmer School of Chiropractic, Davenport, Iowa. From this institution he was graduated in 1921, and soon afterwards began the practice of his profession in Hazleton. Quickly winning the confidence of the community, he built up a prosperous practice to which he has since devoted his time and attention with complete success.

Dr. Swank is active in the various civic enterprises of Hazleton, and he is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, in which order he is a member of Maclay Lodge, No. 632, at Sunbury, and a member of Lehigh Consistory. Dr. Swank is also a member of Lodge No. 200 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, a member of the Patriotic Order of the Sons of America, and of the American Legion, Young Men's Christian Association, Craftsmen's Club, and Motor Club. He is a member of the Pennsylvania State Chiropractors Association and of the Universal Chiropractors Association. He and Mrs. Swank attend the local First Presbyterian Church.

On June 27, 1923, Warren E. Swank married Elsie E. Morgan, of Hazleton, daughter of Mrs. Lillian Morgan of this place. Mrs. Swank was educated at Bloomsburg Normal School and in Columbia University, following which she taught for a time in the Hazleton schools. She is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, and is active in primary church work. Dr. and Mrs. Swank make their home at No. 127 West Magnolia Street, Hazleton.

**REVEREND GEORGE V. INCZURA**, the present pastor of St. Mary's of the Annunciation, Lithuanian Roman Catholic Church, is the son of Aloysius and Veleria (Adomavicz) Inczura, both now deceased, who were natives and citizens of Lithuania and the parents of six children: Christina; John; Joseph; Anthony; Leo; and George V., of whom further.

George V. Inczura was born August 1, 1882, in Lithuania, where he was educated and when quite a young man received his degree of Bachelor of Arts. He is especially well versed in different languages, being familiar with the Russian language which he speaks fluently. While living in Lithuania, he was a teacher of penmanship, and also taught Latin in Mintaujia in Latvia. He has familiarized himself with four languages. He came to this country in 1907 and very soon after began the study of theology at St. Bonaventure Seminary at Allegany, New York, from which he graduated in 1908. On July 3, 1908, he was ordained in the Cathedral of Sts. Peter and Paul at Scranton, Pennsylvania, by the Right Reverend M. J. Hoban, Bishop of Scranton. Reverend Inczura took his first charge at St. Mary's Lithuanian Roman Catholic Church at Wanamie, Pennsylvania, where he remained from August 15, 1908, to December 6, 1910. He was then transferred to the Church of Sts. Peter and Paul at Hazleton, Pennsylvania, where he served from December, 1910, to May, 1911. His next charge was at St. Casimir's Lithuanian and Polish Church at Freeland, Pennsylvania, in Luzerne County. He was here from 1911 to 1917, when he was transferred to his present charge at Kingston, Pennsylvania. The history of the church at Kingston is interesting. It was organized in February, 1902, the congregation being formed from that of the Church of St. Casimir at Plymouth, which church was burned down about 1901 or 1902. It was owing to the bad roads, the crowded cars

and the long distance and great inconvenience in getting to the Church of St. Casimir's at Plymouth, especially during bad weather, that many of its worshippers went out to form the new church. After the congregation was organized into a church, it worshipped at the Church of Sts. Cyrillus and Methodius, at Edwardsville, Pennsylvania, for a period of six months when that church edifice was burned. This occurred in 1902. The congregation then used the basement of the present church building for worship until the edifice was completed. The church was dedicated by the Right Reverend M. J. Hoban, bishop of Scranton, on August 15, 1908, and the Reverend J. V. Kudizka was installed as its first pastor. He served the congregation from February 15, 1902 until 1917. While in charge, he built the church and the parish house and when he left, the church did not owe a penny. This church is of modern construction and up-to-date in all appurtenances. It has two large double towers of red pressed brick, and is one hundred and ten feet in length, and fifty feet in width with a seating capacity of nearly nine hundred persons. Father Inczura has a congregation of about four hundred and fifty families comprising nearly two thousand souls, and carries on all the work of the parish without an assistant. He is a hard worker, and who is democratic in all his dealings with his fellowmen. He is a member of the Lithuanian Roman Catholic Alliance, Branch No. 1, at Kingston, Pennsylvania. In politics he is a Democrat.

**DENNIS EUGENE SOSNOWSKI**—It is quite appropriate that two young descendants of Polish parentage should engage in the practice of law at Wilkes-Barre in the same firm, and that each should have served the country of his adoption in the World War. The reference is to Dennis Eugene Sosnowski and Michael John Torkinski (q. v.), who maintain offices at 822-26 Miners' Bank Building and have been quite successful since they entered into partnership.

Mr. Sosnowski was born at Nanticoke, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, October 9, 1889, son of John and Wladyslawa Sosnowski, parents who came to this city about 1870 from their native land, Poland, to seek better opportunities. Mr. and Mrs. Sosnowski became the parents of fourteen children, ten of whom grew up, viz: Stanley, now deceased; Casimir, Frank, Narcissus, Theodosia, now Mrs. Stanley Zborowski; John, Dennis Eugene, of whom further; Mary, now Mrs. Stanley Witkowski; Alexander, and Helen, now Mrs. Gerald Ruddy.

Dennis Eugene Sosnowski attended the Nanticoke public schools as a boy and in the class of 1907 graduated from the Nanticoke High School. Thereupon he entered the Wyoming Seminary and graduated in the class of 1911. Desiring to still further equip himself with educational tools, he matriculated at Yale University at New Haven, Connecticut, which institution awarded him the degree of Bachelor of Arts in the class of 1915. Deciding that his best opportunities lay in the law, Mr. Sosnowski entered the Law School of the same institution, from which he was graduated in the class of 1917 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. Shortly after leaving Yale, and before he could become established at his chosen profession, the United States was embroiled in the World War, and he patriotically joined the colors in the fight against German militarism joined the Officers' Training Camp in the Federal Infantry and was commissioned as second lieutenant and stationed at Camp

Lee, Virginia, until the close of the war. He rendered essential service in training combat troops for duty in France, and received the thanks of a grateful government.

Mr. Sosnowski was admitted to the Pennsylvania Bar in 1921 at Philadelphia and was associated with the law firm of Brown and Williams in the Morris Building. He returned to Luzerne County and the friends of his childhood and was admitted to the Luzerne County Bar in 1925. Mr. Sosnowski is well versed in law, is well read as a lay-reader, and enjoys an unusually high standing among his fellow-members of the profession. In politics Mr. Sosnowski is an independent, for he has always refused to wear a party collar. He votes for and supports the best man, whether Republican, Democrat or otherwise, holding it to be a duty of good citizenship to vote convictions rather than accept party labels. He is a member of the Luzerne County Bar Association, and the Yale Alumni Association of Luzerne County. In religious affairs he is an adherent of the St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church of Hudson, this county. He represents the consul general of Poland in legal matters at Wilkes-Barre, and in this capacity has proven of great value to the numerous subjects of Poland, seeking accommodation and opportunity in this new country. Altogether he has made himself valuable in the commercial and legal cosmology of Luzerne County, and is warmly regarded by his associates and contemporaries. He is still unmarried.

**JOHN MENOVSKY**—The worthy ambition of European immigrants to achieve success in the Western Hemisphere and their ability to do so are well illustrated in the career of John Menovsky, well known member of the Luzerne County Bar, with offices at 300-301 Meyer Building, Wilkes-Barre. Most of the European countries are overcrowded with people; business and agricultural methods are conservative, transportation slow, and the rank and file of the people poor. Not only these things, but the excesses of the ruling dynasties are such that taxes are extremely burdensome, and the principal item contributing to misery is war, which comes every ten years or oftener. These conditions existed in the boyhood of John Menovsky, whose future looked dark to his fond parents; so the determination was arrived at to shake the dust of Europe from their feet and turn their faces to the sunlight in America, the land of opportunity and peace. The family crossed the Atlantic Ocean and settled at Plymouth, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, where Mr. Menovsky obtained employment in a clothing store. The lad had received a little schooling in his native land, and he was anxious to continue, but it was necessary first to keep the wolf away from the door, so he worked hard day and night. When he had made some money and could take things easier, he entered Wyoming Seminary at Kingston, having acquired a fair command of the English language. He worked hard during the summers and at odd times during the winter months, until he was able to set himself up in the office of a member of the local bar with books and the other things needed to start studying law. Presently he entered law school, from which he was duly graduated, and began the practice of the law in Wilkes-Barre. That was nearly thirty-three years ago, since which time he has successfully followed his profession here and won for himself an admirable place in the estimation of his associates and contemporaries.

Mr. Menovsky was born December 31, 1873, at Presov, Czecho-Slovakia, son of hard-working and deserving parents who made many sacrifices for him; his father died some years ago, but his mother and two sisters, with whom he lives, have been spared to see and enjoy his triumphs. After his preliminary schooling, at fourteen years of age he accompanied his parents to America. Following his experience at the Wyoming Seminary he entered the law office of the late John T. Lenahan, and later the office of the late W. C. McLarney, of Plymouth. Association with these learned men inspired him, and he got together enough money to enter the Dickinson College Law School at Carlisle. He made rapid progress in his work and after only a year in the Dickinson Law School he returned home and took the Luzerne County Bar examination, and was admitted to practice October 14, 1895, and has been a general practitioner ever since. His knowledge of the law is extensive and he handles himself in court with a becoming ease and grace.

Mr. Menovsky has always cultivated the habit of thinking for himself, and is independent in his political views. He championed the cause of Theodore Roosevelt. In the campaign of 1912 he served as treasurer of the Luzerne County organization of the Progressive party, and was successful in adding substantially to the campaign chest. In 1910 his prominence and ability were such that he was appointed assistant district attorney of Luzerne County under the late John H. Williams. He acquitted himself most creditably in this difficult position and obtained an experience that has been invaluable to him ever since.

Mr. Menovsky is a leading member of the Luzerne County Bar Association, the Concordia Club of Wilkes-Barre; the Young Men's Christian Association, and the National Slovak Society. He is attorney for the Pennsylvania Bank and Trust Company, with which concern he has made an admirable record. He is a thorough student and one of the best read members of the Luzerne County Bar.

**REV. EDWARD A. BELLAS**, born in Hazleton, Pennsylvania, March 13, 1895, is a son of Edward A. and Elizabeth (Terrence) Bellas, both of whom were natives of Czecho-Slovakia. He has two brothers and one sister: 1. Joseph J., physician, of Newton Falls, Ohio. 2. Elizabeth, wife of Stephen Gryczka, Doctor of Medicine, of Reading, Pennsylvania. 3. Henry B., student, at Hazleton.

Rev. Edward A. Bellas was the second child of the family. He received his earliest education in St. Gabriel's Parochial School, at Hazleton; graduated then from Hazleton High School, and entered St. Charles' Seminary, at Overbrook, Pennsylvania. He completed his course in theology at St. Vincent's at Beatty, Pennsylvania, in the class of 1920, and was ordained a priest July 18, 1920, at the age of twenty-five years. The ceremony was performed in St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church, at Scranton, with the Rt. Rev. M. J. Hoban officiating.

Rev. Bellas' first charge was in Scranton, over a Polish church of the faith. Early in 1921 he was transferred to the cathedral, of Scranton. In August, 1921, he was sent to the Church of St. Rocco, at Hazleton, there having under his charge a congregation of Italians. The following month he was sent to St. Vincent's, at Plymouth, and in October, 1921, transferred to St. Hedwig's Polish Catholic Church, at Kingston. On November 16,

1921, he was called to his present congregation, at Edwardsville, as pastor of St. Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church. This church, one of the finest in the region, located at No. 115 Zerbey Avenue, is composed of pressed red brick, modern in every way, and has a capacity for nine hundred persons. The congregation is composed chiefly of Russians and Slovaks of the Roman Catholic Order. The history of the church is interesting: It was organized in 1901, by the Rev. J. F. Jedlicka, at No. 219 East Grove Street, Edwardsville, and drew its congregation from Kingston, Luzerne and Larksville. In 1906 the church burned down, and in the year following the church of St. Cyril and Methodius was begun, but was not completed until 1925, with Rev. Bellas in charge. Father Jedlicka died in 1921, at which time, as noted, Rev. Edward A. Bellas assumed charge of the parish. The parish house was built by the old Myers estate, about 1875, but this has been renovated from time to time, and today the church, house and capacious hall are in harmony of style.

Rev. Bellas takes an active interest in the affairs of Edwardsville and vicinity, and supports all worthy undertakings for the public good, though he devotes the greater part of his time to the church and his parish.

**REV. JOHN H. KRASHKEVICH**—A native of Russia, but a resident of this country for almost two decades, Rev. Krashkevich decided to follow in his father's footsteps, when the time had arrived to choose his life work, and became a priest of the Russian Orthodox Church. After having held several charges in Cambria and Lackawanna counties, Pennsylvania, he came to Wilkes-Barre in 1923 and since then has been rector of the Russian Orthodox Holy Resurrection Church. A man of deep religious feeling and of great executive ability he has built up his congregation to very large numbers and to a high degree of prosperity. He has been a powerful influence for good, not only amongst his own people, but also in the community at large, and he has gained for himself to an unusual degree the respect and confidence of all who know him.

Rev. Gregory Krashkevich, the father of the subject of this article was a priest of the Orthodox Russian Church and for many years did valuable work in his native country, Russia. He lost his life shortly after the outbreak of the Russian Revolution, refusing to renounce his church and its teachings and as a result was killed by Communist soldiers. He was the father of five sons: Peter, an inspector of public schools in Russia; Basil, a priest of the Russian Orthodox Church and now in prison in Russia on account of his determined adherence to his religious faith; John H., of whom further; Eugene, who died in Moscow of starvation in 1917; and Vladimir Krashkevich, a student in Kief, Russia, who expects to come to the United States at the earliest opportunity.

Rev. John H. Krashkevich was born at Holm, Russia, May 27, 1886, a son of Rev. Gregory and Theodora Krashkevich. He was educated in the seminary of his native town and became a priest of the Russian Orthodox Church. After having served for some years in Russia, he came to the United States in December, 1909. His first charge in this country was the Russian Orthodox Church at Vintondale, Cambria County, Pennsylvania, of which he was rector for two years. From there he went to the Russian Orthodox Church of Olyphant, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania, the head of which he remained for nine years. In 1923 he became rector

of the Russian Orthodox Holy Resurrection Church, Wilkes-Barre, a position which he has continued to hold since then with much ability and success. This church was organized in 1894 by Rev. Alexis Toth, who died at Wilkes-Barre in 1909. At the time of its organization its congregation consisted of about one hundred families; in 1927 it had grown to a membership of more than five hundred families, consisting of some 2,800 individuals. Much of this growth is attributable to the work and to the inspiring leadership of Rev. Krashevich. His church has also done a great deal of missionary work in nearby communities and has organized several new parishes, which have been nourished into a very flourishing condition. These include the parishes at Edwardsville, Alden Station, Hanover, Old Forge and Berwick, all in Luzerne County. Including the mother church, some ten thousand communicants find spiritual guidance in these several churches. Holy Resurrection Church located at No. 591 North Main Street, Wilkes-Barre, is an attractive, modern brick building and one of the most active religious organizations of the city. A fine priests' house adjoins the church and, under the able direction of its rector, the congregation is engaged in many worthwhile educational and similar enterprises. Rev. Krashevich, at the outbreak of the World War in 1914 was on a visit to his native country and, like thousands of other Americans then in Europe, experienced considerable difficulty in returning to this country. However, he finally succeeded in doing so and arrived here eventually in November, 1914. He is a member of the Russian Orthodox Mutual Aid Society of the United States and of the National Slavonic Society. In politics he is a supporter of the Republican party.

Rev. Krashevich married, May 31, 1912, Mary Repa, of Wilkes-Barre, a daughter of John and Julia (Wanat) Repa. They are the parents of three children: George, a junior in the Wilkes-Barre High School; Natalie and Margaret Krashevich, both students in the graded schools of Wilkes-Barre.

**FELIX W. BOLOWICZ**—One of the men of the legal profession who has earned his way as he went and has, by financing his own education, gained a valuable practical experience before admission to the bar, is Felix W. Bolowicz, who is a graduate of the Law School of Columbia University, New York City, and who was admitted to the New York State Bar in 1920 and to the Luzerne County Bar, Pennsylvania, in 1923. Mr. Bolowicz is a director of the Kingston Bank and Trust Company of Kingston, Pennsylvania, and solicitor of Larksville Borough, as well as holding other offices of trust.

Felix W. Bolowicz, father of Mr. Bolowicz, was a miner and was killed in an accident in the Gaylord Mines, in Plymouth, Luzerne County, a short time before Felix W., Jr., was born. His mother, Frances Bolowicz, therefore, was left with the care of a family and of the posthumous son, until several years thereafter when she was married to Anthony Staszinski.

Felix W. Bolowicz, son of Felix W. and Frances Bolowicz, was born in Nanticoke, Luzerne County, November 13, 1891, and when he was nine years of age was taken by his mother to Larksville, Luzerne County. He grew up around the mines of Nanticoke, Simpson, and Larksville, attended the public schools, but even as a boy began work, at the age of fourteen, as a breaker boy, or slate picker, working during all the holidays and vacation periods, and Saturdays, while

attending school. In 1908 he was graduated from the Larksville High School, after which he attended the Harry Hillman Academy, at Wilkes-Barre, for one year, graduating from that institution in 1909. When his preparatory course was completed he took a position with the Kingston Bank and Trust Company, of Kingston, Pennsylvania, where he began as a bookkeeper, and where he rose through various promotions to the position of teller, in which capacity he was serving when he resigned in 1914. In the fall of 1914 he entered Dickinson College, at Carlisle, Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1917. In the fall of that same year he began professional study in the Law School of Columbia University, in New York City, where he completed his course with graduation in 1920, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Laws. Meantime, in 1918, he had enlisted for service in the World War, was made a second lieutenant of Field Artillery, and assigned to Camp Taylor, in Kentucky, where he served until he was mustered out of service, in December, 1918, after which he resumed his studies in the Law School of Columbia University, and was graduated in 1920, as has already been stated. Soon after graduation he was admitted to the New York State Bar and became identified with the Union Carbide and Carbon Corporation of New York. In 1922 he returned to Wilkes-Barre, and was admitted to the Luzerne County Bar in the spring of 1923. Since that time he has been engaged in general practice here, associated with Attorney Michael A. Donohue. He is a member of the Luzerne County Bar Association, of the Pennsylvania State Bar Association and the American Bar Association, and in addition to the care of his private practice he is also a member of the board of directors of the Kingston Bank and Trust Company, of Kingston, Pennsylvania, and a solicitor for Larksville Borough. He is also a school director for Larksville Borough. He is a member of the Larksville Post, American Legion, and of Phi Beta Kappa (honorary) and Beta Theta Pi college fraternities. His religious affiliation is with the Roman Catholic Church.

**FLORENTINE LAURENT SCHOTT**—It was about two-score years ago that a resident of Alsace, then a province of the German Empire, but since the World War restored to France, decided to seek his fortune in this great land of opportunity. It was Laurent Schott who thus challenged fate and with him were his wife, Magdalena and his two-year-old son, Florentine L. Schott. Massillon, Ohio, then a small but rapidly-growing town, was the place where the Schott family first located and it was there that Florentine L. Schott grew to manhood.

Following his graduation from the public schools of Massillon Mr. Schott took a course in a business college, having set his mind on a commercial career. It was in 1900 that he decided that there was a greater opportunity in a larger field and he went to New York City, where he was employed at various commercial pursuits until 1909. He came in that year to Wilkes-Barre and shortly afterwards was appointed president and general manager of Bartels Brewing Company, at Edwardsville, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania. In 1923 he founded the Nepenna Building Materials Company and today is president of that concern, with offices at Edwardsville and Kingston and works at Swoyersville. His company manufactures a special line of brick and tile and other building materials.







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Signal honor was paid to Mr. Schott when on January 18, 1927, he was elected president of the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce. A Republican in politics, Mr. Schott has never sought for office but has devoted his talents in that line to the advancement of Wilkes-Barre. He is an active member of Kingston Lodge, No. 395, Free and Accepted Masons; Caldwell Consistory, thirty-second degree; and Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; and of Wilkes-Barre Lodge, No. 109, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is also a member of the Franklin Club of Wilkes-Barre and the Wilkes-Barre Rotary Club. He and his family are members of the Kingston Presbyterian Church.

In December, 1900, Mr. Schott was united in marriage to Rose E. Raab, of Cleveland, Ohio, a daughter of George and Louise (Schatz) Raab. They are the parents of a daughter, Eleanor Gertrude, who is a graduate of Wheaton College, Norton, Massachusetts, and Katherine Gibbs School of Boston, Massachusetts.

**JAMES RICHARD OLIVER**—One of the most attractive automobile garages, show rooms and service stations in Luzerne County, is the structure on Main Street, Dallas, erected and owned by James Richard Oliver, agent for the Dodge and the Packard cars. Mr. Oliver employs ten men in his establishment, and carries a complete line of parts with which to do all kinds of automobile repair work.

Mr. Oliver was born at Pikes Creek, Luzerne County, on October 4, 1886, the son of Franklin Pierce and Elizabeth (Payne) Oliver, the former a carpenter by trade, who was born at Idetown, Luzerne County, in 1837, and who died in 1891. The mother of Mr. Oliver was a native of Freeland, Luzerne County, where she was born in 1852. Mr. Oliver obtained his early education in the public schools of Ross Township, Lycoming County, after which he was with the American Car and Foundry Company, in Berwick, Columbia County, where he acquired a very thorough knowledge of mechanics. He then went into the business of repairing and selling automobiles under his own name, and in 1922 he located in Dallas, where he undertook the agency for the Dodge cars, and also did a general repair business. It was in 1926 that he purchased the Dr. Henry Lang property on Main Street and erected thereon his present splendid building. He then took over the Packard agency and, in addition, went into the business of selling radio outfits and supplies. In political faith, Mr. Oliver is a Democrat, but he has taken no active part in the political contests of his town. He is affiliated with Dallas Lodge, No. 531, Free and Accepted Masons; with Shekinah Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; with Dieu le Vent Commandery, Knights Templar, and with Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. His religious affiliations are with the local Methodist Church, of which he is a member of the official board.

Mr. Oliver married (first) Carrie Hufford, of Berwick, and of this union there were four children: Kenneth, Margaret, Madge, and James Richard, Jr. Mrs. Oliver passed away in April, 1921, and in 1924 Mr. Oliver married (second) Ethel Yaple, of Dallas, daughter of M. Lowery and Amanda Yaple. Of this union there was one child, Richard Yaple Oliver.

**ZIGMUND A. MROZIEWSKI** has since 1916 been engaged in the undertaking business in

Ashley, Pennsylvania, in association with his father, with offices also in Sugar Notch. Mr. Mroziowski is thoroughly trained in his work and his company carries a complete line of the most modern equipment obtainable. He was born on April 21, 1895, at Sugar Notch, Pennsylvania, a son of Jacob Mroziowski, who was born in Poland in 1863 and came to the United States in 1880, and of Louise (Conniff) Mroziowski, who was born in Poland in 1870, and who died in 1908.

Zigmund A. Mroziowski attended the public schools of his birthplace, and later entered the Eckels School of Embalming, in Philadelphia, from which he was graduated in 1916. Returning to Sugar Notch, he joined his father in the undertaking and embalming business, the latter having begun this work in Sugar Notch in 1906, and offices were maintained both in Ashley and in Sugar Notch under the firm name of Jacob Morris and Son. This arrangement has continued since that time. Mr. Mroziowski has always been interested in the progress and growth of his community and he is now president of the School Board of Ashley, having served in that capacity for two years. Politically, he is a member of the Republican party, and he is affiliated with the Fraternal Order of Eagles. He and his family attend the Holy Family Polish Catholic Church.

On April 24, 1917, Zigmund A. Mroziowski married Sophia Perlowski of Sugar Notch, Pennsylvania, a daughter of John and Mary Perlowski of that place. Mr. and Mrs. Mroziowski are the parents of two children: I. Marion Louise, born August 4, 1922. 2. Eunice Lorraine, born July 3, 1926.

**ADAM W. OLSZEWSKI**—Numbered prominently among the men of Polish birth residing in Nanticoke, and here engaged extensively in business as baker and grocer, Adam W. Olszewski is one of the public-spirited citizens of the community, active in its commercial, political and general affairs, and sincerely respected by all who know him for his character and what he has done.

Mr. Olszewski was born in Poland on November 28, 1889, a son of Stanley and Wanda Olszewski. He attended the schools of his native community until he had reached the age of fourteen years, when, in 1903, he came to the United States, with his parents, locating in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. His first business connection in the country of his adoption was with the Ward Baking Company, with whom he was employed during eighteen months. In this time he acquired proficiency in baking; and, intelligent, quick to learn the language, as well as the methods of his chosen work, he transferred to a baking concern in Nanticoke. Here he was employed for several years. He was industrious, saved his money, mastered all details of the business that he had not learned with the Ward organization, and in 1911 opened a bakery of his own. Suddenly faced with the responsibility of meeting the weekly wage obligations of two employees, not to speak of rent and the ramified expenses to be found in any commercial venture, Mr. Olszewski went through the most difficult experiences of his independent enterprise during the first year. But at the end of the fiscal period his books showed a fair profit; his staff of employees had increased in number, and the routine of business had become fixed, therefore certain in function. At the time of this writing there were employed in the bakery and grocery store at No. 36 East Ridge Street under his direction twenty-four workers, and the Olszewski company is

one of the largest of its category in Nanticoke, comparing with the more prosperous concerns of Wilkes-Barre.

Meanwhile Mr. Olszewski has given of his energies in other directions, not alone contenting himself with the development of the business under his name. He is a director of the People's Savings and Trust Company of Nanticoke, and associates on the board welcome his advice on numerous matters financial, having found it invariably sound in times past. A Democrat and loyal to the party's principles of government, he exercises a broad influence in local politics, notably among persons of Polish antecedents, and constantly for the good of the community as a whole. He was elected in November, 1929, city treasurer and tax collector of Nanticoke, for a term of four years. He is a member of the Sons of Poland, the Kiwanis Club, the Polish Union, and the Polish Falcons. He is chairman of the Polish Roman Catholic Death Beneficial Association for the State of Pennsylvania. Mr. Olszewski is a communicant of St. Stanislaus Roman Catholic Church, is devoted to its service, and is an influence for good among younger members.

On May 9, 1914, Mr. Olszewski was united in marriage with Josephine Kana, who was born in Nanticoke and they are the parents of four children: Wanda, Stanley, Henry, and Teddie. They family reside at No. 34 East Ridge Street.

**GEORGE K. SWARTZ, M. D.**—Although but a few years in the practice of medicine in Luzerne County, Dr. George K. Swartz, of Dallas, has already gathered around him an influential and extensive clientele. Dr. Swartz is a member of the staff of one of the leading hospitals of the county, and as a Rotarian and churchman is one of the foremost men in the community.

Dr. Swartz was born in Center County, April 23, 1897, the son of Charles W. and Emma (Krumrine) Schwartz, both natives of Center County, where Charles W. Schwartz was born in 1868, and his wife, the mother of Dr. Swartz, was also born in that county the same year. The father of Dr. Swartz is occupying the post of trust officer in the First National Bank of State College, Center County. Dr. Swartz obtained his early education in the public schools of Center County, after which he attended Susquehanna University Academy, at Selingsgrove, Snyder County, graduating in 1916. He then entered the Susquehanna University, and in 1920 received his degree of Bachelor of Arts. He took his medical course at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, and in 1924 was granted the degree of Doctor of Medicine. For a year he acted as interne at the Geisenger Hospital, at Danville, Montour County, and in 1925 he located in Dallas. He is an active member of the County and State Medical societies, and of the American Medical Association. He is one of the prominent physicians on the staff of the Nesbitt West Side Hospital, and an active member of the Dallas Rotary Club. His religious affiliations are with the Lutheran Church.

In 1925, Dr. Swartz married Clementa Miller, of Collinswood, New Jersey, daughter of Charles and Anna Miller, of that town. Dr. and Mrs. Swartz are the parents of one child, a girl, Nancy Lou, born April 13, 1927.

**ALBERT G. GROBLEWSKI, 2d** — Well known among the business men of Plymouth, Pennsylvania, is Albert G. Groblewski, 2d,

secretary and treasurer of the concern which manufactures proprietary medicines under the name of Albert G. Groblewski, Incorporated, and which is especially known for the famous Rattle Snake Brand Liniment which it ships to all parts of the United States and the Orient. The business was founded by Mr. Groblewski's father, who bore the same name, and the son has been identified with the concern since the completion of his academic training, and has held his present offices in the company since the death of the father in 1925.

Albert G. Groblewski, Sr., was born in Poland, but came to this country many years ago and settled in Plymouth, where he engaged in business for himself as a manufacturer of various proprietary medicines and drugs, under the name of Albert G. Groblewski. He had the characteristic ability and persistence which is possessed by so many of the natives of Poland (he was born in German Poland) and he became famous for the manufacture of the widely known remedy for rattle snake bites which was sold under the name of Rattle Snake Brand Liniment, and which created for itself a market not only throughout this country but abroad, wherever the services of such a liniment are necessary. In 1921 the business was incorporated under the name of Albert G. Groblewski, Incorporated, and the founder continued to be the active head of the concern to the time of his death, which occurred in April, 1925. He served in many civic capacities and served on the Exemption Board.

Albert G. Groblewski, 2d, son of Albert G. and Helen Groblewski, the latter a native of Germany (Poland), was born in Plymouth, Pennsylvania, April 19, 1898, and after attending the public schools here, including the high school, continued study in Chestnut Hill Academy, from which he was graduated with the class of 1917. After graduation he became associated with his father in the business of manufacturing medicines, but the entrance of the United States into the World War changed plans somewhat for he soon enlisted and was stationed at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, until the time of the signing of the Armistice. When the war was over, he returned to Plymouth and to his father's business, which had been founded in 1892 and which had prospered steadily, and in 1921 the concern was incorporated as Albert G. Groblewski, Incorporated, with Albert G. Groblewski, Sr., as president. After the death of the father the son was made secretary and treasurer of the company, both of which official positions he has continued to fill to the present time (1928). His office is located at No. 241 East Main Street, Plymouth, and the business has grown to proportions which require the services of fifty-two employees in the plant. The famous Rattlesnake Brand Liniment is still manufactured and sent to all parts of the world, and in addition to this remedy there are sixty other patented medicines made. Mr. Groblewski is a member of the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce, and is one of the public-spirited business men of the place. Fraternally, he is identified with Lodge No. 109, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and with Phi Sigma Delta Greek letter fraternity; and he is also a member of Post No. 463, American Legion. His club is the Kiwanis Club.

Albert G. Groblewski, 2d., was married, in February, 1920, to Mercedes Snyder, of Wilkes-Barre, daughter of Peter C. and Katherine Snyder, and they have one son: Albert G. (3d), who was born March 29, 1927. Mr. and Mrs. Groblewski make their home

at No. 189 New Alexander Street, in Wilkes-Barre. They are attendants of the Episcopal Church.

**JOHN JEROME ZAWADZKI, D. D. S.**—In the profession of dentistry with which Plymouth is favored by a skilled number of practitioners, John Jerome Zawadzki holds a good position among the younger element. He entered the profession in command of a substantial preparation and is building up a good practice, enlarging his circle of friends as he advances. He takes a deep interest in the civic, social, religious and fraternal activities of the community and is held to be a citizen of value to his fellows in all walks of life.

He was born in Sugar Notch, Pennsylvania, June 27, 1901, a son of John J. and Josephine (Kramnitz) Zawadzki, both natives of Poland and both living (1928). He acquired his early education in the public schools of Sugar Notch, being graduated from the Hanover Township High School in the class of 1920. This was followed by a course in the dental college of Georgetown University, from which he was graduated in the class of 1925 with the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery. He then came to Plymouth and established himself in practice here. His offices are at No. 32 West Main Street, Plymouth, his residence at No. 343 Pierce Street, Kingston. He is a member of the American Dental Association and of the Pennsylvania State and the local county societies. In politics he is a Republican, his church is the St. Mary's Roman Catholic. He belongs to the Xi Psi Phi college fraternity, Tatra Club of Wilkes-Barre, Knights of Columbus, and the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

**SIMON J. TISDEL**—At the early age of ten years Simon J. Tisdell began earning his way at the laborious work of the coal breaker. Today (1928) at the age of forty years, he is half owner of the Shawnee Supply Company, of Plymouth, a wholesale and retail hardware business, of which he is the manager; and part owner of the Plymouth Lumber Company, a wholesale and retail lumber company, of which he is secretary and a member of the board of directors. He and Joseph R. Hooper, an account of whose life appears elsewhere in this work, have been business associates since 1919, and both men are well known for their ability and for their honest dealing. Mr. Tisdell is affiliated with the Masonic Order and with the Junior Order United American Mechanics, and is active in the Kiwanis Club.

Simon J. Tisdell was born in Larksville, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, September 23, 1888. Both parents are living. His father, James Tisdell, born in Centre Moreland, Pennsylvania, in 1861, is a stationary engineer, and his mother, Rebecca (James) Tisdell, was born in Wales, British Isles, in 1863. Simon J. Tisdell attended the public schools of the district in which he was born, but his advantages were limited, for by the time he was ten years of age he was hard at work as a coal breaker. That he was not afraid of hard work, even as a boy, is evidenced by the fact that he continued at his first job for a period of seven years. At the end of that time, being then seventeen years old, he secured a position as shipping clerk in the employ of a hardware concern in Wilkes-Barre, and in this connection he made the most of such opportunities as came within his reach, always keeping a sharp "weather eye" out for the right time to make an advantageous change. In 1910 he went on the road as traveling representative for the

Shawnee Supply Company, of Plymouth, and four years later he was recalled to the Shawnee Company's store at Plymouth, as manager. In 1919, in partnership with Joseph R. Hooper, he purchased the interests of the Shawnee Supply Company from Ambrose West, and since that time he and Mr. Hooper have continued to be the successful owners of the business. Mr. Tisdell is manager, and is handling a large and steadily growing wholesale and retail hardware and plumbing business. His establishment, located at Nos. 106-08 Main Street in Plymouth, has long been known as the leading concern of its kind in Plymouth, and Mr. Tisdell has for many years been known as a dependable and capable business man who possesses vision and foresight and also the ability to put into practical operation his best business ideas. In 1922, having placed the business which he and Mr. Hooper had purchased on a firm foundation, the partners extended their interests by the organization of the Plymouth Lumber Company, of which Mr. Tisdell has been secretary and a member of the board of directors to the present time (1928). Mr. Hooper is vice-president and general manager of the Plymouth Lumber Company, and both men have continued their association in both business enterprises. Mr. Tisdell gives his support to the principles and the candidates of the Republican party. He is a member of Kingston Lodge, No. 395, Free and Accepted Masons; of Plymouth Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of Wilkes-Barre; and is a Knight Templar. He is also identified with the Junior Order United American Mechanics. His club is the Kiwanis Club, in the affairs of which he is very active, and which he has served as president for four years. His religious affiliation is with the Presbyterian Church.

Simon J. Tisdell was married, November 23, 1916, to Janet Hodder, of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, daughter of Harry and Margaret Hodder, and they have five children: Eleanor Marian, Elizabeth Mary, Leona Marjorie, James, Jr., and Janet Jane. The family home is located at No. 40 Church Street, in Plymouth.

**CASIMIR CHARLES GROBLEWSKI, M. D.**—Born in West Nanticoke, Pennsylvania, of Polish parentage, Casimir Charles Groblewski, practicing physician of Plymouth, forged steadily ahead from his school days, until today he has reared for himself a substantial structure in the medical world and won the highest regard of the citizens of the community in which he lives and works. He is a man of culture and high professional attainments, friendly and gregarious in his instincts, staunch in his civic pride, a citizen of laudable character and an ornament to the citizenry of which he is a valuable unit.

His birth occurred, September 15, 1886, the son of Albert G. and Helen Groblewski, the father born in Poland in 1859, emigrated to America, settled in Plymouth and here became a manufacturing druggist, in which he was engaged at the time of his demise, in 1925, the mother a native of Poland (Germany), and still living (1928). Casimir acquired his education in the Plymouth public schools and was graduated from high school in 1904. He then attended the Harry Hillman Academy, in Wilkes-Barre, from which he was graduated in 1907. This was followed by a course at the Medical School of the University of Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated with the class of 1911 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He at once established himself in practice in Plym-

outh and has since been so engaged. He is a Republican in politics and a member of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, of Plymouth. He is a member of the advisory committee of the Republican party of Plymouth and president of the school board; is a director in the First National Bank of Plymouth and of the Plymouth Lumber Company. His fraternal memberships include the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Lodge No. 109, and the Knights of Pythias.

Casimir Charles Groblewski married October 7, 1912, Lucy Butkiewicz, daughter of Thomas and Anna Butkiewicz. They are the parents of two children: Lucia K. and Harry J.

**JOSEPH S. WURMAN**—An outstanding example of what may be accomplished through undeviating devotion to duty and unquenchable ambition is provided through a résumé of the career of Joseph S. Wurman, Kingston, who came to the New World from Poland, and attained a position of honor and respect that well might be the envy of any native resident of this community. Perhaps the most important factor in Mr. Wurman's success has been his continued association with the vocation he chose before attaining to manhood. Although now (1928) practically retired from business pursuits, Mr. Wurman is by no means inactive in his works as a citizen, if his many associations with diversified organizations may be taken into consideration.

Mr. Wurman was born April 14, 1871, in Poland, son of Louis M. and Sophia (Hoffman) Wurman. Louis M. Wurman, native of Poland, was a prominent commission merchant in that country previous to coming to America, and he died in 1906, at New York City. Sophia (Hoffman) Wurman, also born in Poland, passed away in 1905 in New York City.

Joseph S. Wurman was educated in the public schools of his native land, his training including that similar to the high schools in the United States. At the age of eighteen years Mr. Wurman came to New York City and took up the trade of cigar maker. He was so employed in various capacities and with several companies until 1904. In that year he became associated with the United Cigar Manufacturing Company, which later changed its name to the General Cigar Manufacturing Company. Mr. Wurman maintained his allegiance to this concern until 1912, when he affiliated with Boudy & Lederer, which was later absorbed by the General Cigar Company, and he was sent to Nanticoke by his firm as manager of the Nanticoke plant. Later, in 1924, he was transferred to Kingston and here was district manager for the General Cigar Company, which included various factories in the anthracite region, where he remained until his retirement in January, 1928. Various other enterprises have interested Mr. Wurman since he came to Pennsylvania, and while a resident of Nanticoke he assisted in organizing the Peoples Trust Company of that place, and served as a director of that institution until 1924, his resignation being brought about through his removal to Kingston. Soon after coming to Kingston Mr. Wurman became a director of the West Side Trust Company. Later, this company was merged with the Kingston Bank and Trust Company, and he now (1928) is a director of this institution. He holds a similar office with the West Side Mortgage Company and is interested in several other commercial concerns here.

Mr. Wurman has been deeply concerned

with the conduct of Hebrew organizations in this county and is a recognized leader therein. He is vice-president of the Young Men's Hebrew Association, of Wilkes-Barre; president of the Wilkes-Barre Hebrew Institute, and a member of B'nai B'rith Reformed Congregation. The Republican party receives Mr. Wurman's support, although he has not consented to the use of his name for public office. Other organizations with which he is affiliated include Lodge No. 109, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Fox Hill Country Club.

Joseph S. Wurman married (first), in 1894, Fannie Berg, a native of New York City; and they had five children: Harry P., who is general manager of the Bayuk Cigar Corporation of Philadelphia; Morris L., Lawrence M., Della, and Harriett S. Fannie (Berg) Wurman died in 1924, and Mr. Wurman married (second), in 1927, Sadie Brandenburg, of New York City, who has one daughter by a former marriage: Helen Goldstein. The Wurman family home is located at No. 21 First Avenue, Kingston.

**CALVIN MORRIS KELLER**—The proprietor of a retail meat market at No. 43 North Main Street, Ashley, Pennsylvania, Calvin Morris Keller is one of the successful business men of the community. His large and prosperous trade is the result of the excellence of his merchandise and the efficiency of his business operation. He is a member of many fraternal organizations and prominent in local civic affairs. Mr. Keller was born September 22, 1876, at Hazleton, Pennsylvania, a son of Henry Francis Keller, a harness maker by trade, who was born in Allentown, Pennsylvania, in 1850 and who died in 1895, and of Caroline (Womer) Keller, who was born in Tamaqua, Pennsylvania, in 1852, and who died in 1917.

Calvin Morris Keller attended the public schools at Hazleton and Wilkes-Barre, and when he completed his education worked as a clerk in various local meat markets until 1902. In that year, he entered the business for himself in Ashley, where he has remained since that time.

Politically, Mr. Keller is a member of the Republican party, and for two years he served as school director in Ashley. He is a director and vice-president of the Peoples' State Bank of Newtown, in Wilkes-Barre, having been one of the organizers of this institution, and he is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Lodge No. 109, a member of the Junior Order United American Mechanics, and of the Patriotic Order Sons of America. He and his family attend the local Presbyterian Church.

In 1900, Calvin Morris Keller married Ella Johnson, a daughter of David Johnson, of Ashley. Mr. and Mrs. Keller are the parents of three children: 1. Anna, who is now Mrs. Ichter. 2. Margaret, now Mrs. Koons. 3. Donald, a student in Columbia University, in New York City. They also have four grandchildren.

**FRANCIS B. GRYCZKA, M. D.**—One of the very useful members of the Polish race engaged in the practice of medicine in Kingston, Pennsylvania, where he does a great deal toward promoting the welfare of the residents of his own nationality and the general health of the community, is Francis B. Gryczka, M. D., who for many years has been a prominent physician and surgeon here. Dr. Gryczka brought with him to Luzerne County and the Wyoming Valley an experience somewhat broader than that

of the ordinary medical doctor, having spent a number of years immediately following the termination of the World War in fighting typhus and fever epidemics in his father's land and in Western Russia. Active also in the civic and social affairs of his community, he holds a high place in the estimation of his fellowmen in Kingston, Wilkes-Barre, Luzerne and the surrounding cities and towns of this region. He was born in Blossburg, Tioga County, Pennsylvania, September 14, 1890, a son of Martin and Katherine (Kaminski) Gryczka. His father was born in Poland, was for many years a tanner by trade, and died March 5, 1905. The mother, Katherine (Kaminski) Gryczka, a native of Poland, is a highly respected citizen of Kingston.

Francis B. Gryczka received his early education in the public schools and the high school of Blossburg, his birthplace, and was graduated from high school in the class of 1908. He then went to the Chicago Preparatory School, from which he was graduated in 1911 with the degree of Bachelor of Science. Going to the Medico-Chirurgical College for his professional training, he was graduated from that institution in the class of 1915 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. Thereupon he became an interne at Saint Agnes Hospital, in Philadelphia, where he remained for one year, until he started his own independent practice of medicine in Carbondale, Pennsylvania, where he did his first important work for his profession. There he stayed for two years, until at the outbreak of the World War, he served his country actively overseas as a member of the United States Army Medical Corps. In the beginning he was commissioned a lieutenant, and later was given the rank of captain. Stationed for a considerable period at the base hospital in Bar le Duc, France, he performed there a great amount of work that proved of great value to the army and won for him the praises of his superior officers and the admiration of all those with whom he was associated. For eighteen months after the war he also did extensive missionary work in Russia and Poland, where he fought typhus and fever.

When he was discharged, on October 30, 1919, he immediately made preparations for resuming his private practice, and for this purpose settled in Reading, Pennsylvania, where he remained for two years and acquired a considerable practice. Then, in 1921, he came to Kingston, where since that time he has been engaged in a general medical and surgical practice. At all times his genial personality and his kindly attitude toward everyone whom he has encountered have been factors which go hand in hand with his professional skill in rendering him a highly esteemed and dearly loved member of his community and an excellent physician.

In addition to his regular work as a doctor of medicine, Dr. Gryczka keeps in close touch with all developments in the medical world and with the discoveries and theories of his professional colleagues, especially through the mediums of the different medical societies. He is a member of the Luzerne County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He also is a member of the staff of the Nesbitt West Side Hospital. Active in civic and social affairs, he is especially interested in political developments, being himself affiliated closely with the Republican party and a strong supporter of its policies and candidates. He also holds memberships in the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, in which he is identified with Lodge

No. 109; the Tatranian Club; and Saint Hedwig's Polish Church. All of these organizations are, it may readily be seen, important in the life of Kingston and Luzerne County, and Dr. Gryczka's membership in them is indicative of the breadth and public-spiritedness of his interests.

On June 29, 1921, Dr. Francis B. Gryczka married Rose Summa, of Kingston, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Paul and Veronica (Steinberg) Summa. By this union there has been one son, Francis, Jr., who was born October 24, 1922.

**FATHER SIGMUND BRINSKY**—St. Mary's Greek Catholic Church, of Freeland, Pennsylvania, owes much to the energy and devotion of Rev. Father Sigmund Brinsky, who for the past decade has worked early and late in the interests of the parish. The rectory and the school building are visible results of his efforts, and since his coming in 1918 the membership of the parish has been increased by one hundred families. His parishioners hold him in high esteem and appreciate the high quality of the service he has rendered.

Rev. Father Sigmund Brinsky was born in Austria-Hungary, December 21, 1881, son of Rev. Antony, who served faithfully in the ministry for forty-nine years, now deceased, and of Irma (Brauer) Brinsky, who is still living (1928). He received his education in his native land, completing the usual preparatory and advanced courses and then winning his theological degrees in Eperjes. After his ordination in 1907 he ministered to congregations in his own land for four years, and then, in 1912, came to America, locating first at Beaver Meadows, Carbon County, Pennsylvania, where he remained for one year. He then went to Cleveland, Ohio, for three months, and from there to Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania. There he remained until 1918, when, on March 26, he took charge of St. Mary's Greek Catholic Church in Freeland, succeeding Iren Yanicky. Here he has for the past ten years devoted his best energy to building up the parish, both materially and spiritually, and the results of his earnest labors are apparent throughout the parish.

The parish was founded in 1884. There was no church building at the time and it was five years before the little struggling congregation found itself in a position to begin the building of a church. The first church edifice of the parish was started in 1889, and as the congregation grew in numbers and in prosperity additions were from time to time made to the original structure, enlargements being made at various times, and a special addition being made in 1890. Seventeen more years of growth and progress had developed the parish to an extent which made the old building no longer adequate for the needs of the congregation, and in 1907 the present building was begun and finished. It is located on the corner of School and Fern streets, and provides seating capacity for one thousand people. The pastors of this church have been: Cyril Gulovich, 1890-98; Gabriel Martyak, 1898-1904; Iren Yanicky, 1904-06; Nicholas Molchany, 1906-08, who built the brick church; Bar. Tutkovich, 1908-13, who painted and repaired the interior of the church; Michael Andrejkovich, 1913-17; again Iren Yanicky, 1917-18; and S. Brinsky, 1918-to the present time, 1928. When Father Brinsky took charge of the parish the membership included four hundred families, but since that time the growth has been steady, increasing until at the present time (1928) there are some five hundred families living here. While encouraging in every way the

general spiritual and social welfare of the parish, Father Brinsky also gave careful attention to the providing of suitable material equipment and housing, and in 1918 the present rectory was built. In 1921 Father Brinsky erected the school building, which now accommodates four hundred pupils, and in the same building is a fine club room for the boys, provided with all modern equipment, gymnastic apparatus, etc. This is greatly appreciated by the young people of the parish, who make full use of the opportunities which it affords. The earnest and devoted interest of Father Brinsky in all that pertains to the welfare of his parishioners has won their affection and their respect, as well as a large share of gratitude, and his close touch with his people has enabled him to quicken the spiritual life of the parish while steadily building up its material resources. The members of St. Mary's Parish are all faithful and good citizens and it is through their loyal help and encouragement that Father Brinsky has been able to accomplish so much in so short a time. In addition to their faithful parish activities, the members have entered all civic matters connected with the borough. In financial affairs the members are, of course, very liberal in all things and ably help the pastor. Rev. Brinsky is a member of Diocesan Councillors, nominated in 1926 by Bishop Narapi.

Rev. Sigmund Brinsky was married, June 11, 1908, to Ella Martyak, daughter of Rev. Father Gabriel Martyak, of Lansford, Pennsylvania, and they have six children: 1. Sigmund, who is a student in Georgetown University, Washington, District of Columbia, class of 1931. 2. Nicholas, a student in Lehigh University, class of 1932. 3. Gabriel. 4. Clara. 5. Mary. 6. Martha.

**REV. V. L. BICZYSKO**—Having entered St. Thomas' College, Scranton, immediately after coming to this country from his native Poland as a boy of fourteen years, Rev. V. L. Biczysko devoted the next eleven years to study and to his preparation for the priesthood in the Roman Catholic Church. Ordained in 1908, he came to Nanticoke in 1914 as pastor of St. Stanislaus' Church and since then has built up this congregation and its various allied enterprises to a remarkable degree of prosperity and effectiveness. In many other directions, too, he has been a powerful influence for good, and every movement tending to advance the welfare of the community can always count upon his helpful and enthusiastic support.

Rev. V. L. Biczysko was born in England, February 11, 1883, a son of Leopold and Maria Biczysko. When he was fourteen years of age he came to this country and, locating at Scranton, Pennsylvania, entered St. Thomas' College. Though at that time he was unable to speak a word of English, he was at the end of the first year at the head of his class. Graduating from this college in 1903 with the degree of Bachelor of Science, he went to a seminary in Detroit, Michigan, where he commenced his theological studies and from which he graduated in 1905. He then entered St. Bonaventure's Seminary, Allegany, New York, where he continued his studies until 1908, when, in July of that year, he was ordained to the priesthood by Rt. Rev. Bishop M. J. Hoban. For a time he served as an assistant priest at St. Stanislaus' Roman Catholic Church, Nanticoke. His first permanent charge was St. John's Roman Catholic Church, Exeter Borough, Luzerne County to which he came in 1900 and where he remained for four years. Dur-

ing these years he proved himself an inspiring spiritual leader and a very able administrator, rebuilding this church and greatly extending the size and influence of his congregation. In 1914 he returned to St. Stanislaus' Church, Nanticoke, this time as pastor, and since then he has continued at the head of this church.

St. Stanislaus' Roman Catholic Church, located at the corner of Church and Maple streets, Nanticoke, was founded in September, 1875, when this community was a very small village, containing some twenty families. Its first pastor was Rev. Eugene Zychowicz, who was succeeded by Rev. B. Gramliwicz. The latter served for thirty-three years until 1910, when he, in turn, was succeeded by the present incumbent, on January 1, 1914. At the time Rev. Biczysko assumed charge, the congregation numbered some three hundred families, but since then has grown to upwards of five hundred families. This growth has been the result of the pastor's untiring efforts and able leadership, and he has also been responsible for many material improvements of the congregation's property. In 1915 he erected a parochial school building with a capacity of two hundred and fifty pupils, the school being conducted by six Bernardine Sisters, supplied by the headquarters of this order at Reading, Pennsylvania. In 1916 he founded an orphanage, of which he was one of the original incorporators and of which he has been president since 1920. In 1922 the church itself was rebuilt and it is now a modern edifice of yellow pressed brick with a seating capacity of nine hundred, being considered one of the most attractive churches of Nanticoke. The priest's house, adjoining the church, has also been remodeled.

Though naturally the major share of his time and attention is devoted to his pastoral work and to the interests of his church and congregation, Rev. Biczysko has been prominently active in many other directions as well. He has always given freely of his experience and labor to all worth-while civic enterprises and has been especially interested in advancing education, benevolent enterprises and similar undertakings, and in many ways has made his influence felt throughout the Wyoming Valley. He is a man of pleasing personality and strong character, very popular not only with his own people, but also with all who know him. He is one of the original members of the Nanticoke Kiwanis Club.

**JOHN E. JURICA**—Though a native of Austria John E. Jurica has spent the greater part of his life in this country. He located at once in Pennsylvania and after a few months went to Philadelphia, where he worked in the Locomotive Works and attended night school. Later, he was engaged in the grocery business, but eventually he prepared himself for the business of the mortician. Since February, 1914, he has been engaged in business for himself in Freeland, Pennsylvania, where he has a modern, thoroughly well equipped establishment at No. 426 Center Street.

John E. Jurica was born in Austria, June 24, 1888, and attended school in his native land until he was fourteen years of age and had completed his first year in high school. After coming to America he spent about six months in Nesquehoning, Pennsylvania, but at the end of that time he sought a location where opportunities for work and for education were greater, and removed to Philadelphia. There he entered the employ of the Baldwin Locomotive Works, where he re-







*Peter A. Maslowski*

mained for two years. During this time he was steadily attending night school, in order that he might master the language of his adopted country and make himself more familiar with its manners and customs and better equip himself for life's battle in a new land. After two years spent in the locomotive works and in night school, Mr. Jurica decided to make a change and removed to Lansford, Carbon County, Pennsylvania, where for two years he was engaged in the grocery business. While engaged in this line of business he was keeping a keen eye out for better opportunities and finally decided to fit himself for a definite profession. He entered the Eckels School of Embalming, where he finished his course. He then came to Freeland, Luzerne County, and entered the employ of F. A. McDonald, with whom he remained for sixteen months. Wishing to still further enlarge his business experience in this field before venturing into operation on his own account, he associated himself with Edgar Albert. In this connection he worked hard, devoting himself to the final mastering of all the details of the mortician's business, and on January 6, 1914, received his license as an undertaker. In February of the same year, he opened his own place, and since that time has been giving close attention to the building up of his special clientele. He is a member of the Luzerne County Funeral Directors' Association, and has long ago established a reputation for skilled work and honest business methods. Along with his undertaking business he does upholstering and cabinet-making, and in this branch of his business he has also made a reputation for special skill. He is a member of the First National Slovak Society, and of the Socio Society, and his religious membership is with the Roman Catholic Church of St. John.

John E. Jurica was married, February 21, 1914, to Susan Veronica Yanoshik, of Lofty, Pennsylvania, and they have seven children: 1. Margaret. 2. Mary. 3. Olga. 4. John. 5. Sylvester. 6. Paul. 7. Dolores. The family home is at No. 426 Center Street, Freeland, Pennsylvania.

**PETER A. MASLOWSKI**—In Plymouth, Pennsylvania, Peter A. Maslowski has been engaged in the embalming and funeral directing business since November, 1904, a period of twenty-four years. He is a graduate of the Eckles School of Embalming, of Philadelphia, and since 1906 has been the owner of the business founded by his father, Alexander Maslowski. He operates under his own name, and carries a full line of modern equipment and accessories. He is active in the affairs of the borough, has served as a member and chairman of the Borough Council, and for seventeen years was court interpreter for Luzerne County in Wilkes-Barre.

Alexander Maslowski, father of Mr. Maslowski, was born in Lithuania, Russia, June 6, 1854, and died in Plymouth, Pennsylvania, December 28, 1917. As a young man he was one of the many who left the restrictions and the difficulties of the home land to come to America, where he might find opportunity to use his abilities unhampered by the harrowing and discouraging conditions which prevailed under the imperial regime in Russia. He located here in Plymouth, where for some years he was the owner of a general store and retail meat market. Later, he owned and operated a hotel here in Plymouth for a period of twenty-five years, and still later he engaged in the undertaking business. After his son completed his training in the Eckles School of Embalming, he turned the

business over to him, and since that time the son has been steadily enlarging and developing the enterprise. Alexander Maslowski married Rose Yuskewicz, who was born in Russia, and died in Plymouth, Pennsylvania, October 3, 1914.

Peter A. Maslowski, son of Alexander and Rose (Yuskewicz) Maslowski, was born in Plymouth, Pennsylvania, August 3, 1885, and as a boy attended the local public schools. Later, he took a course in Wyoming Seminary, a business course, graduating with the class of 1901. He then further prepared for an active career by continuing study at Wyoming Seminary, taking a one year academic course, after which, in November, 1904, he became associated with his father, Alexander Maslowski, in the undertaking business. In order that he might have every possible advantage in this line of business he then entered the Eckles School of Embalming, at Philadelphia, and completed the course there with graduation with the class of 1905. In 1906 he took over his father's business, and since that time he has continued to operate the business under his own name. As has been stated, he is modern and progressive in all his methods, using the most advanced and scientific processes, and he carries a full line of all the things needed for the highest grade of service in the business of embalming and funeral directing. He is a member of the National, State and Luzerne County Funeral Directors Associations. Along with the successful management of his business, Mr. Maslowski finds time for active participation in the affairs of the Borough of Plymouth. He is a Republican in his political sympathies, and as a member of the Borough Council served efficiently for four years, 1910-14, being chairman of the council during the last two years. As a Luzerne County court interpreter he has been especially useful here in the county, and he has served in that capacity for a period of seventeen years. Fraternally, he is identified with Lodge No. 109, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of Wilkes-Barre; with Aerie No. 546 Fraternal Order of Eagles; and he is a member of Goodwill Hose Company, No. 2. He is an honorary member of Lithuanian Dough Boys; and his chief recreations are hunting and fishing. His religious affiliation is with St. Casimir's Lithuanian Church, and in this connection, too, he is active in all the affairs of the organization, and a trustee and director of the Cemetery Association.

Peter A. Maslowski was married, August 23, 1908, to Anna McCloskey, of Plymouth, daughter of George and Mary McCloskey; and they became the parents of seven children: 1. Clement V., born July 19, 1909, who holds honorary membership in Alpha Beta Chapter of Kappa Phi Kappa Fraternity. 2. Leona, died at the age of nine months. 3. Leonard. 4. Vincent. 5. Edward. 6. Peter A., Jr. 7. Rosemary. Mr. Maslowski has his establishment at No. 388 West Main Street, in Plymouth.

**REV. JOSEPH WILLIAM TREITZ** is held in high esteem not only by the members of his parish but by the entire community, who have always given him a spontaneous and generous cooperation in all his labors. His church is the Holy Trinity, located at the intersection of Laurel and Oak streets. He has been its pastor since 1906.

Holy Trinity was established in 1887, by Rev. Nicholas Forve, who was a native of Wilkes-Barre, and who came to Hazleton from the pastorate of St. Mary's of the Assumption, in Pittston. The church was founded in the need of a place of worship

for German Catholics, and during the nineteen years of his pastorate here, Father Forve inaugurated a most satisfactory service, holding the post until 1906, when he was transferred to Williamsport. Father Forve was succeeded by Father Treitz who found in the parish about one hundred families of the faith. He took up Father Forve's work where it was left off, carrying it forward with consistency and success, until today the parish is one of the most thriving in this community, numbering now one hundred and fifty families. Since his coming he has made extensive improvements to the church and parish buildings, the rectory and Sisters Convent. In the parish school are one hundred and fifty students, under the charge of the good Sisters of Christian Charity.

Father Treitz was born in New York City, October 20, 1862, a son of Peter and Catharine (Stephan) Treitz. His early education was received in the public schools and with the school Sisters of Notre Dame in New York. In preparation for the priesthood he matriculated at the St. Vincent Benedictine College in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, being ordained to the priesthood in 1886, by the Right Rev. Bishop O'Hara, at the Cathedral in Scranton. His initial responsibility was as assistant to Father Peter Nagel, pastor of St. Nicholas Parish, Wilkes-Barre, 1886-91, where he took an active interest in all the church work and greatly endeared himself to the parishioners. In 1891 he was sent to the Missions of Pike County, Pennsylvania, and there labored for fifteen years, building the Church and Rectory at Mattemoras, and taking a dominant rôle in the pioneer church work of the county. Thus his experience before coming to Hazleton was a most valuable asset for the work of his new charge. His learning, his sincere religious faith, and his sympathetic comprehension of human nature are elements rendering him most effective in his dealings with his flock and his fellow-townsmen. In 1922 Rev. Leo J. Post was appointed his assistant, and remains with him.

Prior to 1912 the people of the parish heard their religious services in German, but so Americanized had they become by that year that the services were changed to the English language.

In 1927 the parish purchased two pieces of ground adjacent to the church property and adjoining the Sisters Convent. These afford ample room for expansion, plans for which have frequently been discussed. Financially, as spiritually, the parish is in excellent condition. In his unselfish devotion to the interests of his parish, his deep sense of integrity, probity, and conscientiousness, Father Treitz has won the hearts of his flock, and placed himself high in the estimation of his fellow-citizens.

**JOEL COHEN**, president of the Select Furniture Corporation, is a native of Wyoming Valley and is recognized as one of the leading merchants of Wilkes-Barre. This place in the business world he has gained as a result of his own initiative, business acumen and honorable methods. He knows merchandise and he knows mankind. He studies the needs of the community and tries to match these needs with commodities that will give the utmost of value and satisfaction for the money expended. Uniformly courteous, he wins friends as well as trade, with the result that from a modest beginning he has developed a business of large proportions and of importance to the community.

Joel Cohen was born in Scranton, Novem-

ber 27, 1889, son of M. J. and Anna (Bloch) Cohen. The mother is deceased; but the father is retired, having been a well-known merchant for many years. He and his wife were the parents of eight children: Sadie, Bessie, Samuel L., also a merchant in Scranton; Gussie, Joel, of whom further; Gertrude, Irene, all married, and Martha, who is deceased.

Joel Cohen received his education in the grammar and high schools of his native city, graduating from the latter in the class of 1907. After leaving school he learned the paint and wall paper business in Scranton. By 1909, he decided that if he were going to achieve anything worth while in the business world it would be as the head of a business of his own. Accordingly, he located in Wilkes-Barre and opened a paint and wall paper store. The beginning was modest, but progress was made from the start and, year by year it grew until it reached a point, in 1922, when Mr. Cohen felt that the line should be made more complete in order to serve the householder more fully. In that year a line of furniture and rugs was added and larger quarters were secured on South Main Street. Today, the business known as the Select Furniture Corporation, is said to be the largest of the kind in Wilkes-Barre and is a monument to Mr. Cohen's industry and the high standards of his business methods.

Mr. Cohen takes a lively interest in every question that concerns the well-being of the city. He is a member of Schiller Lodge, No. 345, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons and Keystone Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite at Scranton. He is also identified with Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and the Wilkes-Barre Craftsman's Club, the Fox Hill Country Club, Wilkes-Barre Lodge, No. 109, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a member of the Furniture Club of America, and a member and director of the Wilkes-Barre-Wyoming Valley Chamber of Commerce, and of the Young Men's Hebrew Association.

On August 27, 1912, Joel Cohen married Gussie Frankel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Frankel, of West Pittston. From this union four children have been born: Maynard, Miriam, Joel, Jr., and Anne. The family residence is at No. 29 Terrace Street.

**JOHN H. BOSACK**—Character of high order, a strong physique and dauntless courage are a few of the attributes that have brought success to one of the busy business men of Wilkes-Barre, who came to the United States from Slovakia, where he was born, in 1890 and settled in this State—John H. Bosack, manufacturer and merchant. In his active life of more than thirty years in his adopted land, he has labored with his hands as well as his brains and has made for himself a record and a name of which the community may be proud. His constant advance in his business has proved him to be a man of high worth, his pleasing personality bringing to him a host of friends, both commercial and social.

J. H. Bosack was born in Slovakia, December 21, 1869, son of Andrew and Mary Bosack, both now deceased. The lure of America brought him to this country when he was twenty-four years of age and he settled at Olyphant, Lackawanna County, where he went to work as a miner. Leaving this original employment, he established a grocery business at Luzerne, Luzerne County, which he conducted for a considerable period, when he broadened his sphere of action by engaging



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in the wholesale liquor business. This he conducted until 1914. In the meantime he had invented Bosack's Poluiko Horke Vno Medicinal Tonic, in Wilkes-Barre, and later manufacturing Mint Lax Chewing Laxative Gum. He is the sole proprietor of the J. H. Bosack Product Company, wholesale dealers and manufacturers, of Wilkes-Barre.

In politics Mr. Bosack is a Democrat, in religion a Roman Catholic, being a member of the Sacred Heart Slovak Church of Wilkes-Barre. He also holds membership in the St. John's First Slovak Catholic Union, of Trinity Slovak Catholic Union, and has served as vice-president of the Pennsylvania Slovak and Greek Catholic Unions.

John H. Bosack married Mary Yurkanin, of Ashley, Luzerne County. Their children are: Margaret S., John H., Jr., and Charles.

**CHARLES H. WEISSMAN**—Less than twenty years ago a young Russian emigrant landed on Ellis Island, New York, penniless, with no knowledge of the language of this country, but with a determination to make his way. Today he is one of the leading citizens of Wilkes-Barre, a business man of highest repute, prominent in civic, fraternal and religious affairs, a hustling, bustling example of what an indomitable perseverance and unflagging industry may do for the possessor. This emigrant boy was Charles H. Weissman, now general manager of the Wilkes-Barre plant of the American Auto Accessories Company, one of the most prosperous concerns of its class in the Wyoming Valley, with branches in Scranton, Pittston and Hazleton, Pennsylvania.

Charles H. Weissman was born in Russia, August 16, 1888, a son of Nathan and Chie Weissman, deceased. The boy, one of nine children of his parents, all of whom except three are deceased, was educated in Russia and when he had reached the age of twenty-one years he came to America, settling first in New York City, penniless but determined to correct that misfortune by hard work. He made a living, no more, and in two years came to Wilkes-Barre to seek better fortune. It came in the shape of employment in a wholesale jewelry house here at a moment when his funds amounted to twenty cents in cash. He was learning the difficult language of the land of his adoption and he was advancing in business. Within five years he had gone so far that he was able to engage in the business of automobile accessories, an occupation that was to be his future work. By stages he has risen to his present important position. He was very active in the work of gathering contributions for the erection of the new building for the Young Men's Christian Association in Wilkes-Barre, by which \$800,000 were obtained, although he is a Hebrew and now president of the Wilkes-Barre Hebrew Institute. He holds membership in all of the important civic societies of the city and also belongs to the Young Men's Hebrew Association, the Wilkes-Barre-Wyoming Valley Chamber of Commerce, the Fox Hill Country Club, the Wilkes-Barre Automobile Club and the Wilkes-Barre Lodge, No. 109, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Mr. Weissman married, August 16, 1910, Fannie Tannenbaum, of Nanticoke, Pennsylvania. They are the parents of three children: Mazie Esther, Regina and Oscar.

**GEORGE YESKO**—The history of this State is replete with accounts of self-made men, who, by their ambition and industry have risen to positions of prominence in their different communities. The city of Wilkes-

Barre is particularly fortunate to claim as one of its important citizens, George Yesko, the genial treasurer of the Liberty State Bank and Trust Company, who started his business career as office boy with the Delaware and Hudson Coal Company.

Mr. Yesko was born on March 19, 1890, in that part of Austria which is now Czecho-Slovakia, son of Paul and Mary Yesko. Paul Yesko came to the United States in 1890 and later returned to his native land where he died. Mrs. Yesko came to Luzerne County with her family in 1900 and they took up their residence at Miners Mills in this county.

George Yesko was educated in the public schools of the county, and after high school, entered a business college at Hoboken, New Jersey. Upon the completion of his course, he returned to Luzerne County, obtaining a position with the Delaware and Hudson Coal Company, as office-boy at their Baltimore Colliery Plant. His ability and courteous disposition soon won him advancement and he was promoted to the position of chief colliery clerk. Continuing to advance successfully, he decided to venture into independent business, consequently, in 1919, he opened a real estate office in Wilkes-Barre, which he operated profitably until 1920, when he was elected cashier of the Liberty Bank which had just been organized. In this capacity he served with great courtesy and tact and became a popular figure in financial circles. When the bank obtained a State charter in 1923 and the name changed to that of the Liberty State Bank and Trust Company, Mr. Yesko was elected treasurer, being one of the youngest men to hold such a responsible position in the city. In politics, Mr. Yesko has always followed the principles of the Republican party in which he has taken an active part since reaching his majority. Always interested in civic affairs, he is an energetic supporter of all movements for the advancement and improvement of his city. In fraternal circles, he is prominently identified with the Wilkes-Barre Lodge, No. 109, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Loyal Order of Moose and Wilkes-Barre Council, No. 302, Knights of Columbus. He also is a member of the Monarch Club and several Polish fraternities. In religious affiliations, he is a member of the Catholic Church.

George Yesko married, on June 18, 1913, Mary Switch, daughter of Michael Switch, and they have two children, Betty M. and Elmer G.

**ALBERT R. FEINBERG, M. D.**—Conducting a general medical practice in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, Albert R. Feinberg, M. D., has come to be regarded as one of the city's most trusted physicians and leaders in the professional world. Combining a natural skill in diagnosis and treatment of disease with a manner essentially calm, gentle and kind, Dr. Feinberg is thus fitted for a place of preëminence in the field of medicine; and the work that he does in this city is a most valuable one. Especially since he is a native of this place, he has come to be regarded as a most desirable type of man to have associated with the medical profession locally; and at the same time has been invited upon numerous occasions to participate to a marked extent in the social and civic life of his city and county.

Dr. Feinberg was born in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, on July 2, 1899, a son of Louis

and Anna (Robins) Feinberg. His father, born in Russia in 1875, was formerly a merchant in Mount Carmel, although he is now retired from active life; while the mother, Anna (Robins) Feinberg, is a native of New York City. Albert R. Feinberg received his early education in the public schools of Mount Carmel, Pennsylvania, and went to the high school there, from which he was graduated in the class of 1917. He then became a student at the University of Pennsylvania, in Philadelphia, where he took two years of pre-medical work, and entered Jefferson Medical College, in the same city, from which he was graduated in the class of 1924 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. His internship he served at the Allentown General Hospital, where he remained for a year. Since that time he has practiced in Wilkes-Barre, having been engaged in a general line of medical work and having established a practice that is deservedly large.

Dr. Feinberg has shown every inclination to keep in touch with all the newest developments in his profession, and he is close to the activities of his colleagues in the Luzerne County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. In his political views, he maintains a policy of independence, preferring to vote for the candidates of his choice rather than to ally himself blindly with either of the existing major parties. He is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he is identified with Lodge No. 61; a director of the Young Men's Hebrew Association; Hebrew Institute of Wilkes-Barre, and a member of the Fox Hill Country Club. He belongs to the 109th Field Artillery, National Guard. Dr. Feinberg is a member of Temple Israel Synagogue.

**THOMAS BUTKIEWICZ**—One of the best known men of the legal profession in Luzerne County is Thomas Butkiewicz, whose main office is in the courthouse, at Wilkes-Barre. Mr. Butkiewicz is a native of Luzerne County, born of Polish parentage, and is a veteran of the World War who received five decorations from the French Government, and was made a Chevalier of the Order of the Military Cross by the Polish Republic. Mr. Butkiewicz is chief assistant district attorney.

Thomas A. Butkiewicz, father of Mr. Butkiewicz, was born in Poland, and came to this country as a boy, locating in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania. He made his home in Nanticoke, Pennsylvania, where he married Anna Klidzio. In 1894 he was appointed postmaster of Nanticoke by President Cleveland, in which office he served until 1898. They are the parents of six children: Thomas, of further mention; Bolish, deceased; Zygmont, who is a dealer in automobile accessories in Nanticoke, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania; Harry C., a lawyer in Detroit, Michigan; Lucy, who married Dr. C. C. Groblewski, who is a practising physician in Plymouth, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania; and Dr. Edward, who is a dentist in Detroit, Michigan.

Thomas Butkiewicz, son of Thomas A. and Anna (Klidzio) Butkiewicz, was born in Nanticoke, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, July 21, 1883, and as a lad attended the public schools, graduating from the high school with the class of 1897. He prepared for College at Phillips-Andover Academy, at Andover, Massachusetts, remaining there for a period of three years, and then matriculated in Prince-

ton University, at Princeton, New Jersey, where he continued his studies for two years. In the fall of 1902 he entered the law department of the University of Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated with the class of 1905, receiving at that time the degree of Bachelor of Laws. He was admitted to the Luzerne County Bar in the fall of that same year, and has been engaged in practice here in Wilkes-Barre since that time. Twenty-two years of success as a lawyer has won for him a reputation which is a valuable business asset, and has made him well known among his professional associates. He is a member of the American Bar Association. In 1907 he was made assistant district attorney under Abram Salisbury, and on February 1, 1926, he was chosen assistant district attorney under Arthur H. Jones. In November, 1926, Arthur H. Jones was elected Lieutenant-Governor of Pennsylvania, and Thomas M. Lewis was chosen as his successor. Mr. Butkiewicz was then made assistant to Mr. Lewis, this time serving as first assistant, and this office he is still filling (1930). Meantime, in 1915, Mr. Butkiewicz joined the Norton Horges Ambulance Corps and was attached to the French Army. He went to the front as a private, and was later commissioned a first lieutenant. In September, 1917, he joined the United States Army Ambulance Corps as a first lieutenant, and served with the French Army to the close of the war, being mustered out of service in March, 1919. During his period of service he received five decorations from the French Government as a recognition of valor and of distinguished service, being awarded the Croix de Guerre twice with the palm, once with the gold star, and twice with the silver star. In March, 1919, he went to Poland as assistant commissioner with the American Red Cross, and remained on duty there until December 1, 1919, at which time he returned to the United States. While in Poland he received from the Polish Republic the honor of being made a Chevalier of the Order of the Military Cross. Since his return to civilian life Mr. Butkiewicz has been engaged in legal practice and as first assistant district attorney he is rendering valuable public service. He gives his support to the principles and the candidates of the Republican party. His religious affiliation is with the Holy Trinity Polish Roman Catholic Church. Mr. Butkiewicz is unmarried.

**WOLFE KIRSHNER**—Born in England, of Austrian stock, Wolfe Kirshner has achieved a distinct success as a business man and today conducts one of the very enterprising motor accessory establishments in Wilkes-Barre, as well as another in Allentown, Pennsylvania. Energy, perseverance, uprightness and conscientious endeavor to give full value for honest material, in addition to a keen interest in the progressive march of the people among whom he has cast his lot have combined to bring a full return on the investment. He thus enjoys a prosperity that such community service fully merits.

Wolfe Kirshner was born in London, England, July 10, 1892, a son of Abraham and Mollie (Lereich) Kirshner, now living in Plains, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania. Abraham is a son of Isaac and Pauline Kirshner, both natives of Austria, who emigrated to England. When Wolfe was four years of age his parents came to America and settled in Wilkes-Barre, five years later removing to Plains, where the father established himself



in a general merchandise business, which he has since conducted with success. He and his wife are the parents of six children: Jacob, who is associated with his father in business; Wolfe, of whom further; Samuel also associated with his father and brother; Harry, another associate in the business of his father and brothers in the business at Plains; Mae, who is the wife of Morris Green, of Scranton, Pennsylvania; and Max, associated with Wolfe in business and having charge of the management of the Allentown store. Abraham Kirshner is a Republican in politics and is a director in the Plains State Bank.

Wolfe Kirshner was educated in the public schools of Plains Township and in boyhood worked in his father's store, establishing his own business when he was twenty-two years of age, repairing and selling motor trucks, his headquarters at No. 300 South Main Street, Wilkes-Barre. In 1922 he founded his present business under the title of the Kirshner Motor Parts Company, with offices and sales-rooms at No. 76 North Main Street, Wilkes-Barre. Mr. Kirshner is also a fish, fire, game and forest warden of Pennsylvania. He is a Republican in politics and has served in the Pennsylvania Reserve Militia, at Pittston, Pennsylvania, ranking as sergeant. He belongs to Wilkes-Barre Lodge, No. 109, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and to Lodge No. 353, Fraternal Order of Eagles. He is director of United Sportsmen of Pennsylvania, Camp 103; director of Congregation O. L. A. H.

Mr. Kirshner married, February 14, 1914, Rose Lefkowitz, of Scranton, Pennsylvania. The couple are the parents of four children: Blanche, Pauline, Myron and Birdie.

**GILBERT G. JACOBOSKY**—Two honored professions are represented in Wilkes-Barre by members of the Jacobosky family. Accompanying this biography will be found a record of Dr. Cyrus Jacobosky, one of this city's outstanding medical practitioners, a brother of Gilbert G. Jacobosky, whose career will be discussed hereafter. He is engaged in business here under his own name, devoting his time and talents to civil engineering, in which he holds a college degree. Gilbert G. Jacobosky has to his credit here many large buildings and residences, constructed under his supervision, and his professional record compares well with that of his distinguished brother. He, too, is deeply interested in fraternal, civic, and religious affairs and has served in the military forces of his government.

Mr. Jacobosky was born September 26, 1881, in Wilkes-Barre, son of the late Isaac and Adelaide (Auerbach) Jacobosky, both natives of Germany, now deceased. Isaac Jacobosky was born in Posen, Germany, in 1844; migrated to America, and after settling at Wilkes-Barre engaged in real estate activities on a large scale. He is credited with developing and christening the settlement now called Breslau, in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania. He remained an important figure in real estate circles until his death, which occurred in December, 1920. Adelaide (Auerbach) Jacobosky, also born at Posen, Germany, died in May, 1911.

Gilbert G. Jacobosky gained his elementary education in the local public schools, and after his graduation from Wilkes-Barre High School, in 1881, for a period of five years he traveled extensively and obtained much

knowledge of engineering practices that were to prove of inestimable value to him in the years which have followed. He returned to Pennsylvania about 1903, entered Lehigh University, there devoted himself to a special study of engineering, and was graduated by the University in 1907, with the degree of Civil Engineer. Unlike a great many other graduates, Mr. Jacobosky already had several years of practical experience in his profession and thus was enabled to enter business under his own name soon after completing his theoretical training. He established his offices in Wilkes-Barre and since has been occupied as an engineer in this city. Mr. Jacobosky has designed and erected many substantial buildings in Wilkes-Barre, including the Jacobosky Building on South Main Street, where his own offices are located. Many years ago he was converted to Republicanism, that party has since been given his allegiance, and he has been one of the leaders in local political circles, although he has refused to enter public office.

Mr. Jacobosky at one time held a lieutenant-colonel's commission in the United States Army, Engineers' Corps. He entered the service in 1916, went overseas with the American Expeditionary Forces, and spent a year with the United States Army Engineers. His connection with the military forces was maintained until 1919, he receiving his honorable discharge in August of that year. Since discarding his uniform and returning to peace-time pursuits, Mr. Jacobosky has retained the memories of his soldier days through his membership in the American Legion. In this organization he has been extremely active and at one time was adjutant of the Pennsylvania Department, American Legion. His professional ideas and methods are freshened through his contact with the American Society of Civil Engineers, of which he is a member. In the Masonic order Mr. Jacobosky also plays a leading rôle and is a member of Lodge No. 655, Free and Accepted Masons; Keystone Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Wilkes-Barre. In religious matters he has been of material assistance in the E'nai B'rith Synagogue—physically, morally, and financially.

Gilbert G. Jacobosky married, June 28, 1923, Audrey Blumenthal. Mrs. Jacobosky is a native of New York City and a daughter of Charles and Hattie Blumenthal, and is a graduate of Vassar College. She and her husband reside at No. 116 West Ross Street, while Mr. Jacobosky's offices are located in the Jacobosky Building, No. 211-13 South Main Street, this city.

**CYRUS JACOBOSKY, M. D.**—Respected by his conferees for his accomplishments in medicine and honored and esteemed by his fellow-citizens for his many good works in Wilkes-Barre, Dr. Cyrus Jacobosky has gained additional renown through his military service, including affiliation with the Pennsylvania National Guard, and with the United States Army during the World War. A native of this city, he has made it his home since graduating from college, with the exception of that period devoted to his government, and enhancing his professional achievements is Dr. Jacobosky's long list of good deeds performed within the ranks of fraternal and religious organizations.

Dr. Jacobosky is a son of the late Isaac

and Adelaide (Auerbach) Jacobosky, both natives of Germany, now deceased. A brief review of his father is found in a preceding sketch of a brother, Gilbert G.

Cyrus Jacobosky was born August 17, 1889, in Wilkes-Barre, and here he obtained the rudiments of his education, being graduated from high school in 1909. In the autumn of that year he enrolled at the University of Pennsylvania, where he studied assiduously for four years the science and practice of medicine. In 1913, he was graduated from the university, with his coveted degree of Doctor of Medicine. Following the custom of his profession, Dr. Jacobosky then served his internship in a hospital, being so occupied from September 1, 1913, until November 1, 1914, in the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital. His training completed, Dr. Jacobosky then launched upon his practice in his home city, and was forging rapidly to the forefront of his profession when he responded to the call of his government for service in the World War. He entered the Medical Corps, was commissioned first lieutenant, and five months later was promoted to a captaincy, the rank he held at the time of his discharge, July 19, 1919. Captain Jacobosky, for two years, was assigned to camps throughout the United States, devoting himself unceasingly to looking after the welfare and health of Uncle Sam's soldiers, and after receiving his discharge, about eight months after the Armistice, returned home to Wilkes-Barre. Here he has since remained. From 1908 to 1911, Dr. Jacobosky was a member of the Pennsylvania National Guard, entering this organization as a private. After the World War, from 1919 to 1923, he held a commission in the National Guard, and in the last-named year was discharged with the rank of major-surgeon. He bears the distinction of having been the only man to attain this rank in the local regiment of the Pennsylvania Guardsmen, in which he has, incidentally, served in every rating, from private to major-surgeon. The doctor also has held six separate commissions in the military forces—three with the Reserve Corps, and a like number in the State organization.

Resuming his practice in Wilkes-Barre, late in the summer of 1919, Dr. Jacobosky has since specialized in the treatment of venereal diseases, and is an acknowledged authority in this work. Since 1919 he has been connected with the State Department of Health, and has aided materially in the operations of that body. He serves on the staff of Mercy Hospital here, having been connected with this institution since 1915; was president of the staff in 1925, and now is associate urologist there. For two years Dr. Jacobosky was an instructor at St. Thomas College, Scranton, Pennsylvania. Among the professional associations in which he has enrolled are the Luzerne County Medical Society and the Pennsylvania State Medical Society. Fraternally, he is a member of King Hiram Lodge, No. 721, Free and Accepted Masons (Past Master); Shekinah Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Mount Horeb Council, Royal and Select Masters; Keystone Consistory, thirty-second degree, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, of Scranton, and Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Wilkes-Barre. Dr. Jacobosky's religious devotions are made through B'nai B'rith Synagogue. His offices are at No. 211 South Main Street, Wilkes-Barre, while the doctor resides at No. 45 South Street.

**JOHN URBANSKI**—In the development and upbuilding of Greater Wilkes-Barre, progressive contractors endowed and equipped with modern construction methods and facilities have taken a prominent part, and of these, one of the best known builders in this vicinity, John Urbanski has been particularly instrumental in promoting civic improvement in the erection of many important and substantial buildings and residences in this city and vicinity. Mr. Urbanski's rise to prominence in the contracting business is a remarkable record of a firm determination to succeed in the face of numerous adversities and obstacles in his path, and his successful achievements are a fitting reward to his indefatigable energy and perseverance in the accomplishment of his ambition.

Mr. Urbanski was born in Poland, December 15, 1882, son of Alexander and Marlon (Mallnowski) Urbanski, both of whom are now deceased. They were the parents of twelve children, five of whom died in childhood, and the seven who reached maturity are: Joseph, Sophia, John, of whom further; Walter, Victoria, Stanley and Helen.

John Urbanski, the only member of his family to come to the United States, was educated in the schools of his native land, and while a boy, learned the trade of carpentry. He was later impressed into the service of the Russian Army and served as a soldier for five years, fighting against the Japanese in the Russo-Japanese War, participating throughout the entire Harbin and Port Arthur campaigns, and was commissioned captain of a Russian company. In 1906, he came to the United States and settled in Pittsburgh, where without money, without friends, and in a strange land, he set out to overcome these disadvantages and concentrated his efforts on becoming an earnest, successful American citizen. With these lofty ideals ever before him, he labored long and hard, and coming to Luzerne County in 1908 he continued to follow his trade as carpenter. His unswerving attention to the details of his work and his painstaking ability evident in every operation with which he was connected, caused him to advance, and he steadily rose to a position where it was possible for him to branch out into an independent contracting and building business, which he started in 1914, in this city. From the very first, he won the admiration and acclaim of all his patrons for his thorough dependability and the superior quality of all work done under his supervision, with the result that he was soon the recipient of many contracts for houses and buildings awarded him by discriminating builders. His office and residence are located at No. 387 South Main Street, and his reputation for building projects of superior quality and workmanship is established throughout this city and its environs. Among the many contracts which Mr. Urbanski has completed are the Leo Emanski Building, Kingston; the Tony Deslesski Building, corner North Main and Chestnut streets, Wilkes-Barre; John Gibus Apartments, Kingston; and the Thomas Grovik Apartments and Stores, Koon Krest, Hanover Township. Mr. Urbanski is especially prominent in spreading Americanization policies among his fellow-citizens of Polish descent and in this connection is a leading figure in the affairs of the Polish Union of America and the Polish Alliance of the United States, having been at one time president of the latter. He was for two years treasurer of

Holy Cross Church at Buttonwood and the first organizer of the church. In politics, he is a staunch supporter of the principles of the Republican party, and his religious adherence is given to St. Mary's Polish Catholic Church on Park Avenue, Wilkes-Barre.

John Urbanski married, May 26, 1912, Lottie Poremba, of Nanticoke, and they are the parents of six children: Stanley, Loretta, Chester, Genevieve, Edmund, and John, Jr. Mrs. Urbanski is a daughter of George and Catherine (Wolan) Poremba, both of whom were natives of Poland. Her father died at the age of fifty, and her mother survives. Mr. and Mrs. Poremba were the parents of ten children: Joseph, Catherine, George, Martha, Nellie, Lottie, who married John Urbanski, Viola, Louise, Nettie and Helen.

Mr. Urbanski has in the truest measure earned the right to be called a self-made man, because after serving five hard years in the Russian Army and experiencing trials and privations which would have tried the courage of one of less determination, he came to this country with no assets but his will to advance, which ambition he has successfully accomplished.

**JOSEPH BLAZEJEWSKI**—In the business circles of Wilkes-Barre the name of Joseph Blazejewski is a familiar one. It stands for achievement in diverse financial directions, and for a man whose citizenship has been of the highest order, valued for constructive effort in connection with all major movements designed for the benefit of the greater community.

Joseph Blazejewski is a native of Wilkes-Barre. He was born January 9, 1891, son of Michael and Martha (Falkowski) Blazejewski. His father, native of Poland, was born in 1868, and in 1891, aged twenty-three, came to the United States, quickly settling as resident of Wilkes-Barre. In the course of his years he became prominent in the city's business activities as proprietor of a prosperous bottling works, which he founded in 1908 and continues to operate. He is a Democrat. Michael Blazejewski married Martha Falkowski, as himself a native of Poland; and of their union were born ten children, of whom nine are living, and of whom we are concerned with Joseph Blazejewski. Both parents survive, making their home in Wilkes-Barre.

In the public schools of Wilkes-Barre Joseph Blazejewski secured his elementary and secondary academic instruction, and at an early age went to work, entering the business world as clerk in a store. As clerk he continued through a full twelve years, learning all aspects of retail merchandising, and acquiring much destined to be of service to him later as his own proprietor. In 1909, a year after his father had founded the bottling works, to charge bottles with carbonated beverages, he became associated with him; and with this business he has been affiliated through the two decades that have followed, under the firm style of Crystal Bottling Company. The works are well established, and in them the year entire are employed an average of five and six hands. As his father, and perhaps to greater degree, Mr. Blazejewski interests himself in the city's general affairs. A Democrat, he supports the principles and candidates of the party with consistency. He is a director of the North End State Bank of Wilkes-Barre, treasurer of the Wyoming Valley Bottlers' Association,

and maintains a diversity of economic connections, holding property of considerable value. He is a member of the Tatra Club, and a communicant of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church.

**JOSEPH S. MIESZKOWSKI**—Coming to America from Poland as a young boy, Joseph S. Mieszkowski grew to manhood in Pennsylvania, and is now a member of the bar of this State at Wilkes-Barre. Thoroughly trained in the profession which he has adopted, he has won recognition for his work at Wilkes-Barre, where he is considered one of the most promising of the younger attorneys. He has achieved success solely through his fine energy and ability, and may well be proud of his record as the community is proud to number him among its citizens.

Mr. Mieszkowski was born in Poland on August 15, 1900, a son of Stanislaw Mieszkowski, a school teacher in Poland, now deceased, and of Katharine (Turczynska) Mieszkowski, now living with her son in Wilkes-Barre. In his seventh year he came to the United States, with his parents who settled in Wilkes-Barre, and in the public schools of Plains and Parsons, Pennsylvania, he received his preliminary education. Thereafter he undertook the course of study at the Polish National Alliance College in Cambridge Springs, Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated in 1919, and then matriculated at Columbia University, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1923. Mr. Mieszkowski had early determined upon a legal career, and continued work in law at Columbia, receiving the Bachelor of Laws degree in 1925. Returning to Wilkes-Barre, he was admitted to the local bar in March, 1926, and immediately began the general practice of his profession in the office of the late Judge John V. Kosek. This arrangement has been continued since that time, his services proving repeatedly of great value to his firm, and bringing him wide local reputation. Mr. Mieszkowski is a member of the Luzerne County Bar Association and of the Wilkes-Barre Lawyers' Club.

Aside from his professional work he is active in local Republican party affairs, working prominently in support of party programs, and of all civic movements for the welfare of the community. He holds membership in the Tatra Club, and is counted a generous contributor to charitable enterprises. He is a member of the Polish Union of America and the Polish National Alliance, the Polish Roman Catholic Union, and the Polish Alliance of Plymouth, Pennsylvania.

Joseph S. Mieszkowski married, June 12, 1929, Marie I. Stepan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Stepan, of Wilkes-Barre. Mrs. Mieszkowski is a graduate of Wilkes-Barre High School and the State Teachers College, Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania, and taught school before her marriage. Mr. Mieszkowski's office is in the Bennett Building, in Wilkes-Barre, while his place of residence is situated at No. 62 Miner Avenue, Miners Mills.

**HERMAN JOSEPH GOLDBERG**, who is the efficient assistant district attorney of Luzerne County, with offices at No. 609 Coal Exchange Building, was born in Wilkes-Barre July 14, 1898, and is a son of Israel and Minnie F. (Silverstein) Goldberg, of this city. Israel Goldberg is an efficient and respected merchant tailor and he and his wife are the parents of five children: 1. Harry, engaged in

the real estate business at Wilkes-Barre. 2. Gertrude, married to Joseph Monsky, residing in Scranton, Pennsylvania. 3. Herman Joseph, of whom further. 4. Dora, who is a teacher at Wyoming Borough, Luzerne County, in the public school system. 5. Jacob Maurice, a practicing attorney at law in Bedford, Indiana.

Herman Joseph Goldberg was reared in the city of Wilkes-Barre and as a boy attended the grammar schools, after which he entered the Wilkes-Barre High School and on applying himself vigorously graduated with the class of 1916. He immediately matriculated at the Dickinson School of Law, whence he was graduated with a good record and with the degree of Bachelor of Laws in the class of 1919. Mr. Goldberg was admitted to the Luzerne County Bar February 9, 1920, and on April 12, 1920, was admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. On October 8, 1920, he was admitted to practice before the United States Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, and the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit on May 2, 1922.

Mr. Goldberg, it will be seen, was making a very steady progress, and his abilities were recognized in a more substantial and enduring form when he was appointed assistant district attorney for Luzerne County by Thomas M. Lewis, November 25, 1926. He is a leading and valued member of the Luzerne County Bar Association and the Pennsylvania State Bar Association. He is director and solicitor of the South Side Bank and Trust Company, of Wilkes-Barre.

In political affairs Mr. Goldberg's allegiance is with the Republican party. He was president of the Young Men's Hebrew Association of Wyoming Valley, and enjoys an unusual measure of popularity in this worthy organization, as in the others with which he is affiliated. In secret order circles he is prominently identified with Landmark Lodge, No. 442, of the Free and Accepted Masons; Shekinah Chapter, No. 182, of the Royal Arch Masons; Mount Horeb Council, No. 34, of Royal and Select Masters; Keystone Consistory at Scranton; Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Masons of the thirty-second degree; Irem Temple, of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Wilkes-Barre; Wilkes-Barre Lodge, No. 109, of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and Aerie No. 353, of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, and Knights of Pythias, No. 174. He is also a member of the Craftsman's Club, the Pennsylvania State Hebrew Institute and the Greek letter fraternity of Phi Epsilon Pi. Mr. Goldberg has made a remarkable record in his chosen profession.

**JOHN LUPAS**—Though he was born in Italy, John Lupas has spent the greater part of his life in this country. Hard work and thrift have enabled him to rise steadily and since 1926 he has been in Government employ, in the service of the State of Pennsylvania. For some thirteen years he worked in and around the mines, but later he engaged in business for himself as a merchant in Plains, Luzerne County, where for seventeen years he demonstrated his ability to conduct a business successfully. He is one of the organizers and a director of the Plains State Bank, and at the present time (1930) is president of the Wyoming Valley Coke and Cone Company, Inc.

John Lupas was born in the southern section of Italy, April 25, 1888, son of Anthony Lupas, a laborer, who was born in Italy in 1862 and is still living, and of Rose (Soca) Lupas, born in Italy in 1871, also still living. Mr. Lupas was brought to this country by his parents while he was still a small boy and as a lad he began work picking slate in a coal breaker at the mines. For some six years he continued at this job, and then remained around the mines, holding various positions, for about seven years more, totaling thirteen years in all. Like most of his race, he was sturdy, industrious, and thrifty, also ambitious, and he had no intention of remaining in subservient positions in the mines or anywhere else. When he was able he engaged in business for himself as a merchant in Plains, and his native ability, together with close attention to details and honest business methods brought him success. For seventeen years he continued as a merchant, beginning to operate his own concern when he was twenty-one years old, in 1909, and continuing until 1926, when he sold out at a satisfactory price. Since 1926 he has been in the employ of the State of Pennsylvania as State inspector. Mr. Lupas was one of the organizers of the Plains State Bank and has been a member of its board of directors since its organization, and he is president of the Wyoming Valley Coke and Cone Company, Inc., in which capacity he is rendering most effective service. He is well known among the business men of this district, and in addition to the able administration of his business affairs is also active in political affairs. He is a Republican and has served as township commissioner here from 1919 to 1923, a four-year term. Fraternally, he is identified with Lodge No. 109, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and with Lodge No. 128, Loyal Order of Moose, of Wilkes-Barre; and his religious membership is with the Catholic Church of the Sacred Heart here in Plains.

John Lupas was married (first), March 13, 1905, to Antoinetta Valenti, of Yatesville, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, who died October 29, 1912, leaving two children: 1. Rose, born in 1908. 2. Anthony, born in 1909. Mr. Lupas married (second), August 6, 1913, Catherine Greco, of Old Forge, Pennsylvania. No children have been born to the second marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Lupas make their home at No. 76 North Carey Street, in Plains, Pennsylvania.

**EMERSON F. SCHMALTZ**—Fortifying himself with a thorough knowledge of the electrical business by a practical experience of twelve years, Emerson F. Schmaltz, of Kingston, felt qualified for independent operations and since 1916 has been forging to the front rank of electrical contractors and merchants of appliances in this district. He is also a man of fine business ability and pleasing personality, honorable in all his dealings and cooperative in his attitude toward others in the field, believing that multiple success is best attained by such methods. These attributes commend him to the citizenry and draw to his headquarters a profitable patronage, while the quality of his wares and work is a tribute to his belief in giving full value for the confidence that is reposed in him. He is one of our young citizens and business men who is bound to make a lofty place for himself in the commercial world, wherever he may find his footsteps leading him, appreci-

ated to the full by this community, which judges a man by his merits alone.

Born in Pittston, Pennsylvania, January 4, 1891, he is a son of George W. Schmaltz, also a native of Pittston, born in 1865, a carpenter by trade, deceased in December, 1927, and of Gertrude (Simmons) Schmaltz, also of Pittston, deceased in 1892. He was educated in the public schools and came to Wilkes-Barre after leaving the class room, going to work here for the Hazard Manufacturing Company, with which he remained for five years. He learned during those years and the seven that followed the electrical trade, and in 1916 established himself independently in Kingston as an electrician, opening his present headquarters in Wyoming Avenue in 1921, where he has a complete line of electrical equipment, radios, refrigerators and appliances, and where he also engages in electrical contracting of all kinds. He employs six or more men and does a large business. In politics he is a Republican, in religion a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. His fraternal affiliation is with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Lodge No. 109.

Emerson F. Schmaltz married, in 1912, Irene Pursell, daughter of John S. and Edna Pursell, of Wilkes-Barre. They were the parents of one child, Helen Blanche, born January 12, 1915. Mrs. Schmaltz died December 16, 1929.

**JOHN J. BALOGA**—After some thirteen years of experience in the embalming and funeral directing business John J. Baloga purchased the establishment of A. V. Kozak, Incorporated, at No. 592 North Main Street, in Wilkes-Barre, where he is now (1930) taking care of a rapidly growing business. Mr. Baloga is an active member of the various Slovak Greek Catholic and Roman and Greek Catholic Associations, and well known in Wilkes-Barre.

Stephen Baloga, father of Mr. Baloga, now deceased, and his wife Mary, who survives him, became the parents of children, of whom three are now living: Andrew H., a resident of Wilkes-Barre; Stephen M., and John J., of further mention.

John J. Baloga, son of Stephen and Mary (Liptak) Baloga, was born in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, June 25, 1897. He attended the local public schools until he was twelve years of age and then found his first remunerative employment in the Sheldon Axle Works, where he remained for several years. He then took a position with Andrew V. Kozak with whom he learned the business of the embalmer and funeral director. The association with Mr. Kozak was maintained for more than ten years and in 1925 the business was incorporated, Mr. Baloga becoming a partner in the business under the name of A. V. Kozak, Incorporated. In 1927 he purchased the business and is now sole owner of the establishment. His modern parlors and well equipped rooms are located at No. 592 North Main Street in Wilkes-Barre, and Mr. Baloga has long ago established a reputation which brings him a steadily increasing patronage. Mr. Baloga enlisted October 17, 1918 in the World War, and was assigned to Company A, as automobile mechanic at Pennsylvania State College. He was honorably discharged December 12, 1918. Mr. Baloga is a member of Branch No. 173, First Slovak Catholic Union of America; of Branch 25, Pennsylvania Slovak Union; of Branch 59, Roman and Greek Catholic Athletic Association; the Ukrainian National Association; the Commercial Travelers and Mutual Acci-

dent Association; the Council No. 2797, the Security Benefit Association; the American Legion, Post No. 132; and is also identified with the Funeral Directors' Association of Luzerne County, Pennsylvania. His religious affiliation is with the Sacred Heart Slovak Catholic Church of Wilkes-Barre.

John J. Baloga was married, in St. John the Baptist's Roman Catholic Church by Rev. Father Marley, in Philadelphia, to Mary M. Pribula, of Wilkes-Barre, who was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, daughter of William and Julia (Ulicny) Pribula, of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Baloga are the parents of five children: John J., Jr., Stephen, Maria, Dorothy Ann and Theresa.

**JOSEPH STANLEY WARKOMSKI, D. D. S.**—Born at Plains, Luzerne County, December 16, 1902, Joseph Stanley Warkomski, Doctor of Dental Surgery, is a son of Julian and Elizabeth Warkomski, both of whom are natives of Poland, the father, Julian Warkomski, having been proprietor of a hotel in Wilkes-Barre for many years, now in retirement.

Joseph Stanley Warkomski received his elementary and secondary instruction in the public schools of Wilkes-Barre, graduating from high school in 1921 with markings attesting to scholastic excellence. Thereafter he matriculated in Temple University Dental School, and in 1925, at the age of twenty-three years, took the degree in dentistry. From that year onward he has practiced in Luzerne, having offices at No. 126 Main Avenue. His clientele is large, and already, within the few years of his activity in the profession, he has advanced to a respected position among confreres. Dr. Warkomski is a member of the county, State and National dental societies; the Psi Omega Dental Fraternity, the Rotary Club of Dallas, and the Knights of Columbus. A Republican, he has supported the party's principles and candidates consistently. He is a communicant of St. John's Church, of Luzerne.

Dr. Warkomski married, in June, 1923, Louise Norris, of Trucksville, Pennsylvania, daughter of Charles S. and Unice Norris, the family of Norris being one of the oldest in Luzerne County, its members among the earliest settlers of the Wyoming Valley. Of this union was born a son, James Norris, August 7, 1927.

**ANTHONY DRAPIEWSKI**—Anthony Drapiewski & Sons, of Nanticoke, established an undertaking business in 1881, which makes him one of the very few in the Wyoming Valley in this business at that early date. He came to this country at the age of ten years, landing at "Castle Garden" in 1870. He walked from New York to Shamokin where he worked in the mines for a year, then to Pittsburgh for a few months and later to Chicago after the great conflagration there. He worked in different factories and went to school when out of a job, then returned to anthracite at Nanticoke, working in the mines and outside, attending night school in winter months. He met with a few accidents, including falling down the shaft (being at the time a head man) and, having enough warning, he quit the mines. He began to learn shoe making, but at that time an undertaker by the name of McNulty, not being able to find anybody to buy him out, persistently urged Mr. Drapiewski to give up shoe making and go into the undertaking business, in which he has continued to this day.

**REV. LEO J. KRONER**—Consideration of the career of Rev. Leo J. Kroner is one and the same with consideration of the history of St. Joseph's Slovakian Catholic Church, for the annal of one is closely identified with that of the other, and that of each is interesting.

First the church: St. Joseph's, at the intersection of Fifth and Laurel streets, was founded as a parish in 1884, the first Slovakian Catholic Church, it is said, in America, by Rev. Joseph Jaskovich, who remained with the parish until 1890. In those six years he saw the work fairly launched, and himself saw to erection of the basement structure in which the first services were held—the basement of the present church. Father Jaskovich was succeeded by Rev. Joseph Kossalko, who administered to the spiritual needs of the growing community until 1893, when he turned over the charge to Rev. Frank J. Pribyl. Father Pribyl filled the charge four years, leaving it in 1897, being succeeded then by Rev. Joseph Fornanek, whose labors here endured five years more. In August, 1902, Rev. Matthew Jankola assumed to the pastorate, held it until 1907, and during his incumbency (1905) the church was completed, the earlier edifice having been destroyed by fire. In November, 1907, upon the retirement of Father Jankola, Rev. John Gaspercik attained to the post, and retained it longer than had any one of his predecessors, until death came to him, October 16, 1918. After that date Father Kroner took charge, and has continued in the pastorate through the years that have followed, having equalled Father Gaspercik's long term of service among the parishioners.

Father Kroner's career in brief is this: He was born in Czecho-Slovakia, May 21, 1889, son of Julius and Theresa (Chladek) Kroner. In 1890, when he was about twelve months of age, the family came to the United States, first locating in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, soon removing to Plymouth, Pennsylvania, still later taking residence in Illinois, and ultimately returning to Pennsylvania, where a residence was established in Wilkes-Barre. But after a comparatively brief residence here the family moved once more to Illinois, and finally, in 1902, returned to Plymouth, where Father Kroner grew to manhood. In the schools of Plymouth he secured his secondary academic instruction, then took his classical course at St. Procopius College, Lisle, Illinois. His philosophical studies were in St. Mary's College, of Baltimore, Maryland, and he took theology at St. Bonaventura's, at Allegheny, New York, being ordained to the priesthood July 16, 1914, at the age of twenty-five, by Bishop Hoban, at Scranton. His initial responsibility was as administrator, assigned to St. Stephen's, at Plymouth, and to Holy Trinity Church at Sawyersville for a short time. Then he was given charge of St. Anthony's Church at Larksville, Luzerne County, October 1, 1914, and there spent four years before coming to St. Joseph's of Hazleton as pastor in charge. While at Larksville he also took care of affairs in St. John's of Luzerne.

Father Kroner has accomplished a great amount of good works in connection with St. Joseph's. A progressive in general matters, he is progressive as regards church buildings, grounds and administration. He has added four rooms to the parochial school's facilities, and in 1927-28 brought to completion the new rectory, a handsome building of native stone with trimmings of limestone. The church edifice is likewise of stone, so that the two are in harmony with each other and with the general surroundings. Present membership in the church is

six hundred and fifty families. The school, completed in 1925, has three hundred and twenty-five pupils, and is in charge of the Sisters of St. Cyril and Methodius, the mother house being at Danville, Pennsylvania. The first mother house was at Plymouth.

Father Kroner is one of the directors and vice-president of the Union Building and Loan Association, takes a considerable interest in civic affairs, is spiritual adviser to the Pennsylvania Slovakian Union, and during the period of America's participation in the World War was of valued assistance in the several campaigns of the Liberty Loan and Red Cross. He is a foremost citizen of Hazleton.

**MARTIN BALOGA**—For almost thirty years, Martin Baloga has been prominent in the life of Swoyersville, Pennsylvania, to which he came as a young man. Mr. Baloga has conducted or has been associated with at various times, many important business ventures in the vicinity all of which have benefited by his sound judgment and able direction of their affairs. He has not limited his activities solely to business however, having devoted considerable time and attention to services in the public interest in official capacity, and to the affairs of various religious and Czecho-Slovakian societies.

Mr. Baloga was born in Czecho-Slovakia, then part of the Austrian empire, on November 11, 1878, a son of Stephen Baloga, a farmer, born in Austria in 1853, died in 1918, and of Anna W. (Simchek) Baloga, also born in Austria, who died in 1917.

Martin Baloga attended the Austrian schools, and later came to the United States, arriving in Wilkes-Barre on May 15, 1895. For about a year he worked in a coal breaker, after which he was connected with a general store in Edwardsville for four and a half years, and with a general store in Luzerne for a short time. In the year 1900 he began his independent business career, establishing a butcher business in Swoyersville, which he operated very successfully under his own name until 1907, when ill health forced him to dispose of his interests. During this period also Mr. Baloga conducted an undertaking establishment of modern type. After a trip to Europe made necessary by his physical condition, he returned to Swoyersville and entered the liquor and saloon trade, continuing this work until the prohibition laws became effective. In addition to his establishment at Swoyersville, he owned a retail saloon in Wilkes-Barre, and a wholesale store in Nanticoke. Mr. Baloga again entered the meat business for one year, after which he retired until 1928, when he opened the retail shoe store which he now operates. In all these varying activities he displayed the same sound business judgment and energy, and his efforts were rewarded by continued success.

Mr. Baloga served for nine years as street commissioner of Swoyersville Borough, and four years he was chief of police of the borough, the first uniformed chief which Swoyersville had had up to that time. The duties of both these difficult positions he discharged in a very efficient manner. Mr. Baloga was one of the organizers and original directors of the West Side Trust Company, which later merged with the Kingston Bank and Trust Company, and of this latter institution he is now a director. In politics he is a member of the Republican party, standing high in party councils in the Wilkes-Barre district, while he has always heartily

supported every worthy movement for civic progress and the welfare of the community. For many years he has been a member of the National Slovak Union, of which he is now treasurer, and for the past ten years, he has been president of the Pennsylvania Slovak, Roman, and Greek Catholic Union. Mr. Baloga is also a member of the First Catholic Union, treasurer of the Young Folks' Circle of the National Slovak Society, treasurer of the First Slovak Wreath of the Free Eagle and of the Junior branch of this organization, a member of the Woodmen of the World, the Security Benefit Association, and of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. He is a member of the Holy Name Society and of the Holy Trinity Church, at Swyersville, serving as vice-president of the board of the latter organization and as a member of the committee for the erection of the new church and school. To the affairs of all these associations he has given freely of his time and attention, while his liberal contributions to benevolent causes are well known.

In 1897 Martin Baloga married Antonetta Lacina, a Bohemian by birth, daughter of Thomas and Antonetta Lacina. Mrs. Baloga died on December 13, 1921, leaving several children: 1. Anna, now Mrs. Anna Heny. 2. Pauline, who is Mrs. Pauline Yennoson. 3. Aloysius, priest in the Roman Catholic Church, who was graduated from St. Mary's High School, in Wilkes-Barre, from St. Procopius College in 1924, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and from St. Bonaventure Seminary, after which, on June 2, 1928, he was ordained priest by the Rt. Rev. Bishop O'Reilly. 4. Margaret, now Mrs. Margaret Walaitas. 5. Albert S., who was graduated from St. Mary's High School, and is now attending St. Bonaventure. Mr. Baloga married (second), April 17, 1922, Helen Matalick, daughter of John and Anna Matalick, of Swyersville. The family residence is situated at No. 320 Hughes Street, Swyersville.

**ANDREW J. SELECKY**—The coal industry, although an underground form of occupation, is no barrier to success for the energetic worker. In fact, not a few of the mine workers have gained coveted goals through their initiative, good judgment and spirit of co-operation. Andrew J. Selecky, who came to this country at the age of seventeen, and who attended the night schools of his community, rose from the ranks of slate-picker in the No. 1 breaker at Nanticoke to the present position of mine-foreman, school director, and bank director in Glen Lyon, winning the respect and confidence of his fellow-townsmen.

Andrew J. Selecky, born in Czechoslovakia, July 11, 1868, is the son of John and Anna (Haslinsky) Selecky, both parents natives of that country; the former, a farmer, died in 1871, the latter died in 1918. In 1885 he came to the United States with the hope of bettering his condition and future to a far greater degree than he ever hoped to attain in his native land. Arriving in Nanticoke, he obtained employment at the old No. 1 breaker. After a ten-hour work day he would spend his evenings in advancing himself in studying his course of study. Thus, he provided a living for himself, and at the same time acquired a working knowledge of fundamental subjects.

From a slate-picker at the breaker, he was promoted to different classes of work in and about the mines, showing himself competent to perform every grade of work to which he was assigned with adaptability, thoroughness and cheerfulness. After working as "miner"

from 1892 until 1905, he was made assistant mine foreman in 1905 in which position he exhibited capacity for handling men and solving the problems of transporting the coal from the mine chambers to the breaker. Four years later, in 1909, he was advanced to the position of mine-foreman, which position he has since held; demonstrating to his superiors the wisdom of making the appointment.

The occupation of coal mining, while an honorable one in every sense, did not restrain a man of Mr. Selecky's ability and broad outlook from taking his proper place in the civic life of the community of Glen Lyon. He gave his political allegiance to the Democratic party, and in many a spirited campaign he helped its candidates to victory in the elections. In 1915, he was honored with the election to the office of school director and was retained in that capacity until 1921; his term being featured by an intelligent and faithful attention to the responsibilities with which he was clothed. Incidentally the position gave him a coveted opportunity both of service to the community and of acquiring an intimate contact with the educational system as there administered. A further indication of his standing lies in his election to the board of directors of the Glen Lyon National Bank. He is a member of the National Slovak Union, the Pennsylvania Slovak Roman Catholic Organization, and worships at the Roman Catholic Church in Glen Lyon.

Andrew J. Selecky married, on January 21, 1891, Julia Fabry, who also is a native of Czechoslovakia. They are the parents of eight children: 1. John, a graduate of Syracuse University and a teacher in the local high school. 2. Andrew. 3. Julia. 4. Joseph, a graduate of the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland, and a first lieutenant in the navy. 5. Catherine, a graduate of Bloomsburg Normal School, and a teacher in the Glen Lyon schools. 6. Aloysius, graduate of the local high school and of the Wilkes-Barre Business College. 7. Emma, graduate of Bloomsburg Normal School, and a teacher in the schools of Nanticoke. 8. Paul, graduate of the local high school and of Wyoming Seminary, with honors; a student at the University of Pennsylvania.

**PETER EDWIN TURIK**—Among the younger members of the bar in Glen Lyon is Peter Edwin Turik, who has had to overcome many obstacles in order to attain his cherished desire to qualify himself for law practice. Practically his entire training has been acquired through self-effort, and this education, incidentally, is one of the best among attorneys of Luzerne County. Mr. Turik has degrees from many important institutions of learning, most of them gained at intervals interspersed with teaching, in order that his expenses might thereby be defrayed. His teaching career has included high school subjects, and another handicap Mr. Turik sustained in his efforts to gain admission to the bar was occasioned by his services for his country during the World War, when he held a commission in the artillery corps. He has been a paramount figure in projects of the political party of his faith and has held public office in his community. A member of many other organizations, including fraternal and war veterans' associations, he is one of the most popular young men in Glen Lyon.

Mr. Turik was born December 5, 1892, at Glen Lyon, son of John and Julia (Skovronski) Turik. Both parents are natives of Poland and reside in this town. Peter Edwin Turik was given the customary public school

education and graduated from the Newport Township High School. Thence he entered Bloomsburg Normal School, completing his studies at that institution in 1911. At this time he was forced to seek employment in order to gain funds to further his education, and he became a teacher in Newport Township High School, serving as an instructor in this institution from 1912 to 1917. With the entrance of the United States into the World War, Mr. Turik gave up his teaching and enlisted in the military service. Attached to the Heavy Artillery Corps, he served with this department during the World War with the commission of second lieutenant, and was discharged as a captain of the Reserve Corps on July 20, 1919. After discarding his military habiliments, Mr. Turik resumed his duties as a teacher in the Newport Township High School, in 1919, and there continued until 1924. In the meantime, however, he had studied at Susquehanna University, and in 1921 was given the degree of Bachelor of Arts by this institution. Thereafter he matriculated at Dickinson College, and after completing the prescribed courses in this college, was graduated with the class of 1927 with the degree of Master of Arts. In this same year he received his long-coveted Bachelor of Laws degree from Dickinson Law School and then entered practice at Glen Lyon, his native town. As a natural consequence of such varied and complete training, combined with the fact that he had been known since boyhood in this community, Mr. Turik immediately gained recognition as a talented practitioner, and in the brief period that has elapsed, has gained a niche of import among Glen Lyon lawyers. His abilities also have been recognized by the political party of his choice, the Republican, and on June 14, 1928, he was appointed director of the poor for Newport Township, an office he has filled to the complete satisfaction of his constituents and fellow-citizens. Realizing the value of organization among veterans of the World War, Mr. Turik has associated himself with the local post of the American Legion, and is ever to the fore in projects of this highly regarded veterans' society. In fraternal circles he is a popular and well-liked member of Carlisle Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Loyal Order of Moose. He is a Catholic in religious beliefs, and a communicant of St. Adelbert's Roman Catholic Church.

Peter Edwin Turik married, June 5, 1917, Helen Peters, of Nanticoke, Pennsylvania, daughter of Frank and Mary Peters, and the children of this marriage are: 1. Florence, born September 19, 1919. 2. Eleanor, born July 17, 1923.

**JOSEPH KACALA**—To the many examples of worthy ambition, progressive spirit and thrift, furnished by foreign-born folk of Luzerne County who have attained positions of commanding influence in the commercial and civic life of the community, must be added the name of Joseph Kacala. After a quarter of a century occupation in the coal mines, he launched successfully his own business as a grocer, and has served the village of Glen Lyon as president of the School Board, helped organize a national bank, of which he is a director, and in many other ways has demonstrated his constructive association with the large betterment program of township and county.

Joseph Kacala was born in Poland, February 28, 1870, the son of Vincent and Sophie (Sekora) Kacala, both natives of that coun-

try, the former a farmer, died in 1871, and the latter died in 1893. He received his education in schools of his native country, and then was employed on a farm there for a short time. In 1885 he arrived in the United States, being then fifteen years old. The following year he settled in Nanticoke and went to work in the mines of the Susquehanna Coal Company, where he was employed for twenty-six years, a faithful member of the force. During that period he had saved what money he was able from his wages, against the day when he hoped to establish himself in business. That day arrived when he opened his own grocery in Glen Lyon, where he has since become an important factor in the political, merchandising and financial circles. He is highly esteemed for his personal worth and his intense interest in worthwhile endeavors in the village.

Mr. Kacala readily owns to his allegiance to the Democratic party, in whose councils at Glen Lyon his counsel and assistance are highly prized by his colleagues. He found opportunity for real service in the educational department of the village when elected to the position of school director, which he filled with marked efficiency and regularity for his term of three years. Then he was made a member of the school board and elected its secretary, later being advanced to president, serving in that office for one year. When the movement for the formation of the Glen Lyon National Bank was contemplated, he was invited to be one of the organizers and with his assistance the institution was established on a good foundation which furnished the basic formation for the successful financial structure that has since been builded. With the organization of the personnel he was elected a member of the board of directors, and has since held that office. He is also a stockholder of the Nanticoke National Bank, belongs to the Polish Union and is a communicant of St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church.

Joseph Kacala married, in 1894, Anna Petroski, of Glen Lyon, daughter of John and Frances Petroski, and they have had thirteen children: Mary, who died at the age of thirty-three years; Rose, Stanley, Victoria, Katherine, Julia, Joseph, a graduate of Mansfield State Teachers College; Frank, Celia, Sophia, Edward, Stella, and Leonard.

**LEONARD P. JENNINGS**—Though one of the youngest of Nanticoke's business men, Mr. Jennings, during the comparatively few years in which he has been established in the electrical contracting business under his own name, has built up not only a very extensive and lucrative business, but also a very high reputation for unusually thorough knowledge of all branches of the electrical trade, for courtesy and efficiency, and for fair-dealing and reliability. He also takes a very active and effective part in the civic, political and religious life of the community and in every respect represents the highest type of progressive and useful citizenship.

Leonard P. Jennings was born at Glen Lyon, Pennsylvania, July 19, 1898, a son of the late Matthew Jennings and Mary (O'Brian) Jennings. His father, who died in 1899, the same year in which the son was born, was a coal miner. On his mother's side he is a member of a very ancient Irish family. Mr. Jennings was educated in the public schools of Nanticoke, which, however, he left at the early age of eleven years, in order to assist his mother in the difficult struggle for life, resulting from the premature death of the head of the







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family. At that time he began to work in the electrical business, in which field he has continued ever since then. Showing marked mechanical ability and applying himself very closely to the various tasks set him by his employers, he made rapid progress. The next ten years were devoted to acquiring a most thorough and practical training in the different branches of the electrical business, and these years were spent to such good advantage that in 1920, after he had reached his majority, he established himself in the electrical contracting business on his own account. Since then he has executed, with great credit to himself and to the entire satisfaction of his numerous customers, some very important contracts for electrical equipment, including contracts from the Nanticoke Hospital, the Challenger Apartments, the Straus Department Stores, all of the better houses erected since then in Tillsbury Terrace and West Nanticoke, and from many other similar enterprises. Today he is considered the leader in his particular line of business in Nanticoke. April 1, 1926, almost exactly six years after he had first started in business as a contractor, he added a retail store to his other work. Located most advantageously at No. 153 South Market Street, Nanticoke, and carrying a very complete and high-grade line of electrical goods and hardware, this enterprise, too, has greatly prospered and is assured of further growth and even greater prosperity. A self-made man in the best sense of the word, Mr. Jennings has the satisfaction of being able to ascribe his steady progress and his remarkable success to his own efforts exclusively, efforts which have been based consistently on hard work, untiring energy, unwavering integrity and keen judgment. Though naturally his constantly growing business receives the major share of his time and attention, he has always found it possible to take great interest in the general life and progress of the community, where he is highly respected and much liked. His religious affiliations are with the Roman Catholic Church.

**CHARLES ROZMAREK**—A Wilkes-Barre lawyer with offices in the Brooks Building, Charles Rozmarek in the short period of his practice here has won the confidence of the community in an unusual degree. He is thoroughly trained in his profession, with a wide knowledge of both legal principles and their application in modern procedure, and the success which he is winning is well deserved.

Mr. Rozmarek was born at Wilkes-Barre on July 25, 1887, a son of John Rozmarek, a mine worker, who was born in Poland, and of Madaline (Chybke) Rozmarek, also of Polish birth. He attended the public schools of Parsons and later the Wilkes-Barre High School, from which he was graduated in 1915. Beginning the business of life, Mr. Rozmarek entered the employ of the Caribbean Steamship Company of New York City, for which he acted as Spanish correspondent during a period of one year. In 1919 he resumed his educational work, entering the University of Pennsylvania where he was graduated in 1922 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. For a year thereafter he was connected with the Bankers Trust Company in New York City, and then for a short time he traveled on the road as a commercial salesman, but he had meanwhile decided upon a legal career and undertook a course of study at Harvard Law School remaining here for two years. He then matriculated in the Boston University Law School where in 1927,

he received the degree of Bachelor of Laws. Returning to Wilkes-Barre, Mr. Rozmarek was admitted to the Pennsylvania bar on March 5, 1928, and immediately began the general practice of his profession under his own name. The community here has been quick to take advantage of the excellent legal service offered by Mr. Rozmarek and through all the period since he first opened offices the demands on his time and attention have constantly increased. Several notable victories in the local courts give promise of the brilliant career which may be expected of him in the field of his chosen occupation.

In politics a consistent supporter of the Republican principles, Mr. Rozmarek is active in local party councils and has done considerable campaign work in this section. He has declared in favor of many important movements for advance and progress and has contributed liberally to worthy causes, whether civic or benevolent in nature. He serves as secretary of the Citizens League of Luzerne County, is a member of the Loyal Republicans League of Pennsylvania, and is solicitor of Larksville Borough. In his fraternal affiliations he is a member of the Knights of Columbus, and a member of the Polish National Alliance of North America since 1917, serving as president of Wilkes-Barre Division, No. 13, with its twenty-five hundred adult members. He is a member of the Lawyers' Club of Luzerne County, and a devout worshipper at St. Mary's Polish Roman Catholic Church, this city.

Charles Rozmarek married, in June, 1928, Wanda Blinstrub, of Boston, Massachusetts, a daughter of Casimer and Michaelina (Dobrowski) Blinstrub. Mrs. Rozmarek is a graduate of Boston University, from which she received the Master of Arts degree, and has spent one year in the Boston University Law School.

**ZIBA RAYMOND HOWELL**—Educator of note and citizen of repute in Luzerne County, Ziba Raymond Howell of Trucksville entered his duties as assistant superintendent of schools of Luzerne County, after more than fifteen years as an instructor in New York State. This experience, coupled with his thorough understanding of the juvenile mind, enabled Mr. Howell to carry on his work in a manner that gained for him the admiration of members of his profession, and the esteem and respect of his fellow-citizens. The Howell family has been prominent in the affairs of this county for more than three-quarters of a century, the first member thereof having been Levi Howell, who came to Luzerne County in 1825. Formerly he had resided in Hope, New Jersey. Levi Howell was the grandfather of Ziba Raymond.

Ziba Raymond Howell was born at Trucksville, August 17, 1880, son of Levi Thompson Howell, born at Orange, Luzerne County, in 1855, a retired farmer, and of the late Kate (Schooley) Howell, born in 1855 at Trucksville, and died in April, 1925.

After completing the curricula provided by the public school system of Kingston Township, Mr. Howell, in 1900, was graduated from Bloomsburg Normal School, and for a period thereafter was engaged in teaching. This profession he alternated with further study in the higher institutions of learning, being graduated in 1907 from Lafayette College with the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy, and in 1915 he received the degree of Master of Science from that same college. This training proved of inestimable value to him during the fifteen years that he taught

in the Tarrytown (New York) High School, known as Irving, and here he headed the Science Department. Returning to his native State, Mr. Howell then became connected with the schools of Kingston Township, having been for several years supervising principal. At the time of his death in 1930, this well-versed educator occupied the post of assistant superintendent of schools of Luzerne County, with offices at Trucksville. A Republican in political beliefs, Mr. Howell contented himself with exercising his suffrage for that party, declining to enter the field of politics as an office-seeker. He allied himself with the Masonic organizations, and held membership in Dallas Lodge, No. 531, Free and Accepted Masons, and Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Wilkes-Barre. He also was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Ziba Raymond Howell married, in 1908, Edna B. Boston, of Center Moreland, Wyoming County, Pennsylvania, daughter of Dr. C. L. and Anna (McKelvie) Boston. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Howell are: Clifford Boston, born September 9, 1911, and Marjorie Jayne, born July 28, 1924. Ziba R. Howell died February 15, 1930, and Mrs. Howell and her family continue to reside in Trucksville, where they attend the Methodist Episcopal Church.

**WILLIAM McALLISTER DYATT**—Associated during all his business career with various public utility corporations, William McAllister Dyatt has steadily advanced from positions of minor responsibility to those of great confidence and trust. As division manager at Hazleton of the Pennsylvania Power and Light Company, his services have proved of decisive importance in the efficient functioning of the company's business in this section.

Mr. Dyatt was born at Catasauqua, in Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, a son of James and Margaret (McAllister) Dyatt of old Pennsylvania families. His father was chief blacksmith for several manufacturing plants, and during the period of the Civil War, served in his country's cause as a member of the Northern armies.

William McAllister Dyatt, of this record, attended the public schools of his birthplace, and following graduation from the Catasauqua High School, he took up the study of telegraphy. Soon afterwards he entered the employ of the Lehigh Valley Railroad, and later rose to the position of manager and wire chief of the telegraph department at the general offices in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. Mr. Dyatt has always been alert for larger opportunities than those offered by the present situation, and with this in mind he became successively wire chief for the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad, at Philadelphia, representative for the lamp department of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company, commercial manager of the Harwood Electric Company, at Hazleton, and finally, division manager here for the Pennsylvania Power and Light Company. His association with this company, continued over a long period, has been mutually satisfactory, and Mr. Dyatt is widely considered one of the most valuable executives in the company's service.

In spite of a busy life, he has found time for participation in various phases of community activity, especially in fraternal affairs. Mr. Dyatt is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, and in this order is a

member and Past Master of the Blue Lodge, at Catasauqua, Past High Priest of Catasauqua Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, a member of the Commandery of the Knights Templar at Allentown, Pennsylvania, and a member of Rajah Temple, at Reading, of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also affiliated with the Mahanoy City Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, while he holds membership in several clubs and associations, including, the Hazleton Chamber of Commerce, of which he was president for three terms, and the past president. At present Mr. Dyatt is lieutenant-governor of the Northeast Division of Kiwanis Clubs in Pennsylvania. With his family he worships in the Presbyterian faith, holding membership in the First Presbyterian Church at Hazleton.

On June 15, 1898, at Mahanoy City, Pennsylvania, William McAllister Dyatt married Susan Lentz Bowman Hermans, daughter of Dr. Phaon and Mary Jane (Bowman) Hermans. Mr. and Mrs. Dyatt are the parents of two children: 1. Phaon Hermans, born on April 2, 1899. 2. Margaret McAllister, born September 22, 1902. The family residence at Hazleton is situated at No. 216 North Laurel Street.

**MICHAEL YURKANIN**—The entire mature life of Michael Yurkanin has been devoted to banking interests, and it is safe to say that no banker in this section of the State is more thoroughly acquainted with the various departments and the general conditions of the business of handling and investing money than is he. Thorough training in the American Institute of Banking and in the Wharton School of Accounts and Finance, together with practical experience from the bottom up, have given him the best possible preparation for his work, and at one time he was the youngest bank cashier in the State of Pennsylvania, holding that position in the Heights Deposit Bank in Wilkes-Barre. He is now vice-president of the American Bank and Trust Company, of Hazleton.

Michael Yurkanin was born in Ashley, Pennsylvania, April 3, 1892, son of Joseph and Anna (Grosko) Yurkanin, natives of Czecho-Slovakia, both now deceased. He attended the public schools of his birthplace and Wilkes-Barre High School, and then, in 1910, when he was eighteen years old, secured a position as clerk in the Heights Deposit Bank of Wilkes-Barre. While there he decided to make an intensive study of modern methods of banking and successfully completed the course in the American Institute of Banking. He also enrolled as a member of the first class of the Wilkes-Barre branch of the Wharton School of Accounts and Finance, while still holding his position in the Heights Deposit Bank, and in the course of five years he rose from the position of clerk to that of cashier of the bank, being at that time the youngest bank cashier in the State of Pennsylvania. Shortly after his promotion to the important position of cashier of the Heights Deposit Bank, the American Bank and Trust Company, of Hazleton, then known as the Hazleton Slavonic Bank, was organized, with Mr. Yurkanin as treasurer, and his connection with this successful banking concern has been continuous from that time to the present. He has been one of the important factors in achieving that success, and is well known throughout this section as an expert in banking affairs.

The present American Bank and Trust Company, of Hazleton, Pennsylvania, was

founded April 2, 1917, under the title of the Hazleton Slavonic Bank, and chartered as a State bank, with a capital of \$100,000, and a surplus of \$25,000. Its first president was John Shigo, of Freeland, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, who was associated with the following original official personnel: Michael Drosdick, first vice-president; Dr. J. C. Kochczynski, second vice-president; and Michael Yurkanin, treasurer. Through the wise management of its officials and its board of directors the institution prospered and grew in strength and importance, continuing under its original name until 1921, when it was re-organized under its present title, the American Bank and Trust Company of Hazleton. The original capital of \$100,000 has grown to \$400,000, and the original surplus has increased to a surplus and profits total of \$550,000. The officials of the bank at the time of writing are as follows: N. Yackanic, president; Michael Yurkanin, vice-president; Edward A. Byorick, treasurer; George A. Shigo, assistant treasurer; and Sidney A. Olden, second assistant treasurer. In 1924 the handsome and spacious building which the bank now occupies was erected by the bank on North Church Street. This is an eight-story building, thoroughly modern in all its equipment and appointments, and in this structure the bank occupies the first floor, which is fitted with every convenience for banking activities, while the upper floors are occupied as offices, furnishing houses to numerous professional and business concerns. The first floor ranks among the finest banking houses in Northeastern Pennsylvania, and the officials and directors of the American Bank and Trust Company of Hazleton have reason to be proud of their business home. The board of directors consists of the following ten men: J. C. Kochczynski, M. G. Waschko, Andro J. Kotch, Andro Hourigan, Edmund Ufalussy, Michael Yurkanin, Louis Roman, Pasco Schiavo, N. Yackanic, and John Yannishin. The banks correspondents are the Tradesmen's National and Federal Reserve Bank, and the Market Street National Bank of Philadelphia, and the Guarantee and Equitable Trust companies of New York City. Mr. Yurkanin has devoted his attention to the advancement of the interests of this bank with great faithfulness and ability, and is very highly regarded by his associates. He is a member of the Hazleton Chamber of Commerce, and is active in civic affairs. Fraternally, he is identified with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and he is a member of the Kiwanis Club and of the Valley Country Club. His religious membership is with the Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Trinity.

Michael Yurkanin was married, in June, 1919, to Florence Mockaitis, of Shenandoah, Pennsylvania, and they are the parents of two children: Rita and Robert M. The family home is located at No. 64 North Church Street, in Hazleton.

**JESMOND T. NICHOLSON**—For the past forty years Jesmond T. Nicholson has been in the employ of the Vulcan Iron Works, of Wilkes-Barre, and for a quarter of a century he has filled his present responsible position as superintendent of the South Wilkes-Barre plant. He was born of a family of expert mechanics and learned his trade in the Vulcan Iron Works, with which his entire active career has been identified. Mr. Nicholson is of English ancestry and has always lived in Wilkes-Barre.

Septimus Nicholson, father of Mr. Nichol-

son, was born at Newcastle-on-Tyne, England, where he received his education and where he learned the trade of the machinist, becoming an expert in that field. In 1863, during the second year of the Civil War, he came to this country with his brothers, William H. and Robert, both of whom also were expert machinists, and soon after their arrival the three brothers began making guns for the United States Army. They had located first in New York State, but later William H. and Septimus came to Wilkes-Barre, where for many years both were well known manufacturers of various kinds of machinery. Septimus lived to the age of eighty-six years. He married Margaret Harle, who was also a native of Newcastle-on-Tyne, England, and is now deceased, and they became the parents of five children, of whom only two lived to maturity: Jesmond T., of further mention; and Robert H.

Jesmond T. Nicholson was born in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, November 18, 1871, and has spent his life in this city. After attending the public schools, he learned the trade of the machinist in the Vulcan Iron Works, of Wilkes-Barre, and after working as a machinist for five years was promoted to the engineering department of the Vulcan Iron Works, where he remained for about ten years. At the end of that time he was made superintendent of the shops at the South Wilkes-Barre plant, and has since continued to fill that responsible position. In his political allegiance, Mr. Nicholson is a Republican. He is a member of the Franklin Club, and his religious affiliation is with the Westminster Presbyterian Church, of Wilkes-Barre. Mr. Nicholson is greatly trusted by his employers, who have learned through the long years of his connection with the concern that Jesmond T. Nicholson can always be depended upon, both in emergencies, when such occasions arise, and through the routine of the common every days.

Jesmond T. Nicholson married Fannie Bate, of Wilkes-Barre, and they are the parents of two sons: 1. Bruce Jesmond, who is a salesman in the employ of the Westinghouse Manufacturing Company, of Wilkes-Barre. 2. Paul Harle, who is employed as a bookkeeper in the Second National Bank of Wilkes-Barre. Mr. and Mrs. Nicholson make their home at No. 112 Grant Street, in Wilkes-Barre.

**ALBERT N. TIMBERMAN**—Equipped with a natural industry and endowed with a keen mentality, especially adapted to business, Albert N. Timberman, of Wilkes-Barre, is one of the prominent young units of this district of Pennsylvania that are making themselves felt in the general progress of the community. Observation by his elders in the field has brought the unanimous conclusion that he and the enterprise with which he is associated are of great value to the industrial activities of the Wyoming Valley, while his personal attributes are such as to commend him highly to all and which have brought him a legion of close and sincere friends. His citizenship has been thoroughly tested in time of his country's peril, and he is intense in his interest in all civic works that are promoted with a view to the improvement of general conditions and to the contentment of the people with whom he is associated, socially and commercially.

He was born in Wilkes-Barre, August 17, 1893, a son of Dr. James H. Timberman, a native of Glassboro, New Jersey, where he was born in 1858, his death occurring in Wilkes-Barre, in 1919. He was a veterinarian

and one of the pioneers in that profession of the Wyoming Valley. His wife, mother of Albert N., was Louise (Harbauer) Timberman, of Philadelphia, born in 1863, and now a resident of Wilkes-Barre.

Their son's education was acquired in the local public schools and he was graduated from high school in 1912, after which he went to work for the Wilkes-Barre "Record," remaining on the staff of that daily newspaper for six years. With the entry of the United States into the World War, he joined the American Expeditionary Forces and was sent overseas with the 1st Division, attached to Battery C, 6th Field Artillery, holding the commission of first lieutenant and serving on the St. Mihiel and Argonne fronts for one year. At the conclusion of hostilities with the signing of the Armistice, he was detailed to the Army of Occupation and served with that unit until June 1, 1919, when he was honorably mustered out. Returning to business life in Wilkes-Barre, he became one of the founders and incorporators of the first photo-engraving plant to be established here, the Fahringer Engraving Company, with which he was identified for eighteen months. He then purchased a one-half interest in the Ryan Advertising Service and the name was changed to Ryan and Timberman, remaining such until January, 1926, when it became the Timberman Advertising Agency, Incorporated, with Mr. Timberman president of the corporation. The concern specializes in merchandising anthracite coal. Mr. Timberman is a Republican in politics and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Wilkes-Barre, having membership on the official board of that organization. He is affiliated with Landmark Lodge, No. 442, order of Free and Accepted Masons; Shekinah Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Dieu le Veut Commandery, Knights Templar, and Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

Albert N. Timberman married, December 31, 1919, Nancy Mai Harsh, of Gallatin, Tennessee, daughter of Nathan J. and Louise M. Harsh.

**CHARLES WOOD**—When Charles Wood, now a resident of Kingston and one of its substantial business men, was seven years of age he was using his tiny hands to separate the dross from the coal in the breakers of this county. For more than a year he continued in that humble employment, helping the family with his pittance in wages. From that beginning he rose through many stages of industrial production to his present position of independent real estate operator. Such industrious individuals are worthy representatives of a hard working community and there is none here who commands a higher respect than he in the opinions of his fellow-citizens. Staunch in his fidelity to the district that gave him the opportunity to advance in life, he holds the admiration of the community and the intimate friendship of a wide circle.

He was born in Cornwall, England, March 5, 1875, a son of Charles and Annie (Tredinick) Wood. His father was also a native of Cornwall, having been born in Charlestown there, May 14, 1848. For many years he followed the sea, later coming to America and locating in Wilkes-Barre, where he was a rockman in the mines until his death in January, 1888. His mother was born in Mt. Charles, Cornwall, September 30, 1850.

For six years more this boy worked in the breakers at Wilkes-Barre, then obtaining employment with the Sanson Cutlery Com-

pany, where he remained from 1888 until 1905, holding the post of general foreman of the works for twelve years. His other employment in the production field included three and one-half years with the Edison Phonograph Works, in Orange, New Jersey, three years with the Wales Adding Machine Company, of Kingston, Pennsylvania, where he was associated with the nickel plating department; eighteen months with the Wyoming Cutlery Company, which had been the Sanson Cutlery Company, as foreman. In 1914 he abandoned these occupations and established himself independently in the real estate and insurance business in Kingston and has since continued to operate it successfully. He is president of the West Side Building and Loan Association, director of the Kingston Bank and Trust Company, vice-president of the West Side Mortgage Company and a trustee of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Dorranceton. In politics he is a Republican. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Kingston Lodge, No. 395, order of Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is Past Master; Shekinah Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Dieu le Veut Commandery, No. 45, Knights Templar; Caldwell Consistory, of Bloomsburg, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Masons, and Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Lodge No. 709.

Charles Wood married, in June, 1908, Emma Moss, of West Orange, New Jersey, daughter of Frederick Moss.

**EDWARD MORRIS**—One of Wilkes-Barre's most energetic and up-to-date merchants is Edward Morris. A fine business executive and the owner of a keen advertising sense, Mr. Morris is a man who has worked his own way through life to a position which is a great credit to himself and his ability.

Mr. Morris was born at Hazleton, Pennsylvania, on May 14, 1900, and is the son of Isador and Tenna Morris, who are the parents of six children. The father of Edward Morris is a retired merchant of Luzerne, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania. Edward Morris was educated in the public schools at Hazleton and Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. At the age of twelve years, he came with his parents to the city of Wilkes-Barre and here he went to school and worked in different jewelry stores at night during the week and on Saturdays. Later he obtained a position in Hazleton, where, at the age of only sixteen, he became the manager of a store known as the Finn Jewelry Store of Hazleton, Pennsylvania. After a time in that connection he returned to Wilkes-Barre and took charge of a jewelry department in a local store on South Main Street, and eventually he went to New York City and became connected with a wholesale jewelry house. Then Mr. Morris, who is a man with a vision, and one who is not content to know merely what is right at hand, realized he must, in order to rise in his profession, have more experience of the jewelry business and more of a thorough knowledge of loose diamonds. So he became connected with Milton L. Ernst, Inc., of New York City. After receiving the training that he needed in the diamond trade, Mr. Morris returned to Wilkes-Barre in 1924 and opened his well-known store at No. 70 South Main Street, where he has been ever since successfully engaged in the credit jewelry business. It was his idea to serve the people that he knew best and to enable them to buy jewelry and credit at cash prices.

Mr. Morris, who had a clever sense of the art of advertising, originated several slogans which have been adapted by many jewelry stores. Among his slogans are "On My Toes, but Never on Yours," "Pay From Your Pay," and "Meet Morris and Wear Diamonds." He believes in advertising. He uses more space in the newspapers of Wilkes-Barre than all the other jewelry stores of that town. He has had articles in magazines and trade journals. One of these articles, "Getting What's Right By Doing What's Right," expresses some of Mr. Morris' ideals, and in it are those slogans which have been such a help to him in his business.

After all, a good advertisement is no good unless it brings home the bacon. Our bacon is sales to people who pay their bills—people to whom credit can be extended without sleepless nights. People who buy merchandise because it is merchandise and not terms.

The gutter doesn't come to our store, for we don't appeal to the gutter. We get reasonable prudent minded people who appreciate credit from a clean operating institution who prides itself on the class of merchandise it sells.

There is no necessity to offer everything under the sun to get the account. The mere fact that you offer ten cents a week may make people buy—yes—but it doesn't necessarily hold that they pay. Then again with such terms, comes small sales and in order to reach volume—more sales are necessary with a greater increase in overhead for advertising, salesmen, credit men and collection men. Clean business costs less, gives less to worry about and insures a future foundation.

Money spent on advertising presents an investment. The gutter is no such investment for such as these are merely flotsam. Today they're here—tomorrow there. When I invest I want something substantial—and when I get the class of accounts we do—people who live here and will live here—raise families and be respected citizens—my advertisements present investments in future business.

Mr. Morris has a store only eight feet wide, but he employs eleven people. Mr. Morris is in politics a Republican, a member of Wilkes-Barre Lodge, No. 109, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Fraternal Order of Eagles, Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce, member of the Temple Israel, the Young Men's Hebrew Association. Mr. Morris is unmarried.

**HARRY T. BUTTS**—Native of Luzerne County, in his youth a slate picker in the mines and as a young man employed in various industrial capacities, Harry T. Butts in 1898 entered upon a career of teaching which lasted twenty-two years, and he is one of the best known and most highly respected men in the Wyoming Valley.

Harry T. Butts was born at Plains, on April 19, 1874, son of Thomas and Julia (Langdon) Butts, deceased, his father having been a mining contractor. Thomas and Julia (Langdon) Butts were the parents of six children: 1. Harry T., of whom further. 2. Joseph L., engaged in construction work. 3. Edith, wife of David Fetterman, of Wanamie, Pennsylvania. 4. Elizabeth, wife of John Brush, of Nanticoke. 5. Frederick, engineer with the Pennsylvania State Highway Association. 6. George E., of Illinois, a master plumber.

Harry T. Butts attended the public schools at Plains, and at the age of ten years went into the mines in the employ of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company. He continued to work in and around the mines until he was seventeen, when he went to work for the Sheldon

Axle Works at Wilkes-Barre, as steam hammer man, making axles for wagons; and in 1903, on October 30, while on duty as brakeman for the Lehigh Valley Railroad, figured in a serious accident which resulted in the loss of his right foot. Thus incapacitated for the sort of work he had been doing, he entered the Bloomsburg State Normal School and prepared himself to be a teacher, and graduated in the class of 1898. He taught until 1920, a member of the faculty of the high school at Plains; and in 1921 was appointed State mercantile appraiser by Samuel S. Lewis, auditor-general of the State of Pennsylvania. Mr. Butts held this position for four years, winning high commendation for his ability and execution of duties, and in the fall election of 1925, was elected comptroller of Luzerne County, to serve a term of four years. Mr. Butts has been an active worker in the interests of the Republican party since 1902, and was a candidate for the Senate from the 21st Senatorial District of Pennsylvania. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Plains, and a member of Wyoming Lodge, No. 39, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Loyal Order of Moose.

Harry T. Butts married on September 11, 1904, Cathryn Mary Shiffer, of Hudson, Luzerne County, daughter of Milot and Christina (Labaugh) Shiffer. Mr. and Mrs. Butts are the parents of two children: 1. Milot L., a graduate of the high school at Plains and formerly a student at Wyoming Seminary at Kingston, now (1930) with the engineering corps of the Pennsylvania State Highway Department. 2. Vernetta Louise, graduate of the Plains High School and a student at Mansfield College, Tioga, Pennsylvania.

**JOHN ALVIN BAYLESS**—To a very high degree the career of the late John Alvin Bayless stands as a monument to his ability, probity, courage and high principles. Having lost his parents in childhood, he overcame successfully many obstacles and difficulties that would have turned out to be stumbling blocks in the way of one less gifted and less determined. Alike as a business man, a public official, a civic leader and a private citizen, Mr. Bayless achieved notable success and at all times displayed consistently those qualities which endeared him to his many friends and to his fellow-citizens.

John Alvin Bayless was born at Audenried, Carbon County, Pennsylvania, October 14, 1886, a son of John A. and Anna (Rodgers) Bayless. His father died when he was only three years old, and his mother died soon afterwards. At the age of six years he became a member of the household of the late William F. Adams at Beaver Brook. At the age of nine years he began to work as a slate picker at the Audenried colliery and later was employed in the mines. Still later he learned the butcher trade in the meat market of Mr. Adams, with whom he remained until he had reached his majority. At that time he opened a meat market of his own at Weatherly. Later he managed for a number of years the meat department of the Lattimer store of Pardee Brothers and Company, Inc. It was while he filled this position, that he was elected secretary of the Middle Coal Field Poor District in Hazleton in 1915, an office which he continued to hold until the time of his death. In 1919 he came to Hazleton and there organized the firm of Bayless and Company, dealers in hay and provisions. Later he organized the Bayless

Beef Company, which also proved successful and which was eventually bought by Morris and company, beef packers. In 1920 he formed the Hazle Sales Company, dealers in meat products, which he managed very successfully for some time. Two years later, in 1922, he organized the Pioneer Distributing Company, which under his management grew into one of the largest oil and gasoline distributing organizations in the Northeastern section of Pennsylvania, having branches in four towns besides the general offices, yards and plants maintained in Hazleton. The growth of this business reflected the outstanding ability of Mr. Bayless. The enterprise was started on a comparatively small scale with only one truck. Now branches are located at Allentown, Lehigh, Mount Carmel, Shenandoah and Tamaqua, all its business being devoted to the famous Tydol products. Mr. Bayless was also one of the leaders in the development of McAdoo Heights Land Company, which venture was also a success.

In 1919 Mr. Bayless was appointed to the office of collector of taxes for the State, county and poor district for the City of Hazleton. This office he filled so capably that he was continued in it from then on until his death. He was a power in Republican politics in Hazleton and was looked upon as one of the most able leaders of his party. His advice was frequently sought, and he had such an insight into matters of public interest that he could vision future developments with unerring accuracy. A man of kindly approach with a striking personality, a friendly smile and sincere hospitality, he became widely known and was greatly esteemed everywhere. He never forgot his friends of his earlier days, and his offices were the gathering places of all those who had known him from time to time and who cared to renew their acquaintance with him. He was a member of Hazleton Lodge, No. 327, Free and Accepted Masons; Lehigh Consistory, of Allentown, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; Irem Temple, of Wilkes-Barre, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; and Hazleton Lodge, No. 200, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. At the last convention, prior to his death, of the State Association of Directors of the Poor and Charities of Pennsylvania, Mr. Bayless was elected the vice-president of that organization. He was also a member of the Craftsman's Club and of the Lions' Club, as well as of the Irem Country Club of Wilkes-Barre. His religious affiliations were with the Methodist Episcopal Church, and more particularly with St. Paul's Church of Hazleton.

Mr. Bayless married, August 5, 1906, Rachael Lewis, of Colerain, a daughter of John and Gwennie (Howells) Lewis. Mr. and Mrs. Bayless had three children: 1. Dorothy May, born March 24, 1908, now a teacher in the public schools of Hazleton. 2. Kenneth Rodger, born August 10, 1916. 3. J. Robert, born October 14, 1918. Mrs. Bayless is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and of the Young Women's Christian Association. The family residence is located at No. 436 West Broad Street, Hazleton.

At a hotel in White Sulphur Springs, Virginia, John Alvin Bayless died after an illness of some six months, but nevertheless very suddenly, March 15, 1930. He had gone to the Southern resort in the hope that he might benefit from the baths. For some time prior to his death his health had given grave cause for worry, but after his arrival in Virginia, he seemed to improve and, indeed, had planned for his return to Hazleton. At

the time of his death he was survived, besides his wife and children, also by one sister, Sylvia, wife of John Jones, of Lee Park, Wilkes-Barre, and by a half-sister, Miss Edith James, of the same place.

Funeral services for Mr. Bayless were held at his late residence in Hazleton and were attended by hundreds of his friends and neighbors. Rev. W. H. Russel of Hazleton officiated and paid a beautiful tribute to the memory of his departed friend. After the services, all that was mortal of John Alvin Bayless was laid to rest in Mountain View Cemetery, where the final rites at the grave, simple but impressive, were held by his fellow-members in the local Masonic lodge.

How highly Mr. Bayless was regarded and how greatly he was liked in his home community of Hazleton, may be seen from the following tribute, quoted from an article published in one of the local newspapers immediately after his death:

His passing caused many sincere expressions of regret in business and financial circles and tearful eyes in many homes where they recalled the kind remembrances in times of distress. Mr. Bayless was a man of the highest ideals and of likeable personality. His business judgment was held in the highest esteem and his word was recognized as good as a bond . . . .

John A. Bayless was above all else a man's man. He thought in many ways. He had big ideals. He valued good citizenship. He lived and advocated the good things of life. He had the heart of courage, the spirit of forgiveness, the bigness to want to help others over the rough spots of life. He lived not unto himself alone. When such as he is summoned from any community's inhabitants, there is a loss that reaches far and wide. When men of his sterling worth are summoned across the Divide, it makes us stop and wonder, as we cannot see and understand like He who does all things well.

**RALPH H. WHAREN, D. D. S.**—For almost a quarter of a century, the late Dr. Ralph H. Wharen practiced his profession of dentistry in Wilkes-Barre, and during this period built up a wide following and an extensive reputation for excellent work, gaining as a result a large and profitable practice. He was also active in various other phases of the general community life, especially in social and fraternal circles.

Born at Wilkes-Barre, on January 15, 1885, Dr. Wharen is a son of Harrison C. Wharen, who was born in 1848 at White Haven, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, and died on May 5, 1920, and of Louisa R. (Burr) Wharen, who was born at Springville, Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania, in 1852, and who died in April, 1915. The father was long associated with the Lehigh Valley Railroad.

Ralph H. Wharen attended the public schools of his birthplace and was graduated from the Wilkes-Barre High School in 1901. Having determined upon a career in dentistry, he then entered the University of Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated in 1905 with the degree of Doctor of Dentistry. For a year thereafter, he practiced his profession in Philadelphia, but in 1906 he returned to Wilkes-Barre and opened offices here, making his home in this city until his death. He was quick to win the confidence of those who came to consult him in his professional capacity, and rapidly rose to a leading place among practicing dentists in this part of the State. His offices were located at No. 110 South Main Street.

Dr. Wharen was active in the various associations of the men of his profession, hold-



ing membership in the Luzerne County, Pennsylvania State, and American Dental Associations. He was affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, and in this great order was a member of Wilkes-Barre Lodge, No. 442, Sheklmah Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; the Council of Royal and Select Masters; Dieu le Veut Commandery, Knights Templar; and Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He was also a member of the Pennsylvania University Chapter of the Xi Psi Phi Fraternity; of the local Lodge, No. 109, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and of several clubs, including the Franklin Club and the Wyoming Valley Club. Politically he gave his hearty support to Republican principles and candidates, maintaining always the warmest interest in civic progress and welfare, while he worshipped in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal Church, attending the First Church of this denomination at Wilkes-Barre.

In 1915 Ralph H. Wharen married Guida M. Schwartz, who died on April 4, 1920, a daughter of Robert and Elizabeth Schwartz, of Nanticoke. Dr. and Mrs. Wharen had one daughter, Elizabeth Davenport, born at Wilkes-Barre, November 11, 1916. Dr. Wharen maintained his residence at No. 496 South Franklin Street, in this city.

At his home in Wilkes-Barre, Dr. Wharen died March 24, 1930, at the early age of forty-six years. His untimely death at the height of his career and in the prime of life, of course, was an irreparable loss to his young daughter, who was thus made an orphan at the age of thirteen years. It was also deeply regretted by his many friends in Wilkes-Barre and elsewhere, as well as by his fellow practitioners in the science of dentistry. His memory will long be cherished by all who knew him, and most so by those who knew him best.

**PAUL JAMES SHERWOOD**—It has become a maxim in a more or less machine-made age that the success of men depends largely upon the diligence with which they toil away year after year at the appointed tasks of routine, when in many cases they are not suited to their assignments at all, and inwardly yearn for the self-expression that more appropriate occupations would make possible. Comparatively few people perform the tasks they prefer, but others find comparative contentment in life by pinning their faith on a hereafter where everything will be ideal. One of the fortunate few was Paul James Sherwood, a lawyer, formerly located at Nos. 25 and 26 Bennett Building, Wilkes-Barre, who had gratified so many hobbies that he was quite as well known in them as in the practice of law. As a lawyer, Mr. Sherwood had made a most gratifying success, and in side activities which had little or nothing to do with mere money he had done the same. It is a common fallacy that a man who clings to aesthetic tastes must necessarily be a dilettante and a trifler with more serious things. That this is not true is amply proven in the career of Mr. Sherwood. We find a striking illustration in the case of William B. Stout, of Detroit, Michigan, who was advised some years ago to give up inventions and "go to work." Mr. Stout recently sold the all-metal airplane rights to Henry Ford for millions. Artists, authors and aesthetes generally are looked at askance by men who traffic in butter and eggs, while the former also look askance at the latter.

As Mr. Sherwood saw it, both have a right to live and to continue their useful functions,

for they could not do without each other. It was Mr. Sherwood's philosophy that it is man's duty as well as his pleasure to learn how to play, in support of which he points to the golf links, the tennis courts, the automobile courses and the tracks of the waterborne craft. As for himself, he was interested in a liberal education for the average man, and he pointed the way by leading his friends back to nature on an estate of two hundred acres near Harvey's Lake, where his hobby was better agricultural products and trees, not to mention flowers and shrubs. Here he romped with the God of Nature mentioned in the Declaration of Independence, and surrounded himself with the spiritual and material things that on an extended scale brought happiness and joy to Luther Burbank. But he was closer to the Bible and authoritative religion, for he was a leading spirit among the church forward movement and a member in the First Methodist Episcopal Church. He was a member for twenty-one years in the Central Methodist Episcopal Church, where he taught Sunday school.

Mr. Sherwood was born September 15, 1866, in Wyoming County, Pennsylvania, son of Lafayette Sherwood, a highly respected and successful farmer of the same county, who died in 1904, and Malvina Augusta (Mahon) Sherwood, eldest of thirteen children of Alfred Mahon of Lake Winona, this State, a woman of strong personality and character, who died in 1905. Mr. Sherwood was the youngest of five children. He received his education in the local public schools, Keystone Academy, and the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor. While at Ann Arbor, his ability as expounder was recognized and he was frequently assigned to teach. His studies of the law were mostly pursued in a practical manner in the law office of District Attorney James E. Frear. He taught school some time before he was admitted to the bar, and thus gained a highly valuable experience, which has stood him in good stead ever since. He was admitted to the bar at Tunkhannock in 1891, and began the practice of his profession at Wilkes-Barre, under his own name. He was admitted to the Luzerne County bar December 19 of the same year, having done some general law work in the meantime. On October 22, 1897, he was admitted to practice in the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, and on January 13, 1911, his efforts were crowned with admission to the Supreme Court of the United States as a pleader and counsel. He practiced over a wide territory and made a name as one of the leading attorneys of this section of Pennsylvania. Gifted with a fluent speech, he was in demand as a public speaker, especially as a lecturer for the Grange, in which he was prominent; this activity took him to various places on the Chautauqua Circuit.

Mr. Sherwood was a great lover of children; he contributed liberally to the rearing of numbers of promising youths, and gave personally of his time and attention to numerous cases needing help. Under the administration of Governor William C. Sprout he served as Deputy Attorney General of the State of Pennsylvania. He served on the board of the Parish Street Methodist Episcopal Church, as well as in the councils of the Central Methodist Church. During the World War he performed essential service as a member of the Legal Advisory Board. He was a member of the Patriotic Sons of America and the Knights of Malta. He showed the advantage of gentle birth, having inherited certain desirable traits of character from his paternal grand-

father, Mathew Sherwood, whose family migrated from Connecticut, a man of strong character and personality who led an upright and useful life. Mr. Sherwood was the youngest of five children of his parents, the other four having been Alice, deceased, wife of George B. Patterson; Eva, deceased, wife of Denton Nelson Swan; Estella, deceased, wife of Charles D. Johnson, of Beaumont, Wyoming County; and Edward Mahon Sherman, a retired farmer of Lake Winona, Wyoming County.

Mr. Sherwood did valuable work for the Republican party. He was a warm personal friend and supporter of Theodore Roosevelt, and was a delegate to the convention of 1920 that nominated Warren G. Harding for President and Calvin Coolidge for Vice-President, which ticket, as is well known, won the race.

Mr. Sherwood married, July 4, 1891, Eunice E. MacConnell, of Susquehanna County, daughter of Hugh and Florence MacConnell, of Hartford, who both were teachers and the daughter also. Mrs. Sherwood is president of the Central Chapter of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, and City Federation of Unions. The family city home is at No. 112 North Franklin Street, Wilkes-Barre.

In March, 1929, Mr. Sherwood spent several days in Lynn Haven, Florida, taking part, as a speaker, in a Bible Conference at Bob Jones College. On his way home he purchased at Winter Park, Florida, a comfortable winter home located at No. 192 Brewer Avenue, where he planned in the future to spend the winter months.

On December 21, 1929, he was one of several speakers at the Luzerne County Law Club meeting, where he delivered a highly praised address, and after being seated, quickly answered the "Last Great Summons." He was retired from active practice and planned to live in Florida in cold weather and his native climate during the warm season. He had already taken up the work which he hoped to pursue for his declining years, that of lecturing on religious subjects and citizenship to lift with all his wise powers of mind and soul those less fortunate "Toward the Light."

His oft expressed desire to "Go while active" was honored by his Maker, in Whom he fully trusted.

**ASA (ACE) HOFFMAN**—As proprietor of the Hoffman Studios, located at No. 54 West Market Street in Wilkes-Barre, Asa, or Ace, Hoffman, as he is familiarly known, is at the head of one of the best known commercial photographic concerns in the city. He makes portraits of distinction and of artistic worth, of interiors, does a large amount of commercial photography of all kinds, reproductions, enlargements, and circuit photography. He also takes photographs of large groups, banquets and social events, using smokeless artificial lighting and has a special department for educational and industrial motion pictures. Mr. Hoffman trades under the trade name of Ace Hoffman.

George Hoffman, grandfather of Mr. Hoffman, operated the first stage coach line between Los Angeles and Santa Barbara, California. He was one of the early pioneers of California and died at the age of one hundred and one years.

Charles E. Hoffman, father of Mr. Hoffman, married Virgie Haviland, daughter of Benjamin Haviland, who was a native of Rhinebeck, Dutchess County, New York, and whose ancestors settled in Rhode Island in 1653. Charles E. and Virgie (Haviland) Hoffman

were the parents of three children: George Thomas, who resides in California; Charles Virgil, of New York; and Asa, of further mention.

Asa (Ace) Hoffman, son of Charles E. and Virgie (Haviland) Hoffman was born in Santa Barbara, California, February 18, 1888, but was brought East by his parents when he was four years old. They settled for a time in New York City and the boy grew up and received his education in that city. He attended the public schools, and when school days were over went to Texas and later to California where he became one of the pioneers of the motion picture business. In 1915 he returned to New York, where for four years he added to his already extensive experience. In 1919 he came to Wilkes-Barre and opened his present studio at No. 54 West Market Street. He conducts one of the most modern studios in Northeastern Pennsylvania and covers the complete field of photography, commercial motion pictures and X-ray photography. Under the name of Ace Hoffman he has become known to thousands of patrons throughout this section of the country and the quality of his work is such that his many satisfied patrons have become his most effective advertising agencies. Fraternally, Mr. Hoffman is identified with Landmark Lodge, No. 442, Free and Accepted Masons; Shekinah Chapter, No. 182, Royal Arch Masons; Dieu le Veut Commandery, No. 45, Knights Templar; Keystone Consistory, of Scranton, in which he holds the thirty-second degree; and Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of Wilkes-Barre. He is also a member of the Irem Temple Country Club of Wilkes-Barre. He is also identified with Lodge No. 109, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and his religious affiliation is with the First Methodist Church of Kingston.

Asa Hoffman was married April 20, 1920, to May Yaeger, daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Yaeger, of Wilkes-Barre. Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman have no children.

**EDWARD G. CHAPIN**—One of the most progressive men of the Wyoming Valley is Edward G. Chapin, president of the Chapin Lumber Company, of Kingston, Pennsylvania. Entirely through his own energy and ability, he has brought his company, which was established in 1922, into the front ranks of the lumber companies of the section, handling a large volume of business, both wholesale and retail. Mr. Chapin, who is financially interested in other large enterprises, is active in the social and civic life of Kingston, where he is highly esteemed as a public-spirited citizen.

The Chapin family is an old one in America, the original settler of this name in Pennsylvania coming to Luzerne County from Connecticut at an early date. Of this branch of the family was Warren Chapin, a life-long farmer in Huntington Township, Luzerne County, as was his son, Nathan D. Chapin, who died at the age of eighty. He had married Elizabeth Emory, and they became the parents of eight children: 1. John, deceased. 2. Lillian, the wife of Edward Gray, of Scottsdale, Pennsylvania. 3. Charles, of Ocala, Florida. 4. W. O., a merchant of Jamestown, Columbia County, Pennsylvania. 5. James D., of Clark Summit, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania, a lumber dealer. 6. Hannah, who married C. E. Wenner, of Columbia County. 7. Walter S., a farmer of Laceyville, Pennsylvania. 8. Edward G., of whom further.

Edward G. Chapin was born on November

20, 1884, at Southdale, Huntington Township, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania. He grew up on the home farm, spending a few years in the local public schools, and worked as a farmer until he was twenty-one years old. At that time he left the farm and took a position with the West Lumber Company at Plymouth, Pennsylvania, where he remained for three years, and then accepted a position with Kehoe and Mowery, contractors and builders at Wilkes-Barre, with whom he also remained for three years. In 1911 he became associated with the Sturdevant Lumber Company of Wilkes-Barre, continuing this work three years, after which he went to work for the Ruggles Lumber Company, at Kingston, Pennsylvania, and in this position he remained seven years. Finally, in 1922, he decided to go into business for himself, his long experience in lumber work having eminently fitted him for such a step, and in that year he established the Chapin Lumber Company at No. 695 Wyoming Avenue, Kingston, where he has continued so successfully since that time. Mr. Chapin also owns a large lumber yard at Scranton, Pennsylvania.

Politically, he is a member of the Republican party, and in his religious affiliations he is a Protestant. He is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, and in this organization he is a member of Fidelity Lodge, No. 655, of Wilkes-Barre, Shekinah Chapter, No. 182, of the Royal Arch Masons, of Dieu le Veut Commandery, No. 45, of the Knights Templars, at Wilkes-Barre, and of Irem Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also an Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Mason of the thirty-second degree, and a member of Keystone Consistory, at Scranton, Pennsylvania. Mr. Chapin is also a member, at Wilkes-Barre, of the Craftsman's Club, the Irem Temple Country Club, and the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce. He was one of the organizers, and is now vice-president and a director of the First National Bank of Kingston, and he is also a director of the Smith-Bennett Printing Company, at Wilkes-Barre, and a director of the Standard Gypsum Company, of Buffalo, New York.

On October 14, 1909, Mr. Chapin married Eleanor Jones, a daughter of John L. and Hannah (Roberts) Jones, of Plymouth, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania. Their children are: Eleanor Jones, Lois Virginia, Edward Grover, Jr., and William Roberts.

**JAMES M. STACK**—Among the members of the legal profession in Luzerne County who have been engaged in practice for more than a quarter of a century is James M. Stack, who has been practicing in Wilkes-Barre since 1901. His offices are located at No. 614 Second National Bank Building, in Wilkes-Barre.

James M. Stack was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, July 28, 1876, son of Maurice M. and Margaret (McClosky) Stack. Maurice M. Stack, the father, was a native of County Kerry, Ireland, and came to this country while a young man. He died at the age of fifty years, leaving his wife, who still survives him, and two children, of whom only James M., of further mention, survives.

When James M. Stack was three years of age he was taken by his mother to Meadows, in Carbon County, Pennsylvania, where as a lad he attended the public schools. At the age of sixteen years he came to Wilkes-Barre, where for a time he was employed as clerk in a store. Later he was employed as clerk by Fowler, Dick and Walker, but he had de-

termined to enter the legal profession and was working at these jobs in order to earn the money to help finance his education. After working at Fowler, Dick and Walker's for a time he entered Mount St. Mary's College, at Emmitsburg, Maryland, where he was a student for four years. He then returned to Wilkes-Barre and began the study of law in the office of James L. Lenahan, and was admitted to the Luzerne County Bar in 1901. Since that time he has been continuously engaged in general practice here. Mr. Stack is a Democrat in his political affiliations, and has been an active party worker for the past twenty-five years. He served as solicitor for the comptroller of Luzerne County for ten years, from 1913 to 1924, and served for four years as Democratic State Committeeman. He has been active in the party ranks of Luzerne County, and active also in civic and philanthropic affairs. He is chairman of the board of directors of Mercy Hospital, of Wilkes-Barre, and is always ready to give his support to any project planned for the advancement of the general welfare. His religious affiliation is with St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church of Wilkes-Barre, and he is a member of the Knights of Columbus.

James M. Stack was married, July 28, 1915, to Emily F. Stephens, of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, daughter of William and Ann Stephens, of Wilkes-Barre. Mr. and Mrs. Stack are the parents of two daughters: Margaret Mary and Kathleen Gertrude.

**HYMAN LANDAU**—In Wilkes-Barre are many men who, in boyhood, youth and early manhood, had very little with which to advance themselves in commercial careers, but who have made for themselves notable positions in this progressive community, where rewards are to be had by the deserving and courageous. Hyman Landau, senior member of the firm of Landau Brothers, dealers in jewelry, music, radios and furniture, with principal retail unit at No. 60 South Main Street and another unit at No. 17 West Broad Street, Hazleton, is one of these men who have carved out their own career and success. He came to Wilkes-Barre July 25, 1905, and on that day he had little money, nor many friends. But he had faith in the city, reliance in its stability and growth; and above all else, he had faith in himself. Today he is counted among the foremost of the community's active men.

Hyman Landau is a son of Manuel and Mary Landau, now of Wilkes-Barre. Manuel and Mary Landau had children: 1. Harman, assistant superintendent of the Wilkes-Barre offices, Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. 2. Hyman, of whom follows. 3. Clara, wife of Aaron Goldner, of Wilkes-Barre. 4. Leo, member of Landau Brothers. 5. Tillie, wife of Max Unger, of Kingston. 6. Isador, member of Landau Brothers. 7. Nat, also a member of the firm.

Having received his school training and first experiences in the business world, Mr. Landau found himself in Wilkes-Barre, in 1905, as recounted. In that year he founded Landau Brothers as it has become, associated in it with Leo, Nat and Isador Landau, himself as eldest brother, chief organizer and natural director of the whole in charge. From that time until the present, the growth of the Landau enterprise has been attended with good fortune, thanks largely to the talents of Mr. Landau, who has given it serious thought from conception to the full and rugged maturity of recent years. While he has ever been occupied busily with the

affairs of this business, placing its importance before the importance of other considerations, he has not failed to take an active part in all proper movements for community development. Indeed, from his commencement in the mercantile life here, his support never has been withheld from any beneficial program for the city's good. He is known for his public spirit and the liberality of his views. A Republican, he is loyal to the principles of the party, a staunch supporter, possessing some power locally in political questions. Fraternally he is affiliated with Landmark Lodge, No. 442, Free and Accepted Masons; Shekinah Chapter, No. 182, Royal Arch Masons; Caldwell Consistory, at Bloomsburg, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, thirty-second degree; Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; Wilkes-Barre Lodge, No. 109, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and is a member of Irem Temple Country Club, the Lions' Club, and the Young Men's Hebrew Association. He is a member of Temple Israel, and since 1922 has been its treasurer. Toward charity Mr. Landau is always kindly and largely disposed. He gives with a fine generosity, with no considerations of creed or race, in that spirit that is most truly humanitarian.

On January 1, 1911, Mr. Landau was united in marriage with Mollie Michlosky, of Wilkes-Barre; and to this marriage were born children: Rose, Celia, and Julius.

**JOHN EVANS**—Close attention to work, from the time he became a breaker boy at the coal mines of Wyoming Valley when nine years of age, concentration on the multiplicity of details that make up the industry and an unflagging industry lifted John Evans, of Freeland, to the position of competent miner and commended the admiration of his associates. He seems to have inherited the mining instinct and to have coupled this native advantage with untiring application of intellect and muscle, tools of trade that are always productive when placed in competent hands. In addition to his labor of production he has always been deeply interested in the civic affairs of the community and has been called to public office by his fellow-citizens, in which instances he has served faithfully and well and justified the confidence reposed in him. His upstanding citizenship is unshaken, his contributions to the general progress of unquestioned value.

He was born in Jeddo, Pennsylvania, June 18, 1864, a son of David and Elizabeth (Aubrey) Evans, natives of Wales and England, respectively. His father was a miner who emigrated to America, worked at his trade and died in 1869. His son, John Evans, was reared in Drifton and when nine years of age went into the collieries as a breaker boy, two years later advancing to work in the mines with the older hands. His work took him from mine to mine as he advanced in knowledge, eventually becoming superintendent at Hazlebrook, at which place and at Eckley he worked for fifteen years. This was followed by four years in a similar position with the Lehigh Valley Coal Company at Drifton, also as inside foreman. He then went to Pond Creek as superintendent for seven years, and then came to Upper Lehigh, where he still remains. Allied with the Republican party, he served for eighteen years on the local school board of Foster Township and for four years as tax collector, also having membership on the Republican County Committee. He is a director of the First

National Bank of Freeland and fraternally affiliated with Arbutus Lodge, No. 611, Free and Accepted Masons. His church is the St. John's Reformed.

John Evans married, in 1885, Catherine Lutz, of Eckley, Pennsylvania. Their children are: 1. George, an engineer. 2. Esther, deceased, formerly a teacher in the public schools of Foster Township. 3. Barbara, taught school for two years, married Commander G. R. French, surgeon, United States Navy, and they are the parents of Catherine, Barbara, George, Jean, Virginia and Alvin. 4. Alvin, deceased, a graduate of Lehigh University with the degree of Civil Engineer, who taught school for a year. The residence of Mr. Evans is at No. 450 South Street, Freeland, Pennsylvania.

**W. GORDON WILLIAMS**, a member of the wholesale grocery firm of Williams Brothers and Company, holds a prominent place in the business and industrial life of Wilkes-Barre and the surrounding community of Pennsylvania. This firm, one of the oldest wholesale grocery companies in the Wyoming Valley, was founded in 1869 by R. S. and David S. Williams, the latter of whom is the father of W. Gordon Williams and is still the head of Williams Brothers and Company. For many years this firm went on under the name of Williams Brothers, but in 1910 it was changed to its present name. Since he completed his academic education, W. Gordon Williams has been with several different companies and has done considerable banking work, with the result that his experience, together with his native talents, has made him an accomplished business man.

He was born on July 6, 1885, in Wilkes-Barre, a son of David S. and Mary F. (Lucas) Williams, the former born in 1849 and is still living, and the latter deceased. David S. Williams is now the head of the firm of Williams Brothers and Company. A native of Wales, he came to America as a young man, and in this country has made for himself an important place in the vicinity of Wilkes-Barre in the business world. He and Mary F. (Lucas) Williams had seven children: 1. Grace. 2. J. Lucas, who is in the banking business on the Pacific Coast. 3. W. Gordon, of further mention. 4. Roger S., who is with the Buttes Copper Company, of New York City. 5. Howard L., who is with the brokerage firm of Cassatt and Company, of Scranton, Pennsylvania. 6. Vaughan, who is with the Williams Brothers and Company wholesale grocery business. 7. Alan S., who is with the banking house of Tobey and Kirk, of New York City.

As a boy, W. Gordon Williams attended the public schools of Wilkes-Barre, and was graduated from the high school in the class of 1902. After completing a business course he took a position with the Corn Exchange National Bank, of Philadelphia. In 1905 he returned to Wilkes-Barre, where he became associated with his father in Williams Brothers and Company, with which firm he has been connected continuously since that year and has taken an active part in the management of it. He is one of the leading men in this line of business in the Wyoming Valley, and the many years that he has devoted to his work—a quarter of a century—have brought him the experience that is necessary for the complete adaptation of his business to local needs. Deeply interested in the civic and social life of the city, Mr. Williams' political convictions have aligned him with the Republican party, of whose

principles he is a staunch supporter. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, in which organization he is a member of the Wilkes-Barre Lodge, No. 109. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club, of Wilkes-Barre. His religious affiliation is with the Grant Street Presbyterian Church.

On July 20, 1916, Mr. Williams married Anna L. Lang, of Wilkes-Barre, a daughter of Henry C. and Amelia K. (Creter) Lang. W. Gordon and Anna L. (Lang) Williams are the parents of three children: Gordon L., Francis K., and Helen K.

**WILLIAM ALOYSIUS O'CONNOR**—Few of the younger members of the legal profession in the Wyoming Valley District of Pennsylvania are rising more rapidly than William Aloysius O'Connor, who has been in practice here since his admission to the bar in 1921. His civic interests commend him to the people and he has been active in the local work of the Democratic party, of which he is a staunch member. Progressive citizens of his high character are the underlying forces upon which is erected sound government, and in this respect Mr. O'Connor has won the admiration and esteem of the community and may confidently expect to reap the reward of his sincerity in public affairs.

He was born in Mildred, Pennsylvania, and was educated in the public schools of Sullivan County, graduating from high school and then attending St. Joseph's College in Philadelphia, from which he was graduated with the class of 1918. He then matriculated at the University of Pennsylvania and finished the course in 1922, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Arts. This led to his decision on the law as a profession and he went to the Law School of Georgetown University, graduating in 1926 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. During the Presidential campaign of 1928 he was vice-chairman of the Smith-Robertson Democratic Campaign Committee and contributed freely of his time and energy. He is a director of the Susquehanna Building and Loan Association, and has membership in the County Bar Association; the Lawyers' Club; Knights of Columbus; Lodge No. 109, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the college fraternity of Delta Theta Phi. He is a Roman Catholic in religion and attends St. Mary's Church.

Mr. O'Connor's father was for many years a prosperous and popular hotel proprietor and dealer in lumber and real estate in Mildred and vicinity. He was James O'Connor, born in County Cork, Ireland, in 1852, deceased October 11, 1914. His wife, mother of William Aloysius, was Ellen (Scanlon) O'Connor, born in Bradford County, Pennsylvania.

**BENJAMIN NICHOLAS DAVIS**—Commercial life in the city of Wilkes-Barre and its environs has appreciably improved through participation in the wholesale meat business on the part of Benjamin N. Davis, who has been at the head of an establishment of his founding for some ten years. Mr. Davis has kept pace with modern ideas relative to his line of business, and has the reputation of owning one of the best-equipped plants of its kind in the territory which he serves. He is also prominently identified with the Masonic fraternity and is known for his deep and practical interest in the civic movements of Wilkes-Barre.

Born in Youngstown, Ohio, February 18, 1888, Benjamin Nicholas Davis is the son of

Benjamin N. and Mary Jane (Flynn) Davis, both parents natives of that city, the father a well-known police officer there for many years, and the mother died in June, 1913. The son, Benjamin, received his education in the public schools of Youngstown, and on leaving school learned the electrical trade, which he pursued in Ohio for eleven years.

A kindly fate pointed Mr. Davis the way to Wilkes-Barre, in 1914, and in this city he established himself in his own electrical contracting and garage work. This he operated under his own name for about five years, and met with increasing volume of goodwill on the part of the people. In 1919, he believed he had a greater field of service offered him in an advantageous opportunity, and founded the wholesale meat business, which bears his name, at No. 44 South Pennsylvania Avenue, Wilkes-Barre. That was ten years ago approximately, and the wisdom of making the change from one business to the other has been attested many-fold in the successful career that has attended his efforts in the newer field. His house has made a good name for itself by handling an exclusive line of meat products, and thus by excellent management and superiority of the goods offered the business goes forward satisfactorily on an increased profit-returning basis. The business furnishes employment for seven persons. Among its up-to-date equipment and facilities are a fleet of five motor trucks and a modern arranged storage plant. The entire outfit is one of the business show-places of the city.

The Republican party has the loyal and long-time support of Mr. Davis, whose political fervor has never carried him into the "practical realm." He is, however, one of that desirable group of party men who are known as reliable. His fraternal relations are with Fidelity Lodge, No. 395, Free and Accepted Masons; Keystone Consistory of the Scottish Rite, of Scranton; and Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. His religious obligations are given to the Baptist Church, of which he is a member and a liberal supporter.

Benjamin N. Davis was married, November 27, 1923, to Josephine Marie Schuller, daughter of John E. and Anna (Sheerer) Schuller, of Dunmore, Pennsylvania, both parents residing in that town. Mr. and Mrs. Davis have their residence on Walnut Street in Kingston.

**JOHN MacCALLUM**—Of Scotch descent as the name MacCallum suggests, Mr. MacCallum's parents were both natives of Scotland. His father, John MacCallum, Sr., was born in 1835, and came to this country in 1859, and worked at his trade of boilermaker. He died in 1908. His mother, Jane (Bond) MacCallum, was born in 1841, and died in 1902.

John MacCallum, the younger, was born in Wilkes-Barre, October 10, 1872, and received his education in the public schools in this city. His first employment was with machine shops; first, with the Richard Sharp Boiler and Machine Works, where he remained for four years. Then six years in the shops of the Central Railroad at Ashley, followed by five years in the Lehigh Valley Shops, always in expert mechanical work. His progress was interrupted for a time by his enlisting with the 9th Pennsylvania Volunteers in the Spanish War. He was commissioned as first lieutenant and saw service for seven months. When he returned he was employed as a mechanic in the shop of the Hazard Manufacturing Company, remaining thus for three

years. In 1902 Mr. MacCallum started his own business under the name of MacCallum Company. The name and partnership have survived throughout these years and the company has prospered tremendously, employing an average of twelve men and building their present building on Wood Street, in 1905. Mr. MacCallum is acknowledged to be one of the constructive forces of the commercial structure of Wilkes-Barre, and one who is looked up to for his qualities of staunchness and probity. He was one of the original stockholders and acts on the board of directors of the Hanover Bank and Trust Company. Mr. MacCallum is a Republican in politics and has been a member of Lodge No. 61, Free and Accepted Masons, for thirty-four years. He belongs to the Caldwell Consistory of the Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret, and a member of Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a member of the Westminster Presbyterian Church.

In 1899 John MacCallum married Maude Cornelius, of Wilkes-Barre, and they have two children, Helen Ruth, now Mrs. James, and Earl Donald, who is engaged in the insurance business in this city.

#### **DANIEL BITTNER WILLIAMS, D. D. S.—**

Following in the footsteps of his father, Dr. Williams decided upon a dental career after completing his education in the public schools of his native city, Wilkes-Barre. There he has been engaged very successfully in the general practice of his profession ever since graduating from a dental college, almost thirty-five years ago. He has built up a large and profitable practice and is considered one of the leading dentists of the city.

Dr. Daniel Bittner Williams was born in Wilkes-Barre, July 1, 1872, a son of the late Dr. Edward Dennison and Elizabeth Jane (Bittner) Williams. His father, who was born at Dimock, Wyoming County, Pennsylvania, in 1836 and who died in Wilkes-Barre in February, 1893, was a dentist. His mother, a native of Lewistown, Pennsylvania, was born in 1839 and died in January, 1927. Dr. Williams himself was educated in the public grammar and high schools of Wilkes-Barre and, after graduating from the latter, took up the study of dentistry at the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery, Baltimore, Maryland, from which he graduated with the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery in 1894. Returning then to Wilkes-Barre, he established himself there as a dentist and has carried on a general dental practice ever since then. He is known as a very able dental surgeon and constantly keeps himself informed about the latest developments and inventions in the field of dentistry. He is a member of the American Dental Society, the Pennsylvania State Dental Society, the Luzerne County Dental Society and the First District Dental Society of the State of New York. He is also a member of the Westmoreland Club and of the Wyoming Valley Country Club. In politics he is independent, while his religious affiliations are with the Protestant Episcopal Church and more particularly with St. Stephen's Episcopal Church of Wilkes-Barre.

Dr. Williams married, July 27, 1912, Alice Guernsey Mercur of West Pittston, Luzerne County, a daughter of Edward and Louise (Belin) Mercur. Dr. and Mrs. Williams are the parents of one son, Edward Mercur Williams, born February 28, 1915, a student at the Wilkes-Barre Academy. Dr. Williams'

offices are located at No. 76 West Northampton Street, Wilkes-Barre.

**HERBERT BUDD GIBBY, M. D.,** Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, and one of the most prominent surgeons in Eastern Pennsylvania, was born on September 12, 1871, at Princeton, New Jersey. Dr. Gibby is a son of William J. and Helen (Budd) Gibby; and a grandson, on the paternal side, of William and Anne (McKinley) Gibby, and, on the maternal side, of John Shivers and Charlotte E. (Ward) Budd, who had twelve children. John Shivers Budd fought in the War of 1812, and was a son of John Cozens Budd, who was himself a son of Barne Budd, a surgeon in the War of the American Revolution, in General Winds' regiment from Morris County, and also one of the founders of the New Jersey Medical Society in 1766. William Gibby, Dr. Gibby's paternal grandfather, was for many years a judge of Union County, New Jersey, and also was an extensive manufacturer of dyes and dye materials.

William J. Gibby, the father, was a prominent member of the Mercer County Bar, of New Jersey, and served for several terms as mayor of Princeton. He died when he was only forty-eight years of age, a man beloved by those who knew him well and respected by all with whom he came into contact. By his marriage to Helen (Budd) Gibby he became the father of seven children: 1. William D., an attorney-at-law of Princeton, New Jersey. 2. Leroy A., an attorney at Summit, New Jersey. 3. Herbert Budd, M. D., of whom further. 4. Helen D. 5. Walter R., a wholesale coal dealer of New York City. 6. Edgar M., a dealer in office furniture, New York City. 7. Harold J. M. D., an ear, nose and throat specialist of Worcester, Massachusetts.

Herbert Budd Gibby, of whom this is primarily a record, was the third son and third child of his parents. He received his early education in the public schools of the community in which he was born and reared, and at the Princeton Preparatory School. In Princeton he lived all his early life, and when the time came for him to enter an institution of higher learning, he became a student at Princeton University, from which he was graduated in the class of 1892 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He then entered Medical College at the University of Pennsylvania, from which, in 1895, he received his degree of Doctor of Medicine. In 1895 he also received the degree of Master of Arts from Princeton University. In 1896 he settled at Pittston, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania. In 1900 he spent a year in post-graduate study at Vienna, Austria. He then followed the general practice of his profession until 1907, when he removed to Rochester, Minnesota, where he attended clinics under the celebrated Mayo brothers. He returned to Wilkes-Barre in 1908, but in the following year, 1909, he gave up his general practice, and has since devoted his time to surgery. He has been one of the very active surgeons of Wilkes-Barre for the last eighteen years, a man of particular prominence in this part of the State. He is now serving as a member of the surgical staff of the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital; and he is also a member of the board of trustees of the Wilkes-Barre Institute, a school for girls.

Despite his many varied and often exacting duties of his profession, Dr. Gibby has, nevertheless, found time in which to take a keen interest in the civic and general affairs of his community. He is especially noted for

the excellent manner in which he stands behind any movement devoted to the welfare and advancement of his community. He has also been active in the organizations that pertain to his profession, and among the more important of those in which he now holds membership are the Pennsylvania State Medical Society and the Luzerne County Medical Society. He is, as noted above, a Fellow in the American College of Surgeons.

Dr. Herbert Budd Gibby married, on September 17, 1904, at Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, Emma Bodmer, daughter of Henry Bodmer, of Wilkes-Barre. Dr. and Mrs. Gibby are the parents of two children: 1. Helen, who is a graduate of Vassar College, and is married to Dr. Lachlan McA. Cattanaich, who is associated with Dr. Gibby in the practice of surgery. 2. Natalie Stuart, who is a student at the Wilkes-Barre Institute.

**WILLIAM FOWLER BAKER**, a director and assistant cashier in the First National Bank of Wyoming, Pennsylvania, is the son of Johnson R. Baker, who was born at Wyoming, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, and has for a number of years been engaged in the business of a retail merchant, and of Harriet E. (Fowler) Baker, who was born at Pleasant Mount, Wayne County, Pennsylvania, and who died in 1923.

William Fowler Baker was born at Wyoming, Pennsylvania, on October 25, 1898. He was educated in the lower grades and the high school here and also attended the Wyoming Seminary. On July 1, 1917, he made a connection with the First National Bank, serving that institution in various capacities since, having been made a director of this bank in 1926 and assistant cashier July 1, 1929. He is a member of Lodge No. 468, Free and Accepted Masons; the Keystone Consistory of Scranton; Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of Wilkes-Barre and of the Presbyterian Church. In his political views Mr. Baker is a Republican.

On May 28, 1921, William Fowler Baker married Louise Sax of Carberton, Pennsylvania, daughter of Amos B. and Fanny Sax. They have two daughters, Harriet Edith, born May 30, 1924, and Helen Louise, born December 25, 1929.

**WILLIAM JAMES FOWLER**—As a progressive and community loving citizen, William James Fowler of Wyoming, Pennsylvania, is well known throughout this county for the part he has taken in commercial, financial and civic affairs. He is the son of James and Cordelia (Bates) Fowler. His father was born in England in 1841 and was a miller by trade. He died in 1901. His mother was a native of Wayne County, Pennsylvania, and died in 1916.

William James Fowler was born at Pleasant Mount, Wayne County, Pennsylvania, on February 24, 1863. He was educated in the public schools of Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania, and in the Delaware Literary Institute at Franklin, New York. He then learned and followed the trade of a miller, being associated with his father and his brother, Charles. At first the business firm was James Fowler and Son and was begun in 1883 in Wyoming. In 1901, the elder Mr. Fowler died and in 1919 Charles Fowler died. However, in 1885 the name had been changed to James Fowler and Sons, including William James Fowler in the firm. Since the death of his father and his brother, the elder members of the firm, William James Fowler has car-

ried on the business. He has also been active in civic affairs and served as a member of the school board for thirty-five years. Also, Mr. Fowler was one of the promoters of the organization of the First National Bank of Wyoming which was chartered in 1906 and opened its doors for business in 1907 on March 27, located in a room now occupied by the Williams Drug Store. This was the first and is the only bank in Wyoming. Mr. Fowler was the first president of this institution and at the time of its opening the officers were: W. J. Fowler, president; George E. Dean, cashier; Jessie B. Schooley, first vice-president. The present building now occupied by the bank was erected in 1912 on the corner of Wyoming Avenue and Eight Street.

Mr. Fowler is a Republican in his political affiliations, and is a member of Lodge No. 468, Free and Accepted Masons, of Wyoming; a member of Shekinah Chapter, No. 185; Dieu le Veut Commandery, Knights Templar; Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of the Presbyterian Church. He has never married.

**HAROLD GORDON GUYLER, M. D.**—By ministering successfully to the physical ills of people in the Wyoming Valley, Dr. Harold G. Guyler, of Wilkes-Barre, is making a striking contribution to the welfare of humanity in general. One of the younger group of physicians who has his practice in this his native city, Dr. Guyler is destined to go forward to further achievements which shall make his name one of the leading members of his school of medicine and surgery in the field of his practice. In addition to his private practice, in office and among the families of Wilkes-Barre and vicinity, he is a member of a hospital staff and has been elected to the associational bodies of his profession in the county and State and the country at large.

Dr. Harold Gordon Guyler was born in Wilkes-Barre, February 17, 1899, the son of Harry and Ada (Hunter) Guyler, the former born in Nottingham, England, in 1859, is a lace manufacturer at Wilkes-Barre, and the latter, born in Barnsley, England, in 1866. From the grade schools of his native city, the son, Harold Gordon, passed into the high school, from which he was graduated in 1916. The profession of physician and surgeon already had been elected by him, and he took up his studies for its perfection by enrolling in the pre-medical course at Hahnemann Medical College, Philadelphia, from which he received his degree of Doctor of Medicine at graduation in the class of 1925. He served his internship at the Women's Homeopathic Hospital, Philadelphia, and in 1926 returned to his native Wilkes-Barre, where he at once engaged in a general practice. It is significant of Dr. Guyler's standing, after so comparatively a brief association with the practical side of medicine, that he is drawing to his side members of some of the most desirable families in the Wilkes-Barre area. This bespeaks for him the confidence reposed in his ability and the preference given by many to the school of medicine of which he is a skillful representative.

Dr. Guyler is attached to the staff of the Wyoming Valley Homeopathic Hospital, in whose various departments he is much interested as he carries to patients and resident attachés his message of hope and cheer and ministry of healing. His professional affiliations include the Luzerne County Medical

Society, the Pennsylvania State Medical Association, the American Medical Association, the Luzerne County Homeopathic Medical Society, the Pennsylvania State Homeopathic Medical Society. He has his religious connection with St. Stephen's Protestant Episcopal Church at Wilkes-Barre.

Dr. Harold Gordon Guyler married, September 4, 1926, Mildred Trumbull Brooks, daughter of Lewis and Jessie (Boreham) Brooks, of St. David's, Pennsylvania. They are the parents of a daughter, Nancy Brooks, born August 8, 1927.

**AUSTIN MCKINIRY**—When he was seven years of age Austin McKiniry went to work in a silk mill at Tobyhanna, Pennsylvania. He not only learned the business of silk manufacture but he acquired an education in other directions, remaining at his job until he became of age, when he temporarily went into other lines of work. But it was silk that called him and he returned, made his way steadily upward and eventually attained a position of great responsibility and importance in the local industry. In his years of association with the business and social community of the Freeland District he has made a host of friends and won the respect of all, recognized as one of the standard citizens and progressive business men of Pennsylvania.

He was born in the County of Limerick, Ireland, July 25, 1872, a son of John and Ellen (Ward) McKiniry, who came with him to America when he was two years of age and settled in Tobyhanna Mills, Monroe County, where the father became associated with the lumber industry as a sealer, following that occupation through his active life. His death occurred May 30, 1920. He was an active member of the Democratic party until the organization of the Bull Moose, when he became affiliated with that party. His widow is also deceased.

His son, Austin McKiniry, began work for the Standard Silk Company of Tobyhanna when he was seven years of age and remained there for fourteen years, working his way up steadily and learning the trade of silk spinning. From this he went to the Tobyhanna Lumber Company and remained with that concern until 1897, when he came to Freeland and became associated with the Luzerne Silk Throwing Company, successors to Freeland Silk Mills, which was established in 1897 by John, Harry and Samuel Price, E. R. Simpson, president, and Frank Frigeria. Its original plant consisted of ten spinners and a proportionate number of other machines, growing as production increased to four times that capacity and an average of one hundred and sixty persons in its employ, with Mr. McKiniry its superintendent. He is affiliated with the Freeland Lodge, No. 1145, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and in religion is a member of the Roman Catholic congregation of St. Ann's.

Austin McKiniry married (first) Nora Fahey, deceased. Their children are: Francis, Anna, and Helen, who married Charles Linn. He married (second) Maggie McKinley, and they are the parents of John. The family residence is at No. 58 Ridge Street, Freeland.

**THOMAS JOSEPH ELWARD, JR.**—As owner of one of Wilkes-Barre's important business establishments, Thomas Joseph Elward, Jr., has carried on a retail clothing trade in this city for the past thirteen years.

This enterprise was founded through his initiative and has reached its present position under his successful guidance.

Mr. Elward was born at Wyoming, Pennsylvania, on January 29, 1892, a son of Thomas J. Elward, Sr., now deceased, and Elizabeth (Lamb) Elward, his wife. The father was an engineer by occupation. Thomas J. Elward, Jr., received his educational training in Pennsylvania schools. He attended Sacred Heart High School at Plains, Pennsylvania, and following his graduation there, studied in the Extension School of the University of Pennsylvania. He began his active career as a retail clothing salesman, being employed in this capacity from 1909 to 1914. Here he acquired a familiarity with the various details of the business which has been of value to him in his own venture. Mr. Elward launched an independent enterprise on February 25, 1917, and since that time has carried on business as a retail clothing merchant under his own name, building his trade to prosperous proportions.

During the war years, however, 1917 to 1919, Mr. Elward served in his country's cause. After the entry of the United States into the conflict he enlisted in the army on December 13, 1917, and for fourteen months was overseas with the American Expeditionary Forces attached to the 486th Aero Squadron. He received his honorable discharge on June 12, 1919, and returned to his business at Wilkes-Barre. Mr. Elward is now a member of Wilkes-Barre Post of the American Legion, and is also affiliated with the Knights of Columbus and the Fraternal Order of Eagles. He worships with his family in the Roman Catholic faith, being a member of the parish of St. John in this city.

On August 23, 1926, at St. Peter's Cathedral, Scranton, Pennsylvania, Thomas Joseph Elward, Jr., married Winifred Durkan, daughter of Thomas A. and Ann (Connors) Durkan. They are the parents of three children: 1. Elizabeth, born on August 4, 1927. 2. Thomas, born on October 6, 1928. 3. Ann Beaulay, born on December 14, 1929. The family residence is maintained at No. 329 North Main Street, while Mr. Elward's place of business is situated at No. 20 South Main Street.

**JOHN GLOWACKI**—Progressive citizenship, marked by industry and an interest in all that appertains to the civic, social and religious welfare of the community is indicated in full measure in the person of John Glowacki, merchant, of Nanticoke, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania. For more than forty years he has labored in Nanticoke, putting into his efforts the intense industry that is a natural heritage of his Polish blood, for he was an immigrant boy from that harassed land when he emigrated to America in 1887. Since then he has steadily risen in the commercial field and has taken his place in the general prosperity, to which he had given no small share of assistance by his own activities.

John Glowacki was born in Poland, September 24, 1867, a son of Louis Glowacki. With his parents he lived until he was twenty years of age, then came to America and located in Nanticoke, where he found immediate employment in a butcher shop. For five years he worked at this trade in various shops, then opened his own store and market on Arch Street. Three years later he removed to his present location, No. 8 West Ridge Street, where he does a large retail business in meats and groceries. He is a director in the Susquehanna Lumber



Company and in the Nanticoke National Bank, of which he was one of the organizers. He is a member of the Polish National Alliance, of the Polish Union and of the Woodmen of the World. His religion is Roman Catholic and he attends Trinity Church.

Mr. Glowacki married, in 1891, Sophia Berfus, of Nanticoke. Their children are: 1.

Lillian. 2. Louis, husband of Margerie Groutkowski, and associated in business with his father. 3. Mary, a teacher in the Nanticoke High School. He married (second) Theodosia, a sister of his first wife, by whom he is the father of one child, Millard, in business with his father. The family reside at No. 8 West Ridge Street.





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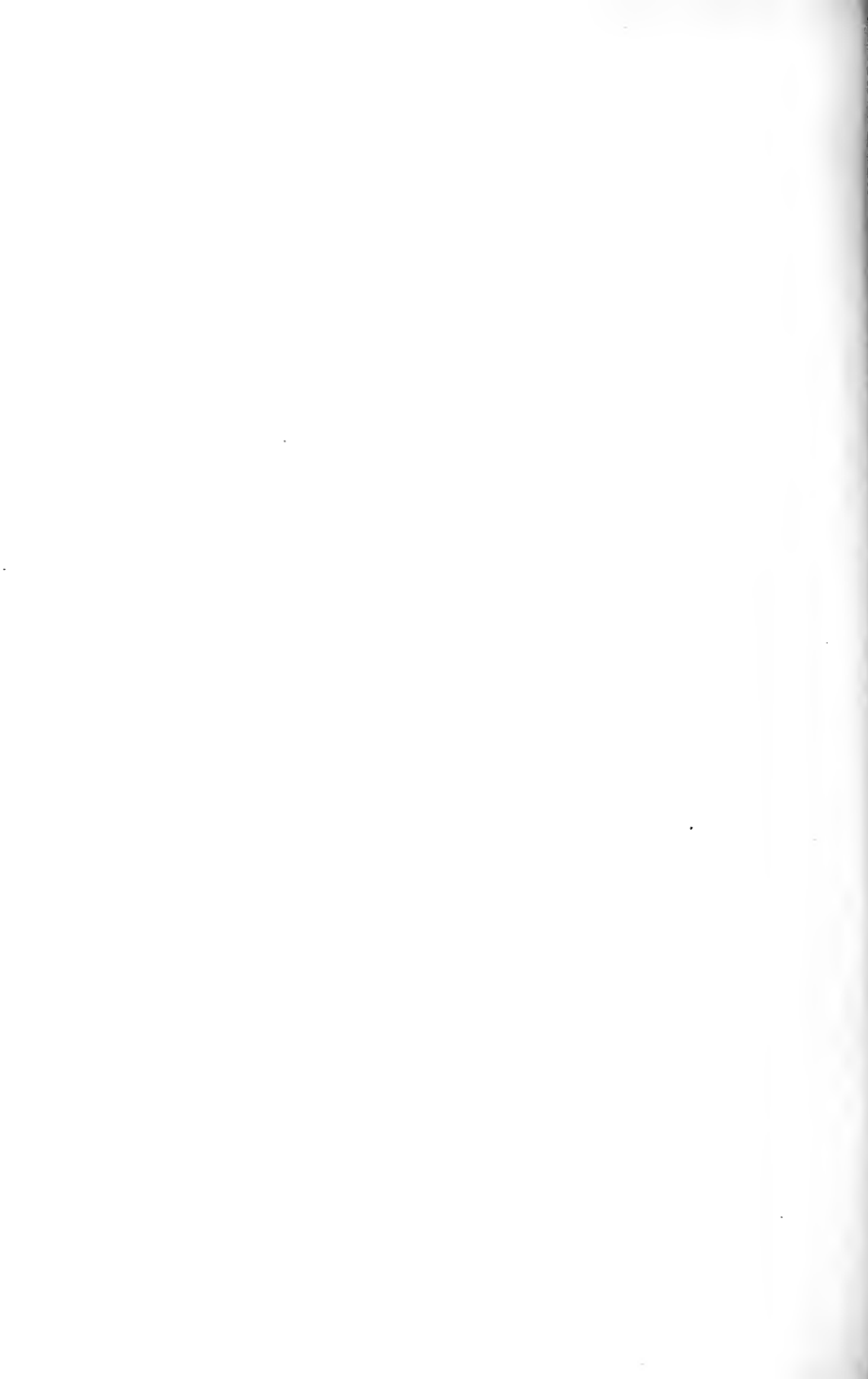
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\*Coon, Bolton G., p. 555. In addition to the club memberships already mentioned in Mr. Coon's biography, he also is a member of the National Travel Club and the Old Colony Club; and he is a trustee of Wyoming Seminary.

\*Fowler, William J., p. 761. Since the writing of this biography, Mr. Fowler has passed away.

\*Hobbes, D. M., p. 395. Mr. Hobbes passed away, after his biography had gone to press, November 30, 1929.

\*McLean, William S., p. 537. Mr. McLean passed away, after his biography had gone to press, June 8, 1929.

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